

# 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 . . .

- 1. To speak where the Bible speaks, and to be silent where the Bible is silent!
- 2. To call Bible things by Bible names and to do Bible things in Bible ways!
- 3. To have unity in matters of faith, liberty in matters of opinion, and love in all things!
- 4. To "serve God acceptably with reverence and with Godly fear"! (Heb. 12:28)
- 5. 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)

## It's Strange Isn't It?

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 HOURS seem so long when YOU'RE AT CHURCH, and how short they seem when you're watching a GOOD MOVIE?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or book?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, But they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

## DAILY INVENTORY

When evening comes, go off into a quiet place and review your day.

**Have** you been kind and thoughtful, or mean and thoughtless?

**Have** you kept an even temper, or have you lost your temper when things have gone wrong?

**Have** you been pleasant, or grouchy?

**Have** you inspired those who you have met, or have you depressed and discouraged them?

**Have** you done something creative and worthwhile, or have you wasted the day with petty things?

**Have** you been square and fair in what you've done?

**Have** you increased the happiness-moments in the lives of others, or have you thought only of self?

**Have** you enlarged your mental horizon, expanded your personality-have you grown larger, or shrunk smaller?

What we do day by day determines what we become. Hour by hour we build our lives for better or for worse. A daily inventory will help to keep us on the right track, headed toward our highest ideals.

*Bulletin Digest*

## ON THE SUNNY SIDE

It is easy to complain, bicker, fuss, criticize, pick, battle, crusade, and generally become the chairman of the "Department of Demoralization!" One may never become totally satisfied but one can be content! There is a big difference. The latter comes from inner peace while the former is moved by a lack of desire to improve the changeable! Let me suggest a few things that can get you back on the sunny side of life.

Remember:

You are working for the Lord, not for men.

You have not resisted to the point of blood in striving for the Lord.

You are here to serve ... not to be served

You can bring sunshine and encouragement as easily as storms of doubt.

Face the day with a smile. It takes a lot less energy and pays much better dividends.

It makes no difference who gets the credit as long as Gods gets the glory.

You serve the greatest Friend in the greatest cause, with the very greatest promises, in anticipation of the greatest future! There is no reason to get down on yourself!

Twist those lips the other way. Put a smile on your face! Fill the inside with the joy of Christian purpose. Rid yourself of the attitude of defeat. Face life a day at a time. Drink deeply of opportunity's cup . . . The opportunity to bring hope to our hopeless world.

- Douglas F.  
Parsons

## About Our Services

In our Worship Services you will experience:

**ACAPPELLA SINGING:** Which is one of the most unique things about our service, we sing without the accompaniment of musical instruments.

**PRAY:** In prayer we talk to God.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** We listen to God's desire for us.

**COMMUNION:** The Lord's Supper is observed every First Day of the week; to remember the death of Jesus and His Resurrection.

**GIVING:** (Offering) is our way of giving back to God a monetary portion of His blessings.

**THE SERMONS:** Are designed to help us build a bridge between the Word of God and our daily lives. To edify the Body of Christ.

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** December 6-Dale Ballentine, 7-Jana Blount,  
10-Pam Bryant, 12-Mary Jo Hall, 23-Hunter Holmes,  
23-Keith Peevyhouse, 26-Dianne Giles, 29- Britni Shepherd.

### **Anniversaries:**

### **HEALTH WATCH**

Sick this past week: **Ella-Marie & Jay Cruz Rogers, Mark, Sharon, Sara Beth & Garrett Wright, Dale & Rhonda Aden, Monte Morris, Wanda Smith.** **Martha Nell Reed** moved to McKenzie Rehab Wednesday afternoon. **Reitha Martin** (Wanda Smith's sister) had surgery this past Wednesday. **Kenneth Barlowe** went to the doctor Wednesday with heart trouble.

### **SYMPATHY**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of **Danny Curtis, Darrell Wilson & Dorothy Lowe.**

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

Laverne Belew, Helen Pinson, Betty De Priest, Margaret Barlowe.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Julia Watson (David Bryant's Friend), Ray McCormick (friend of Shirley Butler), Kathy Watkins, 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 Algood, Otis Brown Foster, Bobby O'Dell, Missy Denton, Rena Arrington.

**CANCER:** Vicky Parrish, David Hardy, 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, 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>71</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$1,718.00</b>

## **I'd Rather Be a Bible Teacher!**

I'd rather be a Bible teacher than anything I could be.

And mingle with the boys and girls as their love inspires me.

I'd rather hear the excitement when the children's voices ring;

Than travel all around the world and visit kings and queens.

I'd rather hug their tearful faces with worried  
anxious eyes;  
Than be president of these great states and mingle  
with the wise.

I'd rather be a Bible teacher than anything I know.  
Planting the seed of God's word and helping it to  
grow.

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## **Forgiveness**

Here is a test to determine if we have forgiven another. It is called, "Have I really forgiven my offender" test.

1. Do I secretly rejoice when I hear of some misfortune coming to my offender?
2. Do I purposefully avoid his presence?
3. Do I speak to him hesitatingly and only under duress?
4. Do I vividly remember the wrong committed?
5. Do I ever sit in silence and meditate and brood over the wrong done me?
6. Could I happily and anxiously go to God in prayer in my offenders' behalf?
7. Have I sought an opportunity to do him a favor?

## **Romans 12:17-21**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Elders & Deacons Meeting 3:30pm.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Meal after our morning service. Devo @12:15pm.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Charlie Wachsmuth.

West Tennessee Children's Home will be here Sunday, December 13, 2015. Don't forget to do your shopping for them. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the fellowship meal and enjoy the time with these young people.

# Privileged To Serve

## December

Prepare Communion Trays: David Bryant   Power Point: Mark Wright   Greet: Charlie & Annie Wachsmuth  
Announcements: David Brasher   Song Leader AM: Nick Bryant / Song Leader PM: David Bryant / Wednesday: Keith Peevyhouse  
Preside at Table: Charlie Wachsmuth & Greg McClain   Serve on Table: John Henry Long, Jack Lawrence, Barry Moore, Norris De Priest  
Scripture Reading: AM – Nehemiah 4:6   Scripture Reading: PM – Psalms 62:1-2

Date December Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date December Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
6	Steve Foster	Joshua Brasher	Dale Ballentine	William Moore	Peyton Lindsey	Jacob Keen	9	Greg McClain	Dale Aden	Jimmy McClain
13	Tim Rogers	Dylan Holt	Terry Hall	Dale Aden	Mark Wright	John Henry Long	16	Steve Foster	Charlie Wachsmuth	Peyton Lindsey
20	William Moore	Jacob Keen	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine	Dale Aden	Dylan Holt	23	Sherrill Smith	David Bryant	Monte Morris
27	Keith Peevyhouse	Daniel Rogers	Sherrill Smith	Nick Bryant	Zac Chrisman	Joshua Brasher	30	Charlie Wachsmuth	Tim Rogers	Mark Wright

## DAILY BIBLE READING FOR 2015

December	New Testament	Old Testament
6	I John 1	Ezekiel 47-48
7	I John 2	Daniel 1-2
8	I John 3	Daniel 3-4
9	I John 4	Daniel 5-6
10	I John 5	Daniel 7-9
11	II John – III John	Daniel 10-12
12	Jude	Hosea 1-3
13	Revelation 1	Hosea 4-7
14	Revelation 2	Hosea 8-11
15	Revelation 3	Hosea 12-14
16	Revelation 4-5	Joel 1-3
17	Revelation 6	Amos 1-5
18	Revelation 7	Amos 6-9
19	Revelation 8	Obadiah
20	Revelation 9	Jonah 1-4
21	Revelation 10-11	Micah 1-4
22	Revelation 12	Micah 5-7
23	Revelation 13	Nahum 1-3
24	Revelation 14	Habakkuk 1-3
25	Revelation 15-16	Zephaniah 1-3
26	Revelation 17	Haggai 1-2
27	Revelation 18	Zechariah 1-5
28	Revelation 19	Zechariah 6-8
29	Revelation 20	Zechariah 9-11
30	Revelation 21	Zechariah 12-14
31	Revelation 22	Malachi 1-4

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