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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 1/22/16

Sunday Class	75
Sunday AM	93
Sunday PM	60
Wednesday	54

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"I Was Born This Way"

Jonathan Medley

At one time, society considered the admission of being homosexual extremely taboo, and it ruined the reputation and careers of many high-profile individuals. More importantly, society considered it sinful. However, society has changed. Today, it almost seems "fashionable" to some to be homosexual, and there are many who unashamedly proclaim it to the world. Along with the change in society has come the concept of thinking that someone is "born this way". By that, they claim that being homosexual is encoded into the person's genetic makeup, meaning there is nothing he or she can do about it.

Many in the scientific community have spent countless hours (and untold how much money) trying to determine if genetics has anything to do with someone being homosexual. In a nutshell, they are trying to determine if homosexuality is a "choice". Some scientists claim they have proven you can be born a homosexual. Some scientists claim there is no evidence for such a claim. A quick Google search will show that there is no consensus on this study.

But this short article is not scientific in nature, and that's for one very good reason. I'm not a scientist. I won't even venture to claim that I fully understand these studies. I've tried to read a few of them, but some of the lingo simply goes over my head. However, there is one thing that I understand, and it's impossible to misinterpret:

*"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor homosexuals**, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." [I Corinthians 6:9-10] (emphasis added)*

Far too often, we as Christians seem to get wrapped up in arguments that pull us away from Scripture. Just this past week, I had someone ask me if I believed that you could be born a homosexual. My response was simple: "It's irrelevant." Knowing that I was a Christian, this individual was shocked that I didn't immediately criticize such a claim. Instead, it opened up the opportunity for a conversation. I explained to this individual that the answer to that question really doesn't matter. Instead, the question should be, "If I am born with a desire to commit sin, does that mean I have the right to commit that sin and stand justified before God?" The answer to that question is emphatically NO!

Homosexuality is sin. There is no question about it. Anyone who claims otherwise is either dismissing Scripture altogether or ignoring many parts of it (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5; Romans 1:26-28; I Timothy 1:8-11; I Corinthians 7:2). Having a strong temptation to commit an act that is sinful does not mean that I'm not required to stand up to that temptation. For years, some have claimed that serial killers are more prone to commit murder than others due to their genetic makeup. Let's say for a moment that is true. Does that mean that God will turn a blind eye to this person's act of murder? Absolutely not!

So what do you say to someone who claims he or she has the desire to be a homosexual and there's nothing that can be done about it? I would begin by sharing with that person the same thing that Paul shared with the congregation in Corinth:

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." [I Corinthians 10:13]

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Crossing the Rubicon	Matthew 19:9
Evening	God and Wristwatches	Galatians 4:4

PRAYER LIST

GENEVA SMALLWOOD - has currently been out due to various health problems.

HAZEL STEVENS - friend of the Smallwood family was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor.

JENNIE JACKSON - recently fell and broke her coccyx bone. She will be on bed rest for two weeks.

MARGIE DYER - continues to struggle with back problems.

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

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.

March 3rd - 5th - Marriage Seminar

Crossville church of Christ will host a marriage seminar March 3 - 5 with guest speaker Jim Dearman.

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 wise man sometimes changes his mind, but a fool never."
- "Anyone can commit a mistake, but only a fool continues in it."
- "Whatever you dislike in another, make sure to correct in yourself."
- "While leadership training is important, we also need some followership training."
- "A man's words reveal this thoughts AND his character."
- "Goodness is the only investment that never fails."

All Month - January

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

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	James Scott
First Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Last Prayer	Joe Brown
Greet at Door	Jeremy & Nicole Castle
Slide Production	Matt Donegan

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Matt Donegan
First Prayer	Andrew Scott
Last Prayer	Dennis Chaffin
Slide Production	Matt Donegan

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Wendall Smallwood
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Dale Flatt
Slide Production	Matt Donegan

Happy Birthday

Vestle Hensley	2/7
Jenna Medley	2/9
William Hale	2/11
Lindsay Frizzell	2/12

Daily Bible Reading

Genesis 29-30 ; Matthew 19	1/29
Genesis 31-32 ; Matthew 20:1-16	1/30
Genesis 33-35 ; Matthew 20:17-34	1/31
Genesis 36-38; Matthew 21:1-22	2/1
Genesis 39-40; Matthew 21-23-46	2/2
Genesis 41-42; Matthew 22:1-22	2/3
Genesis 43-45; Matthew 22:23-46	2/4

Question for the Week

What was the name of Timothy's grandmother?

Answer to Previous Question

Who failed to let Peter in the gate of a house because of her gladness?

Rhoda; Acts 12:13f