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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 8/6/2017

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The Way Paul Preached

Robert Turner

Soon after Paul had established the cause of Christ in Galatia, Judaising teachers appeared and began their work of destruction. They insisted that Gentiles must be circumcised, must come to Christ via a Jewish route of law; and in their effort to overcome the truth Paul had taught they questioned his apostleship. Paul defended his apostleship to establish the divine source of his message. We here note only the variety and nature of his appeal -- the way Paul preached.

There was absolutely no toleration of "another gospel," even if an angel should preach it (1:8-9). Nor could its principles be compromised, even by another apostle (2:11-14). But strong, hard preaching and emotional appeals were not incompatible. He compared his early work with them to a woman in birth pains, suffering much to bring them to Christ. Now, "I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (4:19). He reminded them of their appreciation for his early effort, saying, "If it had been possible ye would have plucked out your eyes, and have given them to me" (4:15). That is a heart wringer!

He could become upset with them: "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you" (3:1); but it is concern for their spiritual well-being that disturbed him. "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years" (as religious ceremonies); so he says, "I am afraid of you" (4:11) and "I stand in doubt of you" (4:20). This was the concern of genuine love.

But for those who brazenly contradicted the principles of the gospel Paul had some strong words. He said they were proselyting for the sake of numbers, and their own glory (6:12-f). They "desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh." Perhaps his sharpest criticism is the irony of Gal. 5:12, "I would they were even cut off which trouble you." They preach a little cutting; I wish they were completely cut off.

Here is love, warning, concern, exasperation, tender appeal, fear and trembling, harshness, prayer, blood and thunder. Here is a genuine soldier of the cross; a man of flesh whose heart's desire was to serve the Christ; an example for us all.

Positive Isn't Always

J.S. Smith

The other day I heard someone pray that another person would receive positive medical test results. However, when we are looking for cancer we don't want a positive result - that would mean we have cancer. You see, sometimes positive isn't good.

The Zig Ziglar, Dale Carnegie, and Norman Vincent Peale crowd (and their modern day contemporaries) has yet to grasp this reality. We hear about "positive preaching" and "positive mental attitude," as if perception can trump reality. Pleas for balanced preaching are generally nothing more than a cry to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative.

What is positive and what is negative? Positive is supposed to build people up while negative tears them down. Perpetually 'happy' preaching, however, works a most evil result upon its audience.

People who need to hear rebuke (not want to hear, but need to hear) never do. Would Peter's Pentecost audience have been cut to the heart if he had blasted them with happy talk instead of telling them, "You are the men" (to paraphrase with help from another negativist, the prophet Nathan).

Positive preaching refrains from rocking the boat, which is, of course, perceived to be the greatest risk to church growth. A sinking boat, however, does not always rock before its plunges. Could it be that all this positive preaching is like the band playing on the deck of the Titanic?

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Vision Problems	2 Timothy 2:7
Evening	Opportunity and the Gospel	Galatians 6:10

PRAYER LIST

LOUIS JACKSON - cousin of Larry Jackson, recently had surgery and is in need of prayers.

RON GILBERT - is battling a health issue after returning from a recent missionary trip. He has requested the prayers of the church.

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

August 20 - 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.

If It Isn't Broken...Break It

Steve Higginbotham, June 24, 2017

The truism that states, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it" may be true with some things, but not the human heart (Psalm 51:17). If our hearts aren't broken, they need to be.

Have you ever heard of "Kintsugi?" Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with a "glue" made of gold. Rather than throwing away a vase, bowl, or cup that had been dropped and broken, these items can be repaired by gluing the pieces back together with gold. The repair can actually make the piece of pottery more beautiful and more valuable than it was before it was broken.

On a personal level, I have learned the value of brokenness. For the majority of my life, everything was easy. The biggest challenges I faced throughout my youth seem trifling to me today. My life, along with my wife, had a fairy-tale beginning, but eventually we began to experience "breaks" (e.g. the miscarriage of a child; the death of my father-in-law, mother-in-law, and my dad; and most shattering, the choices of one of our children).

These breaks, and countless others, could cause one to retreat, give up, and become bitter. They hurt (present tense), but my wife and I refuse to allow our life together to be little more than useless, broken shards of pottery littering the floor. No, instead, we've given the broken pieces to the Lord who has put us back together, I believe, even more valuable in his service than before (Psalm 147:3). The breaks haven't been desired, but they have been profitable in the hands of "The Potter" (Romans 9:20-23).

If you've been where we've been; if you are where we are; if your life has been shattered by loss, disappointment, and sin, don't give up (Galatians 6:9). God can do amazing things with the pieces of your life. In fact, he can make you more useful and beautiful than you were before you were broken.

All Month - August

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

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	John Jones
First Prayer	James Scott
Last Prayer	Kale Burchett
Greet at Door	Colonel & Ida Wheeler
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Andrew Pippin
Read Scripture	Larry Jackson
First Prayer	Andrew Scott
Last Prayer	John Lane
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Lester Boles
Lead Singing	Eddie Frizzell
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	Kale Burchett
Last Prayer	Glen Belcher
Slide Production	Joe Brown

Happy Birthday

Faye Belcher	8/18
Dale Flatt	8/19
Alaina Lawson	8/23
Piper Kate Burchett	8/26

Daily Bible Reading

1 Chronicles 7-9; Ephesians 5:1-16	8/13
1 Chronicles 10-12; Eph. 5:17-33	8/14
1 Chronicles 13-15; Ephesians 6	8/15
1 Chronicles 16; Ps. 42,44; Romans 1	8/16
Psalm 45-47; Romans 2	8/17
Psalm 48-50; Romans 3	8/18
Psalm 73,85; Romans 4	8/19

Question for the Week

Which Bible book was written to a man named Gaius?

Answer to Previous Question

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

Haggith; 1 Chr. 3:2