

# 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 3:19)
- 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; 1 Peter 3:21)
- We must live faithfully until death. (Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2)



### About Sermons

Preaching is a strange thing. On any given Sunday morning in a congregation which may consist of two or three families, several dozen, or many hundreds of people, there are great differences, as well as many similarities in the minds, attitudes, and feelings of those present. Some have had a great week. Some have experienced tragedy. Some know the Bible well, some a little, others not at all. Most like short sermons, a few like long ones. Some like for the preacher to make them feel good. Others want their toes stepped on (and the harder the better).

What makes a good sermon? If I could tell all preachers what makes a good sermon all the time for all people I would retire from preaching after my book came out! Most preachers I have talked to have had a similar experience. Sometimes a preacher feels great about a sermon and no one says a word. Then, preachers sometimes think, "I really bombed on this one," only to have several say it was the best sermon they ever heard. Yes, preaching is a strange thing.

One thing I do know. If a sermon faithfully presents the word of God everyone can get some good out of it. I like the phrase often seen in the Bible, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." If we have a great appetite for righteousness we will learn from sermons.

### Did You Like The Sermon?

This familiar question can be answered for any sermon by measuring it against the following guidelines:

1. Is it true to God's Word?
2. Is it preached in love?
3. Does it meet a need?
4. Was it understandable?
5. Did it glorify God?
6. Did it challenge you to think?

No sermon should be measured by the approval of its listeners. Paul admonition is still true- "If I were trying to win human approval, I should never be Christ's servant." (Gal. 1:10)

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### Matthew 7:12

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

### Cards Needed!

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

"Words May Not Break Bones -  
But It Can Break Hearts."

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What must an individual do in order for the Lord to add them to the church? "Then they that gladly received his word were \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ there were \_\_\_\_\_ unto them about 3000 souls." (Acts 2:41)
2. "The churches of \_\_\_\_\_ salute you." (Rom. 16:16)
3. "Arise, and be \_\_\_\_\_ and wash \_\_\_\_\_ thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)
4. "For as many of you as have been \_\_\_\_\_ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:27)
5. "He that \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)



**NEWS AND NOTES**

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Birthdays:* January 8-Mary Bryant, 11-Mark Wright, 14-Benji Lawrence, 18-Tonya Box, 20-Courtney De Priest, 21-Jay Rogers, 26-Zoey Ballentine.

*Anniversaries:* January 30-Kyle & Ginger Foster

**HEALTH WATCH**

Sick this past week: Wanda Smith, Mary Jo Hall, Haley Chrisman, Logan Chrisman, Olivia Pecvyhouse, Monte Morris, Betty Jo Sullivan.

John Henry Long is in Jackson General Hospital with heart problems. Brooke De Priest is at home still recovering with some improvements. Marie Gallimore test showed her cancer is in remission. Penny Warren continues to improve while taking rehab. Betty De Priest was moved to the McKenzie Rest Home. Jay Rogers received wonderful news this past Thursday. All his cancer is stable. No new growth and nothing seems to be worse. Our prayers continue to be answered daily. Zoey Ballentine will have surgery on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Judy Garrard is having a hard time now and is in need of our prayers. Denise Gilliam is home from the hospital after falling and breaking her leg. Dolly Lifsey had to have her leg amputated.

**SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME**

Annie Lee Hall, Billy Bennett, Horace Ray Coleman, Glenda Rogers.

**PRAYER LIST**

Norma Garner, Ruth Bennett, Josie Plunk, Sherry Parker, David King, John David Presson, Rena Arrington, Jerry & Betty De Priest, Reitha Martin, Zach Crider. **CANCER:** Becky Bledsoe, Bobby Giles, Linda Bynum, Ruby Fesmire, Natalie Jackson, Marie Gallimore, Sherry (Aigo) 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

**R:** *Let's continue to remember all our men and women serving our Country in the military.*

**Don't Forget The Pantry Item This Week!**  
Mustard & Pickles

	<u>Last Week's Record</u>	<u>Goals</u>
Bible Study:	63	65
Worship AM:	82	85
Worship PM:	62	70
Wednesday:	*60	55
Contribution	*\$3,717.00	\$1,450.00

*Invite A Friend To Worship!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** - Trezevant Gospel Meeting with Dorian Flynn from South Africa.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** - The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Lectureship at Freed-Hardeman University. "Faith and Life In James to Jude, The Behavior of Belief."

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** - Plan your Valentine Outing now. "Sweet-Heart's Night Out!" All couples are invited to Tim & Wendy's for a night of fun. More information to come.

**New Testament Reading**

**This Week:98 Grand Total: 2,943**  
*If you have completed your reading please put your name in the box.*

**REQUEST PRAYERS**

Terry Hall came forward this past Sunday requesting the prayers of the church. Let's all continue to remember him in our prayers and be an encouragement to him.

**Schedule for Wednesday Night Devotionals!**

- January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Charlie Wachsmuth
- January 18<sup>th</sup>** - Steve Foster
- January 25<sup>th</sup>** - Gospel Meeting
- February 1<sup>st</sup>** - Terry Hall
- February 8<sup>th</sup>** - Jay Rogers
- February 15<sup>th</sup>** - Mark Wright
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Dale Aden
- February 29<sup>th</sup>** - David Brasher

**BE THANKFUL**

- Be thankful for each new challenge**, because it will build your strength and character.
- Be thankful for your mistakes**. They will teach you valuable lessons.
- Be thankful when you're tired and weary**, because it means you have made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for good things. A rich life of fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

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Sunday Morning	January 8, 2012	January 15, 2012
Power Point	Dale Aden	Dale Aden
Circut	The Lawrence's	The Lawrence's
Announcements	Nick Bryant	Nick Bryant
Song Leader	Keith Peevyhouse	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Greg McClain	Shane De Priest
Opening Prayer	Terry Hall	David Bryant
Preside - Table	David Brasher	David Brasher
Preside - Table	Charlie Wachsmuth	Charlie Wachsmuth
Table	Norris De Priest	Norris De Priest
Table	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes
Table	Joshua Brasher	Joshua Brasher
Table	Charles Foster	Charles Foster
Closing Prayer	Mark Wright	Sherrill Smith
Sunday Night	January 8, 2012	January 15, 2012
Song Leader	David Bryant	David Bryant
Opening Prayer	Tim Rogers	John Henry Long
Scripture Reading	Norris De Priest	Steve Foster
Table	David Brasher or Charlie Wachsmuth	David Brasher or Charlie Wachsmuth
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Joshua Brasher
Wednesday	January 11, 2012	January 18, 2012
Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	Greg McClain
Devotional	Charlie Wachsmuth	Steve Foster
Closing Prayer	Norris De Priest	Nick Bryant

**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.**

New Web Site: [www.trezevantchurchofchrist.org](http://www.trezevantchurchofchrist.org)

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Email: [trogers@trezevantw.com](mailto:trogers@trezevantw.com)**IS MY CHILD READY TO BE BAPTIZED?**

Perhaps the most common question that Christian parents bring to their minister involves the readiness of their child to be baptized.

There are three indications that a child is ready to make the adult decision to become a Christian. . .

**CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR . . .**

Does our child participate meaningfully in all aspects of worship? We as Christians understand that praising God is the fundamental requirement to our relationship with Him; therefore we take seriously the worship services of the church. Children who still play with toys, color during the sermon, giggle or talk during the Lord's Supper are not demonstrating the mature behavior required of Christians . . .

**INSIGHT DEVELOPS . . .**

Every child who spends 30 minutes looking up passages on conversion can recite the steps of salvation. Memorization comes easy at young ages and parents should not assume that a child is ready to be baptized just because he/she can quote the relevant verses in the New Testament. When a child asks to be baptized, welcome the interest and follow up with some open-ended questions that do not have obvious answers. For example: What does repentance mean? What sins are you confessing? How are sins washed away? How will your life change once you are a Christian? . . .

**INTEREST IN THE FUTURE . . .**

One of the most difficult processes for children to develop is the mental ability to project themselves into the future. This is one reason teenagers take risks - they cannot see clearly how "forbidden behaviors" can damage their lives ten years down the road. Because becoming a Christian is a lifetime commitment, they need help in considering ways that being Christ-like will impact their future. These are not fool-proof steps to guarantee a child's readiness for baptism, but they certainly move us in the right direction .

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