

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!

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)

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FAMILY

I ran into a stranger as he passed by, "Oh excuse me please" was my reply. He said, "Please excuse me too; I wasn't watching for you." We were very polite, this stranger and I. We went on our way and we said good-bye. But at home a different story is told, How we treat our loved ones, young and old. Later that day, cooking the evening meal, My son stood beside me very still. When I turned, I nearly knocked him down. "Move out of the way," I said with a frown. He walked away, his little heart broken. I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken. While I lay awake in bed, God's still small voice came to me and said, "While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use, but the family you love, you seem to abuse. Go and look on the kitchen floor. You'll find some flowers there by the door.

Those are the flowers he brought for you. He picked them himself: pink, yellow, and blue. He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise, you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes. By this time, I felt very small, And now my tears began to fall. I quietly went and knelt by his bed; "Wake up, little one, wake up," I said. "Are these the flowers you picked for me?" He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree." "I picked 'em because they're pretty like you. I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue." I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today; I shouldn't have yelled at you that way." He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway." I said, "Son, I love you too, and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."

FAMILY-Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think. So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?
FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I)
(L)OVE (Y)OU.

-COPIED

A CHANGE OF MIND ON ABORTION

Kathy Ireland is a well known actress and supermodel. She is also a former pro-choice advocate. "I was once pro-choice," Ireland says, "and the thing that changed my mind was, I read my husband's biology books, medical books, and what I learned (was that at) the moment of conception, a life starts. And this life has its own unique set of DNA, which contains a blueprint for the whole genetic makeup. The sex is determined. We know there's a life because it's growing and changing."

-The New American, June 16, 2003, page 27
"Thou shalt not kill . . ." Ex. 20:13

--Copied from *"Glad Tidings of Good Things"*

IMPERFECT PEOPLE

The church of Christ is composed of imperfect members, including preachers, teachers, elders, and deacons. Not a member of the church is without faults, but the amazing thing about the Lord's cause is God has been able to work wonders through the agency of the imperfect. In fact, He has never had a chance with any other kind.

If a preacher ever finds a congregation which has no faults, he will have found a place where no teaching, preaching, or training is needed. If any congregation finds a preacher who is perfect, he will seem unreal, completely without understanding of the difficulties under which people struggle.

It is the imperfect Christians, working together, wrestling against their tendencies to be carnally minded, forgiving one another's faults, who become the nearest to presenting Christ the "perfect" church.

If you know of anyone who stays away from the church services because of the imperfect people there- invite him in! There is always room for one more!

"... forbearing one another in love..." Eph. 4:2

- *"Glad Tidings of Good Things"*

WHAT DO WE OWE GOD?

What do we owe God we ask?

Suppose He sent His bill:

One hundred thousand for the sun upon the Hill;

Two thousand for the brook that runs
along the way,

Five hundred for the night time,
and a thousand for the day.

Six hundred for the tiny flowers
which tell us that it's Spring.

These are the bills which everyone
in every claim forget.

If God should charge us what we owe,
We'd always be in dept!

*Psalm 100:4 "Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be
thankful unto him, and bless his name."*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: January 11-Mark Wright,14-Benji Lawrence, 18-Tonya Box, 23-Katie Moore, 26-Zoey Morgan, 30-Hunter Lindsey, 30- Edward Ray Ford.

Anniversaries: January 30-Kyle & Ginger Foster

HEALTH WATCH

Sick this past week: **Mandy, Eli & Callie Bryant, Jimmy McClain, Mark Wright, Rita Foster, Charles Foster, Nichole Lawrence.**

Gaylon Sydnor has a doctor's appointment January 28th for his back.

Sara Beth Wright surgery went well this past Wednesday.

Donna Lindsey (Patrick's mother) was moved to McKenzie Healthcare.

Margaret Barlowe moved to Harmony Hill this past week.

Barbara Holt will have cataract surgery on January 19th.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

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

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Wayne Seavers.**

PRAYER LIST

Julia Watson (David Bryant's Friend), 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: Jackie Puiett (friend of Terry Hall), Webb Maddox, Jenny Corbin, Vicky Parrish, 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	86
AM Worship	92
Sunday Evening	64
Wednesday Bible Study	53
Contribution	\$3,048.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

"WELL SAID"

"To understand a parent's love, you must raise children yourself."

"The best security blanket that a child can have is parents who respect each other."

"Marriage is when you agree to spend the rest of your life sleeping in a room that is too warm, beside someone who is sleeping in a room that's too cold."

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also."

John 14:1-3

Privileged To Serve

January

Prepare Communion Trays: Sherrill & Wanda Smith Power Point: David Brasher Greet: Steve & Rita Foster
Announcements: David Bryant Song Leader AM: Keith Peevyhouse / Song Leader PM: Nick Bryant / Wednesday: David Bryant
Preside at Table: Steve Foster & Dale Ballentine Serve on Table: Monte Morris, Jacob Keen, Joshua Brasher & Dylan Holt
Scripture Reading: AM – Matthew 24:42-44 Scripture Reading: PM – James 3:3-6

Date January Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date January Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
10	Charlie Wachsmuth	Jack Lawrence	Greg McClain	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse	Peyton Lindsey	13	Steve Foster	Nick Bryant	David Brasher
17	Nick Bryant	Mark Wright	William Moore	Steve Foster	Dale Ballentine	Jacob Keen	20	Dale Aden	Tim Rogers	Greg McClain
24	Sherrill Smith	Daniel Rogers	Terry Hall	David Bryant	Peyton Lindsey	Mark Wright	27	Dale Ballentine	Dale Aden	Peyton Lindsey
31	Dale Aden	Norris De Priest	Mark Wright	Charlie Wachsmuth	Greg McClain	David Bryant	February	February	February	February

A FATHER SPEAKS. . .

IF ONLY I HAD IT TO DO OVER -Keith Parker

I won't beat around the bush. If I had it to do over, I would spend more time with my children. I would spend more time talking to them and listening to them. Praying with them and playing with them. Taking them to church and reading the Bible to them. Hugging them and kissing them.

It's hard to believe that it's been 20 years since they were small. Jeremy is now 32. Ashley is 29. And Jessica is 26. My where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday when Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy were such a part of our home. Days turned into weeks. Weeks to years. And years to decades.

Oh, I heard the warnings. . . "Kid's grow up so fast." "Enjoy your children while they are young." "They won't be with you forever."

And I remember the verses. . .

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children. . ." (Deut. 6:6-7)

"Train up a child in the way he should go. . ." (Prov. 22:6)

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

I remember a saintly sister telling me once that the happiest time of her life was when her children were at home. I remember hearing a preacher once say, "There are special moments that only come around once in a lifetime. . . and if you miss them, you just miss them." I can remember one of my girls telling her Bible class teacher, "But Daddy's never home." If only I had listened. . . if only I could roll back the clock. . . if only they were small again. . . if only I had stayed at home. . . if only. . .

God's grace is sufficient. It is twenty years earlier than I imagined. He has given me the chance. How will I use the time?

(". . . the glory of children are their fathers" -Proverbs 17:6)

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MISSION WORK

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West Tennessee Children's Home