

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. (John 1:10; 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)

“Keep It Between The Ditches”

When I was growing up my dad would sometimes use the saying, “keep it between the ditches”. He would use this when something was going wrong in our lives, things seemed to be getting wild or out of control. I always knew what he meant and somehow it always helped because it would cause me to slow down and think through that particular situation that I was in.

When we were told that I had cancer, as you could imagine me and my whole family was real upset. When the doctors told us what the treatment, odds, and path that I must travel to give myself the best chance of survival it was overwhelming. What do I mean? I was 13 years old and I had a lot of other plans for my life. It didn’t include losing my hair, being sick to my stomach all the time, and spending my teenage years in and out of the hospital. But you guessed it. We used our saying! If we want the end result, (DEFEATING CANCER) then we must travel this path and “keep it between the ditches!” I continued this course even though my cancer would go away and then come back in a different spot.

In February 2010 Dr. Lisa McGregor came in my room after I had completed all my test and scans. She had a real sad look on her face. She told me that my cancer was back again and it had spread throughout my body. Further news, I had went through all the treatment known to help my cancer and we were at the end of my treatment. She did tell me that she would begin chemo again to try and help slow down the growth and spread of my cancer. Well, before I went any further, I asked a question I never dreamed I would have to ask. “How Long Do You Think I Have?” The news hurt me and my family so bad. We couldn’t control our emotions for some time. The news: “Jay, you have four to six months to live if you take more treatment.” Mom keeps saying that I don’t have ‘give up’ or ‘quit’ in me so I told mom and dad this is our new path and let’s “keep it between the ditches”. As I write this article I am approaching my sixth month. I’m struggling with my health but I continue on my course.

As we travel through our life, longing for our home in heaven we also have to keep on our path. As we read in Matthew 7:13-14 we get to choose which path to travel: *“Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in by it: 14 Because small [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth to life, and few there are that find it.”* The wide path is the one most commonly traveled. Even when we feel we are in a hard or even losing battle we have to “keep it between the ditches” which also means travel down the narrow way that leads to Heaven.

I sometimes wonder what to do. Which way to go now. But I go back to the only answer that I have and that is found in God’s Word. Jesus is the answer and He is the RIGHT WAY to go. John 14:6 *“Jesus saith to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by*

me.” We must want to get to our Father in heaven. We know through His teaching what a wonderful place Heaven must be.

I hope and pray that we can all learn to “keep our lives on the narrow path.”

-jay

“TIM’ S TIDBITS”

Saying I’m thankful to be working with this congregation of the Lord’s people is an understatement. (I’m BLESSED!) My family and I are truly blessed to have been given this opportunity to work with you.

My prayer is that this congregation will continue to have love for one another and work hard together. As we move forward, let us walk as a faithful congregation of the Lord’s people. Let us continue in the path that “leadeth unto life” (Matthew 7:13-14). Let us go forward with the attitude of rejoicing because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My prayer is that this attitude will cause our light (Matthew 5:14-16) to shine even brighter than it has ever shined before. Many wonderful things have been done by this congregation. But there is still much more to be accomplished.

We are not perfect, but we are forgiven, blessed and hopeful! Let’s commit ourselves (everyone) to doing even more for the Lord’s Body! Doing more must include us having a closer walk with God.

Matthew 5:41 says **“And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.”** (King James Version).

Jesus is teaching that if one compels us to go one mile, we should go another mile also. The Lord is teaching that one should be willing to give more than that which is normally expected of him. The second mile is the real test of Christianity; it demands that one go all the way with the Lord. **John 14:6**

What is the purpose of the Second Mile? I believe us as Christians and members of the Trezevant church of Christ should go beyond the sinner and even the good moral person in our duty to others and the Lord. We should show the world the difference in the world and Christianity or being of the world or being in Christ. I challenge each of us to express the real spirit of Christianity.

“The Second Mile.” Christ is there and it is where real Christianity begins.

I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT WEEK! –

Let us pray fervently that we have a great work for the Lord.

--TIM

**Make BIG Plans
&
Expect BIG Results!**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: July 15-Orvaline Mann, 23-Emily Kelley, 25-Rhonda Aden, 28-Wendy Rogers. **August** 5-Shirley Butler,
6-Greg McClain, 9-J.T. Rogers, 9-Charlie Wachsmuth, 10-Shan De Priest, 11-Eva Mae Bray, 11-Bobby Giles, 16-Dalton Moore, 19-Micky Keen, 23-Eli Bryant, 25-Nick Bryant, 28-Kyle Foster, 28-Dylan Holt, 28-Nina Long, 30-Annie Wachsmuth, 31- Ella-Marie Rogers.

Anniversaries: July 15-Derek & Tonya Box, 21- Mickey & Judy Keen, 24- Jerry & April Williams, 28-Jimmy & Tina Kelly. **August** 3-Steve & Rita Foster, 8-Joe & Shirley Butler, 14-Terry & Mary Jo Hall, 15-Tim & Wendy Rogers, 21-Charlie & Annie Wachsmuth.

HEALTH WATCH

Martha Nell Reed was not feeling well Wednesday night. **Emily Kelley** came home from the hospital on Tuesday. She will continue to take dialysis 3 times a week. **Margaret Barlowe** is having trouble with her back. **Elvy Sauls Jr.** moved back to nursing home in Bruceton. **Ray Holland** has hospice care helping him now. **Haley Riggs** (Shirley Butler's granddaughter) is having some test run due to headaches. **Lynn Kelley** (Jackie Sue's brother) had a stroke. **Anita Mayo** had a heart cath this past week. They found no blockage.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family, friends, & WC Football Team for the death of **Blake Ray**. Blake was killed in a car accident this past Tuesday.

We continue to mourn the loss of **Brody Glen Kelley**. Let's continue to lift Drew & Emily up in our daily prayers. We should also remember all the Kelley & Hall family in our daily prayers.

PRAYER LIST

Nick Davenport, Kathy Watkins, Ann Ford, Danny Curtis, Elvy Sauls Jr., Nettie Mayberry White, Tiffney Morgan (Friend of Dale Aden), Jacob Coleman (Mary Jo Hall's nephew), 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: Mac Woods, Jack Hamilton (Mary Bryant's brother), John David Presson, 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), Jerry Shelton, Mike Crocker, 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, Jr. Bell, David Jackson, Stephanie Carter, Jason Robinson (Charles Foster's nephew), Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Tolbert Ray.

Last Week's Record

Bible Study	68
AM Worship	82
Sunday Evening	56
Wednesday Bible Study	66
Contribution	\$2,879.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 12th- Fellowship meal after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.
July 13th- SYS @ Clarksburg. Lesson – "Whatever is Pure" Philippians 4:8.
July 19th- Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Nick Bryant.
July 20th- SYS @ Main Street, Milan. Lesson – "Whatever is Lovely/Commendable-Whatever is Excellent/Worthy of Praise" Philippians 4:8.
July 27th- SYS @ Camden. Lesson – "But Whatever Gain" Philippians 3:7.
July 31st- Annual Singing. 7:00pm
August 2nd-Elders & Deacons meeting @ 3:00pm
August 3rd- SYS @ Henry. Lesson – "In Whatever Situation" Philippians 4:11.
August 9th-Fellowship meal after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.
August 16th-Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Dale Ballentine.
August 16th-19th- Our Gospel Meeting. Speaker: Bill Irby
August 30th- Conduct services at the Huntingdon Rest Home. Van will leave @ 1:30pm. Speaker: Steve Foster

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THINGS!

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Privileged To Serve

July

Prepare Communion Trays: Sherrill & Wanda Smith Power Point: Dale Ballentine Greet: Steve & Rita Foster
Announcements: Greg McClain Song Leader AM: Hayden McClain / Song Leader PM: Keith Peevyhouse / Wednesday: Garrett Wright
Preside at Table: Mark Wright & David Brasher Serve on Table: Jack Lawrence, Dylan Holt, Nick Bryant, Sherrill Smith
Scripture Reading: AM – I John 4:7-13 Scripture Reading: PM – Matthew 9:9-12

Date July Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date July Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
12	Charlie Wachsmuth	Jacob Keen	Peyton Lindsey	Sherrill Smith	Jack Lawrence	David Brasher	15	Steve Foster	Dale Aden	Jacob Keen
19	Steve Foster	Joshua Brasher	David Bryant	Charlie Wachsmuth	Dale Aden	Nick Bryant	22	Mark Wright	David Bryant	Sherrill Smith
26	David Bryant	Dale Aden	Keith Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant	Garrett Wright	Jacob Keen	29	Greg McClain	Tim Rogers	David Brasher

DAILY BIBLE READING FOR 2015

July	New Testament	Old Testament
12	Acts 13:1-31	Ezra 9-10
13	Acts 13:32-52	Nehemiah 1-3
14	Acts 14	Nehemiah 4-5
15	Acts 15:1-21	Nehemiah 6-7
16	Acts 15:22-41	Nehemiah 8-9
17	Acts 16:1-15	Nehemiah 10-11
18	Acts 16:16-40	Nehemiah 12-13
19	Acts 17:1-15	Esther 1-3
20	Acts 17:16-34	Esther 4-6
21	Acts 18	Esther 7-10
22	Acts 19:1-20	Job 1-3
23	Acts 19:21-41	Job 4-6
24	Acts 20:1-16	Job 7-8
25	Acts 20:17-38	Job 9-11
26	Acts 21:1-16	Job 12-13
27	Acts 21:17-40	Job 14-16
28	Acts 22	Job 17-19
29	Acts 23:1-22	Job 20-21
30	Acts 23:23-35	Job 22-23
31	Acts 24	Job 24-27

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