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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 6/25/2017

Sunday Class	82
Sunday AM	98
Sunday PM	73
Wednesday	58

6 Biblical Tips for Better Prayer

Jack Wilkie, June 22, 2017

Every Christian knows that prayer is something that's supposed to be a central part of our lives. Even those who aren't Christians are aware of the importance of prayer in the lives of the religious. We know that it's important, and we know that it's necessary, but just like Jesus' disciples many are still left with the question - "How do I pray?" Here are a few tips taken from the prayers of Jesus and others in the Scriptures.

Think spiritually - There's nothing wrong with prayers for physical, earthly concerns, but the greater power in prayer concerns our spiritual lives. Read Paul's beautifully worded prayers that focused on the spiritual concerns he had for his readers and notice how specific he was in requesting that they be strengthened in the weaker areas of their Christianity. Look also to the Psalms, where David and the other psalmists wrote many times about their relationship with God. They spoke of their trust in Him, their awe at His glory, and their thankfulness for His guidance. Pray for those physical concerns that arise from time to time, but make sure to spend time focusing on the eternally important issues as well.

Submit to God's will - The words Jesus prayed in Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46) show us how we must make our requests. He did not want to go through the horrible things He was about to face and He made that known to the Father, but He qualified His requests with the desire that God's will be accomplished first. We may know exactly what we want and we might think we know what we need, and it's not wrong to ask for those things, but always leave room for God's will. A person who prays knowing exactly what they want and won't accept any other outcome isn't submitting to a sovereign, all-knowing God - they're looking for a genie.

Pray in faith - If you're asking for God to do something but don't really believe you can trust Him to answer it in your best interest, why ask at all? In James 1:6-8 we read that a person who prays without faith shouldn't expect to receive anything. If we're praying in God's will (as mentioned above), then we should be going into it with the full confidence that God's will is best. To improve your prayer life, go in with the knowledge that you're not always going to get what you request, but instead you're getting something better: the knowledge that the matter is in God's hands. This is how we acquire the peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:6-7).

Give thanks - Don't be like the people of Israel, who repeatedly saw God work wonders on their behalf and yet continually implied that He didn't care about them the next time they needed something. Continually giving thanks for what we have and noting the prayers that He has answered keeps our faith strong and builds a greater love and appreciation for our Father's blessings. Keep a log of the prayer requests you have and make note when one was answered and how God answered it. It'll open your eyes to just how much He loves us.

Get alone - Jesus would take time to get away from everybody else to pray (Luke 5:16), and if He needed that one-on-one time, so do we. Short prayers before meals or prayers said right before we doze off to sleep have their value, but there's nothing quite like dedicated private time with God. Just as marriage experts tell us that couples need one-on-one time to grow their relationship, so the Bible gives us numerous examples of godly people making time for private, personal time with God to grow closer to Him.

Fast - Considered by many to be a practice no longer necessary, fasting actually remains one of the best ways to communicate our faith, intentions, and desires to God. By abstaining from food, sleep, and even marital intimacy for set intervals a Christian shows God by their actions that the matter at hand is critically important to them to the point that they would rather bring it before Him than partake in their regular daily activities. Jesus made time for fasting (Matthew 4:2) and also stated that His disciples would fast once He had ascended (Matthew 9:15 - which continues to apply to us today).

As one of the foundational keys to a solid Christian life, prayer is something we have to practice each and every day, and with that practice and a greater understanding of the way God's people prayed in the Bible should come growth in our attitude toward prayer and in the words we say. For all those who've desired such growth but aren't sure where to start, practice these biblical steps and watch your faith grow.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Alcohol – Myths & Facts	Ephesians 5:18
Evening	Ebenezer	1 Samuel 7:12

PRAYER LIST

BETTY BOSWELL - recently broke her leg. She is at home recovering.

GENEVA SMALLWOOD - continues to recover from recently having her tonsils removed.

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

July 9 - Ice Cream & Finger Food Fellowship Meal

There will be an ice cream and finger food fellowship meal Sunday, July 9, following the evening services. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

August 5 - East Main church of Christ Men's Seminar

East Main church of Christ will host its annual men's seminar Saturday, August 5. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the foyer for those who would like to carpool. We will meet at the church building and leave at 6:30am.

Area Events		
June 18 – August 13	Willow Ave Summer Series	Various Speakers
July 7	Herren's Chapel Singing	7pm
July 9 – 13	Union Hill Gospel Meeting	Mike Fox (Nightly at 7pm)
July 10 – 13	West Sparta VBS	6:30pm to 8:00pm

No Time for Bible Reading?

How much time does it take to read from Genesis to Revelation? If you would read the Bible at a standard pulpit speed (slow enough to be heard and understood), the reading time would be seventy-one (71) hours. If you would break that down into minutes and divide it into 365 days, you could read the entire Bible, cover to cover, in only 12 minutes a day. Is this too much time to spend reading about God?

Serving Others Anyway We Can

A cartoon showed a picture of a woman lying in her sick bed, obviously in misery. In the sink were stacked piles of dirty dishes. A huge basket of clothes to be ironed sat nearby. Two dirty children were fighting in one corner, and in the other a cat sat licking spilled milk. A smiling woman stood in the doorway and the caption had her saying, "Well, Florence, if there is anything I can do to help, don't hesitate to let me know."

The fact is, God does not save us so we can sit, but so we can serve. Just as there is no such thing as a non-functioning member of your human body, so there ought to be no such thing as a non-functioning member of the body of Christ. If God has saved you from your sin, He has called you to serve Him in some way in accordance with your gifts and abilities.

All Month - July

Table	Greg Frizzell
Tray Preparation	Cathy Frizzell
Table Assist	Andrew Scott Chad York Josh Lawson Vestle Hensley

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Jonathan Medley
Read Scripture	Vestle Hensley
First Prayer	Greg Frizzell
Last Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Greet at Door	John & Myra Jones
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Jonathan Medley
Read Scripture	Lucas Frizzell
First Prayer	Adam Swallows
Last Prayer	Wendall Smallwood
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Eddie Frizzell
Read Scripture	Joey Frizzell
First Prayer	Kale Burchett
Last Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Happy Birthday

Josh Lawson	7/7
Sue Nelson	7/7
Amy Swallows	7/9

Happy Anniversary

James & Wanda Frizzell	7/6
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Daily Bible Reading

1 Kings 12-13; 1 Corinthians 2	7/2
1 Kings 14-15; 1 Corinthians 3	7/3
1 Kings 16-18; 1 Corinthians 4	7/4
1 Kings 19-20; 1 Corinthians 5	7/5
1 Kings 21-22; 1 Corinthians 6	7/6
2 Kings 1-3; 1 Corinthians 7:1-19	7/7
2 Kings 4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:20-40	7/8

Question for the Week

Name the parents of John the Baptist.

Answer to Previous Question

How old was Methuselah when his father was taken away by God?

300; Gn. 5:21ff