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<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 8/13/2017

<b>Sunday Class</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Sunday AM</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Sunday PM</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>55</b>

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## What the world doesn't understand about Christianity

*Jack Wilkie*

When the world looks at Christianity they bring a skeptical eye. They look at the religion as a whole and have a number of questions from all kinds of different angles.

"Why does it matter who someone loves?"

"How could God kill so many people in the flood or in Israel's conquests?"

"Why were there such weird commandments about food and clothing in the Old Testament?"

"Is God really judgmental? I thought He was about forgiveness and acceptance."

Though the questions vary greatly from topic to topic, at their roots they share a similar misunderstanding of a fundamental biblical truth: **God is holy.**

Because God is holy, He makes the rules about what is right and wrong – not us. Because God is holy, He got to decide when a people's iniquity had become too great and they needed to be punished or even eliminated. Because God is holy, He called His people in the Old Testament to be separate and different from the people around them in their clothing, in their food, and in a number of other ways. Because God is holy, He cannot tolerate sin and let it stand without receiving its due punishment.

Holiness is the concept of being different, set apart, unattainable. It was God's holiness that caused Moses to have to take off his shoes before approaching the burning bush as Moses cowered in fear. It was God's holiness that the seraphim proclaimed in God's throne room, leading Isaiah to recognize his uncleanness as he stood before a perfectly holy God. Isaiah showed that God's holiness means that He has every right to strike us down the moment we sin. Once the power, peculiarity, and perfection of God's holiness are understood, a person can't help but take Him seriously and realize that He is perfectly justified to deal with mankind in whatever way He sees best.

When the world asks their questions of Christianity, we have to be prepared to show them what it means that God is holy. However, holiness isn't just misunderstood by the world. Sadly, it's incredibly common for holiness to be misunderstood by Christians. In fact, the shortage of exemplified holiness among Christians is one of the reasons why the world has no grasp of the concept. A.W. Tozer once wrote that "We have learned to live with unholiness and have come to look upon it as the natural and expected thing."

Consider how prevalent the attitude is that we need to just "try to be good people." Or how often one or two "little sins" are excused in our lives because "God wouldn't send someone to hell over that." A proper view of holiness should make us terrified of our sins, which leads us to deeper gratitude for the love shown on the cross that removes those sins from us, which leads us to pursue a more holy life.

But as long as a Christian is casual about his faith and doesn't treat the holy God with all the reverence He is due, the world will continue to misunderstand what Christianity is. Any time they see us acting just like them, they will continue to fail to see how Christianity is different. When we tolerate and excuse our own sins, we tell them that the God we serve doesn't take sin seriously. But if we let God make us like Him and therefore become more holy every day, they'll take notice. As Charles Spurgeon preached, "Give us your holy living, and with your holy living as leverage, we will move the world." It's impossible for us to be holy on our own, but God can make us holy, and it's His working in us that stands out to the world.

Don't just settle for "mostly good." God has redeemed us to make us like Him. "Be holy, for He is holy."

## SERMON TOPICS

Morning **Reasons People Don't Obey God - Joe Brown** John 12:48  
Evening **Third-Sunday Singing at 2pm**

## PRAYER LIST

**BILLY MAYBERRY** - brother of Roger Mayberry has recently been in the hospital in ICU for heart problems and pneumonia. He has now been moved to step-down.

**BRENDA SOUTH** - aunt of Amy Medley, has been diagnosed with eye cancer. She will be having surgery on August 28 and again on September 1.

**STEPHANIE FRIZZELL** - will be having surgery on her neck 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), Louise Holland (friend of the York family), Marie Eckel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### August 20 - Third Sunday Singing

Pippin will host the Putnam County Third Sunday Singing today at 2pm. This will replace the normal evening service.

### September 9 - Willette Annual Youth Day

Willette will host a Youth Day with guest speaker Cliff Goodwin with a theme on "Back to School....Submit to God's Rules." 8:30 breakfast, 9:00 singing, 9:15-11:30 lessons, lunch, and games.

## 'Traditional', 'Contemporary', or Scriptural?

*Greg Gwin*

A nearby denomination advertises that it has two worship services each Sunday morning. One is "traditional" and the other is called "contemporary." While we have not visited either one, we suspect that these distinctions indicate that the first follows the routine patterns that have been observed in that denomination for many years. The "contemporary" service, on the other hand, likely breaks those long standing practices and seeks to attract a younger, more religiously 'liberated' crowd.

The whole notion of choice in this matter of worship is what deserves our attention. Choice is good, even preferable in many realms. We would be upset if we had no freedom to choose houses, cars, clothes, food, etc. In these areas we have a preference, and we act upon it. We allow that others may choose differently, and that is okay. "To each his own," we say.

But, men have mistakenly concluded that we are also free to choose what we like in worship specifically, and in religion generally. The "church of your choice" was a popular slogan many years ago. We don't hear that phrase much anymore, but we certainly see that the concept has taken root. The denominations are full of people who have sought and found what appeals to them. What God wants -- what He has commanded and authorized -- seems to be of little concern.

Jesus taught that "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). This important verse emphasizes two key aspects of acceptable worship. It must be "in spirit" -- indicating that the Father expects a sincere, heart-felt service. Without it, He is not pleased (Matthew 15:8). But our worship must also be "in truth," that is, in accordance with the commands of the Scripture. Those who do not submit to the authority of God's law will not be saved (Matthew 7:21-23).

"Traditional" or "contemporary" is the choice offered by men, but the only right choice is to serve God according to the truth of Scriptures. Anything else is an eternal mistake. Think!

## All Month - August

<b>Table</b>	Eddie Frizzell
<b>Tray Preparation</b>	Rhonda Boles
<b>Table Assist</b>	John Jones John Lane Larry Jackson Roger Mayberry

## Sunday AM Worship

<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Adam Swallows
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Larry Jackson
<b>First Prayer</b>	Andrew Scott
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Eddie Frizzell
<b>Greet at Door</b>	Chad & Denise York
<b>Slide Production</b>	Matthew Swallows

## Sunday PM Worship

<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Adam Swallows
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Glen Belcher
<b>First Prayer</b>	Mike Martin
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Vestle Hensley
<b>Slide Production</b>	Matthew Swallows

## Wednesday Bible Class

<b>Announcements</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Glen Belcher
<b>Read Scripture</b>	John Jones
<b>First Prayer</b>	Joe Brown
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Slide Production</b>	Matthew Swallows

## Happy Birthday

Alaina Lawson	8/23
Piper Kate Burchett	8/26

## Happy Anniversary

Bill & Mary Martin	8/28
Greg & Stephanie Frizzell	8/30
Noel & Marie Eckel	8/31

## Daily Bible Reading

Psalms 87-88; Romans 5	8/20
1 Chronicles 17-19; Romans 6	8/21
1 Chronicles 20-22; Romans 7	8/22
1 Chronicles 23-25; Romans 8:1-21	8/23
1 Chronicles 26-27; Romans 8:22-39	8/24
1 Chronicles 28-29; Romans 9:1-15	8/25
2 Chronicles 1-3; Romans 9:16-33	8/26

## Question for the Week

What subject was discussed by Jesus, Elijah, and Moses at Jesus' transfiguration?

## Answer to Previous Question

Which Bible book was written to a man named Gaius?

3 John; 3 John 1