

# 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)

## ***What Does It Take to Get Your Goat?***

By: Tom Moore

*Hoover Rupert used to say, "The measure of someone is the size of the things it takes to get his or her goat." What do you think? Do you know what it means "to get his goat"?*

*It refers to the sensitivity of racehorses. According to Dr. Rupert, racehorses are infamously high-strung. Horse trainers learned many years ago that highly sensitive animals like a stall mate, and a goat is one of the most suitable companions for a racehorse. In fact, once a racehorse bonded with a goat, that horse would go crazy if the goat were taken away.*

*On the theory that all is fair in love and horse racing, gamblers used to try to shorten the odds by stealing a thoroughbred's stall mate. The hope was to reduce the racehorse's chance of winning. From this practice, "to get one's goat" came to stand for upsetting a person so that there was a complete loss of temper.*

*So, the measure of a person is the size of the thing it takes to get one's goat. What does it take to upset you? What does it take to make you lose your temper? How emotionally high-strung are you when you find yourself in a situation with your goat being out of the stall? Perhaps, we should give close attention to the words of Paul, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: (Eph. 4:26). The Psalmist said, "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil: (Psa. 37:8). Has someone taken your goat?*

## **The Secret of Church Growth**

The first century church was phenomenal in many ways. They were certainly dedicated to their cause, they grew quickly and they remained true to their course. In our search today to pattern ourselves after the first century church in action and belief, we should strive to learn from their example. Today there are many that claim to be "experts" on church growth. They have studied the many ways and methods different churches have accumulated large numbers of members and influenced their communities. Books abound that teach the "secrets" of church growth. Although the information these men have gathered may help some, the greatest "secret" to church growth is contained in the Bible. There is an old saying from the Restoration Movement, "If we do now what they did then, we will be now what they were then." This is the

key to church growth the ways God wants-following the example of the first century church.

## **WHY DID THE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE GROW?**

- ◆ Christianity was their top priority - not materialism, I Timothy 6:6-10.
- ◆ There was constant teaching and preaching, Acts 5:42-6:1.
- ◆ Every Christian was involved in the work, Acts 8:4, I Peter 2:9.
- ◆ They were committed to the cause, Acts 6:8-7:60, Revelation 2:10.
- ◆ Mission work was a priority for them, Acts 14:27.
- ◆ They practiced proper discipline, Acts 5, I Corinthians 5.
- ◆ They believed in the power of prayer, Acts 4:23ff, Philemon 22.
- ◆ The church had a family spirit, Acts 2:44, Acts 4:32-34.
- ◆ They gave liberally, Acts 2:32-34, Romans 12:8.
- ◆ They confronted false teaching, Acts 5:17-23.
- ◆ They really believed people were lost, Acts 4:12.
- ◆ They believed in the Second Coming, Philippians 4:15-16.
- ◆ They were willing to endure persecution, Acts 8:1-4.
- ◆ They believed it was possible for the gospel to be preached to all the world, Acts 1:8, Romans 15:20-24.

Let us continue to work together in God's grace to accomplish what the Lord wants us to do- grow numerically and spiritually for his glory!

-Mark Ray --copied from "The Encourager"

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** May 2-Brooklyn Thomas, 9- Peyton Lindsey, 12-Morgan Lawrence, 16-Sherrill Smith, 23-Norris De Priest, 24- Kim Lindsey, 28-Daniel Rogers, 30-Bethany Aden, 31-Nancy Fowler, 31-Terry Hall.

**Anniversaries:** May 10<sup>th</sup>- Drew & Emily Kelley, 19-Ben & Angie Holmes, 20-Mark & Sharon Wright, 27-Hilliard & Orvaline Mann.

## **HEALTH WATCH**

Sick this past week: **Dylan Holt, Ty De Priest, Barry Moore, Sarah Moore. Jack Hamilton** (David Bryant's uncle) had his biopsy this past Wednesday and awaiting the results. **Nina Long** is still recovering after her surgery. **Eva Mae Bray** is having kidney problems and will be going to a specialist. **Jason Robinson** (Charles Foster's nephew) cancer has returned. **Bobby Giles** is home doing better after a heart procedure. **Sherrill Smith** had some test run this past week and will treat his problem with medication. **Shirley Jennings** had outpatient surgery this past Thursday. **Jackie Sue Foster** had a procedure this past Thursday on her eye. She is still struggling with her back/hip and with kidney issues.

## **SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME**

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

## **SYMPATHY**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Troy Warren**. Mr. Warren passed away this past Wednesday morning.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Randle Smith, Glen Morgan (Dale Aden's friend), Anita Mayo (Barbara Holt's sister), Rachel Arrington, Craig Ballentine, Ann Seavers, Larry Hays, Trevor Keymon, Kristopher Conway, Jimmy & Ginger Taylor, Will McAlpin, Derick Lamen (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:** Gary Bryant (Steve Foster's friend), Ray Holland, Brenda Johnson, Wayne Seavers, Kim Barker (Jackie-Sue's cousin), Nathan Hodge (David Brasher's co-worker), Chayla Blagaich (friend of Pam & David), Mona Rycken, Jerry Shelton, Mike Crocker, Sam Bailey, Ann Spain, 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, Stephanie Carter, Jason Robinson (Charles Foster's nephew), Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Tolbert Ray.

## **Last Week's Record**

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>PM Worship</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$1,741.00</b>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Elders meeting @ 3:00pm

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**- Fellowship meal (Mother's Appreciation)(Graduate Appreciation) after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**- Bridal Tea for Hailey Chrisman at the Trezevant church of Christ. 1:30pm-2:30pm. (Registry: Walmart, Target, Bed – Bath & Beyond)

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**- Cemetery Memorial Service @ Methodist church. 3:00pm  
**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

## **It's Not Easy**

It's not easy to apologize, to begin over, to admit error, to keep trying, to take advice, to be unselfish, to be charitable, to face a sneer, to avoid mistakes, to be considerate, to endure success, to profit by mistakes, to keep out of a rut, to forgive and forget, to think and then act, to make the best of little, to subdue an "unruly" temper, to recognize the silver lining, to shoulder a deserved blame, but

## **IT ALWAYS PAYS.**

*-SELECTED*

The Senior Class of West Carroll High School announces its Commencement Exercises Thursday evening, May 14, 2015 @ 7:00pm. West Carroll High School Gymnasium

# Privileged To Serve

## May

Prepare Communion Trays: Greg & Lori McClain Power Point: Keith Peevyhosue Greet: Dale & Rhonda Aden  
Announcements: Nick Bryant Song Leader AM: David Bryant / Song Leader PM: Nick Bryant / Wednesday: Keith Peevyhouse  
Preside at Table: Steve Foster & Greg McClain Serve on Table: Jacob Keen, Jack Lawrence, William Moore, Benjie Lawrence  
Scripture Reading: AM – II Peter 1:12 Scripture Reading: PM – Proverbs 23:7

Date May Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date May Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
3	Charlie Wachsmuth	Peyton Lindsey	Jacob Keen	Greg McClain	Jacob Keen	Peyton Lindsey	6	Nick Bryant	Tim Rogers	Greg McClain
10	Terry Hall	Joshua Brasher	Garrett Wright	Steve Foster	Jack Lawrence	Jacob Keen	13	David Bryant	Steve Foster	Dale Ballentine
17	Dale Aden	Dale Ballentine	Joshua Brasher	David Bryant	Daniel Rogers	Norris De Priest	20	Steve Foster	David Bryant	Dale Aden
24	Dale Ballentine	Mark Wright	Peyton Lindsey	Dale Aden	David Brasher	Mark Wright	27	Sherrill Smith	Dale Aden	Charlie Wachsmuth
31	Sherrill Smith	Daniel Rogers	David Brasher	Charlie Wachsmuth	Peyton Lindsey	Dale Ballentine	June	June	June	June

## DAILY BIBLE READING FOR 2015

May	New Testament	Old Testament
3	Luke 21:1-24	I Samuel 23-24
4	Luke 21:25-38	I Samuel 25-26
5	Luke 22:1-23	I Samuel 27-29
6	Luke 22:24-53	I Samuel 30-31
7	Luke 22:54-71	II Samuel 1-3
8	Luke 23:1-25	II Samuel 4-6
9	Luke 23:26-56	II Samuel 7-10
10	Luke 24:1-12	II Samuel 11-12
11	Luke 24:13-35	II Samuel 13-14
12	Luke 24:36-53	II Samuel 15-16
13	John 1:1-34	II Samuel 17-18
14	John 1:35-51	II Samuel 19-20
15	John 2	II Samuel 21-22
16	John 3:1-21	II Samuel 23-24
17	John 3:22-36	I Kings 1
18	John 4:1-26	I Kings 2-3
19	John 4:27-54	I Kings 4-5
20	John 5:1-18	I Kings 6-7
21	John 5:19-47	I Kings 8
22	John 6:1-24	I Kings 9
23	John 6:25-51	I Kings 10-11
24	John 6:52-71	I Kings 12-13
25	John 7:1-24	I Kings 14-15

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## MISSION WORK

*Dorian Flynn & Partners 4 Africa*  
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