

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"

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

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SIN

HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL

Having always been fascinated by snakes, you can imagine my excitement on two occasions in visiting the world famous Miami serpentarium. Bill Haast, the renowned herpetologist who owns and operates it, must surely be the expert of experts on the subject of deadly serpents.

Conversing with him at some length, I inquired, "Which reptile do you consider to be the deadliest of all? Would it be the king cobra, the krait, the gaboon viper, the bushmaster, or the Australian tiger snake?" His reply to me was this --- "That's like asking which gun is the most lethal at close range? Would it be the 12 gauge shotgun, the .357 magnum pistol, or the 30-06 rifle? They all have what it takes to kill."

We could make similar inquiry as to sin. Which is the deadliest? Would it be murder, idolatry, adultery, stealing, drunkenness, cursing, or just what? The answer of course, should be rather obvious --- they all have what it takes to kill.

The Scriptures declare, "each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin; and the sin, when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death." James 1:14-15. The apostle Paul wrote, "the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.

With all this in mind, allow me to ask a question. Why is it considered folly for a person to "play around" with a deadly snake, or with a loaded gun, and yet smart to "play around" with sin? The first two can bring death to the body, and the latter can bring death to the soul.

Be it known to all that God has warned --- SIN HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL. Therefore, let us "abstain from every form of evil." 1 Thess. 5:22. Shun the wrong, and do the right!

*A wise man knows more than he tells
but a fool often tells more than he knows.*

Cards Needed!

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

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THINKING OF OTHERS

As Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the first. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled, "The poor man who finds the shoe lying on the track" will now have a pair he can use."

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others"

NEWS AND NOTES

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: November- 23-Joshua Brasler, December- 7-Jana Blount, 10-Pam Bryant, 12-Mary Jo Hall, 20-Joann Davison, 23-Hunter Holmes, 23-Keith Peevyhouse, 26-Dianne Giles.

Anniversaries: December- 16-Carlton & Joann Davison, 23-Edsel & Barbara Holt

if anyone is overlooked on birthday or anniversary please let Tim know.

HEALTH WATCH

Sick this past week: Shirley Butler, Zoey Ballentine, Shan De Priest, Jack Lawrence. Billy Bennett has pneumonia. Norma Garner (Nancy Fowler's aunt) has hospice taking care of her. We are asked to remember Becky Bledsoe in our prayers as she begins taking radiation. Jerry Martin is having difficulty with his chemo treatment.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Wiggins. Her funeral was this past Sunday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Doris Browning. Her funeral was this past Wednesday.

PRAYER LIST

Becky Bledsoe, Norma Garner, Ruth Bennett, Josie Plunk, Sherry Parker, David King, John David Presson, Rena Arrington, Jerry & Betty De Priest, Reitha Martin, Zach Grider. **CANCER:** Bobby Giles, Shirley Clark, Linda Bynum, Ruby Fesmire, Natalie Jackson, Marie Gallimore, 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 all our men and women serving our Country in the military.*

Don't Forget The Pantry Item

This Week!

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Last Week's Record

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Bible Study:	55	65
Worship AM:	64	85
Worship PM:	56	70
Wednesday:	*65	55
Contribution	*\$2,293.00	\$1,450.00

Invite A Friend To Worship!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 11th- Morning Services - Holiday Meal - evening services after our meal. The evening services will start around 12:30pm.

December 18th- Deadline for DVD movies for St. Jude. See Jay for more information.

January 1st- Jerry Bates, Missionary from India will be speaking at our evening services.

January 22nd-25th- Trezevant Gospel Meeting with Dorian Flynn from South Africa.

Bible Reading for the week of November 27th.

Sunday November 27th - Romans 9-12
Monday November 28th - Romans 13-16
Tuesday November 29th - I Corinthians 1-4
Wednesday November 30th - I Corinthians 5-8
Thursday December 1st - I Corinthians 9-12
Friday December 2nd - I Corinthians 13-16
Saturday December 3rd - II Corinthians 1-4

Please turn in your total chapters read for the week in the box in the foyer. I will post the running total in the bulletin each week.

**Chapters Read:
 This Week: 263
 Grand Total: 1,828**



We Need Coats!

We are starting a coat closet and we need your help. There are many children and adults that are in need in our community. If you have any new or "gently used" coats that are not needed by your family please bring them. Shane and Norris De Priest is overseeing this effort. Please support this congregation as we strive to move forward with the Lord's Work.

Sunday Morning	November 27, 2011	December 4, 2011
Power Point	Sanne De Priest	David Brasher
Greet	Shane & Brooke	The Rogers'
Announcements	Dale Aden	David Bryant
Song Leader	David Bryant	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	Jay Rogers	Sherrill Smith
Opening Prayer	Greg McClain	Steve Foster
Preside - Table	Steve Foster	Greg McClain
Preside - Table	Terry Hall	Dale Aden
Table	Keith Peeryhouse	Tim Rogers
Table	David Brasher	Jay Rogers
Table	Garrett Wright	Mark Wright
Table	Ben Holmes	Dillon Foster
Closing Prayer	Terry Hall	Keith Peeryhouse
Sunday Night	November 27, 2011	December 4, 2011
Song Leader	Nick Bryant	Keith Peeryhouse
Opening Prayer	Dale Aden	Dale Aden
Scripture Reading	David Bryant	David Bryant
Table	Steve Foster or Terry Hall	Greg McClain or Dale Aden
Closing Prayer	Sanne De Priest	Joshua Brasher
Wednesday	November 30, 2011	December 7, 2011
Opening Prayer	David Brasher	Tim Rogers
Closing Prayer	Dale Aden	Dillon Foster

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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IF YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO, WHEN YOU DON'T YOU AIN'T

Let me explain.

You're important not because of what you do, you're important because of who you are.

If a doctor is important because of what he does, is he no longer important when he quits practicing medicine?

If a financial counselor is important because of what he does, is he no longer important when he quits counseling?

If a preacher is important because of what he does, is he no longer important when he quits preaching?

If a mother is important because of what she does, is she no longer important when her children leave home?

So often we (especially we men) tie our self-worth and self-identity into our work. If we are working for a big company making big bucks, we must (in our estimation) be a big man. Important! Influential! Intelligent! Inspirational! Irreplaceable!

But what happens if we lose our jobs? Maybe the company goes bankrupt or downsizes. Maybe we get fired or laid off. Maybe we get replaced by someone who is younger. Does that mean we're no longer important?

If you're still confused, let me put it in cornbread English. I'm no more important (because I'm a preacher) than the grocery sacker at Piggly Wiggly. Neither am I less important than the CEO of Chevrolet. Our worth is not based on what we do but who we are.

David put it like this in Psalm 139:14: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Parker puts it like this: If you are what you do, when you don't you ain't.

-Keith Parker