

# 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 1:16; 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)

# The Value of Companionship

“Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor...” -Ecc. 4:9

It has been noted frequently that close human relationships, such as that which is characteristic of the family, provide a person with many advantages in life. In Ecclesiastes 4:8-12, Solomon provides illustrations of this principle which are most vivid.

An analysis of this text reveals several life-situations in which companionship can be an advantage.

(1) Companionship may be beneficial in business. Friends can share the labor and the reward. It is infinitely more gratifying to labor for the benefit of those one loves, rather than for self alone. There is nothing more pathetic than the lonely miser. Howard Hughes was a prime example of such. He died a billionaire but with scarcely a friend in the world - a lonely, pathetic recluse.

(2) Friends can help one another in times of dire need. How tragic is the circumstance when one becomes ill and there is no one to provide sustenance and care. Countless lives have been saved by the proximity of friends in times of tragedy.

(3) Companions can find comfort in one another. Verse 11 likely contemplates travel during those chilling Palestinian nights. Companions share body heat by huddling together. The implied bone-cold misery of the lonely sojourner stands in stark contrast.

(4) Companionship also affords protection in times of danger. Two companions are much more of a deterrent to violence than is the lone potential victim.

Let us acknowledge the value of godly human relationships and cultivate rich friendships. Family members need to be friends (a strange observation to make!) And Christians should be friends to one another.

- Wayne Jackson  
via Madison, Alabama

## PLAYING GAMES WITH THE BIBLE

FRANK HIGGINBOTHAM

Jacob Ditzler and J.S. Sweeney (a Gospel preacher) were having a debate on the subject of the scriptural mode of baptism. Ditzler showed that a secondary meaning (per modern definition) of the word “baptize” was “to sprinkle.”

In reply, brother Sweeney showed a secondary meaning of “believe” (per modern definition) was “to

have an opinion,” and the secondary meaning of “saved” (per modern definition) was “to be pickled.”

He then gave the resulting translation of Mark 16:16: “He that hath an opinion and is sprinkled shall be pickled.” Then he raised the valid question, “Is it our aim to see what we can make of the Scriptures, or is it to find out what God has said?”

## A CHILD’S ADVICE TO HIS PARENTS

1. My hands are small. Please don’t expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture, or throw a ball.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have. Please let me explore it at my own level without unnecessary restrictions.
3. Housework will always be there, but I will be little only for a short time. Please take time to explain about this wonderful world.
4. My feelings are tender. Please be sensitive to my needs. Treat me as you would like to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God. Treasure me as God intended, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement to grow, so go easy on the criticism. Try to correct my behavior without criticizing me as a person.
7. Give me the freedom to make decisions. Permit me to fail, so I can learn from my mistakes. Then I’ll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me as an adult.
8. Don’t do jobs over that I have done. This makes me feel that my efforts don’t quite measure up to your expectations.
9. Please don’t be afraid to leave me for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just like parents need to get away occasionally.
10. Please set a good example by taking me to Sunday School and church regularly, I enjoy learning more about God.

-Author Unknown

*“For I was my father’s son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother” - Proverbs 4:3*

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** October 6-Linda Sydnor, 12-Margaret Barlowe, 14-Tim Rogers, 14-Wanda Smith, 17- Katie Lindsey, 17- Kellie Lindsey, 19-Zachary Chrisman, 19- Cailey Lanciloti , 21-Lori McClain, 23-Jacob Peevyhouse, 23-Scarlet Peevyhouse, 25-Ben Holmes, 28-Sharon Wright.

**Anniversaries:** October 21-Benji & Nichole Lawrence.

### **HEALTH WATCH**

**Jackie Sue Foster** is home from the hospital.

**Craig Ballentine** had surgery this past Thursday at the Regional Hospital in Jackson.

**Mike Woods** was involved in an accident at work.

**Pat Argo** will start radiation treatment soon.

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

Laverne Belew, Helen Pinson, Betty De Priest.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Ray McCormick (friend of Shirley Butler), Kathy Watkins, Danny Curtis, Elvy Sauls Jr., Nettie Mayberry White, Randle Smith, Anita Mayo (Barbara Holt's sister), Rachel Arrington, Larry Hays, Jimmy & Ginger Taylor, Derick Lamen (David & Gail's friend), Larry Kelley, Alice Moore, Nina Long, Cathy Glasgow, Jimmy & Kaffie Greene, Kinley Fowler, Tom Aden, Evelyn Miller, Joann Mewbourn Goodman, Denise & Mark Algoood, Otis Brown Foster, Bobby O'Dell, Missy Denton, Rena Arrington.

**CANCER:** Pat Argo, Lisa Carter ( Dale Aden's friend), Morgan Fuller(Huntingdon Student), Stella Crocker (April Williams mother), Ronnie Joyner, Mac Woods, John David Presson, Brenda Johnson, Wayne Seavers, Kim Barker (Jackie-Sue's cousin), Chayla Blagaich (friend of Pam & David), Ian Edwards, Pat Schneider, Dorothy Lowe, David Fowler, Elizabeth Cronin, Karen Allen, Kenneth Foster, Christine Johnson, Debbie Browning, Jr. Bell, Stephanie Carter, Jason Robinson (Charles Foster's nephew), Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Tolbert Ray.

### **Last Week's Record**

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$2,963.00</b>

### **Donations to St. Jude**

Morgan, Claire & Garrett have put together an "UP TIL DAWN TEAM" for UTM. UP TIL DAWN is a fundraiser for St. Jude. They each have a personal goal of \$100.00, but their team goal is \$600.00.

Donations can be made through cash, checks made out to St. Jude, or through their personal online links.

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[utd.stjude.org/claireclark](http://utd.stjude.org/claireclark)

[utd.stjude.org/garrettwright](http://utd.stjude.org/garrettwright)

TEAM NAME: "JAY'S WARRIORS"

If you have any questions ask Morgan!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** –Elders & Deacons meeting @ 3:30pm.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**–Fellowship meal after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**–Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Norris De Priest.

**Teachers: October, November & December 2015**

#### **Cradle Roll**

Jana Blount & Katie Lindsey

#### **2year old-K**

Sunday: Rhonda Aden

Wednesday: Sharon Wright

#### **1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sunday: Jeanie Brasher

Wednesday: Judy Keen

#### **4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday: Kim Lindsey

Wednesday: Rita Foster

#### **Jr & Sr High**

Sunday: Boys – Dale Balentine

Sunday: Girls – Mary Jo Hall

Wednesday: Mark Wright

### **One Liners**

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God never takes you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 Given.

### ***Tennessee Children's Home***

*Fall Food and Supply Drive*

*The Food Truck will be here Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>*

100% Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape), Little Debbie Snack Cakes, Brownie Mix, Granola or Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts (Frosted or Unfrosted), Hot Sauce or Peppers (Jalapeno/Pepperoncini), Cooking Oil, Olive, Canola (Spray or Liquid), Beef Broth, BBQ Sauce, Gatorade Powdered Mix (canisters), Rice (instant or regular), Kool-Aid (Canisters), Strawberry (Jelly/Preserves), Sugar, Velveeta Cheese, Paper Towels, Garbage Bags with drawstrings (39 gal), Bleach, Automatic Dishwasher Detergent, Paper Plates, Vinyl Gloves (Large), Freezer Bags (Gallon or Quart), Facial Tissue, Laundry Detergent (HE) (liquid), Men's Shampoo, Deodorant Soap (bars), Fabuloso or Pine-sol Floor Cleaner, Bathroom and Kitchen Cleaners.

***Thanks so much for your help!***

***West Tennessee Children's Home***

## Privileged To Serve

### October

Prepare Communion Trays: Steve & Rita Foster    Power Point: Keith Peevyhouse    Greet: Dale & Rhonda Aden  
Announcements: Steve Foster    Song Leader AM: Nick Bryant / Song Leader PM: David Bryant / Wednesday: Keith Peevyhouse  
Preside at Table: Terry Hall & Sherrill Smith    Serve on Table: Dylan Holt, Jacob Keen, Jack Lawrence & Joshua Brasher  
Scripture Reading: AM – I Timothy 3:8-12    Scripture Reading: PM – I John 3:22-24

Date October Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date October Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
4	Dale Aden	Peyton Lindsey	Daniel Rogers	Steve Foster	Jacob Keen	Charlie Wachsmuth	7	Greg McClain	Steve Foster	Peyton Lindsey
11	Dale Ballentine	Garrett Wright	Greg McClain	Nick Bryant	Daniel Rogers	Dale Aden	14	Mark Wright	Nick Bryant	Jacob Keen
18	David Bryant	Jack Lawrence	Peyton Lindsey	David Brasher	Mark Wright	Daniel Rogers	21	David Bryant	Tim Rogers	Mark Wright
25	Tim Rogers	Jacob Keen	Joshua Brasher	Dale Aden	Charlie Wachsmuth	Mark Wright	28	Steve Foster	Dale Ballentine	Charlie Wachsmuth

### DAILY BIBLE READING FOR 2015

October	New Testament	Old Testament
4	Galatians 6	Isaiah 3-6
5	Ephesians 1	Isaiah 7-8
6	Ephesians 2	Isaiah 9-11
7	Ephesians 3	Isaiah 12-15
8	Ephesians 4	Isaiah 16-19
9	Ephesians 5	Isaiah 20-23
10	Ephesians 6	Isaiah 24-26
11	Philippians 1	Isaiah 27-29
12	Philippians 2	Isaiah 30-32
13	Philippians 3	Isaiah 33-36
14	Philippians 4	Isaiah 37-38
15	Colossians 1	Isaiah 39-41
16	Colossians 2	Isaiah 42-44
17	Colossians 3	Isaiah 45-47
18	Colossians 4	Isaiah 48-50
19	I Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 51-54
20	I Thessalonians 2	Isaiah 55-58
21	I Thessalonians 3	Isaiah 59-63
22	I Thessalonians 4	Isaiah 64-66
23	I Thessalonians 5	Jeremiah 1-2
24	II Thessalonians 1	Jeremiah 3-4
25	II Thessalonians 2	Jeremiah 5-6

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### MISSION WORK

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*West Tennessee Children's Home*