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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 5/7/2017

<b>Sunday Class</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Sunday AM</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Sunday PM</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>58</b>

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## One Preacher Advises Another

Greg Gwin

An older preacher was giving some advice and counsel to a younger one. His own preaching work had been marred by several incidents where folks had rejected his teaching, opposed him publicly and caused him a fair amount of grief and hardship. Still, though, he continued to proclaim the truth, and he encouraged his young friend to do the same.

He warned the young man that there would be times when his preaching would not be well received. People would not like to hear "hard" preaching. They would prefer to listen to things that were more pleasant and less demanding. Teachers that played to their whims and fancies would be more popular. More "positive" and less "negative" preaching would be their wish, and they would insist that it be so.

But despite all this, the older preacher urged the younger one to press on with his work. It wouldn't always be easy, but it was ultimately important.

Who were these two preachers? Where and when was this advice given from the older to the younger? It could have been almost anywhere and anytime, but we have reference to the encouragement penned by the apostle Paul to the evangelist Timothy. Some of the final words Paul ever wrote were these:

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." (2 Timothy 4:2-5)*

## Live A Balanced Life

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*"Come with me...to a quiet place and get some rest."* Mk 6:31 NIV The Bible says, *"The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty"* (Ps 90:10 NIV). If you're blessed to live that long you'll typically spend an average of twenty-four years sleeping, twenty years working, ten years in church and on vacation (mostly vacation), seven years eating, six years traveling, four years dealing with sickness, and two years getting dressed. Kierkegaard said: "The press of busyness is like a charm...seeking to lay hold of ever-younger victims so that [we] are scarcely allowed time for God to develop in us Christian character." It's a mistake to think that rushing through life buys you more time. It doesn't. Apart from keeping your adrenaline pumping and perhaps making you feel and look important, busyness can be the enemy of your soul. It can rob you of spiritual growth by preventing you from reflecting and examining your heart. We're not talking about the number of things you manage to get done every day, but the quality of your life's product. You can be busy, yet not be balanced. One Bible scholar said, "Solitude is the furnace of transformation." There are three kinds of solitude: **(1)** Brief intervals experienced daily. **(2)** Longer ones involving a few days or more away from it all. Despite His hectic schedule, Jesus made a habit of withdrawing from the demands of the crowd to spend time with His Father. (Did He know something we don't?) And He told the disciples, "Come with me...to a quiet place and get some rest." **(3)** Forced rest. *"He maketh me to lie down"* (Ps 23:2). Don't wait until God makes you lie down! Endeavor to live a balanced life.

## SERMON TOPICS

Morning	<b>The Mother of Rufus and Paul</b>	Romans 16:13
Evening	<b>Spirits in Prison</b>	1 Peter 3:17-22

## PRAYER LIST

**BOBBY VINSON** - continues to slowly improve from his heart surgery. His back surgery has been rescheduled to May 19 to give his body more time to heal.

**STEPHEN SPURLOCK** - grandson of Marcia Spurlock, recently spent time in the hospital with various health issues. He is now back at home and doing better.

**THOSE BATTLING ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES** - 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), Kenneth Bryant (brother-in-law of Peggy Mahaney), Marie Eckel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### May 21-24 - Bussell church of Christ

Bussell church of Christ is hosting a Gospel Meeting with guest speaker David Lipe featuring a theme on "The Church That God Wants". Nightly services at 7pm.

### 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.

### 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.

## Understanding How God Works

*Selected*

"Because you say so, I will." Lk 5:5 NIV The Bible says: "When he [Jesus] had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will'...When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break... When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees...For he and all his companions were astonished...Then Jesus said...'Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men.' So they ...left everything and followed him" (vv. 4-11 NIV). The real test of your faith comes when nothing you've tried has worked, and God tells you to do something that stretches your faith to its limit. At that point you have two choices: Give in to your doubts, or say with Peter, "Because You say so, I will." This story teaches us God works in three ways: **(1)** He uses the common to do the uncommon. In their workplace where nothing special ever seemed to happen, Jesus showed up, called them, and changed their lives. So look for God in your daily routine, and don't be surprised when He surprises you. **(2)** He moves you out from the security of the shallow to the risks of the deep. The great catches and the great storms are both in the same sea. If you want one, you have to contend with the other. No risk, no reward. **(3)** He involves you in one thing to teach you another. Christ's plan for these men was to involve them in an even greater miracle: fishing for souls. Today that's His plan for you too. And it begins when you say, "Lord, because You say so, I will."

### All Month - May

<b>Table</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Tray Preparation</b>	Carol Mayberry
<b>Table Assist</b>	John Lane Josh Lawson Larry Jackson Roger Mayberry

### Sunday AM Worship

<b>Announcements</b>	Jonathan Medley
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Andrew Pippin
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Andrew Scott
<b>First Prayer</b>	Colonel Wheeler
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Mike Martin
<b>Greet at Door</b>	Chad & Denise York
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

### Sunday PM Worship

<b>Announcements</b>	Jonathan Medley
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Andrew Pippin
<b>Read Scripture</b>	James Scott
<b>First Prayer</b>	Gary Medley
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

### Wednesday Bible Class

<b>Announcements</b>	Jonathan Medley
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Andrew Pippin
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Dennis Chaffin
<b>First Prayer</b>	Roger Mayberry
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Larry Jackson
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

### Happy Birthday

Andrew Pippin	5/23
Kale Burchett	5/25
Geneva Smallwood	5/25

### Happy Anniversary

Randy & Denese Bybee	5/16
Junior & Pearl Sherfield	5/24

### Daily Bible Reading

2 Samuel 13-14; Acts 4:23-37	5/14
2 Samuel 15; Psalm 3,69; Acts 5:1-21	5/15
2 Samuel 16-18; Acts 5:22-42	5/16
2 Samuel 19-20; Acts 6	5/17
Psalm 64,70; Acts 7:1-21	5/18
2 Samuel 21-22; Psalm 18; Acts 7:22-43	5/19
2 Samuel 23-24; Acts 7:44-60	5/20

### Question for the Week

Who replaced Judas Iscariot as the twelfth apostle?

### Answer to Previous Question

How many times was the apostle Paul shipwrecked?

At least four; 2 Cor. 11:25; Acts 27:1ff