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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 11/27/16

Sunday Class	74
Sunday AM	85
Sunday PM	65
Wednesday	62

The Church Doesn't Need You to Make It "Cool"

Brad Harrub (November 30, 2016)

I cringe watching young preachers trying to sell faith as "cool" to a group of youths. They stand there in their Christian t-shirt and skinny jeans trying to package the Gospel as "hip." These guys do not realize that by trying to appear cool and "authentic" to young people that they are actually coming across as just the opposite.

These preachers are trying hard to compete with professional entertainers and reality show stars. They use cool analogies, have impressive PowerPoint slides or videos, and have powerful stories in their lessons. In addition, they have a huge social media footprint—receiving hundreds of "likes" for every article or picture they post.

Sadly, these preachers forget that just 12 hours earlier these same young people were watching a movie with professional actors and million dollar movie sets, or attending a concert with a professional entertainer—they know what is authentic.

So in the end, the young people realize this for what it is: a middle-aged preacher trying desperately to be "relevant" and "cool." As a result, the Gospel gets watered down, and young people leave the church because they never heard what they really needed to hear.

Here's what I intend to teach my children regarding being relevant. Jesus Christ did not call the church or Christians to be "relevant." In John 15: 18-20 we read, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."

What is your duty? What should you be doing? Consider the words Moses wrote, "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul," (Deuteronomy 10:12-13). Did you read anything about being "relevant," "hip," or "cool" (or wearing skinny jeans)?

However, many people seek to change the church or change the message in order to better "fit in" with our culture. Quoting Paul's words to the church at Corinth, "To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22) they seek to be "hip" and "cool" to the younger generation.

Let me remind you that the Gospel is roughly 2,000 years old and has stood up to all kinds of attacks, insults, and weird new fads. It doesn't need you coming along trying to make it cool. In fact, what many don't realize is in that same letter to the church at Corinth Paul wrote: "For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

The truth is, in too many cases we've worked so hard at being all things to all people that we've jettisoned the message of sin and Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection! People need to hear about their sin and what it has done to their relationship to God. They need to hear about the saving power of the Gospel. Your job is not to be "relevant." Your job is to go and make disciples.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning **Success and Failure** Joshua 1:8
Evening **Ben Smith - India Mission Work Update**

PRAYER LIST

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

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

RYAN PARNELL - friend of Jonathan and Jenna, in his mid-thirties, has been diagnosed with cancer. He is in very serious condition. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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 4 - Youth Unite at Willette

Willette church of Christ will host "Youth Unite" today at 5pm. Soup and sandwiches served after services.

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.

From Rod Rutherford, preacher at Gatlinburg church of Christ:

"I have learned that three members have lost their homes. A friend called a friend in the Gatlinburg fire department to ask about the church building. He was told that everything on Reagan Drive was destroyed, either burned down or badly damaged beyond use. This would include our church building. We plan to worship with the Sevierville church Sunday and then have a congregational meeting to discuss our future. Our building was fully insured. If anyone wants to help those who lost their homes, we ask them to send a contribution to the Gatlinburg church of Christ and mark it For Fire Relief. We will use it to help our members first and then others as funds permit. The address is:"

Gatlinburg church of Christ
P.O. Box 361
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Thanks for your interest, prayers and concern.

All Month - December

Table Kale Burchett
Table Assist Greg Frizzell
Harold Frizzell
John Jones
John Lane

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements Gary Medley
Lead Singing Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture Mike Martin
First Prayer James Scott
Last Prayer Jeremy Castle
Greet at Door John & Myra Jones
Slide Production Joe Brown

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Happy Birthday

Makaylah Castle 12/4
Brooklyn Apple 12/11
Denise York 12/15
Wendall Smallwood 12/16
Tammy Gravelle 12/16

Happy Anniversary

Perry & Nell Bartlett 12/12
Mike & Betty Martin 12/18

Daily Bible Reading

Ezekiel 47,48; 1 John 3 12/4
Ezra 1,2; 1 John 4 12/5
Ezra 3,4; 1 John 5 12/6
Haggai 1,2; 2 John 12/7
Zechariah 1-4; 3 John 12/8
Zechariah 5-8; Jude 12/9
Zechariah 9,10; Revelation 1 12/10

Question for the Week

In Revelation, who did John see riding on a scarlet beast?

Answer to Previous Question

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

holy kiss; 1 Ths. 5:26