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<b>Sunday AM Bible Study</b>	9:30 AM
<b>Sunday AM Worship</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Sunday PM Worship</b>	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday Bible Class</b>	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

<b>Sunday Class</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Sunday AM</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Sunday PM</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>49</b>

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## "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

*Greg Gwin*

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." That's wise advice from the voice of experience. But men are inclined to alter things that are currently working pretty well, with the notion that they can make it better. Unfortunately the opposite often happens. The machine that was running smoothly now won't function at all; the business enterprise that was successful and prospering now is losing money; the structure that once stood strong and tall is now in danger of collapsing.

Change, you see, is not always a good thing. Unfortunately there are some folks that are never content with 'things as they are'. They are always seeking to do it in some new, different way. They frequently end up 'breaking' what wasn't 'broke' in the first place.

Nowhere is this urge to 'change' more potentially dangerous than in the Lord's church. But, for some reason, we have brethren who constantly push for changing things. To these people we would offer these observations:

- 1) If the way things are happen to be that way because God ordained it to be so, then we have absolutely no authority to be changing it. Period. Through the centuries misguided men have brought in a host of innovations to God's simple plan for the worship, work, and organization of the church. ALL of them are wrong. Let us never be so presumptuous as to imagine we can change or improve on His design.
- 2) In matters of general authority - where our judgments in areas of expediency are allowed - it is typically the case that we've reached sound decisions based upon what 'works'. If you want to see it done in a different way, you need to be prepared to show why your way is better - not just different. We're not interested in 'fixing what ain't broke.'
- 3) Realize that 'change for change's sake' is usually not helpful. What are you seeking anyway? Do you hope for a subjective, emotional 'high' if we change the order of worship? Dim the lights? Sing more or different songs? Do you think you can artificially stimulate folks to deeper study if we alter the Bible class arrangement? Do you suppose that members will become more involved simply because some new scheme for personal work is proposed? Maybe. Perhaps these things might work temporarily. But, of course, the underlying problems of the heart have not been addressed at all by these superficial 'changes'.
- 4) There is legitimate value to stability. We benefit from knowing how things are and how they will be. This is true in our homes, at school, on our jobs, AND in the church. Men should think long and hard before 'troubling God's flock' with unnecessary and unhelpful suggestions aimed at 'fixin' what ain't broke'.

## Some Quotes Worth Pondering...

- "Most of man's inventions have been time savers -- then came television."
- "No matter how bad your situation, you can lose your temper and make it worse."
- "Some people dream of worthy accomplishments, while others stay awake and actually do them."
- "There is no crowd on the extra mile."

## SERMON TOPICS

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Morning	<b>Church in the Midst of Rotten Culture II</b>	James 4:4
Evening	<b>The History of the Bible III</b>	Psalm 119:105

## PRAYER LIST

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**SYMPATHY** - Lori Katz, mother of Josh Lawson, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 1 at 3 PM.

**BOBBY VINSON** - recently had bypass surgery. The surgery went well and he is recovering. This will delay the back surgery for the ruptured disc.

**GENEVA SMALLWOOD** - will be having tests on April 12.

**KIM SCOTT** - recently had surgery. The surgery went well and she is now back at home.

**PAM FOX** - recently had surgery for carpal tunnel. She surgery went well and she is now recovering.

**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

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### 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 15 - Egg Hunt

We will have a fellowship meal and egg hunt Saturday, April 15 at 3pm.

### 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."

### Mat 7-11 - Pippin Gospel Meeting

Pippin will host its annual Gospel Meeting May 7-11 with guest speaker Tim McHenry, from Tompkinsville, KY. More details to come.

## All Month - April

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<b>Table</b>	James Scott
<b>Tray Preparation</b>	Stephanie Frizzell
<b>Table Assist</b>	Andrew Scott Chad York John Jones Vestle Hensley

## Sunday AM Worship

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<b>Announcements</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Jonathan Medley
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Lucas Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	Larry Jackson
<b>Last Prayer</b>	John Lane
<b>Greet at Door</b>	Eddie & Cathy Frizzell
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

## Sunday PM Worship

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<b>Announcements</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Jonathan Medley
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Greg Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	James Scott
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Dale Flatt
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

## Wednesday Bible Class

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<b>Announcements</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Jonathan Medley
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Joey Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	Wendall Smallwood
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Gary Medley
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

## Happy Birthday

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Stella Smith	4/4
Adam Swallows	4/5
Bobby Vinson	4/7
Jonathan Medley	4/8
Tucker McDonald	4/8
Dennis Peek	4/14
Allen Cantrell	4/14

## Happy Anniversary

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Russell & Leslie Wattenbarger	4/13
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## Daily Bible Reading

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Deuteronomy 26-27; Luke 7:1-30	4/2
Deuteronomy 28-29; Luke 7:31-50	4/3
Deuteronomy 30,3; Luke 8:1-25	4/4
Deuteronomy 32-34; Luke 8:26-56	4/5
Joshua 1-3; Luke 9:1-17	4/6
Joshua 4-6; Luke 9:18-36	4/7
Joshua 7-9; Luke 9:37-62	4/8

## Question for the Week

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What king died in the year that Isaiah received his commission from the LORD?

## Answer to Previous Question

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What is the name of the archangel mentioned in scripture?

Michael; Jude 9