

# 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)

# THE EARLIEST CHURCH DESCRIBED

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Careful Bible students know when the church was established. Jesus said that He would do it (Matt. 16:18) and on the Day of Pentecost of which we read in Acts 2 He did so. Peter and the other Apostles preached the first Gospel sermons and many obeyed the truth. It follows, therefore, that the second chapter of the book of Acts is the beginning of the history of the "earliest" church.

It is our desire as Christians to follow the Biblical pattern as closely as we possibly can (II Tim 1:13). It is therefore of great interest to notice certain characteristics of this church revealed in Acts 2:41-47.

1. They were obedient: *Then they that gladly received his word and were baptized.*
2. They were steadfast: *And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
3. They respected God: *And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.*
4. They were together and they cared about each other: *And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.*
5. They were united in a great sense of purpose and joy: *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.*
6. They grew in reputation and number as God gave them increase: *Praising God,*

*and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

This description of the church is not complete, nor could it be without an examination of the entire New Testament. But it does serve as a bit of a guide to our behavior as Christians in the church today. Our cause, the saving of precious souls, is the greatest man can know. It is a wonderful blessing to know that we can be guided in the achievement of our cause by the faith and practice of the earliest Christians.

-The Lifeline

## Interesting Facts about the Bible!

-It is not generally known that Noah Webster, author of the famous "Webster's Dictionary" and the "Blue Back Speller," made a translation of the Bible, which was published in 1833.

-The King James Version of the Bible was first published in 1611.

You can never DO KINDNESS too soon, for you never know when it may be TOO LATE.

Parents, be reminded that you are daily training your children how to raise their children.

If anyone speaks badly of you, live so that none will believe it.

CHILDREN SPELL "LOVE" T-I-M-E!

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** January 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: **Callie Bryant**.

**Wanda Smith** had a MRI on Friday.

**Hattie Berry** has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Anita Lane** is in the Jackson Hospital.

**Gaylon Sydnor** is still having pain with his back.

**Barbara Holt** will have cataract surgery on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

## **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 Lamien (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**

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$1,218.00</b>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** - Fellowship Meal & Devotional following meal.

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

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

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Prayer Meeting

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** - Elders, Deacons, Ministers Breakfast.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** - Gospel Meeting with Dorian Flynn.

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

**February 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** - CYC

## **THE SEVEN YEARS OF A MARRIED COLD**

An article that first appeared in *Saturday Evening Post* years ago reveals a husband's reaction to his wife's colds during seven years of marriage.

**1st year cold:** The husband said, "Sugar dumpling! I'm really worried about my baby girl! You've got a bad snuffle and there's no telling about these things with all the strep going around. I'm putting you in the hospital this afternoon for a general check up and a good rest. I know the food is lousy there, so I'll be bringing you food from Tosini's. I've already got it all arranged with the floor superintendent."

**2nd year cold:** "Listen, darling! I don't like the sound of that cough! I've called Dr. Miller to rush over here. Now you go to bed like a good little girl just for Poppa."

**3rd year cold:** "Maybe you better lie down, Honey. Nothing like a little rest when you feel lousy. I'll bring you something. Do you have any canned soup?"

**4th year cold:** "Now look dear, be sensible! After you've fed the kids, washed the dishes and finished vacuuming, you'd better lie down."

**5th year cold:** "Why don't you take a couple of aspirin?"

**6th year cold:** "If you'd just gargle or something, instead of sitting around barking like a seal!"

**7th year cold:** "Would you stop sneezing! Are you trying to give me pneumonia!?"

Things do change over the years, don't they? May we encourage those who are married to do something special for your spouse today? Write a sweet note or buy a card. Pick up some flowers or a small gift (yes, be prepared for a response like, "What did you do now, wreck the car?"). Let's all make a conscious effort not to take one another for granted. *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it...admonish the young women to love their husbands..." (Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4)*

# 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 – Jonah 1:1-3   Scripture Reading: PM – Revelation 22:9

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
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

## REGRETS AT DEATH

I have never heard and I never expect to hear of one who, when about to die:

1. Regrets that he became a Christian.
2. Regrets that he tried earnestly to live as a Christian.
3. Regrets that he gave much time to prayer and study of the Bible.
4. Regrets that he gave a generous portion of his money to do the Lord's work.
5. Regrets that he tried to reach others around him who were lost in sin.
6. Regrets that he assembled conscientiously and regularly with the brethren for worship, exhortation, and edification.

But I have heard of many and expect to hear of more who, when about to die:

1. Regretted that they had NOT become a child of the King.
2. Regretted that they had NOT tried earnestly to live as a Christian.
3. Regretted that they had NOT given much time to prayer and a study of the Bible.
4. Regretted that they had NOT given a generous portion of their money to do the Lord's work.
5. Regretted that they had NOT tried to reach others around them who were lost in sin.
6. Regretted that they had NOT assembled conscientiously and regularly with their brethren for worship, exhortation, and edification.

Bill Crews -*The Encourager*

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