

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)

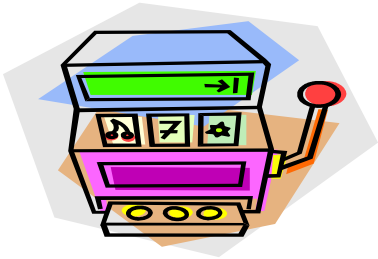
We must believe the Word of God. (Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16)

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)



GAMBLING AND CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

John L. Kachelman, Jr.

The prevalence of games of chance in our modern society is a tragedy. Through this vice, homes are destroyed; finances wasted; and lives marred. Yet, in spite of these ills there is an eager acceptance of any kind of gambling. But, an even greater tragedy is that the Lord's people seem to be insensitive to this. Why? Could it be that ignorance has led to silent consent? Here are some scriptural principles that apply to gambling that the Bible classes should discuss. We should begin in the primary grades teaching why the child of God cannot participate in games of chance. Note now these simple, scriptural reasons why gambling is wrong.

- ✚ Gambling is prompted by covetousness (Colossians 3:5; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 7:7; Luke 12:15; Hebrews 13:5; I Timothy 6:10).
- ✚ Gambling is poor stewardship of our resources (I Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 25:14-30).
- ✚ Gambling ruins the work ethic (Ephesians 4:28; Luke 9:11-27; Proverbs 28:19; 13:1).
- ✚ Gambling is theft in disguise (Romans 12:17).
- ✚ Gambling cannot follow Romans 13:10 for it hopes to take advantage of others.
- ✚ Gambling produces evil fruit (Matthew 7:16-17).
- ✚ Gambling misplaces trust in God's provision (Proverbs 30:8-9).
- ✚ Gambling teaches that the end justifies the means (i.e., school raffles for "worthy" projects) (Romans 3:8).
- ✚ Gambling cannot follow the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12).
- ✚ Gambling seeks to get "something for nothing" contrary to God's will (Genesis 3:19; Ephesians 4:28; Proverbs 28:20).
- ✚ Gambling encourages sloth and laziness (Matthew 25:26; I Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10).
- ✚ Gambling is a habit-forming practice that destroys self-control (2 Timothy 3:3).
- ✚ Gambling associates you with evil companions (I Corinthians 15:33).
- ✚ Gambling encourages selfishness and heartlessness (Galatians 6:10; Romans 13:10).
- ✚ Gambling encourages discontent in life (I Timothy 6:6-9; Psalm 62:10).

PLEASE, DADDY, LET'S GO

Years ago, while I was serving as an evangelist for a congregation in the western part of the United States, I experienced something with two different children that I will never forget.

In the first instance I was visiting in the home of a family that had not attended our services in some time. The little 5 year-old girl entered the room and interrupted the conversation by asking me to do her a favor. She went on to say, "My Sunday School teacher was helping us to make a lamb out of paper and cotton. We haven't been to Sunday School in a long time and I am afraid she might throw it away. Will you ask her to not throw it away? Mommy said that we will go again pretty soon." I promised her I would tell the teacher, as the mother hurried the little girl from the room. There was a lump in my throat.

A few weeks later, I was at the door of the church building shaking hands with the members after the sermon, when a little 4 year-old boy came up to me and tugged on my hand. He asked if he could whisper something to me. I bent to listen. He said, "Would you ask my mommy and daddy to bring me to Sunday School? I think they will bring me if you ask them to. But don't tell them that I told you to ask," He hurried away leaving me with another lump in my throat.

It's unfortunate that we so often do not realize how eager our children are to be close to God and godly people when they are small. It's also unfortunate that we wait too long to help them. I think the following poem says it.

A little girl with shining eyes, her little face aglow, said, "Daddy, its time for Bible School, let's go." "Oh no", said daddy, "not today, I've worked hard all this week; and I must have one day of rest...I'm going to the creek. For there I can relax and rest and fishing's fine, they say. So run along, don't bother me; we'll go some day."

Months and years have passed away, but daddy hears that plea no more. "Let's go to Bible School." Those childish days are o'er. And now that daddy's growing old, his hair is turning gray, he finds time to go to church: but what does daughter say?

"Oh no, daddy, not today; I've stayed up most of the night...and I must get myself some sleep. Besides I look a fright."

Then daddy lifts a trembling hand to brush away the tears. He seems to hear the pleading voice distinctly through the years. He sees a small girl's little face, upturned with eyes aglow. "It's almost time for Bible School, PLEASE, DADDY, CAN'T WE GO."

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: July 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 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

Emily Kelley came home from the hospital on Wednesday. **Elvy Sauls Jr.** is weakening. **Lynn Kelley** (Jackie Sue's brother) is home doing better. **Olivia Peevyhouse** hurt her ankle and is on crutches.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

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

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	73
AM Worship	85
Sunday Evening	61
Wednesday Bible Study	45
Contribution	\$2,018.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

What If...?

- * What if GOD didn't take time to bless us today because we didn't take time to thank Him today?
- * What if GOD decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?
 - * What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when GOD sent the rain?
- * What if GOD didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?
 - * What if GOD took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?
- * What if GOD took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?
- * What if GOD didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin?
- * What if the door of GOD'S kingdom was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?
 - * What if GOD stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?
 - * What if GOD would not hear our prayers because we would not listen to His Word?
- * What if GOD answered all our prayers the way we answer His call to service?
- * What if GOD met our needs the way we give Him our lives?

Think about it.
-House to House, Heart to Heart

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 – James 1:2-6 Scripture Reading: PM – Mark 13:32-33

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
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
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

I Am A Christian

When I say. . . “I am a Christian!” I’m not shouting “I’m clean livin” I’m whispering “I was lost, Now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say. . . “I am a Christian!” I’m not just speaking of this with pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need CHRIST to be my guide.

When I say. . . “I am a Christian!” I’m not just trying to be strong. I’m professing that I’m weak and need HIS strength to carry on.

When I say. . . “I am a Christian!” I’m not bragging of my success. I’m admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say. . . “I am a Christian!” I’m not claming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible but, God believes I am worth it.

When I say. . . “I am a Christian!” I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches so I call upon HIS name.

When I say. . . “I am a Christian!” I’m not holier than thou, I’m just a simple sinner who received God’s good grace, somehow.

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