

# 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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## Welcome To Our Services

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

Evening Worship 5:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study 6:30pm

"Bible Classes for all Ages"

## OUR AIM IS . . .

- ⇒ To speak where the Bible speaks, and to be silent where the Bible is silent!
- ⇒ To call Bible things by Bible names and to do Bible things in Bible ways!
- ⇒ To have unity in matters of faith, liberty in matters of opinion, and love in all things!
- ⇒ To "serve God acceptably with reverence and with Godly fear"! (Heb. 12:28)
- ⇒ To welcome all who submit themselves to God and honestly seek to do His will!

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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)

## **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 or 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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**"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)

### **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 . . .

By: Gary Jones and Jan Richardson

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** **March** 16-Dustin Bryant, 20-Martha Nell Reed, 21-Steve Foster, 23-Callie Bryant, 23- Olivia Peevyhouse, 24-Jackie Sue Foster, 28-Derek Box, 30- Jacob Keen.

**Anniversaries:** **March** 24-Gaylon & Linda Sydnor, 26-Nick & Mandy Bryant

**HEALTH WATCH**

**Rita Foster** had a procedure done this past week and it will be ten days before she hears from the results. **Nancy Fowler** is not feeling well. **Dalton Moore** was sick this past week. **Gaylon Sydnor** had another problem this past week with kidney stones. **Joyce Flynn** (Dorian’s Mom) was admitted to the hospital this past week.

**SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME**

Laverne Belew, Helen Pinson, Betty De Priest, Eva Mae Bray.

**PRAYER LIST**

Anita Mayo (Barbra Holt’s sister), Rachel Arrington, Craig Ballentine, Ann Seavers, Toni Mitchell (Julie Miller’s Sister), Larry Hays, Trevor Keymon, Kristopher Conway, Jimmy & Ginger Taylor, Will McAlpin, Derick Lamén (David & Gail’s friend), Larry Kelley, Alice Moore, Nina Long, Tina Peevyhouse, Cathy Glasgow, Jimmy & Kaffie Greene, Kinley Fowler, Tom Aden, Evelyn Miller, Joann Mewbourn Goodman, Denise & Mark Algood, Otis Brown Foster, Bobby O’Dell, Missy Denton, Rena Arrington, Zach Crider.

**CANCER:** Cindy Alexander, Nathan Hodge (David Brasher’s co-worker), Chayla Blagaich (friend of Pam & David), Mona Rychen, Jerry Shelton, Carolyn Seymour, Mike Crocker, Sam Bailey, Ann Spain, Charles Hays, Ian Edwards, Pat Schneider, Marianne Draper, Dorothy Lowe, April Fultz, David Fowler, Elizabeth Cronin, Karen Allen, Kenneth Foster, Christine Johnson, Web Maddox, Debbie Browning, Sammy Holland, Jr. Bell, David Jackson, Timmy Little, Stephanie Carter, Jason Robinson, Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Tolbert Ray.

**Last Week’s Record**

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>PM Worship</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$3,651.00</b>

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**- Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Dale Aden.  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>**- Conduct services at the Huntingdon Rest Home. Van will leave @ 1:30pm. Speaker: Tim Rogers  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>**- Food Truck from Tennessee Children’s Home. Items needed: 100% Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape) – Mac & Cheese, BBQ Sauce – Gatorade Powdered Mix (canisters) – Kool-Aid and Lemonade (canisters) – Toilet Paper – Paper Towels – Men’s Shampoo – Men’s Deodorant – Garbage Bags with drawstrings (39 gal) – Little Debbie Snake Cakes - Pop Tarts – Hamburger Helper

(assorted) – Brownie Mix – Rice a Roni – First Aid Spray – Automatic Dishwasher Detergent – Liquid Dish Detergent – Bathroom and Kitchen Cleaners. You can give Nick money and the young people will do your shopping. Also \$10.00 is needed for perishable items.

- April 5<sup>th</sup>**- Elders & Deacons meeting @ 3:00pm
- April 12<sup>th</sup>**- Fellowship meal (Widows & Widowers Appreciation) after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.
- April 19<sup>th</sup>**- Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Norris De Priest.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Elders & Deacons meeting @ 3:00pm
- May 10<sup>th</sup>**- Fellowship meal (Mother’s Appreciation) after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>**- Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Steve Foster.
- May 31<sup>st</sup>**- Conduct services at the Huntingdon Rest Home. Van will leave @ 1:30pm. Speaker: Charlie Wachsmuth
- June 1<sup>st</sup>**- SYS @ East Jackson. Theme: “Whatever”
- June 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**- **Vacation Bible School!**
- June 8<sup>th</sup>**- SYS @ McKenzie. Lesson – “Whatever you Wish” Matthew 7:12
- June 14<sup>th</sup>**- Family & Friend Day! - Fellowship meal after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm. GOAL 150!!!
- June 15<sup>th</sup>**- SYS @ Van Dyke. Lesson – “Whatever you Do” Colossians 3:17,23
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>**- SYS @ Trezevant. Lesson – “Whatever is True” Philippians 4:8.
- June 29<sup>th</sup>**- SYS @ Broad Street, Lexington. Lesson – “Whatever is Honorable” Philippians 4:8.
- July 6<sup>th</sup>**- SYS @ Huntingdon. Lesson – “Whatever is Just” Philippians 4:8.
- July 13<sup>th</sup>**- SYS @ Clarksburg. Lesson – “Whatever is Pure” Philippians 4:8.
- July 20<sup>th</sup>**- SYS @ Main Street, Milan. Lesson – “Whatever is Lovely/Commendable-Whatever is Excellent/Worthy of Praise” Philippians 4:8.
- July 27<sup>th</sup>**- SYS @ Camden. Lesson – “But Whatever Gain” Philippians 3:7.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>**- SYS @ Henry. Lesson – “In Whatever Situation” Philippians 4:11.
- July 31<sup>st</sup>**- **Annual Singing. 7:00pm**
- August 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**- Our Gospel Meeting. Speaker: Bill Irby

**Wednesday Night Adult Class**

March 18 Charlie	The Two Builders Matt. 7:24-27 Luke 6:46-49
March 25 Steve	A House or Kingdom Divided against Itself Cannot Stand Matt. 12:22-30 Mark 3:22-27
April 1	Prayer
April 8 Dale	The Defiled Man Matt. 15:10-20 Mark 7:14-23
April 15 David	If the Blind Lead the Blind Matthew 15:14

## Privileged To Serve

### March

Prepare Communion Trays: Mark & Sharon Wright

Power Point: David Brasher

Greet: Charlie & Annie Wachsmuth

Announcements: David Bryant

Song Leader AM: Keith Peevyhouse / Song Leader PM: David Bryant / Wednesday: Nick Bryant

Preside at Table: Sherrill Smith & John Henry Long

Serve on Table: Joshua Brasher, Jacob Keen, Greg McClain & Garrett Wright

Scripture Reading: AM – II Timothy 2:1-6

Scripture Reading: PM – John 3:3-5

Date March Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date March Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
15	Terry Hall	JT Rogers	Charlie Wachsmuth	Dale Aden	Peyton Lindsey	Greg McClain	18	Dale Aden	David Bryant	Dale Ballentine
22	Dale Aden	Jacob Keen	Peyton Lindsey	Charlie Wachsmuth	Joshua Brasher	Nick Bryant	25	David Brasher	Dale Aden	Daniel Rogers
29	Nick Bryant	Garrett Wright	Jacob Keen	Mark Wright	Jacob Keen	Peyton Lindsey	April	April	April	April

PLEASE LET DAVID BRASHER KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE.

### DAILY BIBLE READING FOR 2015

March	New Testament	Old Testament
15	Mark 13:24-37	Numbers 31
16	Mark 14:1-21	Numbers 32-33
17	Mark 14:22-52	Numbers 34-35
18	Mark 14:53-72	Numbers 36
19	Mark 15:1-20	Deuteronomy 1-2
20	Mark 15:21-47	Deuteronomy 3-4
21	Mark 16	Deuteronomy 5-6
22	Luke 1:1-25	Deuteronomy 7-9
23	Luke 1:26-56	Deuteronomy 10-11
24	Luke 1:57-80	Deuteronomy 12-14
25	Luke 2:1-24	Deuteronomy 15-17
26	Luke 2:25-52	Deuteronomy 18-20
27	Luke 3:1-18	Deuteronomy 21-22
28	Luke 3:19-38	Deuteronomy 23-25
29	Luke 4:1-15	Deuteronomy 26-27
30	Luke 4:16-44	Deuteronomy 28-29
31	Luke 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 30-31

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#### MISSION WORK

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