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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 4/23/2017

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| Sunday Class | 76 |
| Sunday AM | 91 |
| Sunday PM | 65 |
| Wednesday | 58 |

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Bible Reading

Alexander Campbell (The Millennial Harbinger, January, 1839)

Christians, do you read the Bible in your families every day? Do you read it in your closet every day? And do you read it not to quiet your conscience as a work of penance; but do you read it as a pleasure anxiously to be sought after? If you do, I need not tell you what utility, pleasure, and happiness is in the blessed employment. But if you do not, you may rest assured there is something greatly wrong, which, if it is not abandoned, subdued, or vanquished soon, will cause you sorrows, if not agonies, when you will be less able to conflict with them than at present. Resolve this moment, I pray you, that you will begin today to read the Bible, to enjoy God and Christ and the hope of immortality. *"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart; so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."* Then will you say with Solomon, *"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding: for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared with her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and honor: her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."* "Begin today: 'tis madness to defer." The religious world -- I mean the great majority of all professors -- are Bible neglecters. Their ignorance, prejudice, and error show it. I beseech you, daily, habitually, constantly, prayerfully read the Bible in its proper connections, and you will grow in grace as you grow in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Lord will bless you, as he has said, in this deed. Read James 1:22-25, and may you prove it true!

They're "Too Conservative"

Greg Gwin

Someone who was about to move into a new community happened to mention that they were giving consideration to attending a particular congregation in that area. Certain brethren warned, "Don't go there, they're too conservative!" What is meant by such an accusation?

Is it so that the brethren at that congregation have begun to teach things that are not found in the Bible? Are they binding certain traditions that are not in the Word of God? Are they insisting that others follow their own personal opinions in areas where they cannot find specific scriptural authority? If so, those brethren aren't really "conservative" at all! They are not *"abiding in the doctrine of Christ"* (2 Jn. 9). In a sense, they are actually "liberal" in their approach because they have ceased to produce "book, chapter, and verse" for their practices. Let their errors be fully exposed, and let brethren be rightfully warned about attending such a congregation.

In reality, it is far more likely that the church that was described as "too conservative" is actually a congregation that stresses strict adherence to Biblical authority. They probably insist that folks "do Bible things in Bible ways." There is most likely a strong emphasis on personal purity and morality. Constant reference is made to the Bible and its teachings, and members are encouraged to "come out from among them, and be ye separate" (2 Cor. 6:17). And while the positive, "feel good" aspects of Christianity are no doubt taught, the so-called "negative" themes - the warnings of the Scripture - are also included. False doctrines and false teachers are sometimes - by necessity - called by name just as in the first century (1 Tim. 1:18-20). Such an approach is not popular in the world today. Therefore some dismiss a congregation like this with the charge that they are "too conservative." What we are saying is that this accusation most often comes from weak, compromising Christians who themselves refuse to take a stand for the truth.

It is really impossible to be "too conservative." The moment a church violates scriptural authority - by either failing to uphold and practice the truth, or by binding what God has not bound - they have become "liberal" in God's eyes. Instead of throwing out prejudicial 'labels', give the evidence that a congregation is violating scriptural authority (Col. 3:17) and be ready to prove your allegations. Otherwise, we suggest you keep your opinions to yourself! Think!

SERMON TOPICS

Morning **Without Discretion** Proverbs 11:22
 Evening **Jack Honeycutt (India Mission Work Update)**

PRAYER LIST

BOBBY VINSON - is some better. He has back surgery scheduled for May 5.

DENNIS PEEK - is now back at home and feeling some better.

GENEVA SMALLWOOD - will soon have a CT scan to help determine the best course of surgery.

HULON FLATT - has recently been out due to pneumonia.

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

May Service Schedule

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

Glen & Faye Belcher

made it known to the elders that will be worshipping and working with the Pippin congregation.

May 12 - Friday Night Singing at Bethlehem

Bethlehem church of Christ, in Baxter, TN, will host a Friday Night Singing, May 12 at 7:00pm. Finger Food Fellowship meal at 6:00pm.

May 26, 27 - Public Discussion on Eternal Security

Can a Christian lose his eternal salvation if he chooses to depart from the living God? There will be a public discussion on eternal security between BJ Clarke and Michael Brawner on May 26 (6:00-8:15pm), and May 27 (2:00-4:15pm) at the Macon County Junior High School.

Pippin Gospel Meeting – May 7-10

Pippin will host its annual Gospel Meeting May 7-10 with guest speaker Tim McHenry, from Tompkinsville, KY. **Please make plans to attend each service.**

Tim has been the evangelist for the Mt. Gilead church of Christ in Tompkinsville, KY for 12 years. Previously, Tim preached for the Culleoka church of Christ (1997-2005) and the Scottsville church of Christ (1992-1997). He has been preaching since 1986. Tim grew up in a rural area near Baxter, TN. He is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University (BS Mathematics 1990; BS Education 1991) and Tennessee Bible College (BA Bible 2004).

Sunday, May 7 – 9:30am, 10:30am, Fellowship Meal Following Services

Sunday, May 7 – 2:00pm (This will replace the regular 5:30 service)

Mon-Wed, May 8-10 – 7:00pm

Area Gospel Meetings (Nightly Services at 7pm)

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| May 7-10 | Hilham | Ricky Kimbel |
| May 7-10 | Findley (Sparta) | Dan Cottrell |

All Month - April

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| Table | James Scott |
| Tray Preparation | Stephanie Frizzell |
| Table Assist | Andrew Scott Chad York John Jones Vestle Hensley |

Sunday AM Worship

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| Announcements | Kale Burchett |
| Lead Singing | Adam Swallows |
| Read Scripture | Joe Brown |
| First Prayer | Gary Medley |
| Last Prayer | Andrew Scott |
| Greet at Door | Jonathan & Jenna Medley |
| Slide Production | Matthew Swallows |

Sunday PM Worship

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| Announcements | Kale Burchett |
| Lead Singing | Adam Swallows |
| Read Scripture | Vestle Hensley |
| First Prayer | Joey Frizzell |
| Last Prayer | Mike Martin |
| Slide Production | Matthew Swallows |

Wednesday Bible Class

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| Announcements | Kale Burchett |
| Lead Singing | Adam Swallows |
| Read Scripture | Wendall Smallwood |
| First Prayer | Greg Frizzell |
| Last Prayer | Dennis Chaffin |
| Slide Production | Matthew Swallows |

Happy Birthday

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| Carol Mayberry | 4/30 |
| Pearl Sherfield | 5/8 |
| Bill Martin | 5/13 |

Happy Anniversary

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| Bobby & Carol Vinson | 5/9 |
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Daily Bible Reading

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| 1 Sam. 19; Psalm 23, 59; Luke 21:1-19 | 4/30 |
| 1 Sam. 20-21; Ps. 34; Luke 21:20-38 | 5/1 |
| 1 Sam. 22; Psalm 56; Luke 22:1-23 | 5/2 |
| Psalm 52,57,142; Luke 22:24-46 | 5/3 |
| 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 54,63; Luke 22:47-71 | 5/4 |
| 1 Samuel 24-27; Luke 23:1-25 | 5/5 |
| 1 Samuel 28-29; Luke 23:26-56 | 5/6 |

Question for the Week

How many times was the apostle Paul shipwrecked?

Answer to Previous Question

What king literally saw "the handwriting on the wall?"

Belshazzar; Dan. 5:1ff