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Sunday AM Bible Study	9:30 AM
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 7/30/2017

Sunday Class	77
Sunday AM	90
Sunday PM	67
Wednesday	54

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Sunday Morning Isn't Enough

Jack Wilkie, August 3, 2017

There are 168 hours in a week. Factoring in sleep (and pretending everyone sleeps 8 hours per night), that's 112 waking hours per week. Calculating one hour for Sunday morning worship, that leaves 111 other hours in the week, but sadly for many Christians that one hour constitutes their entire engagement with the church each week.

Most congregations still hold to the Sunday morning-Sunday evening-Wednesday night schedule of worship and classes, and it's no secret that those churches struggle to get even 50% of Sunday morning's attendees back for any of those sessions. I understand that some are elderly and can't make it back out at night, and I understand that some are at a place in life where their work schedules don't allow them to make every assembly... but those two cases certainly can't account for all of the empty pews. Why do so many only gather with the church for one hour a week? Is it too much to instead give God 4 hours out of every 112?

The root problem is that "church" can be a feature of our lives but not the central focus. **If being part of a church means nothing more than having a one hour Sunday appointment on your weekly calendar, we've misunderstood the entire concept of belonging to the body of Christ.** Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4 all discuss the idea that the church is a body made up of a number of different parts and that it is built up by what every joint supplies (Eph. 4:16). Additionally, those who are part of the church are under the spiritual guidance of the elders who set those times as they look out for the best interest of the members under their care (Heb. 13:17).

But, instead of viewing themselves as a useful part of a body, many view themselves as spectators whose only duty to God is to be there on Sunday morning. Christianity is not a checklist religion where certain duties have to be performed to secure one's spot in heaven. No one should be asking, "Can I still get into heaven if I only come on Sunday mornings?" That completely misses the point. Instead, we start with the fact that Jesus went to the cross and gave His life for us, and so in turn we should be giving our lives to Him. We should be committed to living under His headship as a part of the church, and that includes building a bond with our church family. Giving God one hour a week just isn't going to cut it if you want to grow spiritually.

As often as possible, be with your church family for the other services. Sunday morning class and Wednesday night offer 2 more hours of opportunity to study the Bible with your Christian family. Sunday evening gives us the chance to sing more praises to God and hear another sermon from the word. Beyond those times, make it a priority to be there for special events like Gospel meetings and fellowship meals.

But don't just let your church participation be limited to being there when the doors are open. Have your fellow Christians into your home or go to lunch with them after worship. Build friendships with them. Be a part of their lives and let them be a part of yours. The company we keep has a massive impact on who we are as people, so we must put the utmost importance on surrounding ourselves with people who will help us along this Christian path. The Christian life was never meant to be a solo journey, but when we deny ourselves the opportunity to study, worship, and fellowship with the Christian family God has given us, we take on all the risks that going alone brings.

Nobody has ever regretted spending too much time focused on God. If you haven't yet, make a commitment to be more than just a "Sunday morning only" Christian.

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	What Makes a Strong Church	Revelation 3:8
Evening	The Demonstration of Forgiveness	Ephesians 4:32

PRAYER LIST

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), Louise Holland (friend of the York family), Marie Eckel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pippin - Third Sunday Singing

Pippin will host the Putnam County third Sunday singing August 20 at 2pm. This will replace our normal evening service.

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.

False Standards *by Andrew Mitchell*

I often hear people trying to establish right and wrong based on the wrong standard. Here are some examples:

Our Parents (Mt. 10:21, 34-37). As much as we should love and respect our parents, we cannot establish right and wrong on the basis of our parents alone.

Our Conscience (Ac. 23:1; 26:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-13). Even though our conscience can be useful, we may still be wrong even though our conscience doesn't bother us. Paul had followed his conscience even when he was a persecutor.

Emotions & Feelings (Pr. 14:12; 28:26; Jer. 10:23). Just because something "feels" right to you, that doesn't necessarily make it right. Sin can even "feel" right.

The Majority (Mt. 7:13-14). Don't ever think that something is right simply because most believe it. The majority is headed to destruction.

Preachers & Religious Leaders (2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Pet. 2:1-3). Your preacher may be a great guy, but that doesn't mean he is right.

Tradition (Mt. 15:1-9; Col. 2:8). Truth is not established by how long something has been around. Sin has been around a long time, too.

The Good End (Rom. 3:8). The end doesn't always justify the means. Something is not right just because we may think it is causing "good".

What is the "RIGHT" way to tell right from wrong? God's WORD, and HIS word ALONE (Jn. 12:48).

All Month - August

Table	Eddie Frizzell
Tray Preparation	Rhonda Boles
Table Assist	John Jones John Lane Larry Jackson Roger Mayberry

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	Joe Brown
Last Prayer	Lester Boles
Greet at Door	John & Myra Jones
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	John Jones
First Prayer	Greg Frizzell
Last Prayer	Eddie Frizzell
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Adam Swallows
Read Scripture	Dennis Chaffin
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Larry Jackson
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Happy Birthday

Leota Moss	8/10
Faye Belcher	8/18
Dale Flatt	8/19

Happy Anniversary

Roger & Carol Mayberry	8/10
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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm 130-132; Acts 19:21-41	8/6
Psalm 133-135; Acts 20:1-16	8/7
Psalm 136,146; Acts 20:17-38	8/8
Psalm 147-148; Ephesians 1	8/9
Psalm 149-150; Ephesians 2	8/10
1 Chronicles 1-3; Ephesians 3	8/11
1 Chronicles 4-6; Ephesians 4	8/12

Question for the Week

What was the name of David's wife that bore him Adonijah?

Answer to Previous Question

Who wrote the book of Acts?

Luke; Lk. 1:1-4; Acts 1:1