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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

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Marriages That Don't Fail

By Ron Thomas

In the July 27th (2014) edition of Parade Magazine there is an article on the happily married ("Happily Ever After").

The gist of the article is accentuating the positives in marriage to make it last until "death do us part." Some 40 years ago, after some research on the topic, psychologist John Gottman identified, with 90% accuracy, four things that encourage (or move) marriages to end in divorce (p. 8). They are: criticism, defensiveness, contempt (rolling one's eyes), and stonewalling (or, the silence treatment). That which contributes toward such behavior is stress. If you reflect for a moment you will easily recognize these things to be so.

What are some suggestions for a happy marriage then? Once again, there are four things identified. Offer some tenderness. Not always easy to do, and one may have to travel further than the other, but its usefulness is obvious. Second, soften conflict with humor. Wisdom and experience helps one (or the other) to know when to make use of it. Third, support, but don't smother. Especially when there are problems, or there is a problem; when the other knows his (her) spouse is there to help and support through the weakness (that is, helping to overcome), then the marriage is strengthened. Fourth, share the emotions of the other. When there is joy in one, share it. When there is sorrow, share it.

As I reflect on these pieces of practical advice, I note the Lord said such things long ago, and He did so in fewer words than marital counselors make use of today. In Matthew 7:12 one reads: "In everything, treat others as you would want them to treat you, for this fulfills the law and the prophets" (NET). Later in His ministry, when asked about the greatest command, Jesus started first with love toward God, then love toward one's neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). If these were implemented in each and every marriage, under what conditions would that marriage (or any marriage) fail?

SERMON TOPICS

Morning	Use a Little Wine	1 Tim. 5:23
Evening	Bible Lessons from Snow	Is. 1:18

PRAYER LIST

JENNIE JACKSON - Her shoulder surgery went well and she is recovering.

HULON FLATT - He has been moved to Bethesda for rehab.

TREVA DAVIS - Her brain surgery went well and she is recovering.

AMY MEDLEY - She is scheduled to have neck surgery January the 8th.

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

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.

SHUT-INS - Remember those who are unable to attend services due to health issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting today at 4:00.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

The Holiday Fellowship Meal will be December the 16th after the evening service.

FRUIT BASKETS

The fruit baskets will be assembled and delivered Saturday December the 15th.

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

If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin prior to Sunday via email, you can sign up at www.pippincoc.com and enter your email address in the box on the right of the page.

All Month - December

Table	Eddie Frizzell
Tray Preparation	Carol Mayberry
Table Assist	Harold Frizzell James Scott John Lane Larry Jackson

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Larry Jackson
Read Scripture	John Lane
First Prayer	Joe Brown
Last Prayer	Roger Mayberry
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Sunday PM Worship

Announcements	Gary Medley
Lead Singing	Eddie Frizzell
Read Scripture	Mike Martin
First Prayer	Colonel Wheeler
Last Prayer	Dennis Chaffin
Slide Production	Kale Burchett

Wednesday Bible Class

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

Happy Birthday

Brooklyn Apple	12/11
Denise York	12/15
Wendall Smallwood	12/16
Andrew Scott	12/19

Happy Anniversary

Perry & Nell Bartlett	12/12
Mike & Betty Martin	12/18

Daily Bible Reading

Zechariah 5-8; Jude	12/9
Zechariah 9,10; Revelation 1	12/10
Zechariah 11,12; Revelation 2	12/11
Zechariah 13,14; Revelation 3,4	12/12
Psalm 74-76; Revelation 5	12/13
Psalm 77,78; Revelation 6	12/14
Psalm 79,80; Revelation 7	12/15

Question for the Week

What is the shortest book in the Old Testament?

Answer to Previous Question

What was the age of Noah when the flood waters came on the earth? Answer: 600; Gn. 7:11