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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

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My Feelings are Hurt – I Quit!

By R. W. McAlister

We've seen it time and time again. A Christian (or sometimes a non-Christian) who is usually found in attendance at worship or some church activity stops coming – no longer attends worship and won't be found at the clean-up day or potluck. Sometimes, it's sudden, but more often, the decline in attendance is gradual. A Wednesday night service is missed, then Sunday night, church outings, until the person no longer is seen anywhere with the Lord's people when they gather.

While there are numerous reasons for why this may occur, one commonly voiced reason is "hurt feelings" over one thing or another. For example: "I missed two Sundays in a row and nobody called to check on me." "I had surgery and nobody came to see me or even sent a card." "You know my loved one is ill and you didn't put his name on the prayer list." "The preacher doesn't care about; he only has time for 'important' members." "The Bible teacher disagreed with my remark." In this person's mind, the church is the offender and is filled with hypocrites who have hurt him and don't really care about him – or her. That's a questionable excuse we often hear.

I'm not defending hypocrisy. Of course, hypocrites must repent in order to be saved (Matthew 23:28; I Timothy 4:2; James 3:17). Jesus said that sinners will be appointed "...his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:51). To use hypocrites as an excuse for abandoning God is foolish. The presence of one or one hundred hypocrites has nothing to do with my relationship with God, unless I allow it! Let me ask: do we come to the assembly to judge our brethren (Matthew 7:1-2), or to worship our God (John 4:24)? Which is worse, to continue to worship and work faithfully with other imperfect saints, trying to get stronger, or to drop out and let the devil have our souls?

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SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Worship Innovations	Col. 3:17
Evening	Wanting to Want To	2 Cor. 8:7-11

PRAYER LIST

THE FAMILY OF LUCY WHEELER - She passed away this past week. She was the mother of Colonel Wheeler.

THE FAMILY OF PEARL SHERFIELD - She passed away Friday.

THOSE STILL IN NEED OF PRAYERS - Continue to remember those who are recovering from recent surgeries and illnesses. Also, pray for the ones who have lost a loved one.

MISSIONARIES - Remember to pray for those who spread the gospel around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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How do we win back those who quit over hurt feelings? If our initial approach is critical (We shake our finger and scream, "You're going to hell for quitting!"), we shouldn't be surprised if they get hostile. We might do better to gently remind them that it wasn't God who hurt their feelings. It makes no sense to take it out on Him when He has only blessed and helped us. Losing one's soul (the end result of quitting the church) is a high price to pay because we don't like a church member (Ephesians 4:32) – or because we think they don't like us. When tempted to give up over hurt feelings, we might ask ourselves four questions:

Did anyone spit on me? They did on Jesus (Mt. 26:67).

Did anyone beat me on the back? They did Him (Mk. 15:15).

Did anyone force a crown of thorns down upon my head? They did His (Mt. 27:29).

Did anyone hang me on a cross? They did Jesus (Mk. 15:25).

They did all these things to Him and more. Yet He never lost focus on honoring His Father's will. May we never lose focus over something much more trivial.

All Month - July

Table	Eddie Frizzell
Tray Preparation	Denise York
Table Assist	Andrew Scott James Scott John Lane Vestle Hensley

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Larry Jackson
Read Scripture	Joey Frizzell
First Prayer	Joe Brown
Last Prayer	Lester Boles
Greet at Door	Roger & Carol Mayberry
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Eddie Frizzell
Read Scripture	James Scott
First Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Last Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Wednesday Bible Class

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Joey Frizzell
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	Greg Frizzell
Last Prayer	Dale Flatt
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Happy Birthday

Lester Boles	7/17
Lucas Frizzell	7/21

Daily Bible Reading

2 Kings 4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:20-40	7/8
2 Kings 7-9; 1 Corinthians 8	7/9
2 Kings 10-12; 1 Corinthians 9	7/10
2 Kings 13-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-18	7/11
Jonah 1-4; 1 Corinthians 10:19-33	7/12
Amos 1-3; 1 Corinthians 11:1-16	7/13
Amos 4-6; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34	7/14

Question for the Week

What nation was called God's washpot?

Answer to Previous Question

When Paul went to visit Peter in Jerusalem, how long did he stay with him?
Answer: 15 days; Gal. 1:18