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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 5/21/2017

Sunday Class	75
Sunday AM	85
Sunday PM	63
Wednesday	51

Get Off the Fence: Homosexuality

Jack Wilkie

Far too many Christians try to "ride the fence" in today's world. They get caught between clear biblical teaching and what culture pressures them to believe and so they attempt to strike some sort of compromise. The same happened often in the Bible, and one such example came on the day of Elijah's challenge against the prophets of Baal. In 1 Kings 18:21, as the people gathered near to see who would prevail between God and Baal, Elijah challenged each of them: "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."

It's time for true Christians to challenge those who are riding on the fence and ask them, how long will you hesitate between two opinions? One such issue which finds Christians with a foot in both worlds is homosexuality. Driven by public opinion and heavily pushed by younger generations in churches, more and more Christians are beginning to accept homosexuality and don't think it should be discouraged. Entire churches have begun making it known that they are accepting of all "lifestyles and orientations."

Sadly, that's exactly the opposite of what a church should be. The church is absolutely a "come as you are" institution, but the key message of the Gospel is that no one stays as they are. Jesus' blood washes us from our sins and makes us an entirely new person (2 Corinthians 5:17). From Leviticus 18:22 to Romans 1:26-28 to 1 Corinthians 6:9, homosexuality is opposed throughout the Bible, and a Christian cannot persist in willful sin and still be washed by the blood of Christ (Hebrews 10:26).

The compromisers counter that Jesus never said anything about homosexuality, which is demonstrably untrue and shows a horribly misinformed view of the Bible's inspiration. Or, as "gay Christian" Matthew Vines repeatedly claimed in his book "God and the Gay Christian," homosexuality today is different than what the Bible opposed. Aside from the fact that the Bible is entirely straightforward about the sin it discusses, there is no reason to believe that some God-approved form of homosexuality cropped up in the last 100 years and that the inspired biblical authors knew nothing about it.

I know that those who struggle to overcome homosexual temptations have an incredibly difficult challenge before them, and I don't want to downplay their struggle. But that's exactly why the compromisers must be refuted. The last thing those battling this sin need are people who tell them that they don't have to fight sin that they can give into it and still be holy before God. Though the world pats compromising Christians on the back for being more loving, encouraging a person to go on sinning is literally the least loving thing you could ever do to a person.

Yet compromisers continue to proclaim themselves as more loving and less judgmental than other Christians. However, there's one crucial fact that they forget: It's impossible to be more loving or to judge more righteously than God.

If God calls homosexuals to repentance it is because He loves them more than we ever could and He knows exactly what's best for their lives. It's a terrifying thought to consider how God will deal with those who are making themselves into stumbling blocks because they would rather align with the world's definition of love than with God's. Trading God's approval for man's approval is a losing exchange every single time. In fact, that's exactly how I would define "hate" - encouraging someone's destructive lifestyle because you're more worried about the praise of men than God's word. Compromisers of Christianity should enjoy the warm, fuzzy feeling their virtue signaling brings them now because they're going to pay dearly for it in the end.

Don't ride the fence. The Scriptures speak clearly about how God sees homosexuality, and one cannot simultaneously be a Christian and openly dispute God's own inspired words. Are you going to be loving enough to speak the truth?

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Jesus as a Study of Prayer I	Mark 1:35
Evening	Jesus as a Study of Prayer II	Luke 11:1

PRAYER LIST

BOBBY VINSON - had back surgery May 19. Bobby is doing some better and is continuing to recover.

JENNIFER BOSWELL – daughter-in-law of Betty Boswell, had surgery on Thursday. The surgery went well.

SHIRLEY LANE - had surgery on Monday.

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

June Service Schedule

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

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.

Area Events		
June 4 – 7	Buffalo Valley Gospel Meeting	Randy Bybee (Nightly services at 7pm)
June 4 – 8	Center Grove VBS	Nightly services at 7pm
June 5 – 9	Algood VBS	Nightly services at 7pm
June 17	Willow Ave VBS	9:00am – 2:00pm
June 11 – 15	Northeast VBS	Nightly services at 7pm
May 7-10	Hilham	Ricky Kimbel

Some Quotes Worth Pondering . . .

- "Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back."
- "By taking revenge of an injury, a man is only even with his enemy; by passing it over, he is superior."
- "No person is too big to be kind and courteous, but many people are too little."

All Month - May

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

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Kale Burchett
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	James Scott
Last Prayer	Lester Boles
Greet at Door	John & Myra Jones
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Kale Burchett
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Dennis Chaffin
First Prayer	Joe Brown
Last Prayer	Lucas Frizzell
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Kale Burchett
Lead Singing	Joey Frizzell
Read Scripture	John Jones
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Eddie Frizzell
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Happy Birthday

Deanna Apple	5/29
Glen Belcher	5/30
Denese Bybee	6/2
Judy Flatt	6/4
Mary Martin	6/7
Jewel Flatt	6/11

Happy Anniversary

Glen & Faye Belcher	6/6
Dale & Judy Flatt	6/10
Colonel & Ida Wheeler	6/11

Daily Bible Reading

Psalm 24-26; Acts 12	5/28
Psalm 27-29; Acts 13:1-25	5/29
Psalm 31,35; Acts 13:26-52	5/30
Psalm 36-38; Acts 14	5/31
Psalm 39-41; James 1	6/1
Psalm 53,55,58; James 2	6/2
Psalm 61,62,65; James 3	6/3

Question for the Week

What are the wages of sin?

Answer to Previous Question

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

Palm; Jn. 12:13