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Sunday AM Bible Study	9:30 AM
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 3/19/16

Sunday Class	70
Sunday AM	77
Sunday PM	64
Wednesday	50

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Tearing the Church Down One Word at a Time

Jeremiah Tatum

One of the fastest ways to tear a local body of Christ apart is with your mouth. If you want to split the church, use harsh words. Negativity is one of the worst things that can come upon a family of believers. If you engage in negative talk about a brother or sister in Christ, you should be ashamed.

I have been guilty of this sin myself. It is easy to get pulled into this pit by your closest friends in Christ. It starts innocently, with just the remarks about a person's habits or weaknesses. But before you know it, you stop looking for the good in people and you accentuate the bad.

Consider how negative communication affects:

1. **The elders.** They have the most difficult position in the church. They usually only get to hear the bad stuff. People don't as often come to them to say "Great job!" or "What can I do to make your job easier?" Instead, they usually say, "Why did you do that?" or "I don't like it when...." or "You all need to do something about..." And what about what might be said to others, in disagreement with their decisions that the elders never get to hear? Negative talk about the eldership is hurtful to the ones who serve, and it discourages younger men from ever desiring the position. A constant critique of the eldership will eventually cause division in the church.
2. **The preachers.** If you want to get a new preacher or youth minister every 2-5 years, then be highly critical of their activity. Try not to understand the anxiety and stress of their job. Spread a rumor about them. Pick them apart. Correct them whenever you get a chance. Challenge their work ethic. Preachers are involved with the members at a high level. When they are the objects of negativity, it always gets back to them. They begin to lose confidence, feeling that they are ineffective or unwanted. Negative talk about the preacher will do more than pack his bags, it will take him out of the pulpit for good.
3. **The members.** In order for families to be healthy, every member needs to find their place and purpose. When members of the body of Christ feel unloved, judged, or inadequate, the whole family will be in turmoil. On a daily basis, members of the family of God gossip, complain, note weaknesses in brethren, and dismiss the viability of certain people within the body of Christ. Not only is this sinful, but it contributes to Satan's most important work - the attempt to destroy the work of Christ. The church is often in more danger from within than from without. Every child of God must take responsibility for how they treat fellow Christians.

May God help us to avoid tearing the church down one word at a time! The world is watching. Let the reputation of the church be love, not hate. Let it be peace, not war. Let it be kind words, not hate speech. Let it be a gentle and quiet spirit that is precious in the eyes of the Lord.

"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." - Ephesians 4:29

SERMON TOPICS

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

PRAYER LIST

BOBBY VINSON - has a ruptured disc and is in a lot of pain. He will be having a surgery soon to repair the disc.

BILL MARTIN - came forward Wednesday night asking for prayers for forgiveness and strength.

DENTON RAMSEY - was recently taken to the hospital. He is now back and home and improving.

GENEVA SMALLWOOD - will be undergoing a serious surgery and has asked for prayers of the church. She also asked for prayers for forgiveness and wanted to ensure she is right with God.

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

April Service Schedule

The monthly service assignment schedule is now available for the month of April. Please let Adam or Amy Swallows know if something needs to be changed.

March 30 - Happy Haven Celebration Banquet

Happen 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 2-5 - Allons Gospel Meeting

Allons church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting April 2-5 with guest speaker John Whitson. Nightly services at 7pm.

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."

All Month - March

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

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Greg Frizzell
First Prayer	Mike Martin
Last Prayer	Joey Frizzell
Greet at Door	Betty Boswell Stella Smith
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Jeremy Castle
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Wendall Smallwood
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Jonathan Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Lucas Frizzell
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Happy Birthday

Amy Medley	3/26
Ellie Medley	3/29
Christine Peek	4/1
Stella Smith	4/4
Adam Swallows	4/5
Bobby Vinson	4/7
Jonathan Medley	4/8
Tucker Frizzell	4/8

Happy Anniversary

John & Shirley Lane	3/30
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Daily Bible Reading

Deuteronomy 5-7; Luke 3	3/26
Deuteronomy 8-10; Luke 4:1-30	3/27
Deuteronomy 11-13; Luke 4:31-44	3/28
Deuteronomy 14-16; Luke 5:1-16	3/29
Deuteronomy 17-19; Luke 5:17-39	3/30
Deuteronomy 20-22; Luke 6:1-26	3/31
Deuteronomy 23-25; Luke 6:27-49	4/1

Question for the Week

What is the name of the archangel mentioned in scripture?

Answer to Previous Question

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

Mt. Ararat; Gn. 8:4