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Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
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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 6/11/2017

Sunday Class	66
Sunday AM	72
Sunday PM	70
Wednesday	46

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Sorry, Hollywood – Dads Aren't Useless Idiots

Jack Wilkie, June 14, 2017

There's a long history of fathers being portrayed as useless, bumbling, out-of-touch idiots in the world of entertainment. Television characters like Homer Simpson on The Simpsons, Al Bundy on Married... with Children, Archie Bunker on All in the Family, Tim Taylor on Home Improvement and countless others have for decades been portrayed as terribly incompetent. Joined by numerous children's shows of the past two generations, those shows have gone out of their way to depict dads as immature and in need of their wives to serve more as their mothers than their spouses, as embarrassments to their children, and as lazy, incompetent employees in many cases.

Sadly, many of today's fathers have begun to live with the assumption that that's just who they're supposed to be. The stereotype of unserious, immature men who are constantly trying to shirk responsibility and have a good time while avoiding the watchful eye of the old "ball and chain" is emulated by many

Add to all of this the ideology of feminists and homosexuals that claim that strong male leadership in the home isn't necessary and you can see why the world continues to spiral further away from the truth and why morality continues to decline. Statistics show that fatherlessness leads to higher teen pregnancy, youth crime, suicide, substance abuse, poverty, and runaways along with lesser academic achievement. The world can unwisely go in that direction of mocking, undermining, and even eliminating fathers, but Christians cannot afford to follow.

The Bible confirms the importance of the fatherly role by charging them with bringing their children up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). In Deuteronomy 6, as Moses addressed Israel before they entered the promised land, the blueprint was given for how the nation could succeed in their new homes. The responsibility was placed on fathers and grandfathers (6:1-2) to love the Lord (6:5), teach their families to walk in God's ways (6:6-9), worship God (6:13), and obey Him (6:17-18). Israel would rise and fall based on how the fathers of the nation's households led their families in these ways (6:24-25). So, with all of that said, I want to do two things in this article.

First, I want to say thank you to the Christian fathers who are approaching their role with the proper respect for the importance of it. We are to give honor to whom honor is due, and Christians of all people should be those who recognize and praise active fathers who are helping strengthen the church both today and in the future. Dads who are aligning themselves with the role Moses envisioned in Deuteronomy 6 are making a difference in their homes, the church, their communities, and in the world as a whole. Thank you for casting off the role of immature, weak-willed men that the world tells you you're supposed to imitate. Thank you for instead taking on your biblical role, and thank you for reflecting the loving, serving character of Jesus Christ to your families.

I also want to commend those who may not be biological fathers but are doing their best to fill that role for someone anyway. To single mothers who are left having to do doubly duty, know that your work is noticed and appreciated. It takes that much more work to try to fill both shoes, and those mothers who put the time in to give their all for their children are invaluable. To grandfathers, uncles, and other male figures who step into the lives of fatherless children as mentors, thank you for your commitment to those you help. The difference you make is simply massive.

Second, I charge you to keep on leading your families toward heaven. Keep on keeping on. We need as many good examples as we can get, and we need godly fathers to develop their sons into future godly fathers and daughters into future godly mothers so the church can grow stronger generation after generation. If you aren't doing that, now is as good of a time as any to take the Joshua 24:15 pledge and start leading your family spiritually. Find a good example who can mentor you and whose footsteps you can follow as you strive to build a God-centered home.

Oh, what a difference the church could make if every father dedicated themselves to making sure that they were following Jesus and showing their families how to do the same each and every day. To those who are, know that your work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for helping us see the beauty of God's plan for the home.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning **Guest Speaker - Mark Holloway**
 Evening **Casual Christianity (Jonathan Medley)** Malachi 1:7-8

PRAYER LIST

SYMPATHY - Hazel Stevens, friend of Smallwood family, passed away Monday, June 12.

SYMPATHY - Wilfred Medley, uncle of Gary Medley, passed away Wednesday, June 14 in Arlington, VA.

GENEVA SMALLWOOD - had her tonsils removed on Monday. The surgery went well and she is at home recovering.

THOSE BATTLING ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES - Burt Montgomery (co-worker of Josh Lawson), Cathy Phillips (cousin of Geneva Smallwood), 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

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 18 - 22	Spencer Gospel Meeting	Randy Bybee (Nightly services at 7pm)
July 10 - 13	West Sparta VBS	6:30pm to 8:00pm

Not Out, But Through

“When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned.” Isa 43:2 NKJV Before God changes our circumstances, He often uses our circumstances to change us. Yes, He has promised to deliver us from our troubles, but not necessarily on our schedule or in the way we think. God wants to do more than just deliver us; He wants to develop us into the likeness of His Son and into the fullness of our God-given potential. Notice how often the word through is used in Scripture. To get to the Promised Land, Israel had to go through the Red Sea, through the wilderness, and through the Jordan River. Think about these two Scriptures: “As they pass through the Valley of Baca [brokenness, loss, grief, and weeping] they make it a spring...they go from strength to strength” (Ps 84:5-7 NKJV). “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned” (Isa 43:2 NKJV). God doesn’t work in minutes, hours, and days; He works in seasons. The refiner knows how long the ore must stay in the fire to produce gold. The potter knows how long the clay must stay on the wheel to become a thing of value, beauty, and usefulness. Trust God; He knows what He’s doing. Be patient; while God is working for you, He’s working in you. When you get through this experience, you’ll look back and thank Him for the things He has taught you.

All Month - June

Table	Glen Belcher
Tray Preparation	Betty Boswell
Table Assist	Gary Medley Greg Frizzell Harold Frizzell Joe Brown

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Dennis Chaffin
First Prayer	Glen Belcher
Last Prayer	John Lane
Greet at Door	Gary & Amy Medley
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Lester Boles
First Prayer	Mike Martin
Last Prayer	Vestle Hensley
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Joe Brown
First Prayer	Larry Jackson
Last Prayer	Joey Frizzell
Slide Production	Matthew Swallows

Happy Birthday

Ralph Mabry	6/20
Gary Medley	6/22
Corie Beth McDonald	6/22
Roger Mayberry	6/28

Happy Anniversary

James and Sherry Scott	6/19
Adam & Amy Swallows	6/27

Daily Bible Reading

Proverbs 22-24; Philippians 3	6/18
Proverbs 25-26; Philippians 4	6/19
Proverbs 27-29; Acts 17:1-15	6/20
Proverbs 30-31; Acts 17:16-34	6/21
Song of Solomon 1-3; 1 Thessalonians 1	6/22
Song of Solomon 4-5; 1 Thessalonians 2	6/23
Song of Solomon 6-8; 1 Thessalonians 3	6/24

Question for the Week

What prophet likened Ephraim to a cake not turned?

Answer to Previous Question

Who was rebuked by a talking donkey?

Balaam; Num. 22:28ff