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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 1/8/16

Sunday Class	80
Sunday AM	-
Sunday PM	-
Wednesday	-

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When Your Children Ask About Baptism

Adam Faughn

The conversations have started, but they are still very sporadic. With a 10-year-old and a soon-to-be 9-year-old, we are not surprised that our children have started asking questions from time-to-time about baptism.

If you raise your children going to church and Bible classes, the questions are going to start, and likely, they are going to start quite early in life. After all, they hear preachers extend the invitation constantly. Hopefully, they have been present to see people put Christ on in baptism. And probably, they have studied God's plan of salvation in Bible school, at least a time or two. Their classrooms may even have a chart that is always there, constantly showing them the plan of salvation. So, it is in their mind, and that's a good thing!

How are parents to handle these conversations? While this is not meant to be a perfect list, I want to share some principles that we are trying to adhere to as our children ask about baptism. We certainly are not exact in this, but we are trying.

Treat Every Question Respectfully and Seriously. Even if your child asks what you might consider to be a silly question, they are still talking about the most important decision that could ever be made. Treat it with respect, and show them Scripture to point out either their truth or the error of what they are saying.

1. Let Your Children Bring It Up. Too many parents of smaller children are so concerned with "getting their kids baptized" that they force the conversation. Your child, most likely, will bring it up when it is on his/her mind. Let the conversations happen at their pace. But always—and I mean, always—be willing to talk about it when it is brought up!
2. Always Appeal to Scripture. This should go without saying, but if anyone—including your kid—is considering becoming a child of God we dare not take them anywhere but to the standard of God's Word. These do not have to be hour-long explanations of passages, but a look at Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:1-4; and other verses needs to always stand as the basis of our conversation.
3. Talk Clearly about Sin. One of the most difficult things for many parents to do is to talk about the actual, Biblical purpose of baptism: to liberate us from our sins. While children make mistakes and even do things that are "wrong" at times, a person must have a clear understanding of the need for forgiveness of sins before he/she is ready to be baptized.
4. Ask about Repentance and the "Need" for Baptism. Especially when I was a youth minister, I would often have a very young person ask to be baptized. I never tried to push them away, but I always tried to talk about if they needed to "repent." If they said, "No," I knew they weren't ready. Also, ask about when they think they might want to be baptized. If they say, "Maybe next week," or "in a few days," they simply aren't prepared. When one knows his/her need for salvation and to turn from sin, only then are they ready—but they are ready right then!

The final tip I will give is one that I have borrowed many times from the excellent little book *Am I Ready to be Baptized?* by Kyle Butt and John Farber. When a child is seriously considering being baptized, have that child write down why he or she is preparing to be baptized, and write date the paper (or notecard). Remember, let the child write this in his/her own words. Once they have written this down, put the paper or card away.

One of these days, that child will likely question his/her baptism. *Did I know enough? Was I sure what I was doing?*

When those question arise, simply pull out that paper or card and read. The language may be child-like, but it will let him/her know if they were ready. Typically, if a child is willing to write it down, they are ready, because, in a child-like fashion, they can express just what they needed to do, and it lines up perfectly with the simple plan that God has in place to save people.

It is hard to think of anything that is holier as a parent than the honor and privilege of talking to your children about becoming a brother or a sister in Christ. Treat it as the important thing that young person will ever talk about, because it is!

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Christians and Civil Government	1 Peter 2:13-17
Evening	Surprising Commands	Jeremiah 11:14

PRAYER LIST

DALE FLATT - came forward last Sunday asking for forgiveness and prayers of the church.

THOSE BATTLING ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES - Burt Montgomery (co-worker of Josh Lawson), Cathy Phillips (cousin of Geneva Smallwood), Herbie Fox (nephew of Geneva Smallwood), John and Doris Stafford, Junior and Pearl Sherfield, Karma Carter (wife of Jonathan Carter, nephew of Denise York), Marie Eckel, Pam Heidel (friend of Betty Boswell)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 3 - March 28 - Winter Bible Class at Smyrna

Smyrna church of Christ will begin a winter Bible class series studying Exodus. The classes will be held from 6:30-8:30 each Tuesday evening. Please RSVP to jsmyrna@smyrnachurchofchrist-ckvl.org so they will have sufficient handouts.

January 20-22 - Apologetics Lectureship

Center Grove church of Christ will host an apologetics lectureship January 20-22, with guest speaker Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press. Friday at 7pm. Saturday at 6pm and 7pm. Sunday at 9am and 10am.

January 22 - Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting, Sunday, January 22 at 4pm.

February 12 - Soup & Chili Fellowship

There will be a soup and chili fellowship meal February 12 after the evening services. Please make plans to attend. A sign-up sheet for soups and other items has been placed in the foyer.

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.

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.

Some Quotes Worth Pondering...

- "A mind with no spiritual inclinations makes no sense."
- "Learning just makes good sense; so does teaching."
- "God gave everyone patience -- wise people use it."
- "A person who hungers for money will starve to death spiritually."

All Month - January

Table	Eddie Frizzell
Table Assist	Jeremy Castle Joey Frizzell Larry Jackson Vestle Hensley

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Kale Burchett
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Vestle Hensley
First Prayer	Greg Frizzell
Last Prayer	Wendall Smallwood
Greet at Door	Colonel & Ida Wheeler
Slide Production	Jonathan Medley

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Kale Burchett
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	Andrew Scott
Last Prayer	Dale Flatt
Slide Production	Jonathan Medley

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Kale Burchett
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Colonel Wheeler
First Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Last Prayer	Matt Donegan
Slide Production	Jonathan Medley

Happy Birthday

Avery Medley	1/21
Randi Swallows	1/21
Jeremy Castle	1/27

Happy Anniversary

Dennis & Christine Peek	1/18
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Daily Bible Reading

Job 17-19 ; Matthew 10:21-42	1/15
Job 20-21 ; Matthew 11	1/16
Job 22-24 ; Matthew 12:1-23	1/17
Job 25-27 ; Matthew 12:24-50	1/18
Job 28-29 ; Matthew 13:1-30	1/19
Job 30-31 ; Matthew 13:31-58	1/20
Job 32-33 ; Matthew 14:1-21	1/21

Question for the Week

Who was the king of Salem to which Abraham paid tithes and received blessing?

Answer to Previous Question

In what city did Paul tell Titus that he would winter?

Nicopolis; Tit. 3:12