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Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Class	7:00 PM

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Welcome

The Pippin church of Christ extends to you a cordial welcome. We hope the services have been uplifting, and you will want to return at every opportunity.

Our purpose in meeting is to worship God in Spirit and in truth. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth. John 4:24

How to Become a Christian

Hear the Word - Romans 10:17
Believe - Mark 16:15
Repent of Past Sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:9
Be Baptized - Acts 2:38
Remain Faithful - Revelation 2:10

Radio Programs

The Lord's Way
AM 920 WLIV - Tuesdays @ 10:10AM

A Challenge to Think
AM 1400 WHUB - Sundays @ 9:05AM

For the Record, Week of 8/14/16

Sunday Class	86
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Sunday PM	76
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Questions about Your Baptism

Ben Shropshire

There are three important questions that need to be answered about our baptism to be sure it was valid.

- (1) Was the action of my baptism proper; that is, was I buried in and raised up from a watery grave (see Acts 8:36-38; John 3:5)?
- (2) Was I a proper subject or candidate for baptism, that is, had I been taught the gospel and was I a penitent believer in Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38)?
- (3) And, did I understand that I was being baptized as a symbol of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (Rom. 6:3,4,17,18) and for the purpose of the remission of all of my past sins (Acts 2:38 Mk. 16:16) and into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13)?

If one can answer all these questions in the affirmative then he can be sure his baptism was valid.

It is possible for a person's baptism not to be valid. Paul baptized twelve men who had been immersed previously (see Acts 19:1-7) because they had not been properly taught and did not understand the purpose of their baptism. I have re-baptized some folks who, having been baptized while young, came to feel their understanding of the purpose of baptism at the time was inadequate. I have also baptized some who had only been sprinkled earlier, and others who had only been babies when they were "baptized."

There are several things a person does not need to be concerned about, though, with regard to the validity of his baptism. It makes no difference whether a person was baptized: in the ocean, a river, pond or tank; in either running or still water. If a person is immersed in water the action of his baptism is scriptural. I've known of some to be baptized in a bathtub when better facilities were unavailable. If the person was immersed in water, the action of his baptism is valid.

Another aspect of being baptized is a concern to some, but it is really of no consequence. It makes no difference who baptized you! My dad, a faithful gospel preacher baptized me and I'm glad of that, but it would still have been valid if I had been baptized by anyone else, even if it were not by a faithful Christian.

Who baptizes us cannot be important because we cannot know the heart of another (as to whether he is a faithful Christian) and we cannot know whether the person who baptized him was faithful. If who baptizes us is important (that is, if he must be a faithful Christian), we would have to be able to trace an unbroken line of faithful "baptizers" all the way back to the first century. If just one person in the "line" were not faithful, then everyone baptized afterwards would not have a valid baptism. Obviously, no one can do this, and the Lord does not require the impossible of us in obeying Him.

If one "obeys Christ" in being baptized, the one who does the baptizing is of no consequence to its validity.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning **Colors and the Cross** Colossians 1:20
Evening **Putnam County Third Sunday Singing at 2 PM**

PRAYER LIST

THOSE BATTLING ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES - **Blake Houston** (friend of Joey Frizzell), **Burt Montgomery** (co-worker of Josh Lawson), **Cathy Phillips** (cousin of Geneva Smallwood), **Debbie Hensley** (daughter of Vestle Hensley), **Diane Williamson** (friend of members at Pippin), **Herbie Fox** (nephew of Geneva Smallwood), **Karma Carter** (wife of Jonathan Carter, nephew of Denise York), **Marie Eckel**, **Pam Heidel** (friend of Betty Boswell)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 21 - Third Sunday Singing at Pippin

The third Sunday singing will be hosted here at Pippin today at 2pm. This service will take the place of our regular scheduled evening worship service.

August 21-25 - Gospel Meeting at McClellan Ave church of Christ

McClellan Ave church of Christ will host a Gospel meeting August 21-25 with guest speaker David Meek. Nightly services at 7pm. Lunch will be served Sunday.

September 17 - Men's Conference

The Sycamore and Jefferson Avenue congregations are hosting a Men's Conference on Saturday, September 17, at Jefferson Avenue with a theme on "Exploring Biblical Manhood". Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend.

September 23-25 - Bible Lectureship (Findlay church of Christ)

Findlay church of Christ will host a Bible lectureship September 23-25 with guest speakers Randy Bybee (9/23), James Rogers (9/24), and Will Hanstein (9/25).

New Books in Library

Several new books have been added to the library. The library is a valuable asset to the Pippin Congregation and we encourage the members to make use of it. Books range from basic commentaries, to in depth studies on specific Bible topics.

Electronic Bulletins

If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin prior to Sunday via email, you can sign up at www.pippincoc.com and enter your email address in the box on the right of the page.

Consequences

Bill Crews

Thoughts entertained, words uttered, and deeds done have consequences. Like seed that is sown, they bear fruit -- pleasant or bitter, good or evil. Decisions made, choices selected, steps taken, courses begun bring us, in time, to the goals, the destinies to which they inevitably lead. Many are traveling toward goals and destinies of which they seem absolutely unaware or foolishly unconcerned -- goals and destinies that will prove tragic and painful. Only God can see the end from the beginning; in His revealed word He tries to tell us.

All Month - August

Table Colonel Wheeler
Table Assist Dennis Chaffin
Joe Brown
John Jones
Lucas Frizzell

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements Allen Cantrell
Lead Singing Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture Mike Martin
First Prayer Andrew Scott
Last Prayer Dale Flatt
Greet at Door Colonel & Ida Wheeler
Slide Production Gary Medley

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements Allen Cantrell
Lead Singing Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture Larry Jackson
First Prayer Wendall Smallwood
Last Prayer Dennis Chaffin
Slide Production Gary Medley

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements Allen Cantrell
Lead Singing Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture James Gravelle
First Prayer Joe Brown
Last Prayer Lester Boles
Slide Production Gary Medley

Happy Birthday

Piper Kate Burchett 8/26

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Mary Martin 8/28
Greg & Stephanie Frizzell 8/30
Noel & Marie Eckel 8/31

Daily Bible Reading

1 Chronicles 17-19; Romans 6 8/21
1 Chronicles 20-22; Romans 7 8/22
1 Chronicles 23-25; Romans 8:1-21 8/23
1 Chronicles 26-27; Romans 8:22-39 8/24
1 Chronicles 28-29; Romans 9:1-15 8/25
2 Chronicles 1-3; Romans 9:16-33 8/26
2 Chronicles 4-6; Romans 10 8/27

Question for the Week

He that commits sin is of the _____.

Answer to Previous Question

According to Micah, where did God cast Israel's forgiven sins?

Depths of the sea; Mic. 7:19