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Sunday PM Worship	5:30 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 7/9/2017

Sunday Class	73
Sunday AM	88
Sunday PM	63
Wednesday	52

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The Second Biggest Reason Young People Leave the Church

by Jack Wilkie, July 13, 2017

Among the tens of thousands of people who have left the faith as they've gone through their high school and college years over the past few generations there are probably tens of thousands of reasons why they left. Each person might have dozens of different events, questions, doubts, or desires that led them in a different direction. But at the heart of it all, when you listen to those who have left when they talk about why they moved on from the church, two clear reasons can be seen at the foundation of each person's departure. In this article we'll look at the second biggest reason, and next week's article will focus on the #1 reason they leave the church.

They don't think like Christians.

It seems so obvious, and yet it keeps on happening. We all know that it can be hard to be a Christian sometimes and that sometimes the only thing that keeps a person steady is the knowledge that Christianity is true, and that no matter how we feel about serving God in a given moment we have to persevere because it's the right thing to do. Unfortunately, those who have left the church don't have that mindset. In fact, research shows that there are plenty of people who are still members of churches who don't think like Christians, either.

In 2009 the Barna Group surveyed the worldviews of Americans. In the study they gave a very broad definition of the Christian worldview based on six principles: that absolute moral truth exists; the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches; Satan is considered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic; a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or do good works; Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today. What they found was that only 19% of those "born agains" agreed with all six statements compared with 9% of the American public. Most shocking, however, is the fact that less than .5% of people between the ages of 18-23 held to those six biblical beliefs.

The younger generations have almost completely rejected the Bible's teachings, and their Christian peers are often right there with them in disowning God's words. One study showed that religious progressives easily outnumber religious conservatives among Millennials. Younger Christians are more likely to be accepting of popular sins like homosexuality. More of them are accepting of evolution than their predecessors. They leave because they simply don't think like Christians. God's word isn't a lamp unto their feet nor a light unto their path.

If you're a parent, think about your own children for a second. Or, if you're a church leader, think of the young people in your church. Can they answer why they believe in the Bible? Can they explain why the Bible is against fornication, pornography, homosexuality, transgenderism, and any of today's other popular sins? Can they "give an answer for the hope that is within them?" If you're not sure, just ask them. Help them see the world through God's eyes and start building that biblical worldview before the world does everything in its power to turn them from it. There are a lot of hard questions out there that are going to be thrown at them from every angle. If they haven't already been trained to think like Christians when those questions hit them, it might be too late.

What young people need as much as anything is a solid foundation in the truth. They need apologetics. They need to know how to defend their faith against the world's attacks. Sometimes we get so stuck in teaching against the biggest threats of the past that we miss the bigger, more current heresies challenging the youth and our fellow Christians. Parents, ministers, Bible class teachers – encourage questions, and be ready to answer them. Yes, even the difficult, uncomfortable ones. We can't afford to keep on losing young people because they haven't been trained to think like Christians.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Woe Is Me	Psalms 107:1
Evening	Truths From the First Verse	Genesis 1:1

PRAYER LIST

MARGIE DYER - is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery Wednesday, July 19 in Oak Ridge.

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

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.

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 God's Will

Selected

"Teach me to do your will." Ps 143:10 NIV As you look back on your life, the thing that will bring you the greatest joy is knowing you've done the will of God. But in order for that to happen, you must really want to do God's will. Jesus said, "If any one is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself" (Jn 7:17 NAS). Note the words "willing to do His will." More than completing your education, or getting married, or getting your house paid off, or anything else in life, you must want to do God's will. Chuck Swindoll writes: "There have been times when I said I wanted to do His will but I really didn't. That's a tough thing to confess, but looking back with 20/20 hindsight, I realize that at times I resisted His will. And I've learned that serious consequences follow selfish resistance." Paul writes: "Doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does" (Eph 6:6-8 NIV). Note the phrase "doing the will of God from your heart." That's about as deep as it gets. More than pleasing people, more than acquiring creature comforts and status, more than staying safe, your greatest desire should be to please God. The Psalmist prayed, "I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart" (Ps 40:8 NIV). Your prayer should be: "In all I do this day, Lord, my desire is to please You and do Your will.

All Month - July

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

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Wendall Smallwood
First Prayer	Gary Medley
Last Prayer	Dale Flatt
Greet at Door	Roger & Carol Mayberry
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Colonel Wheeler
First Prayer	Eddie Frizzell
Last Prayer	James Scott
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Glen Belcher
Read Scripture	Vestle Hensley
First Prayer	Greg Frizzell
Last Prayer	Joe Brown
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Happy Birthday

Lester Boles	7/17
Lucas Frizzell	7/21
Kim Scott	7/24
John Lane	7/25

Daily Bible Reading

2 Kings 15-16; 1 Corinthians 13	7/16
2 Kings 17-18; 1 Corinthians 14:1-20	7/17
2 Kings 19-21; 1 Corinthians 14:21-40	7/18
2 Kings 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28	7/19
2 Kings 24-25; 1 Corinthians 15:29-58	7/20
Psalms 1,2,10; 1 Corinthians 16	7/21
Psalms 33,43,66; 2 Corinthians 1	7/22

Question for the Week

In which congregation were Paul & his companions gentle as a nurse that cherishes her children?

Answer to Previous Question

Into whose dungeon was Jeremiah cast at one time?

Malchiah, the king's son; Jer. 38:6