

The Follower

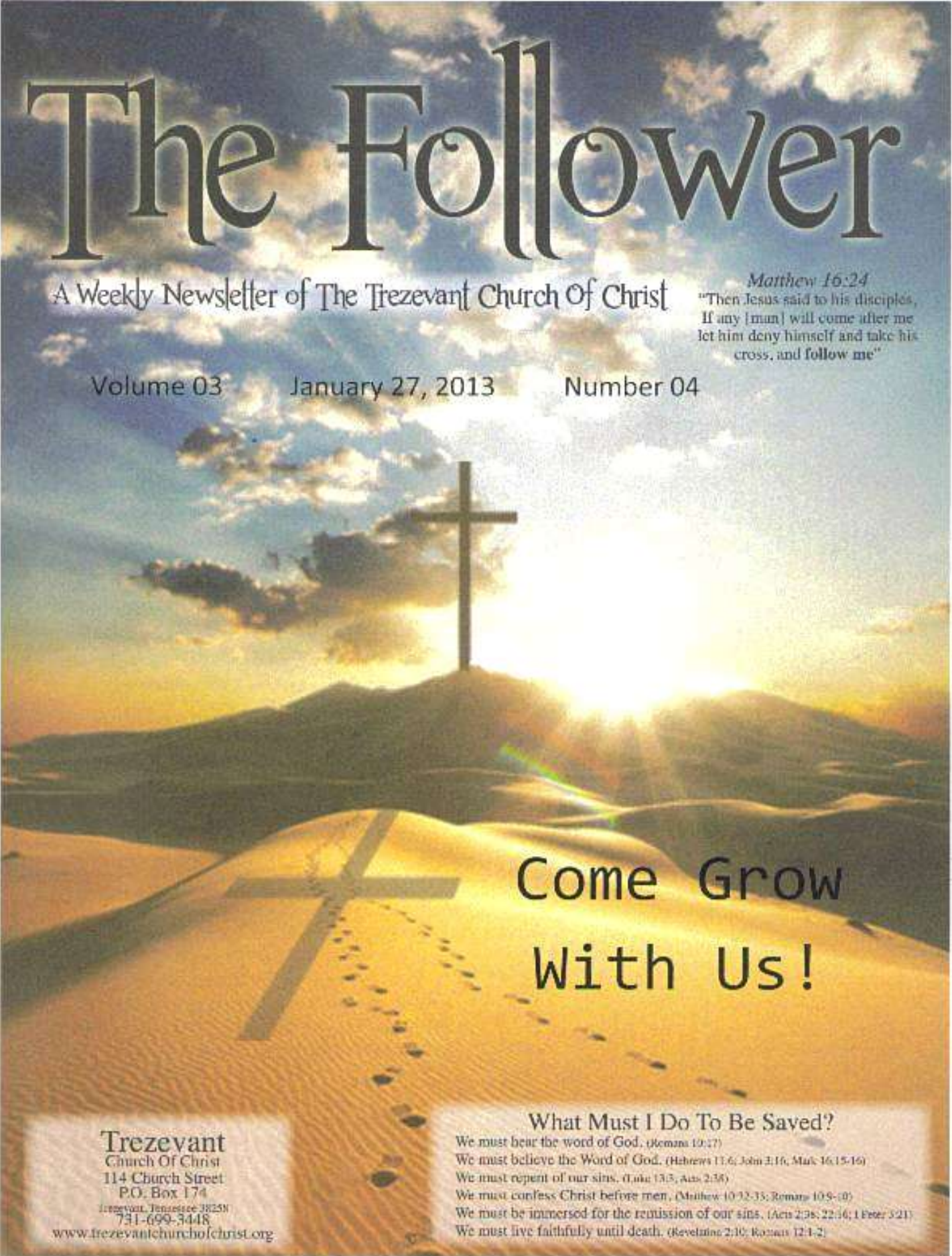
A Weekly Newsletter of The Trezevant Church Of Christ

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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Come Grow
With Us!

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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; 1 Peter 3:21)

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

How Can the World See God Through Our Pain

Tim Rogers

Outline Used at Evangelism University January 19, 2013 in Savannah, TN.

INTRODUCTION:

Imagine your life for a moment: "When I was just a little bitty fellow, I would tell Mom and Dad that someday I was going to play college and then professional football." (*Jay's Journey*, Rogers, Jay, 2012, pg. 27). We have probably all dreamed dreams at a very early age. There is a problem, however, when those dreams get crushed before you even have an opportunity to reach them. "Because of my illness, I never had the opportunity to play a single down for my high school team. My heart was broken. I ate, drank, and breathed football. All the years I put my heart and soul on the line in practice and during games to reach my goal of playing high school football had all come crashing down." (Rogers, pg. 32). What do we do when that happens? How do we go on? Do we quit? Do we give up? Whose fault is this? What do we do with all this PAIN?

Job: Chosen for Perseverance

1. God is aware of those who hold fast. James 5:11 "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very PITIFUL, and of tender mercy."
2. The book of Job is one of the greatest ever written.
 - a. The book is part of God's Holy Word.
 - b. The book recounts the drama of human life and human emotion.
 - c. Job's struggles, trials, and victories represents the struggles, trials, and victories of all mankind.
3. Satan thinks that there is no such thing as unselfish faith. Job 1:7-12
 - a. When someone does a good deed, we wonder- "What he is getting out of it?"
 - b. When one questions the existence of unselfish faith, they are merely following the example set by Satan.

You: Chosen to be Steadfast

1. Define the word steadfast. Steadfast (from Webster's Dictionary) "a. firmly fixed in place; not subject to change. b. firm in belief; determination."
2. How would your book read?
 - a. Would it rank as one of the greatest ever written?
 - b. The success of your book **depends on you**. It **depends on your faith!**
 - i. What is Faith? Hebrews 11:1; Romans 10:17
 - ii. Faith comes from a person's heart which leads to a great and wonderful belief. Romans 10:10; Romans 1:16
3. What would your book say about your Pain? Did the world see God through your pain?
 - a. How do we face challenges? How should we face challenges?
 - i. Jesus faced it head on with the Word of God. (Satan Tempting Jesus) Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13
 - ii. We all have problems or challenges in our lives. James 1:2-6. So how do we face them?
 - b. *Jay's Journey* explained: "I'm not sure when or where my journey with cancer will end. But one thing I do know. By the grace of God, and with all the understanding with which He assures us that we can know, **MY JOURNEY WITH CHRIST WILL NEVER END!** He is my Comfort, my Mediator, my King, my Elder Brother, my Friend, my Savior, and He is my All! Someday, I will live with Him forever." (Rogers, pg. 100).
 - i. Determination, Steadfastness, Faith, and Love are ingredients in the recipe for a Christian to follow to let his/her light shine (Matthew 5:14-16) so that the world can see God through our Pain.

Five Suggestions for facing your challenges head on!

1. Understand that life is truly a blessing from God. Philippians 1:21.
2. Never take a day for granted. James 4:14
3. Never take your mom, dad, family and friends for granted. Say those important words: "I love you. I need you in my life. Thank you for all you do, etc."
4. Understand that this life is preparing you for your next life and you **have to overcome** temptations, obstacles, and challenges so you can gain that victory someday. II Timothy 4:6-8.
5. This one is hard sometimes, but "**See the Bigger Picture!**"

Final Thoughts:

Job's life lessons help prepare us and teach us:

1. We are certain to suffer and be tried.
2. We are certain to be separated from earthly possessions (maybe even while we live).
3. It is impossible to explain and/or analyze everything in life or about God.
4. We learn that to end our journey with the Lord is **VERY GOOD!**

Search God's Holy Word. Open your heart to the Lord and let him fill it up until it overflows with love. God wants three things from us: obedience, worship, and evangelism. (Tell/show the world how Awesome He is.) When we give God what he wants, we will show the world God through our pain, happiness and life. When we give God what he wants, we will find peace and happiness. When we give God what He wants, we **WIN** at our challenges.

Someday, all our challenges will be over and our life will end. Our life will give way to **VICTORY!**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: January 26-Zoey Santiago, 30- Edward Ray Ford, 30- Hunter Lindsey, February 4- Tanner Coleman, 4-Charles Foster, 7-Brittany Morgan, 11-Monte Morris, 13-Julie Miller, 13-Bonnie Nance, 24-Jean Ford, 25-Nichole Lawrence, 26- Curt Foster, 27-Laverne Belew, **Anniversaries:** January 30-Kyle & Ginger Foster, February 11-David & Gail Keel, 16-Edward Ray & Jean Ford, 22-Norris & Shan De Priest, 27- Patrick & Kim Lindsey.

HEALTH WATCH

Sick this past week: **Kay Greenway, Shan De Priest, Jenny Rogers, Morgan Lawrence, Edsel & Barbara Holt, Zoey Morgan, Xander Morgan, Julie Miller, Dana Waibl, Dale Aden, Christine Aden.** Gail Keel is having back problems, **Wanda Smith** will have hip replacement on February 5th in Paris, **Jimmy Kelly** went to have rest on his back. **Ruby Fesmire's** test showed her cancer was back, She will be going back to St. Jude. **Mike Arrington** finished his cancer treatments this past Wednesday.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

Helen Pinson, Horace Ray Coleman, Glenda Rogers, Betty De Priest, Eva Mae Bray,

PRAYER LIST

Doug Gordon, Sandra Dees, Jean Ray, Judy McGregor, Kinley Fowler, Tina Poeveyhouse, Tom Aden, Will Robinson, Dustin Church, Evelyn Miller, Joann Mewbourn Goodman, Denise & Mark Algood, Otis Brown Foster, Edsel Holt, Bobby O'Dell, Doug Gordon, Gerthal Leach, Leon Purvis, Lois Arrington, Judy Garrard, Josie Plunk, Sherry Parker, David King, John David Presson, Rena Arrington, Zach Crider.

CANCER: LaDon Bradford, Jason Robinson, Amanda Spencer, Dylan Leslie, Len O'Bryant, Mike Arrington, Kim Mewbourn Warren, Martha Jones, Anita Mayo, June Price, Lisa Acklin, Martha Bobo, Jerri Ann Bennett, Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Judy Robinson, Donald Kelly, Ann Spain, Becky Bledsoe, Bobby Giles, Ruby Fesmire, Sherry (Argo) Stout, Tolbert Ray, Gail Pritchard, Mary Wilson, Dwayne Bateman, James Green, Joey Anderson, Pat Schneider, Samantha Wallace, Beth Ann Potte.

MILITARY: Troy Pollack

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

REASON TO REJOICE

Zac Chrisman came forward last Sunday night requesting the prayers of the Church. Let's all pray for Zac and each of our young people as they are striving to dedicate themselves to our loving and forgiving Father in Heaven. You are all a big encouragement to each one of us at Trezevant.

CARDS NEEDED

Jean Ray
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704 5th Ave East
Springfield, Tennessee 37172

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3rd- Money due for CYC
February 3rd- Elders & Deacons Meeting 3:00pm
February 6th- Monthly Singing
February 9th- Visit Harmony Hill in Huntingdon.
February 10th- **Sweet Heart Banquet.** Monthly Fellowship Meal after our morning services. **MEN WILL COOK AND CLEAN UP.** Happy Valentine's Day. Ladies: Prizes for your efforts men.
February 10th- Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Retirement Home in Milan. Van will leave at 1:45pm. Service will start at 2:15pm
February 17th- Conduct services at the McKenzie Rest Home, 2:00pm.
February 22nd-24th- CYC. See Dale, David or Mark for more details.
March 3rd- Lads to Leaders from the Main Street congregation in Milan will be here to conduct our evening services.
March 21st-West Tennessee Children's Home food truck will be here. Pantry Items between now and March 21st will be items most needed by them. See Nick if you would like to donate \$10.00 for perishable items.
May 19th- **TREZEVANT HOMECOMING & Fellowship meal.**
June 14th-15th- Diana Singing.
July 26th- Annual Singing.
July 28th-31st- VBS
August 18th-21st- Gospel Meeting.
September 8th- **FAMILY AND FRIEND DAY!**

PANTRY ITEMS

(For Children's Home)

Cooking Oil, Ranch, French and 1000 Island Dressing, Canned Fruit (peaches, mixed, pineapple), Hot Sauce, Toothpaste, Whole Pickles, Men's Shampoo and Deodorant, Ziploc Bags(quart), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels

Last Week's Record

Bible Study:	76
Worship AM:	98
Worship PM:	59
Wednesday:	60
Contribution:	\$1,319.00

Welcome To Our Services

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Evening Worship 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00pm
"Bible Classes for all Ages"

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MISSION WORK

Dorian Flynn & Partners 4 Africa
West Tennessee Children's Home

Sunday Morning	January 27, 2013 9:00am	February 3, 2013 9:00am
Power Point	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Greet	The Lawrence's	Steve & Rita Foster
Announcements	Nick Bryant	Tim Rogers
Song Leader	Keith Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	Jacob Keen
Reading Text	Proverbs 31:10	I Peter 3:15-18
Opening Prayer	Greg McClain	Dale Aden
Preside Table	David Brasher	Mark Wright
Preside Table	Charlie Wachsmuth	Terry Hall
Table	Norris De Priest	Monte Morris
Table	Ben Holmes	Shane De Priest
Table	Joshua Brasher	Steve Foster
Table	Dillon Foster	Barry Moore
Closing Prayer	Keith Peevyhouse	Steve Foster
Sunday Night	January 27, 2013 5:00pm	February 3, 2013 5:00pm
Song Leader	David Bryant	Norris De Priest
Opening Prayer	David Brasher	David Brasher
Scripture Reading	Norris De Priest	Sherrill Smith
Reading Text	Revelation 2:10	I Timothy 3:15
Table	David Brasher or Charlie Wachsmuth	Mark Wright or Terry Hall
Closing Prayer	Dale Aden	John Henry Long
Wednesday Bible Study	January 30, 2013 7:00pm	February 6, 2013 7:00pm
Opening Prayer	Charlie Wachsmuth	Tim Rogers
Devotional	Tim Rogers	Steve Foster
Closing Prayer	Mark Wright	Garrett Wright

Come Worship With Us

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,"

Hebrews 10:24-26