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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 10/16/16

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"But That Would Mean We've Always Been Wrong!"

Andy Diestelkamp

One of the most difficult things to deal with when trying to teach people what they need to know is their past. "Unteaching" is always hard. People develop habits, ways of thinking and traditions that are sometimes very difficult to correct despite the best efforts of truth and reason.

The human tendency is to define what is true and good by personal experience. Thus, if you have always thought something to be true, then it might be difficult to get you to see otherwise. If you have taught or acted on your beliefs, then the likelihood of your changing becomes even more remote.

Whenever we are confronted with teachings and practices that are contrary to what we've always believed there is a tendency to become defensive. This is natural and not inherently bad. However, we must not allow our defensive reactions based on our personal pasts to be our means of determining truth.

"But that would mean that we've always been wrong!" is often a defensive reaction that is at least thought if not spoken. If that is the basis of our resistance to any teaching or practice, then we have set up ourselves and our experiences as the standard of truth. This attitude often comes out at times of controversy when truth and reason have failed to convince some.

God's word is truth (Jn. 17:17)! Instead of trying to determine truth by looking at what we've taught and practiced in the past let's get back to God-breathed words. They are all we need for teaching, convicting, correcting, and training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16). Remember, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up (Jas. 4:6,10). When confronted with truth it may require us to humbly acknowledge that we've always been wrong, but that gives us access to God's grace. Pride leaves us in the unenviable position of meeting the resistance of God.

Carpe Diem

Steve Higginbotham

The story is told of a Sargent and a Private in the army who were travelling together on a train. Sitting across from them in the same compartment and facing them was a mother and her beautiful daughter. As the train entered a tunnel, everything went black as coal, then there was the sound of a kiss and a slap on the face. The following is what went through the minds of these four people.

- **The Mother** - was appalled that this Private in the army would be so presumptuous as to kiss her daughter, but at least her daughter had enough good sense to slap him in the face for taking such liberties.
- **The Sargent** - couldn't blame the Private for kissing the beautiful young lady, but wished her aim in the dark was a little better since she slapped him in the face and not the Private.
- **The Daughter** - kind of liked the kiss but wished her mother would not have slapped the Private for kissing her.
- **The Private** - sat in the darkness with a satisfied grin thinking, "how often is it that you get to kiss a pretty girl and slap your Sargent in the face all the in same day!"

The term, "carpe diem" means to "seize the day," and that's exactly what this quick thinking Private did. But here's the thought for the day. How well have we been taking advantages of opportunities to advance the Kingdom of God? Have we been "seizing the day" in speaking a kind word for Jesus or doing an act of kindness in the name of Jesus? Friends, let me challenge you to not let opportunities pass you by. Be thoughtful, mindful, and attentive to the cause of Christ and "seize the day!"

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Do Unto Others	Matthew 7:12
Evening	Study of Jealousy and Envy	Exodus 34:14

PRAYER LIST

SYMPATHY - Bonnie Allen passed away Tuesday, October 18 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, October 21 at Anderson - Upper Cumberland Funeral Home.

HAZEL BILLINGSLEY - mother of Amy Medley and Marsha Spurlock, had back surgery Friday morning. The surgery went well and she is now back at home.

HEATHER YATES - Granddaughter of friend of Judy Flatt is pregnant and has been sent to Vanderbilt for a possible stroke.

LARRY ARCHER - elder in Oklahoma where James and Tammy are from has fallen and broken his collarbone, and recently fell again while going to dialysis and broke both ankles.

LOGAN RAMSEY - cousin of Allen Cantrell, was injured by a bull and flown to Skyline Medical Center.

THOSE BATTLING ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES - 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 23-26 - Willette church of Christ Gospel Meeting

Willette will host a Gospel Meeting October 23-26 with guest speaker Barry Grider. Nightly services at 6pm.

November 6 - Ron Gilbert

Brother Ron Gilbert will be visiting with us Sunday evening, November 6 to give an update on the missionary work we help support.

November 12 - Ladies Day at Findlay church of Christ

Findlay church of Christ, in Sparta, will host a ladies day November 12 with guest speaker Donna Faughn. Registration begins at 8:30 am. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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 - October

Table	James Scott
Table Assist	Andrew Pippin Andrew Scott Chad York Vestle Hensley

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Allen Cantrell
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Colonel Wheeler
First Prayer	Gary Medley
Last Prayer	Vestle Hensley
Greet at Door	Allen & June Cantrell
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Allen Cantrell
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	John Jones
First Prayer	Joey Frizzell
Last Prayer	Matt Donegan
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Allen Cantrell
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Wendall Smallwood
First Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Last Prayer	Dale Flatt
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Happy Birthday

Randy Bybee	10/25
Wanda Frizzell	10/28

Daily Bible Reading

Jeremiah 15-17; John 19:23-42	10/23
Jeremiah 18-19; John 20	10/24
Jeremiah 20,35,36; John 21	10/25
Jeremiah 25,45,46; Hebrews 1	10/26
Jeremiah 47-48; Hebrews 2	10/27
Jeremiah 49,13,22; Hebrews 3	10/28
Jeremiah 23-24; Hebrews 4	10/29

Question for the Week

How many half-brothers and half-sisters did Jesus have?

Answer to Previous Question

Who wrote the book of Romans for the apostle Paul?

Tertius; Rom. 16:22