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<b>Sunday AM Bible Study</b>	9:30 AM
<b>Sunday AM Worship</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Sunday PM Worship</b>	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday Bible Class</b>	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 7/23/2017

<b>Sunday Class</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Sunday AM</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Sunday PM</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>53</b>

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## Attendance

Tom Moore

Attending worship services faithfully is really important. Many strong Christians have become weak, and many weak Christians have totally fallen away, because at some point they began to miss worship services and Bible study on a regular basis. A Christian's attendance at services has been rightfully declared by many as a thermometer indicating one's fervor for the Lord. One cannot truthfully say he is a faithful child of God if he does not attend worship services regularly. Consider now the following reasons why we must attend worship services faithfully.

The Hebrew writer penned the following passage giving us several reasons for not forsaking the assembly of the saints. "*Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh*" (Hebrews 10:24-25). Our assembling together for worship services stimulates the brethren to love and good works, and exhorts and encourages us to greater Christian enthusiasm. It is important because of the trials, temptation and heartaches we face each week as Christians, to assemble together at each opportunity so that we might be stimulated and encouraged, and to do the same for others. It is reassuring to be around those of "*like precious faith*" (2 Pet. 1:1). We all need encouragement, but we must attend worship services and Bible study to receive this precious privilege.

Another reason we should attend worship services and Bible study faithfully is seen in Hebrews 10:25 - it is a command of God. Jesus said, "*If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments*" (John 14:15). Furthermore, we also need to remember, "*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous*" (1 John 5:3). The Lord informs us that we must assemble at every opportunity with the saints. If this were the only reason for attending worship regularly - it would be enough. If you really love the Lord you will keep His commandments.

Still another reason we should attend worship services regularly is that we must be a good example to others. Peter declared, "*For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps*" (1 Pet. 2:21). Jesus left us wonderful examples of how we should live. One of these examples is that He kept the Law of Moses perfectly, which included attending all of the different feasts and special days of the Jewish religion. We, too, learning from the example of Jesus, should regularly attend all of the worship services as well as all other gatherings for the purpose of study and edification. We should do this to please God, but also to set good examples for others. Paul said that we are to be "*an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*" (1 Tim. 4:12). What kind of example do you think we set for the non-believer or for the weak Christian by our apathetic attendance? Not a good one I assure you.

Would one consider a car faithful if it only starts every other time? Would you consider your spouse faithful if she cheated on your marriage once a month? Of course not! Then what makes us think that we can be faithful Christians if we are not attending worship services regularly? It is vital that we are faithful in attendance - our eternal destiny is hanging in the balances. We are not condemning those who are ill at home, or having to care for a sick loved one - we speak to those who have no reason for not coming other than being deficient in concern for spiritual matters. We love you and hope to see you at our next scheduled meeting time.

## SERMON TOPICS

Morning	<b>Consequences of Frustration</b>	Galatians 6:9
Evening	<b>Lessons from Elymas</b>	Acts 13:10-12

## PRAYER LIST

**MARGIE DYER** - had hip replacement surgery. She is at Life Care Center of Sparta and hopes to come home on Monday.

**PAUL PIPPIN** - brother-in-law of Wanda Frizzell, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. He will begin treatments soon.

**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, Karma Carter (wife of Jonathan Carter, nephew of Denise York), Kenneth Bryant (brother-in-law of Peggy Mahaney), Louise Holland (friend of the York family), Marie Eckel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### August Service Schedule

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

### 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.

### August 6-10 - Bethlehem Gospel Meeting

Bethlehem church of Christ will hold a Gospel Meeting August 6-10 with guest speaker Ronald Strong, from the Center Grove church of Christ. Nightly services Monday-Thursday at 7pm.

### 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.

## Learning to Be Content

*"I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."* Philippians 4:11

Discontentment is a trap that can ensnare you and rob you of joy and fulfillment. That's why the Bible says you must learn to be content "whatever the circumstances." The notion that a bigger car or a bigger house or a bigger salary will bring you contentment is a myth. There will always be something "bigger and better" out there. There will always be people who have more than you, so you'll never be able to get off the treadmill.

That's not to imply you should be satisfied with being enslaved to debt or destructive habits, or settle for barely getting by lifestyle and not fulfill the call of God on your life. Not at all! You must keep working to improve yourself, while remaining totally dependent on God to bless you, promote you, and meet your needs.

Contentment means not coveting another person's position, possessions, or personality. Your security and self-worth should be based on who you are in Christ, not what you have in material assets. What a great way to live! Paul lived like that. He said, *"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:11-13).

Each day you have a choice to make regarding your attitude. Learn to be content.

### All Month - July

<b>Table Assist</b>	Andrew Scott Chad York Josh Lawson Vestle Hensley
<b>Tray Preparation Table</b>	Cathy Frizzell Greg Frizzell

### Sunday AM Worship

<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Adam Swallows
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Andrew Scott
<b>First Prayer</b>	Wendall Smallwood
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Larry Jackson
<b>Greet at Door</b>	Lester & Rhonda Boles
<b>Slide Production</b>	Matthew Swallows

### Sunday PM Worship

<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Adam Swallows
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Dennis Chaffin
<b>First Prayer</b>	Colonel Wheeler
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Glen Belcher
<b>Slide Production</b>	Matthew Swallows

### Wednesday Bible Class

<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Adam Swallows
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Joe Brown
<b>First Prayer</b>	Roger Mayberry
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Mike Martin
<b>Slide Production</b>	Matthew Swallows

### Happy Birthday

Levi Swallows	8/3
Leota Moss	8/10

### Happy Anniversary

Roger & Carol Mayberry	8/10
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### Daily Bible Reading

Psalm 113-115; 2 Corinthians 9	7/30
Psalm 116-118; 2 Corinthians 10	7/31
Psalm 119:1-88; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15	8/1
Psalm 119:89-176; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33	8/2
Psalm 120-122; 2 Corinthians 12	8/3
Psalm 123-125; 2 Corinthians 13	8/4
Psalm 127-129; Acts 19:1-20	8/5

### Question for the Week

Who wrote the book of Acts?

### Answer to Previous Question

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

Thessalonica; 1 Ths. 2:7