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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 5/14/2017

Sunday Class	84
Sunday AM	111
Sunday PM	67
Wednesday	54

What's More Important Than Sunday Worship?

Jack Wilkie, May 16, 2017

I'm just going to get straight to the point with this one. I want to know - what's more important than Sunday worship? Because thousands of articles have been written and sermons preached, and yet I still have regular discussions with my preacher friends about how many people are missing on a given Sunday for other activities. Obviously there are many, many Christians who believe there are things more important than being at worship. So I want to know...what is it that's so important? What's going on elsewhere that outranks God? Obviously I'm not talking about those who are shut-ins, those who are dealing with a sickness, or those who have the unavoidable work assignment from time to time. I'm talking about those who feel like they have something better to do. To them I ask:

- What's more important than worshipping God in the few hours per week set aside specifically for Him?
- What's more important than making time to encourage and be encouraged by your Christian family?
- What's more important than gathering with them to study God's word and share in prayers for each other?
- What's more important than remembering the sacrifice of Jesus by partaking in communion with your fellow Christians?

I'm not sure what it is that's so important, but I can tell you a few things that aren't the answer to those questions.

I can tell you that sports aren't more important. Like many things in life, sports are perfectly fine and useful and can even be used for good in our lives, but they can also become idols. Skipping worship for youth sports or to watch the big game sends the message to the Savior who died for you that you think He's really important... unless the game happens at the same time. It sends the message to observant little eyes that God can be put in second place for anything we want to prioritize over Him. In an era where a large majority of those raised in the church fall away, the last thing we need is more Christian parents teaching their children that the pew takes a back seat to the players' bench. I don't care if your child earns a scholarship, wins the gold medal, or takes home Super Bowl MVP, because if his or her soul is lost in the process, the tradeoff was eternally worthless (Mark 8:36).

I can tell you vacations aren't more important. It's good to get away every now and then, so you can't always be with your home congregation. But I guarantee you that most places you visit will have a congregation of the Lord's people nearby. Worship with them. Going out of town doesn't get you out of God's presence, nor does it take away your call to worship Him. Unplugging from work, school, and everyday life is great... but a Christian should never unplug from God.

I can tell you sleep isn't more important. People get tired, I understand. There aren't many chances to sleep in, and Sunday morning worship means getting up early, especially for those with kids. But nobody even considers catching up on that sleep on Monday morning. Work and school don't get placed on a back burner. If you won't sleep through work but will sleep through Sunday church assembly, think about your priorities and just how seriously you're taking your God. Again, consider the message you're sending to your family, fellow Christians, and non-Christian coworkers.

We preachers are tired of pushing and prodding people to be in the pews on Sunday. We don't do it because we want you to check the box and say you've done your duty for the week. We do it because we know a Christian whose heart has been given to God will agree that nothing is more important than Him and that He comes first in all things.

I can tell you that there's nothing more important on Sunday morning than being there every time you can. There's always an excuse to be somewhere else. Don't take it. Meet with your fellow Christians and show your God that He's important enough to you to put everything aside and give Him your time. Give Him your Sunday nights and Wednesday nights, too, if your church gathers at those times. Be there for them, let them be there for you, and encourage one another to love God more.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Reflections of Eutychus	Acts 20:7-12
Evening	Prayer to Jesus	2 Corinthians 12:7-10

PRAYER LIST

SYMPATHY - Clarissa Marie Apple, grandmother of Deanna, Kristie, and Brooklyn passed away Monday, May 15. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 18 at Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral home.

BOBBY VINSON - had back surgery May 19. The surgery went well and he is now back at home recovering.

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.

Pippin will broadcast the live video feed at the church building both nights for those interested in attending.

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.

Electronic Bulletins

If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin prior to Sunday via email, you can sign up at www.pippincoc.com and enter your email address in the box on the right of the page.

Some Quotes Worth Pondering . . .

- "No man can climb beyond the limitations of his own character."
- "You can't get too much done in life if you only work on the days when you feel good." - Jerry West
- "The tongue is a deadly weapon whether it be blunt or sharp."

All Month - May

Table	Lester Boles
Tray Preparation	Carol Mayberry
Table Assist	John Lane Josh Lawson Larry Jackson Roger Mayberry

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Dennis Chaffin
First Prayer	Joe Brown
Last Prayer	Larry Jackson
Greet at Door	Betty Boswell Stella Smith
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Andrew Scott
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Greg Frizzell
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	Gary Medley
Last Prayer	Kale Burchett
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Happy Birthday

Andrew Pippin	5/23
Kale Burchett	5/25
Geneva Smallwood	5/25
Deanna Apple	5/29
Glen Belcher	5/30
Denese Bybee	6/2
Judy Flatt	6/4

Happy Anniversary

Junior & Pearl Sherfield	5/24
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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm 4-6; Acts 8:1-25	5/21
Psalm 7-8; Acts 8:26-40	5/22
Psalm 9,11; Acts 9:1-22	5/23
Psalm 12-14; Acts 9:23-43	5/24
Psalm 15-16; Acts 10:1-23	5/25
Psalm 17,19; Acts 10:24-48	5/26
Psalm 20-22; Acts 11	5/27

Question for the Week

What kind of branches did people spread before Jesus during His triumphal entry?

Answer to Previous Question

Who replaced Judas Iscariot as the twelfth apostle?

Matthias; Acts 1:26