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| Sunday AM Bible Study | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Worship | 5:30 PM |
| Wednesday Bible Class | 7:00 PM |

Elders

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| Eddie Frizzell | (931) 526-3505 |
| Gary Medley | (931) 528-8768 |
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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 9/18/16

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| Wednesday | 64 |

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Leaving a Vacancy

Irvin Himmel

Eddie was a clerk in a hardware store. He made a name for himself as the most inefficient and contentious sales-man ever. The atmosphere when he was absent one day was like the tranquil beauty of summer weather after a bad thunderstorm. One regular customer remarked on the difference. "Eddie ain't just away for the day," said the proprietor, "He don't work here no more." "Do you have anyone in mind for the vacancy?" asked the customer. "Nope," said the proprietor cheerfully, "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

This little story reminds us of some folks in the church. It is so seldom that they attend services that no one really misses them when they are absent. They are such that no great loss is felt if they move to another city. Like Eddie, they leave no vacancy. Others can be absent for only one or two services and they are missed. Why? Because they are dependable. When their seat is vacant people take notice.

Church attendance is not the only matter of importance in the life of a Christian. However, it is a pretty good index to the temperature of one's fervor for the Lord. Non-attending members are usually non-participating in other aspects of the Lord's work. One must fill a place, render needed service, and be a participant before he can leave a vacancy.

The Impact of Church Attendance

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WHAT MY PRESENCE DID

- It caused people to have confidence in me.
- It made people know that I regarded my spiritual welfare to be important.
- It had a good effect on the services.
- It encouraged the brethren and helped the kingdom of Christ.
- It caused others to look to Christ for salvation.
- It made my life stronger.
- It removed a stumbling block from the sinner's path.
- It pleased God and I was happy.
- It caused others to say, "He practiced what he preached."

WHAT MY ABSENCE DID

- It made some question the reality of religion.
- It made some think that I was a pretender.
- It made some think that I regarded my spiritual welfare as a matter of small concern.
- It weakened the effect of the worship services.
- It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
- It discouraged the brethren and, therefore, robbed them of a blessing.
- It caused others to stay away from the church.
- It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the devil.
- It gave the devil more power over lost souls.
- It encouraged the habit of non-church-going.

DO NOT STAY AWAY

- Because you are poor. There is no admission charge.
- Because it rains. You go to work in the rain!
- Because it is hot. It is hot at your house too.
- Because no one invited you. People go to the movies without being begged.
- Because we have a crowd? What about ball games?
- Because you do not like the preacher. Remember, he's human like you.
- Because your job makes you tired. You could lose your job.
- Because there are hypocrites. You associate with them every day.
- Because you have plenty of time left. Are you sure?

SERMON TOPICS

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| Morning | Study of Attendance | Hebrews 10:25 |
| Evening | I Am the Alpha & the Omega | Revelation 22:13 |

PRAYER LIST

ALTON MAYBERRY - father of Roger Mayberry, is doing some better.

FRANKIE SULLIVAN - friend of a family member of Bill and Mary Martin is struggling health problems related to his foot and is requesting the prayers of the church.

JAMES FRIZZELL - was taken to Vanderbilt to have tests. The tests went well, and he is doing some better.

JENNA MEDLEY - recently went to the heart doctor. She is currently wearing a heart monitor for additional testing.

JENNIFER BOSWELL - daughter-in-law of Betty recently had tests. The tests went well and her diagnosis has not changed.

STEPHANIE FRIZZELL - was recently taken to Vanderbilt for blood pressure problems. She came home Wednesday and was taken back to Vanderbilt on Friday for additional tests. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

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

October Schedule

The service schedule for October has been placed in the vestibule. Men, please remember the assignments are now being scheduled for Wednesday evening Bible study.

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 8 - Fall Fellowship

Pippin will have its annual fall fellowship on Saturday, October 8 at 3pm. This year the fellowship will be hosted at Mike and Betty Martin's house. More details to come. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the vestibule.

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 and enter your email address in the box on the right of the page.

All Month - September

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| Table | Gary Medley |
| Table Assist | Jeremy Castle Joey Frizzell Kale Burchett Larry Jackson |

Sunday AM Worship

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| Announcements | Lester Boles |
| Lead Singing | Jonathan Medley |
| Read Scripture | Greg Frizzell |
| First Prayer | Eddie Frizzell |
| Last Prayer | Mike Martin |
| Greet at Door | Chad & Denise York |
| Slide Production | Matt Donegan |

Sunday PM Worship

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| Announcements | Lester Boles |
| Lead Singing | Jonathan Medley |
| Read Scripture | Lucas Frizzell |
| First Prayer | Mike Martin |
| Last Prayer | John Lane |
| Slide Production | Matt Donegan |

Wednesday Bible Class

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| Announcements | Lester Boles |
| Lead Singing | Jonathan Medley |
| Read Scripture | Joey Frizzell |
| First Prayer | Larry Jackson |
| Last Prayer | Vestle Hensley |
| Slide Production | Matt Donegan |

Happy Birthday

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| Hulon Flatt | 10/2 |
| Bill Brown | 10/3 |
| Caleb Swallows | 10/4 |
| Cathy Frizzell | 10/5 |

Happy Anniversary

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| Chad & Denise York | 10/1 |
| Jeremy & Nicole Castle | 10/6 |

Daily Bible Reading

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| Isaiah 37-38; John 4:1-26 | 9/25 |
| Isaiah 39-40; John 4:27-54 | 9/26 |
| Isaiah 41-42; John 5:1-24 | 9/27 |
| Isaiah 43-44; John 5:25-47 | 9/28 |
| Isaiah 45-46; John 6:1-21 | 9/29 |
| Isaiah 47-49; John 6:22-40 | 9/30 |
| Isaiah 50-52; John 6:41-71 | 10/1 |

Question for the Week

Which of David's wives was a daughter of Saul?

Answer to Previous Question

According to Proverbs, what is good medicine?

merry heart; Prov. 17:22