

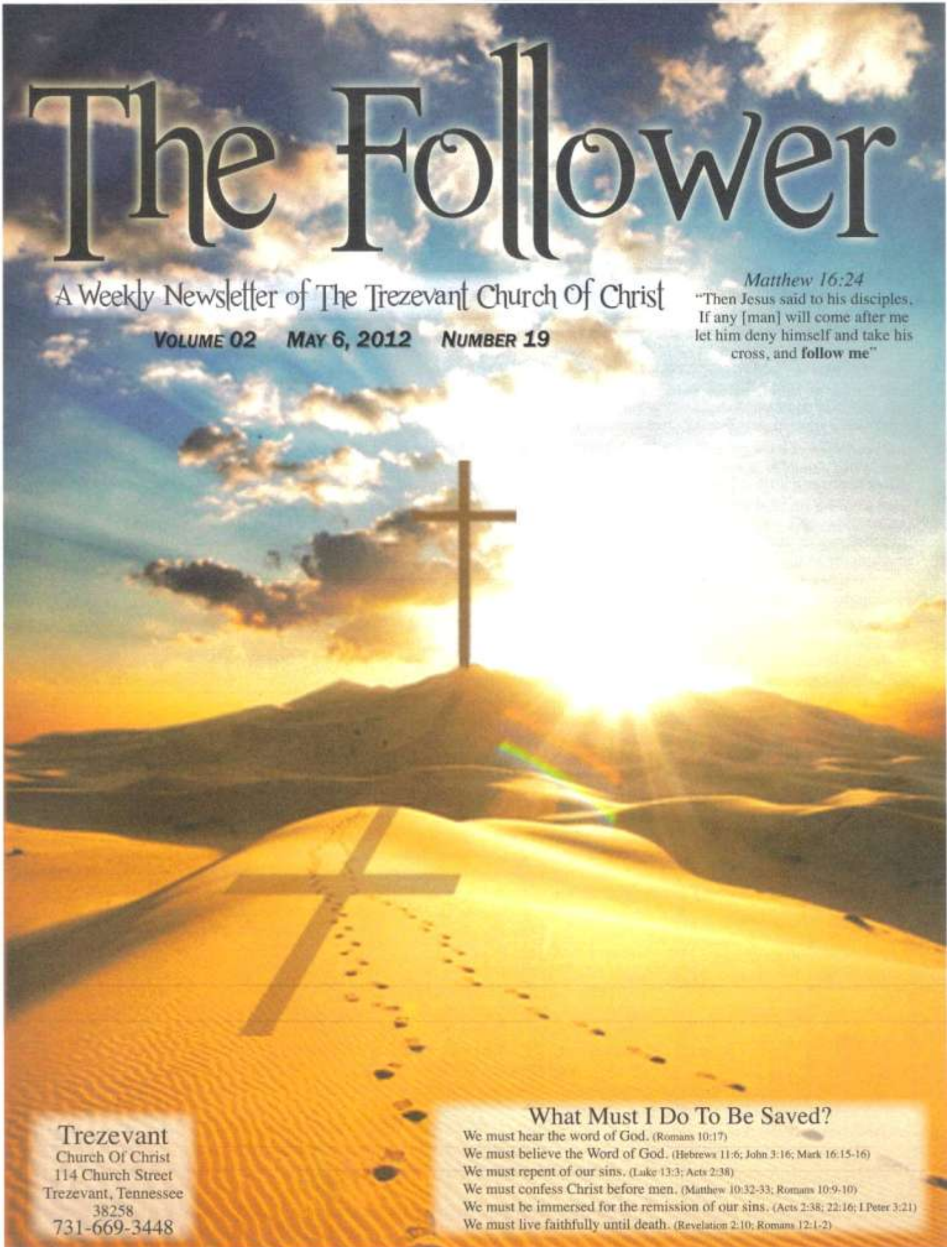
The Follower

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Matthew 16:24

“Then Jesus said to his disciples,
If any [man] will come after me
let him deny himself and take his
cross, and follow me”



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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- We must hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)
- We must believe the Word of God. (Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16)
- We must repent of our sins. (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)
- We must confess Christ before men. (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10)
- We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. (Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21)
- We must live faithfully until death. (Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2)

If It Ain't Broke Don't Fix It! -By Jay Rogers

My granddaddy (JT Rogers) is a real good mechanic. He is especially good at working on small engines. When my dad was younger he always wanted to be a mechanic. He heard my granddad make a statement one time that he could put a small engine together that he found tore apart and all the parts was in several different buckets. Being young and not really understanding the difficulty of working on a motor my dad went to the barn and found a lawnmower. This mower did not need any major repairs, as a matter of fact it was running good up till this point. Well, my dad found some empty buckets, tools and he started taking parts off the motor and putting them in the buckets. It wasn't long until he had this lawnmower motor tore apart. You guessed it! When he started putting it back together he couldn't remember which parts went where. He put everything back the best he could and left it not saying anything to his dad.

Have you ever known someone that couldn't leave well enough alone, or try to fix or change something that wasn't broke. This happens pretty often today. Not just with kids and lawnmowers. We even see it with the Bible and the Church. Some people just can't leave it alone. They try to fix things that are not broken.

The Word of God warns us in Revelation 22:18-19 about trying to change or fix His words. "For I testify to every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add to these things, God shall add to him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book." The Lord has left us a plan. It is the plan of salvation. First we must HEAR the word of God. Romans 10:17 "So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." After we have heard the word, we must BELIEVE what it says: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then Peter says in Acts 2:38 that we must REPENT: "Then Peter said to them, Repent ye, and each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." God's plan tells us to make that great confession that we read about in Acts 8:37 "... I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." In Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Just like we read in Acts 8:38 with Philip and the eunuch, after we make that great confession we can have our sins washed away through baptism. "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." After we complete our obedience through baptism we must spend the rest of our life faithful to God. Revelation 2:10 "... be thou faithful to death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

As we have already noted the Lord tells us in His word what we must do to be saved. What if we don't follow God's plan. Can we expect to be saved/have a home in heaven if we choose not to follow the narrow path? Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in by it: Because small is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth to life, and few there are that find it." If Noah had made the ark out of oak wood do you think the ark would have floated and Noah and his family would have been saved from the flood. The answer is NO! Because the Lord told Noah exactly how to build the Ark, Genesis 6:14-16. There are other examples in the Bible such as: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Daniel 3, and many others we read about in Hebrews 11 that were counted among the faithful.

An example where they did not do what the Lord told them is found in Genesis 19. Two angels came to tell Lot that the Lord was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. In verse 17, Lot was told not to look behind and not stay in the plains, but escape to the mountains lest you be consumed also. Later on when Lot and his family were fleeing his wife looked back behind, and she became a pillar of salt. If she had done what God instructed she would not have turned into a pillar of salt.

We also read in Genesis 2:16-17 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest of it thou shalt surely die." Later in Genesis 3:1-5 Adam and Eve was tempted by Satan to eat of the tree of knowledge. In Genesis 3:6-7 "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate, and gave also to her husband with her; and he ate. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made for themselves aprons." Man disobeyed the Lord.

As long as we have the right to choose which path to travel. We will always have people who want to fix things that are not broken. We will always have young children trying to be like their parents and tare apart lawnmowers. We must choose to follow God's plan the way he has laid it out. It is perfect. It is perfect for us. It is fixed. It ain't broke.

Some people follow God and is counted among the faithful. Some people disobey the Lord. Which choice will you make?

Cards Needed!

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All our sick/shut ins
would appreciate a card
of encouragement.

Care Group Corner
(Encouragement through Care)
Check your care group...Is anyone missing?

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: May 12-Morgan Lawrence, 16-Sherrill Smith, 23-Norris De Priest, 28-Daniel Rogers, 30-Bethany Aden, 31-Nancy Fowler, 31-Terry Hall.

Anniversaries: May 19-Ben & Angie Holmes, 20-Mark & Sharon Wright, 27-Hilliard & Orvaline Mann.

HEALTH WATCH

***The bulletin was finished this past Sunday since we were going to be at St. Jude most of the week. Please fill in any updates needed.**

Sick this past week: Noah Brasher, _____

Jay Rogers went for his scans and tests this past Wednesday. Jimmy McClain was admitted in the hospital this past Sunday for a blood clot in his leg. Billy Bennett is having some difficult days. Kelli Dowdy is home from the hospital. Edsel Holt procedure went well and will be going for some test on his stomach.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

Annie Lee Hall, Billy Bennett, Helen Pinson, Horace Ray Coleman, Glenda Rogers, Betty De Priest.

PRAYER LIST

Doug Gordon, Gerthal Leach, Kary Granade, Glen Morgan, Leon Purvis, Lois Arrington, Jeff Bell & family (Preacher at Union City), Judy Garrard, Norma Garner, Ruth Bennett, Josie Plunk, Sherry Parker, David King, John David Presson, Rena Arrington, Jerry & Betty De Priest, Reitha Martin, Zach Crider.

CANCER: Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Sam Bailey, Judy Robinson, Donald Kelly, Charles D. Akins (Nephew of La Verne Belew), Ann Spain, Becky Bledsoe, Bobby Giles, Linda Bynum, Ruby Fesmire, Natalie Jackson, Sherry (Argo) Stout, Tolbert Ray, Gail Pritchard, Mary Wilson, Jay Rogers, Dwayne Bateman, James Green, CJ Wachsmuth, Joey Anderson, Pat Schneider, Samantha Wallace, Beth Ann Potter, Jerry Martin, Vickie Foster, Josie Plunk.

MILITARY: Troy Pollack

☐ Let's continue to remember our men and women in the military.

Schedule for Wednesday Night Devotionals!

Tim Rogers - May 9	Mark Wright - July 4
Norris De Priest - May 16	Dale Aden - July 11
Charlie Wachsmuth - May 23	Hayden McClain - July 18
Steve Foster- May 30	Jacob Peevyhouse- July 25
Hayden McClain - June 6	Shane De Priest - August 1
Jacob Peevyhouse - June 13	Tim Rogers - August 8
Shane De Priest - June 20	Norris De Priest-August 15
Terry Hall - June 27	Charlie Wachsmuth-Aug 22

	<u>Last Week's Record</u>	<u>Goals</u>
Bible Study:	63	75
Worship AM:	85	101
Worship PM:	n/a	75
Wednesday:	n/a	75
Contribution	n/a	\$1,650.00

Invite A Friend To Worship!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 6th- Elders & Deacons Meeting at 3:00pm.
 May 13th- Afternoon fellowship meal followed by our evening services.
 June 3rd-Elders & Deacons Meeting at 3:00pm
 June 4th- SYS at the East Wood St. in Paris. Starts at 7:15pm. Van will leave at 6:00pm. "Am I my brother's keeper?" on Responsibility.
 June 6th- Wednesday night singing.
 June 8th-9th - Diana Singing.
 June 10th-Family & Friend Day.
 June 10th- Afternoon fellowship meal followed by our evening services.
 June 11th- SYS at McKenzie. Van leaves at 6:30pm. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" on Faith.
 June 13th- Wednesday Night Summer Series at the Humboldt church of Christ. Time: 7:00pm. Topic: "A Set Apart People with a Living Hope" I Peter 1:1-3. Tim will be speaking.
 June 18th- SYS at Wildwood Valley. Van leaves at 5:30pm. "Who am I that I should go?" on Service.
 June 25th- SYS at Trezevant. Topic: "Who is on the Lord's side?" Exodus 31:1-35 (A lesson on morality.)
 July 2nd- SYS at McEwen. Van leaves at 6:00pm. "...as in obeying the voice of the Lord?" on Worship.
 July 9th- SYS at Huntingdon. Van leaves at 6:30pm. "Shall we not accept adversity?" on Suffering.
 July 16th- SYS at Van Dyke. Van leaves at 6:30pm. "If a man dies, will he live again?" on Immortality.
 July 23rd- SYS at Waverly. Van leaves at 6:00pm. "Why are you so fearful?" on Anxiety.
 July 27th- Trezevant Annual Singing.
 July 30-SYS at Camden. Van leaves at 6:15pm. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" on Prejudice.
 August 6th- SYS at Henry. Van leaves at 6:30pm. "For what is a man profited...?" on Discipleship.
 August- VBS
 August 26th-29th- Fall Gospel Meeting. Tony Taylor will be the speaker.
 September 15th- 10th Annual Fall Festival at Potter Children's Home. For more information (270)843-3038.

Pantry Item: Jelly / Jam

Interesting Facts about the Bible!

- The first Bible printed in this country was in the Indian language in 1663. This translation was made and published by John Eliot, the so-called "Apostle to the Indians." This is the earliest example of the whole Bible translated and printed in a new language for the purpose of evangelization.
- The first English Bible in this country was is 1782.

Sunday Morning	May 6, 2012 9:00 am	May 13, 2012 9:00 am
Power Point	David Brasher	David Brasher
Greet	Charlie & Annie	Charlie & Annie
Announcements	Terry Hall	Terry Hall
Song Leader	Nick Bryant	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	Greg McClain
Opening Prayer	Steve Foster	Sherrill Smith
Preside - Table	David Bryant	David Bryant
Preside - Table	Tim Rogers	Tim Rogers
Table	Shane De Priest	Shane De Priest
Table	John Henry Long	John Henry Long
Table	Dale Aden	Dale Aden
Table	Charles Foster	Charles Foster
Closing Prayer	Charlie Wachsmuth	Jay Rogers
Sunday Night	May 6, 2012 5:00 pm	May 13, 2012 12:15 pm
Song Leader	Norris De Priest	Norris De Priest
Opening Prayer	William Moore	Charlie Wachsmuth
Scripture Reading	Dale Aden	Joshua Brasher
Table	David Bryant or Tim Rogers	David Bryant or Tim Rogers
Closing Prayer	Garrett Wright	Jimmy McClain
Wednesday Bible Study	May 9, 2012 7:00 pm	May 16, 2012 7:00 pm
Opening Prayer	Shane De Priest	David Brasher
Devotional	Tim Rogers	Norris De Priest
Closing Prayer	Greg McClain	Zac Chrisman

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES**SUNDAY**

Bible Study 9:00a.m.

Worship 10:00a.m.

Evening Worship 5:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00p.m.

"Bible Classes For All Ages"

COME WORSHIP WITH US

We welcome all our visitors and invite you to attend at every opportunity.

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Listen more than you talk.

Give more than you get.

Smile more than you frown.

Think "we" more than "me."

Agree more than you criticize.

Compliment more than you criticize.

Laugh more than you cry.

Clean up more than you mess up.

Be positive more than you're negative.

Be fascinated more than you're frustrated.

"Walk the walk" more than you "talk the talk."

Be more accepting than rejecting.

See the cup "half full" more than seeing it "half empty."

Help more than you hinder.

Believe in yourself more than you doubt yourself.

Work more than you whine.

Do more than you don't.

Act more than you react.

Save more than you squander.

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