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<b>Sunday AM Bible Study</b>	9:30 AM
<b>Sunday AM Worship</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Sunday PM Worship</b>	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday Bible Class</b>	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 9/11/16

<b>Sunday Class</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Sunday AM</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Sunday PM</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>64</b>

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## Could Football (or Any Other Sport) Cost Us Our Soul?

*Adam Faughn*

I love sports. That needs to be said right at the outset of this article. Often, I read or hear people talk about how sports are ruining society, but they are people who do not like sports in the first place. (It would be somewhat like me writing about how shoe shopping is ruining us!)

It is great to go to games and relax in front of the TV at times to watch a good game. As I said, I love sports. All that said, today I am writing a post to me first, but one I pray will be read as it is intended. The title of this article is meant to ask exactly what it says.

Is it possible that a sport could cost us our soul? The answer is yes. Knowing that, I think that many Christians—including this author—need to do some serious self-evaluation along these lines. I don't care if you're a preacher, an elder, a Bible class teacher, or whatever. There are many Christians who—by their actions and words—clearly put sports above their faith.

How do I know that? Let me share some things that I see on a regular basis and just ask us each to evaluate our own lives. If someone were to read your social media timeline (Twitter, Facebook, etc.), what would they conclude is usually on your mind? I am amazed at how often some Christians post on social media about sports. It is throughout the day, every day (to borrow a Biblical phrase, "in season and out of season!"). And before someone says, "Well, it's just a random thought that takes, like, 10 seconds to post," may I remind you that it is also showing where your mind is constantly going? What else are those who follow you on social media to conclude, other than that your mind drifts toward sports more often than it does what is spiritual?

How many Christians will drop a ton of money on a weekend trip to a football game (after having paid a decent little amount to watch a high school game on Friday night, by the way), but can scarcely find \$10 to give to the Lord on Sunday morning? After all, the pilgrimage to the football stadium is an experience we won't soon forget. (I guess worshipping the Creator is all too forgettable, then?) Deep down within you, what do you anticipate more: kickoff or worship? Which gets your blood flowing and the excitement welling up inside of you more? Are you more built up by a school fight song, or by a hymn of praise to God?

Maybe the clearest evaluation is this: which do you talk about more? It amazes me, but there are times when I can go to worship and hear more casual conversations before or after services about the game on Friday night or Saturday than I hear about Jesus. I am just as guilty as anyone else of this, but it is something I am working on, because it shows where our mind really is. Trust me, in writing those things, I said "ouch!" more than one time. But does this really matter? I mean, if we keep up with all the sports excitement, could it cost us our soul? I need to be constantly reminded of one simple fact that we teach our kids and young people, but I think we too often forget as adults: the definition of idolatry. An idol is anyone or anything that takes the primary place of God in our lives. Money can be an idol. Fame can be an idol. And, yes, football (or any other sport) can be an idol, too. I am not suggesting that we avoid sports. The Apostle Paul clearly enjoyed sports, judging by the ways he used references to them in his writings. Sports for exercise and recreation are a great thing, as they help us build up our bodies and they provide an "outlet" for people, which is usually wholesome.

That said, when we begin to talk more about "our team" than our Lord's church, spend more time thinking about sports than Scripture, and begin to find more excitement in a touchdown than in salvation, is there any other way to conclude than that sports have become an idol?

And won't any idol keep us from heaven? Yes, football—or basketball, baseball...any sport—can cause us to lose our soul. Christians, I beg each of us to do some serious examination, so that we do not exchange an eternity in heaven for a 60-minute game.

*"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive perishable wreath, but we an imperishable...But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." (1 Corinthians 9:25, 27)*

## SERMON TOPICS

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Morning	<b>Baptized Again</b>	Romans 6:3,4
Evening	<b>Bible View of the First Part of Genesis</b>	2 Peter 3:3,4

## PRAYER LIST

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**ALTON MAYBERRY** - father of Roger Mayberry, has recently been in the hospital. He is now back at home, but still not feeling well.

**DIANE CHAFFIN** - sister of Dennis Chaffin is struggling with various health problems.

**FAYE BORDEN** - is in Cookeville Regional Hospital with abdominal issues.

**JAMES FRIZZELL** - was recently taken back to the hospital for health problems.

**JAMIE GARRETT** - friend of Jenna Medley, has recently suffered two strokes.

**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), **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

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### September 18 - Fairview church of Christ 3rd Sunday Singing

Fairview church of Christ will host the 3rd Sunday singing today at 2pm.

### September 18-21 - Allons church of Christ Gospel Meeting

Allons church of Christ (3154 Celina Hwy) will host a Gospel Meeting September 18-21 with guest speaker Chris Coil. Nightly services at 7pm.

### 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).

### October 15 - Fall Fellowship

Pippin will have its annual fall fellowship on Saturday, October 15 at 3pm. This year the fellowship will be hosted at Mike and Betty Martin's house. More details to come.

### October 16-19 - Holladay church of Christ Gospel Meeting

Holladay church of Christ will host a Gospel meeting October 16-19 with guest speaker Brandt Stubblefield (from Lindsey, Oklahoma). Nightly services at 7pm.

### October 16-19 - Getwell church of Christ Lectureship

Getwell church of Christ (Memphis, TN) will host a lectureship October 16-19 with 28 different speakers through-out the day.

### 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](http://www.pippincoc.com) and enter your email address in the box on the right of the page.

## All Month - September

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<b>Table</b>	Gary Medley
<b>Table Assist</b>	Jeremy Castle Joey Frizzell Kale Burchett Larry Jackson

### Sunday AM Worship

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<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	James Gravelle
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Eddie Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Larry Jackson
<b>Greet at Door</b>	Eddie & Cathy Frizzell
<b>Slide Production</b>	Gary Medley

### Sunday PM Worship

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<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	James Gravelle
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Greg Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	Andrew Scott
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Joey Frizzell
<b>Slide Production</b>	Gary Medley

### Wednesday Bible Class

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<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	James Gravelle
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Lucas Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	Mike Martin
<b>Last Prayer</b>	John Lane
<b>Slide Production</b>	Gary Medley

### Happy Birthday

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Madison York	9/21
Hulon Flatt	10/2

### Happy Anniversary

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Kale & Amy Burchett	9/20
Chad & Denise York	10/1

### Daily Bible Reading

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Isaiah 20-22; Colossians 3	9/18
Isaiah 23-25; Colossians 4	9/19
Isaiah 26-27; John 1:1-28	9/20
Isaiah 28-29; John 1:29-51	9/21
Isaiah 30-31; John 2	9/22
Isaiah 32-33; John 3:1-15	9/23
Isaiah 34-36; John 3:16-36	9/24

### Question for the Week

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According to Proverbs, what is good medicine?

### Answer to Previous Question

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According to Jesus, who will inherit the earth?

the meek; Mt. 5:5