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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 11/20/16

Sunday Class	78
Sunday AM	94
Sunday PM	69
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Our Families Are Broken

Brad Harrub (November 22)

Instead of wasting this week with your children while they are out of school, please spend some time talking with them...and dealing with their spiritual struggles. Our church families are broken. And as I travel across the nation, what I see rather than efforts to heal and repair, are efforts to conceal and minimize. My interactions with Christian families and elders often peels back layers to reveal:

- We have children using drugs and alcohol.
- We have young people that have already mentally left the church.
- We have youth who are growing up with a dulled conscience.
- We have sons and daughters who are embracing a secular worldview.
- We have children who are committing idolatry through their materialism.
- We have young people committing fornication.
- We have youth bullying or using profane language.
- We have sons and daughters being arrested.
- We have grandchildren addicted to pornography.
- We have children who are worldly.
- We have young people who have no problem lying to their parents.
- We have sons and daughters experimenting with homosexuality.
- We have children who do not sing during worship and look bored.
- We have young people who are on their phones during Bible class and worship.

I could go on, but I think you get the picture. Sadly, these issues do not even include what is going on between the parents. Divorce, materialism, lying, and adultery are rampant—yes, even in the church. I'll say it again: our families are broken.

Yes, these things are going on. But the question that I'm struggling with is: "What are we actually doing about it?" The honest answer is not much. Sure we have activities, VBS, retreats, and even some service projects. But the reality is we aren't addressing the core of the problem—we are not rearing up children with a heart for the Lord. And add to this we have totally forgotten God's command for church discipline.

My observation is that we are trying to "love" our children into the right behavior. As a result we have children that rule the house and have no fear of their parents. (And by default have little to no fear of the Lord.) Yes, we are to love our children—but a part of that love should be to love their souls enough to discipline them. *"Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell"* (Proverbs 23:13-14).

Friends, wake up—there are souls at stake here! The souls of our children, grandchildren, and members in our church families. It's time we stop tip-toeing around and start dealing with some of these issues. It's time the church get into repair business instead of the "program" business. It's time we start addressing the heart. How ironic is it to see young people in a worship assembly wearing youth retreat t-shirts and yet they look bored and refuse to sing. Maybe it's time we stop worrying so much about the design of the t-shirt and instead focus on what's under the shirt—their heart!

It's time we have family forums and Bible classes to help train parents how to raise children using Scripture. It's time we humble ourselves and admit our families are not perfect. It's time we roll up our sleeves and invest the time necessary to repair homes. It's time we teach our children to blush again and weep over sin. It's time we hold fathers responsible to be spiritual leaders. It's time we acknowledge it is the parent's responsibility to train up his or her own children in the Lord. The church should not be a welfare state where parents drop off their children to activities, and expect someone else to make their children faithful.

And finally, it's time elders start addressing these issues among their flock. Yes, the preacher can address some of these issues from the pulpit, but it is not his job to fix it. It's past time we employ church discipline—even to our young people. (If they are old enough to be "accountable," make the decision to follow Christ, and be baptized, then they are old enough to be disciplined when their behavior brings reproach on the church.) If a parent gets upset because members or elders talk to their baptized children then maybe the parents should ask themselves soberly: Are they more concerned about their reputation than they are the child's soul?

If someone in your congregation was in the intensive care unit (ICU) how would you respond? Every congregation I visit has families that, spiritually speaking, are in ICU. Yet, we continue to conceal and minimize. It's time we treat and heal.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	There is a Way That Seemeth Right	Proverbs 16:25
Evening	Lightning and Satan's Fall	Luke 10:17-20

PRAYER LIST

CHERYL CARR - aunt of Denise York, is in rehab in Cookeville.

ELI WHITLOW - 4 year old great nephew of Bill and Mary Martin recently had some very serious health problems, but is now doing much better.

GARY STAFFORD - brother of Denise Bybee was recently taken to the hospital with health problems. He is now back at home and doing some better.

HERBIE FOX - nephew of Geneva Smallwood, cancer has returned and is need of prayers of the church.

JOHN AND DORIS STAFFORD - have recently been out due to health problems.

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

December 17 - Fruit Basket Preparation

Saturday, December 17, the fruit baskets will be prepared and delivered.

December 18 - Holiday Fellowship Meal

There will be a fellowship meal, Sunday, December 18 following the evening services.

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.

Bulletin Updates

The bulletin is a great communication tool. If you have updates, additions or removals of sick please let Adam or Amy Swallows know so we can make the appropriate updates and changes.

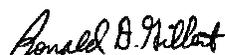
Dear brethren,

We want to thank for so much for the \$2,000 you gave for relief food for our brethren in Africa. Today I sent \$500 to 2 different locations in Malawi to faithful brethren that I know there. They will purchase the grain and get it into the hands of the leaders of several congregations to distribute to those who are suffering from a lack of food. We will be sending more in the next few days to different locations.

We will be going back to Africa in January to be at the school in Tanzania, then Uganda and then to visit 2 schools in Kenya. Our plans also include trying to help start another faithful school in Kenya at the Great Rift Valley. Thanks again for your help.

Please keep out work in your prayers.

In Christ,



Ronald D. Gilbert, Directory - IBTM

All Month - November

Table	Lester Boles
Table Assist	Adam Swallows Joe Brown Matt Donegan Mike Martin

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Dennis Chaffin
First Prayer	Joe Brown
Last Prayer	Lester Boles
Greet at Door	Roger & Carol Mayberry
Slide Production	Matt Donegan

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Last Prayer	Josh Lawson
Slide Production	Matt Donegan

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	John Jones
First Prayer	James Scott
Last Prayer	Eddie Frizzell
Slide Production	Matt Donegan

Happy Birthday

Joe Brown	11/27
Betty Martin	11/27
Stephanie Frizzell	11/30
Betty Boswell	12/1
Kristi Donegan	12/2
Makaylah Castle	12/4
Brooklyn Apple	12/11

Daily Bible Reading

Ezekiel 30-32; 1 Peter 4	11/27
Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5	11/28
Ezekiel 35-36; 2 Peter 1	11/29
Ezekiel 37-39; 2 Peter 2	11/30
Ezekiel 40,41; 2 Peter 3	12/1
Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1	12/2
Ezekiel 45,46; 1 John 2	12/3

Question for the Week

The Thessalonians were told to greet one another with a holy _____.

Answer to Previous Question

Of what were John the Baptist's clothes made?

camel's hair; Mt. 3:4