

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)

It's A Crazy World

If a boy rises before 4:00 a.m. to deliver papers, he is a go-getter. If the church asks him to rise at 4:00a.m. to do some work for the Lord, people would say, "That's asking too much!"

If a woman were to work eight hours at some community project, people would say, "She's a fine, energetic, public-minded citizen." But if she were to work eight hours for the church, some would say, "Her religion has gone to her head."

If an employer asks an employee to work each day, and not be tardy, people would say, "He's a sensible business man who requires that which is right." But if the elders of the church ask the members to attend the service three times a week, and to please be on time, some are ready to say, "You ask too much. And besides, it doesn't matter if I'm on time for services anyway."

If a man obligates to pay \$300.00 a month (or more) for a new car, people say, "Fine." If the elders of the church suggest that the same man obligate himself for a certain amount to be given regularly to the support of the church, people say, "They are too demanding."

It's a crazy world indeed, when the first things are the last and the last things are first.

Well Said:

*The best way to keep your kids out of hot water is to put some dishes in it.

*It is easier to build a boy than to mend a man.

*We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and be quiet.

*You know that your children are getting older when they quit asking where they came from and don't want you to know where they are going.

*We first make our habits, then our habits make us.

*Most great wins happen on the last play.

*The secret of happiness is not in doing what we like to do, but in liking what we have to do.

*Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life to save.

*Do not do what you would undo if caught.
copied from "House to House" and "Heart to Heart"

GOD BE IN MY HEAD

"God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end and at my departing."

-Anonymous - 16th Century

The Value of A Smile

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated. A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against your will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.

A STORY ABOUT A PRESIDENT

The story is told of U.S. President James Garfield's first Sunday in Washington, D.C. after his inauguration. A member of the cabinet insisted that a cabinet meeting must be called at 10:00a.m. the following day (Sunday) to handle a matter that threatened a national crisis. Garfield refused on the grounds of another appointment. The cabinet member then insisted that the national matter was of such great importance that the President should break his engagement.

Garfield refused. The cabinet member remarked, "I would be interested to know with whom you could have an engagement so important that it cannot be broken." Garfield replied, "I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with the Lord, to meet Him at His house and at His table at 10:30a.m. tomorrow, and I shall be there." The President was at worship services the next morning. The nation survived the crisis. President Garfield was a member of the Lord's church.

The Lord's statement is still true, "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.*" (Matt. 6:33). DO YOU keep your appointments with the Lord?

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: December 23-Hunter Holmes,
23-Keith Peevyhouse, 26-Dianne Giles, 29- Britni Shepherd.

January 8-Mary Bryant, 11-Mark Wright,
14-Benji Lawrence, 18-Tonya Box, 23-Katie Moore,
26-Zoey Morgan.

Anniversaries: January 30-Kyle & Ginger Foster

HEALTH WATCH

Gaylon Sydnor has four bulging disk and a cyst on his kidney.

Debra Helton is home recovering from surgery. **Sara Beth Wright** will have MRI on her shoulder December 23rd. Her doctor's appointment will be December 28th to see about surgery.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

Laverne Belew, Helen Pinson, Betty De Priest, Margaret Barlowe, Martha Nell Reed (McKenzie Rehab).

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: Jenny Corbin, 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

Bible Study	83
AM Worship	101
Sunday Evening	N/S
Wednesday Bible Study	62
Contribution	\$3,530.50

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

January 3rd - Elders & Deacons Meeting @ 3:30pm

January 6th - Wednesday Night Singing.

January 10th - Fellowship Meal & Devotional following meal.

January 17th - Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Tim Rogers.

January 31st - Conduct services at the Huntingdon Rest Home. Van will leave @ 1:30pm. Speaker: Dale Ballentine.

February 3rd - Prayer Meeting

February 6th - Elders, Deacons, Ministers Breakfast.

February 14th-17th - Gospel Meeting with Dorian Flynn.

February 21st - Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Dale Aden.

February 25th-28th - CYC

GRATITUDE

One stormy night in 1860, a side-wheeler steamboat was rammed by a lumber schooner in Lake Michigan. The steamboat sank just a mile off shore from the village of Winnetka, Illinois. Two hundred seventy-nine of the 393 passengers drowned. Among the heroes of the tragedy was a strong young student of Northwestern University. An excellent swimmer, this man Edward Spencer, plunged into the lake and swam out to the drowning men and women. He towed one of these persons to shore and immediately went after another. In all, he brought 17 persons to safety, who would have drowned without his aid. The strain on the young man brought on delirium, which rendered him an invalid, confined to a wheelchair for life. On his 80th birthday someone asked him to relate his most vivid memory of that dreadful day. He replied, "Not one of the 17 returned to say thank-you."

It's an old, old story, pre-dating the Edward Spencer incident by hundreds of years. One day Jesus restored the health of 10 lepers . . . and only one of them returned to say thank-you. Gratitude is a debt that is hard to collect, someone has said. A certain foundation sent an unusual large check to a charitable organization. Not hearing from it, an officer of the foundation telephoned the secretary of the organization and asked, "Did you get your check?" "Yes," she replied, "didn't you get your cancelled check back?"

A man who gave away millions of dollars once said, "Don't look for gratitude except in the dictionary."

Gratitude surely is one of the most neglected virtues. We should cultivate the habit of writing letters of appreciation, saying thank-you for the extended favors, and being gracious and kind.

Of all virtues, gratitude pays the greatest dividend for the least labor. You're morally bankrupt if you have forgotten how to say THANK-YOU.

-Gene Greer

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 – Matthew 1:21-25 Scripture Reading: PM – Acts 26:27-29

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
20	William Moore	Jacob Keen	Keith Peevyhosue	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
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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MISSION WORK

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