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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

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## Aid or Addition — What Is the Difference?

BY WAYNE JACKSON

A kindly gentleman replies: "Because musical instruments are not authorized by the New Testament, hence, they are additions to the divine pattern which prescribes Christian worship."

But the intrigued visitor probes further: "Why then do you use song books? Aren't these also additions?" "No, the brother replies, "our song books are merely aids; there's a difference between an addition and an aid."

Conversations like the previous take place on numerous occasions. There is much confusion in discerning the difference between an "addition" and an "aid." What is the difference? This is a great question, and we focus briefly on it in this week's Penpoint.

How is an "addition" distinguished from an "aid"? An addition occurs when a particular action has been altered, or the fundamental composition or substance of a thing has been changed. An aid alters nothing; it merely facilitates the implementation of the action or substance, without changing anything.

Perhaps several examples will help us focus on this.

#### Aids vs. Additions

A cane may aid one in taking a walk, but with or without this device, one is just walking. But if one walks for a while, and then rides a bicycle, he is no longer just walking; something has been added to his mode of travel. Now, he's both walking and riding.

A mother sends her son to the market to buy a loaf of bread. He brings the bread home in a bag. The bag is merely an aid. Should he purchase a candy bar as well, he has disregarded the instruction of his mother by an addition.

A man takes his automobile to the service center for an oil change. The attendant may use a wrench and funnel to aid in his replacement of the oil. There is no problem with that. But we all understand that if he changes the spark plugs as well, he has augmented the original instructions.

Jesus taught that the communion supper is to consist of bread and fruit of the vine. A table, plates, and cups facilitate (aid) the implementation of those commands. But to garnish the bread with peanut butter, and "punch up" the fruit of the vine with ginger ale, is to be guilty of addition.

Christians are obligated to preach the gospel everywhere to the extent of their ability. In order to accomplish this, it is acceptable to use aids (e.g., tracts, television, the world wide web, or a building). But if one combines something with that gospel (as the Judaizers did in the first century when they taught that circumcision, an element of the Mosaic law, is also necessary to receive salvation – Acts 15:1), that is an offense.

When the church commences the praise portion of its service, the saints may "sing," for such is enjoined by God (Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16). Christians may employ song books, a projection screen, or a tuning fork (to determine the appropriate "pitch"). Still, though, in the final analysis, they would be singing only.

On the other hand, if the church sings to the accompaniment of an organ, piano, etc., those thus participating have added something to what the Lord authorized. There now are two types of music – vocal and instrumental. The nature of the original command has been supplemented.

## SERMON TOPICS

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Morning	<b>Does God "Hear" Prayer?</b>	Is. 59:1,2
Evening	<b>Ebon Pinion</b>	Mk. 14:32-36

## PRAYER LIST

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**STEPHANIE FRIZZELL** - Still recovering from her recent neck surgery.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

There will be a Ladies Bible Class starting Saturday September the 2nd at 1:30. The class will meet other Saturday and will be led by Denese Bybee. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

### Polishing the Pulpit 20017 Lessons

Anyone wanting a copy of the lessons from Polishing the Pulpit can sign up on the sheet on the board in the vestibule.

### 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.

Additions are wrong.

And so, the serious Bible student must conclude that the use of a mere aid only accommodates obedience to God's will. Such expediencies may fluctuate from time-to-time and from place-to-place.

On the other hand, those who respect the authority of the sacred Scriptures will not tamper with the divine prescriptions for worship by the clutterment of additions. They will not add to sacred instruction, for to do so is to invite the wrath of God ultimately.

One needs to remember what happened to those who put God's Ark of the Covenant on a "new" cart (2 Sam. 6:3), instead of transporting the sacred chest as the law had required (Ex. 25:12-14). David later admitted that this addition was "not according to the [divine] ordinance" (1 Chron. 15:13). It pays to know the difference between an "aid" and an "addition."

To many, such matters perhaps seem rather trivial. This is because they have never fathomed the concept of the necessity of absolute obedience to the sovereign Creator.

## All Month - September

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<b>Table</b>	James Scott
<b>Tray Preparation</b>	Denese Bybee
<b>Table Assist</b>	Dennis Chaffin Joe Brown Lucas Frizzell Mike Martin

### Sunday AM Worship

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<b>Announcements</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Andrew Pippin
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Joey Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	Kale Burchett
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Roger Mayberry
<b>Greet at Door</b>	Roger & Carol Mayberry
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

### Sunday PM Worship

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<b>Announcements</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Andrew Pippin
<b>Read Scripture</b>	John Lane
<b>First Prayer</b>	Eddie Frizzell
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Gary Medley
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

### Wednesday Bible Class

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<b>Announcements</b>	Lester Boles
<b>Lead Singing</b>	Glen Belcher
<b>Read Scripture</b>	Lucas Frizzell
<b>First Prayer</b>	Larry Jackson
<b>Last Prayer</b>	Vestle Hensley
<b>Slide Production</b>	Joe Brown

### Happy Birthday

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Margie Dyer	9/6
Eddie Frizzell	9/10
Malissa Mayberry	9/11
Colonel Wheeler	9/15
Nicole Castle	9/17

### Daily Bible Reading

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2 Chronicles 21; Obadiah; Romans 15:14-33	9/3
2 Chronicles 22; Joel 1; Romans 16	9/4
2 Chronicles 23; Joel 2-3; Acts 21:1-17	9/5
2 Chronicles 24-26; Acts 21:18-40	9/6
Isaiah 1-2; Acts 22	9/7
Isaiah 3-4; Acts 23:1-15	9/8
Isaiah 5-6; Acts 23:16-35	9/9

### Question for the Week

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Where does the Bible say that the word of God is not bound?

### Answer to Previous Question

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Which prophet pictured Israel as a basket of summer fruit?

Amos; Am.8:1ff