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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 3/12/16

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Maybe They're Right

Jonathan Medley (March 9, 2017)

Have you heard that there is a live-action Disney movie coming out this month? If you haven't, I'm not sure what rock you've been living under. Despite all the advertising and publicity that has been pushed out for the upcoming release of *Beauty and the Beast*, the biggest publicity (good or bad) has come from a comment made by the movie's director Bill Condon. In an interview with a magazine, Condon described a certain relationship in the movie as "a nice, exclusively gay moment in a Disney movie."

Social media has been going crazy. Protests from Christians all over the country have been comparable to the protests made against Target when they started letting men in the women's restrooms. Many Christians have voiced their displeasure and taken the stance to not see the movie, while some have even called for a boycott of the movie (and Disney altogether). However, once the protests from Christians started, the liberal voices came out in defense of the movie.

I've read multiple articles and blogs about the comments made by the movie's director, articles written from both points of view. As you can imagine, many of the articles defending the movie were actually more of an attack on Christians. Petty name calling and mudslinging is prevalent. I did read one article that seemed to stick with me. The writer simply called Christians a bunch of hypocrites. After reading the entire article, I had one thought that I couldn't get out of my head: *Maybe they're right*.

Hold up. Before you grab the torches and pitchforks and start chanting "Kill the Beast", let me explain. First off, when I first heard the comments made by the movie's director, I was heartbroken. I immediately called my wife. You see, we had already planned this month's daddy-daughter date night. I was going to take both of my daughters (8 and 4 years old) on a date to see the movie. I had already told the girls, we had watched several previews together, and everyone was looking forward to it. Those plans were immediately cancelled. There's not a chance in this world I will allow any of my children to see this movie until I know exactly what is going on, and probably not even then.

Here's why I thought "*maybe they're right*". The writer of the article went on to explain why she thought this protest proved that Christians were hypocrites. She pointed out many inconsistencies in what Christians are willing to take a stance on. While many were quick to protest a homosexual scene in a movie, the same Christians wouldn't think twice about watching a movie or TV show that featured an adulterous relationship, murder, cursing, vulgarities, inappropriate jokes, innuendo, fornication, immodesty, etc.

Let that sink in for a minute. The writer of the article may be correct, not because we have overreacted to homosexual references in a beloved children's movie (I believe the protests are warranted and justified), but because we don't feel the same outrage toward movies that contain other sins. Is the sin of homosexuality any worse than the sin of lying? Why are we so quick to call out and avoid some sins (as we should), but we don't even think about others. Have we allowed society to so sear our consciences that we are no longer ashamed? Listen to the words of Paul:

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting, being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful, who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." [Romans 1:28-32, emphasis added]

Did you catch that? Not only is it sinful to practice these things, but it's just as sinful to take pleasure in someone else committing the sin. If we allow ourselves to be "entertained" by activities that Scripture plainly describes as sin, yet turn around and condemn something else for trying to entertain others with sin, isn't that the definition of hypocritical? Was the writer of that article correct? Should Christians be outraged over the homosexual agenda that has been added to *Beauty and the Beast*? Absolutely. Are the protests justified? Without a doubt. It's shameful what Disney has done. However, don't skip that movie and instead choose one that glorifies a different sin.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." [II Timothy 2:15]

SERMON TOPICS

Morning **Church in the Midst of Rotten Culture** James 4:4
Evening **The History of the Bible II** 2 Timothy 3:16

PRAYER LIST

BOBBY VINSON - has been out recently due to an injured back.

CAROL CARR - aunt of Denise York, recently broke her hip.

DENTON RAMSEY - was recently taken to the hospital.

THOSE BATTLING ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES - Betty Long (friend of the Bybee family), Burt Montgomery (co-worker of Josh Lawson), Cathy Phillips (cousin of Geneva Smallwood), Hazel Stevens (friend of Smallwood family), Herbie Fox (nephew of Geneva Smallwood), John and Doris Stafford, Junior and Pearl Sherfield, Karen Dulworth (friend of Kim Frizzell), Karma Carter (wife of Jonathan Carter, nephew of Denise York), Marie Eckel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Corie McDonald and her family on the birth of her daughter Sadie Beth.

March 19 - March 22 - Whitson Chapel Gospel Meeting

Whitson Chapel church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting March 19-22 with guest speaker Steve Reeder. Nightly services at 7pm.

March 19 - March 22 - Holladay Gospel Meeting

Holladay church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting March 19-22 with guest speaker Keith Parker. Nightly services at 7pm.

March 30 - Happy Haven Celebration Banquet

Happy Haven will host a celebration banquet at the Leslie Town Centre on Thursday, March 30 at 6:30pm, with Kelly Cash and Roy Cash performing. For further information & reservations, call (931) 526-2052 or check the website at www.happyhaven.org.

April 2-6 - West Sparta Gospel Meeting

West Sparta church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting April 2-6 with guest speaker James Rogers featuring a theme on "Crucial Questions." Nightly services at 7pm.

April 8 - Ladies Day at East Main

Easy Main St church of Christ (in Murfreesboro) will host a ladies day with guest speaker Renita Archey from 8:15 to Noon. Lunch will be provided.

April 29 - Willow Ave Ladies Day

Willow Ave church of Christ will host a Ladies Day April 29 from 9-11:30am with guest speaker Becky Honeycutt featuring a theme on "So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

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.

All Month - March

Table Joey Frizzell
Table Assist Dennis Chaffin
Joe Brown
Lucas Frizzell
Mike Martin

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements Kale Burchett
Lead Singing Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture Jeremy Castle
First Prayer Andrew Scott
Last Prayer Greg Frizzell
Greet at Door Matt & Kristi Donegan
Slide Production Joe Brown

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements Kale Burchett
Lead Singing Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture Lester Boles
First Prayer Gary Medley
Last Prayer Josh Lawson
Slide Production Joe Brown

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements Kale Burchett
Lead Singing Joey Frizzell
Read Scripture Eddie Frizzell
First Prayer Andrew Pippin
Last Prayer Dale Flatt
Slide Production Joe Brown

Happy Birthday

Samantha Lawson 3/22
Amy Medley 3/26
Ellie Medley 3/29
Christine Peek 4/1

Happy Anniversary

John & Shirley Lane 3/30

Daily Bible Reading

Numbers 23-25; Mark 16 3/19
Numbers 26-27; Luke 1:1-20 3/20
Numbers 28-30; Luke 1:21-38 3/21
Numbers 31-33; Luke 1:39-56 3/22
Numbers 34-36; Luke 1:57-80 3/23
Deuteronomy 1-2; Luke 2:1-24 3/24
Deuteronomy 3-4; Luke 2:25-52 3/25

Question for the Week

As the flood waters subsided, where did Noah's ark settle?

Answer to Previous Question

What famous Bible personality did God name Jedidiah?

Solomon; 2 Sam. 12:25