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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 8/20/2017

Sunday Class - 66
Sunday AM - 86
Sunday PM - 75
Wednesday - 40

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The 4 Jobs of Fathers (and the 2 that Get Forgotten)

August 23, 2017 by Brad Harrub

There is so much I do not know. Every time I open God's Word I am humbled by the vast amount of information in a single book. I will spend my lifetime searching its depths, only to realize I have just skimmed the surface.

Most recently I have been studying more on getting my home in order. (With a son heading off to college I am spending more time investing in the lives of my children.) One of the things that continues to stand out to me as I study God's Word is the continual admonition for fathers to teach children God's commands. Our primary job is to teach the next generation a fidelity and love for Almighty God. We are to mentor and shape their hearts in such a fashion that they will be able to withstand all the attacks of Satan. We see this played out all throughout Biblical history and the consequences of generations who failed to do so. God's Word is abundantly clear that this is the most important job a father will do for his children.

Yet, the reality is we aren't. I say that with respect, love, and kindness in my heart—but the overwhelming evidence is we are producing worldly children who will one day either leave the church or try to change it into something more entertaining. English Anglican cleric George Whitefield, in his sermon, "The Great Duty of Family Religion," wrote: "[E]very governor of a family ought to look upon himself as obliged to act in three capacities as a prophet, to instruct; as a priest, to pray for and with; as a king, to govern, direct, and provide for them."

We have become providers and protectors at the expense of being prophets and kings. Yes, we are able to put a roof over their head and we are able to feed them. But we are not making true disciples for Christ who go on to produce more fruit for Him. Sure, some of them may get wet in the baptistery—but they are not putting on the new man (Colossians 3:8) and becoming fruit bearers for Him. They are worldly and church is just one more "to do" item on their very busy schedules.

[Insert here many men arguing against me that it is our JOB to provide for our families, using 1 Timothy 5:8 as their justification—which is actually talking about providing for widowed parents. I recognize it is our duty to provide for our families, but if that comes at the expense of their eternal souls then what good did those provisions really do?]

So, this is the point at which I look you in the eyes and tell you I don't know everything. I don't know how a man is to make a living and have the time (and energy) to fulfill God's commands regarding his children. Our culture has deemed that it is normal, acceptable, and expected that a man should spend from about 7:00am – 4:00pm involved in a career that has nothing to do with the souls of his children. How do you nourish a marriage and train up your children when you only see them 2-3 hours per day? There is much I don't know—but I do know what we've been doing is not working. That fact is crystal clear. (And sadly, not many men seem eager to change this cultural norm.)

Training up children is hard work. In fact, I would argue it is the toughest job out there. And as a result, it is often one that is neglected, overlooked, forgotten, or regulated to someone else. We read articles or blogs on Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, and Ephesians 6:4 that twist the text in such a way as to relinquish responsibility for training up children. Instead, we expect Bible class teachers and youth ministers to perform this crucial role. We are comforted by sermons that allow us to continue putting in the hours at work without any guilt or any admonition to change. Even homeschool dads pass it off to their wives, expecting them to handle the role that God has given to fathers.

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SERMON TOPICS

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| Morning | Bishops and Deacons | Phil. 1:1 |
| Evening | Humbleness of Mind | Col. 3:12 |

PRAYER LIST

STEPHANIE FRIZZELL - Surgery went well but she is in some pain. She is home recovering.

ANDREW PIPPIN - He came forward Wednesday night requesting prayers for forgiveness.

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

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.

Bulletin Updates

The bulletin is a great communication tool. If you have updates, additions or removals of sick please let one of the deacons know so the appropriate updates and changes can be made.

The 4 Jobs of Fathers (and the 2 that Get Forgotten) Continued...

The bottom line is the Bible repeatedly instructs fathers to teach their children God's commands and to instill a love and fidelity to Him. If something is interfering with that—even a career—we need to have the internal strength to consider what is truly important. We need to remember what has eternal consequences. We need to be talking as a church family about how we can fulfill this crucial role. Some will read this as an article "bashing" fathers. What it really is is a plea for fathers to reevaluate—to step up and fulfill the role God has entrusted us with.

How can you work 40-50 hours per week and still instruct your children properly? As I said to begin with—there is so much I don't know. But I do know this: In the coming weeks, I will watch my Facebook feed light up with fathers who have time to follow their favorite college football team or play fantasy football. There will be millions tuned into the World Series. There will be millions invested into the stock market. There will be hours spent on social media. And there will be thousands of our own young people who leave home who are not thirsting for righteousness or possessing a deep love for God.

Providers and protectors? Absolutely. Prophets and priests? Not so much.

All Month - August

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

Sunday AM Worship

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| Announcements | Gary Medley |
| Lead Singing | Andrew Pippin |
| Read Scripture | Eddie Frizzell |
| First Prayer | Larry Jackson |
| Last Prayer | Joey Frizzell |
| Greet at Door | Eddie & Cathy Frizzell |
| Slide Production | Kale Burchett |

Sunday PM Worship

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| Announcements | Gary Medley |
| Lead Singing | Andrew Pippin |
| Read Scripture | Greg Frizzell |
| First Prayer | Glen Belcher |
| Last Prayer | Josh Lawson |
| Slide Production | Kale Burchett |

Wednesday Bible Class

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| Announcements | Gary Medley |
| Lead Singing | Joey Frizzell |
| Read Scripture | Lester Boles |
| First Prayer | Mike Martin |
| Last Prayer | Lucas Frizzell |
| Slide Production | Kale Burchett |

Happy Birthday

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| Margie Dyer | 9/6 |
| Eddie Frizzell | 9/10 |

Happy Anniversary

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

Daily Bible Reading

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| 2 Chronicles 4-6; Romans 10 | 8/27 |
| 2 Chronicles 7-9; Romans 11:1-18 | 8/28 |
| 2 Chronicles 10-12; Romans 11:19-36 | 8/29 |
| 2 Chronicles 13-14; Romans 12 | 8/30 |
| 2 Chronicles 15-16; Romans 13 | 8/31 |
| 2 Chronicles 17-18; Romans 14 | 9/1 |
| 2 Chronicles 19-20; Romans 15:1-13 | 9/2 |

Question for the Week

Which prophet pictured Israel as a basket of summer fruit?

Answer to Previous Question

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

Jesus' death; Lk. 9:31