

# 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)

## **DETERMINING RIGHT OR WRONG**

In the sermon Sunday I promised that the following 11 points would be presented in the bulletin for our permanent possessions and consideration. It is my steadfast conviction that these eleven points are sufficient in determining our personal Biblical convictions concerning right and wrong.

1. Does the Bible say it's wrong. (John 14:21; I Sam. 15:22)
2. Does it hurt my body? (I Cor. 6:19-20)
3. Will it hurt my mind? (Phil. 4:8)
4. Will it enslave me? (I Cor. 6:12)
5. Is it good stewardship? (I Cor. 4:2)
6. Will it glorify God? (I Cor. 10:31; Phil. 1:20)
7. Will it profit and edify others? (Heb. 10:24; I Cor. 20:33)
8. Will it help me to serve God and others? (I Cor. 9:19; 10:23-24)
9. Is it worth imitating? (I Cor. 11:1; Phil. 4:9)
10. Will it cause others to stumble? (I Cor. 8:9; Rom. 14:21)
11. Is it best? (Phil. 1:9-10)

I'm sure that some people would think that if we have to ask these questions about all that we do that there would not be very much done. I'm sure that much that we're presently doing would cease to be done if we would ask these questions about our behavior, but I'm also sure that our life would be made much more beneficial to others, to God, and even to ourselves. May God help us to live lives that are to His glory and to the ongoing of His work. Let's have deep, personal, Biblical convictions based on His word and His will upon the earth.

-Richard Rogers

## **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:**

Those Who Mourn . . .

*"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."*

*The person who mourns is not only sorry for his sin but is grieved because of it. He mourns because he has sinned and because others have sinned. Peter became poor in spirit when he realized that he sinned against Jesus. He mourned because of his sin, and he was comforted. Had he remained proud he could not have served the church at all. We must be deeply grieved when we sin. (Excerpt From *Worry to Happiness*, by Bill W. Flatt, p. 114)*

## **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

"If live men knew what dead men know, the world would be saved without delay."

"People don't miss church services because they live too far from the building -

- it's because they live too far from God."

"The speed you are going is not as important as the direction you are going."

"If a person cannot give God four hours out of their entire week, that person is too busy."

"Zeal without knowledge is a sister to folly."

"It is good to check up once in a while and make sure you have not lost the things that money cannot buy."

"If you want the church to go, you must go to church."

"You cannot turn back the clock, but you can wind it again."

"Trouble is usually produced by those who don't produce anything else!"

## **ARE YOU RICH, LADY?**

They huddled inside the storm door, two children in ragged, outgrown coats. "Any old papers, lady?" I was busy. I wanted to say so- until I looked down at their feet. Thin little sandals sopped with ice and sleet. "Come in and I'll make you a cup of hot cocoa," I said. There was no conversation. Their soggy sandals left marks upon the hearthstone. Cocoa and toast with jam fortified against the cold outside. I went back to the kitchen and started again on my household budget. The silence in the front room struck me, so I looked in. The girl held her empty cup in her hands, looking at it. The boy asked in a flat voice, "Lady, are your rich?" "Am I rich? Mercy, no!" I looked at my shabby slip covers and the worn place in the rug. The little girl put her cup in its saucer, carefully. "Your cups match your saucers," she said. Her voice was old, with a hunger that was not of the stomach.

They left then, holding their bundles of paper against the wind. They hadn't said thank you, but they didn't need to. They had said more than that. Plain blue pottery cups and saucers. But they matched.

I tested the potatoes and stirred the gravy. Potatoes and brown gravy! Roof over our heads! My man with a steady job! These things matched, too. I moved the chairs back from the fire, and tidied the living room. The muddy prints of small sandals were still wet on my hearth. I let them be. I want them in case I forget how rich I am!

". . . and be ye thankful" - Col. 3:15

## **God's Plan for Saving Man**

God's Grace-Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood-Romans 5:9

The Holy Spirit's Gospel-  
Romans 1:16

Sinner's Faith-Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance-Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession-Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism-I Peter 3:21

Christian's Work-James 2:24

Christian's Hope-Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance-  
Matthew 24:13

**Education covers a lot of ground,  
but it doesn't cultivate it.**

*It's not only the IQ but also the I will that  
is important in getting an education.*

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

***Birthdays:*** February 4-Tanner Coleman,

4-Charles Foster, 7-Brittany Morgan, 11-Monte Morris,  
13-Julie Miller, 13-Bonnie Nance, 24-Jean Ford, 25-Nichole  
Lawrence, 26- Curt Foster, 27-Laverne Belew.

***Anniversaries:*** February 11-David & Gail Keel, 16-Edward Ray  
& Jean Ford, 22-Norris & Shan De Priest, 27- Patrick & Kim  
Lindsey.

## **HEALTH WATCH**

Sick this past week: **Jackie Sue Foster**. **Gaylon Sydnor** will  
have a pain block for his back on February 9<sup>th</sup>. **Albert Harold  
Akins** is in the McKenzie Healthcare. **Jerry Williams** received  
a good report. **Shannon Butler** is doing better. **Dustin Bryant**  
will have surgery February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Doris Berry  
(John Henry Long's sister)**. Mrs. Berry passed away this past  
Sunday morning.

## **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), Albert Harold Akins (McKenzie  
Healthcare).

## **PRAYER LIST**

Paul Godwin (Dale Aden's Friend), Anita Lane, Lillie Jones  
(Wesley Fountain Place), 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:** Jimmy Garmany (friend of Nick), Martha Fidler  
(Charlie Wachsmuth's sister), Hattie Berry, Bobby Lowe,  
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>76</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$1,470.00</b>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**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

## **A Secret to Quiet Children in Church Service!**

A mother was having a difficult time getting her young son to be  
quiet during the preaching. Finally, she leaned over and whispered  
something to him. From that point on he sat still and was quiet as a  
mouse. A person who had observed this asked the mother after  
services if she would share what she had told her young son in order  
to get him to behave the way he did. She said, "I told him he was  
disturbing the preacher and if he lost his place in his lesson, he  
would have to start all over again."

-copied from House to House-Heart to Heart

## **WHOEVER YOU ARE**

There is some younger person  
who thinks you are perfect.

There is some work that  
won't get done if you don't do it.

There is someone who would  
miss you if you were gone.

There is a reason for becoming  
better than you are.

There is a place to be filled  
that you alone can fill.

## **TEST**

### ***Weekly Observance of the Lord's Supper***

1. (Luke 22:19) In partaking of the Lord's Supper in  
remembrance of Christ
  - A. We should not partake of it more often than  
quarterly or monthly because it will lose  
its meaning just as if we pray too often  
prayer will lose its meaning.
  - B. We should partake of it regularly (weekly).
  - C. We should not partake of it at all.
2. T or F The Lord's Supper loses its meaning  
when we partake of it weekly.

**You cannot sink someone else's end of the  
boat and still keep your own afloat.**

**Charles Brower**

# 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: Nick Bryant  
Preside at Table: Steve Foster & Dale Ballentine   Serve on Table: Monte Morris, Jacob Keen, Joshua Brasher & Dylan Holt  
Scripture Reading: AM – Romans 6:1-7   Scripture Reading: PM – Mark 16:15-16

## February

Prepare Communion Trays: Edward Ray & Jean Ford   Power Point: Dale Ballentine   Greet: Dale & Rhonda Aden  
Announcements: Nick Bryant   Song Leader AM: David Bryant / Song Leader PM: Keith Peevyhouse / Wednesday: Nick Bryant  
Preside at Table: Terry Hall & Dale Aden   Serve on Table: Peyton Lindsey, Noah Brasher, Sherrill Smith & Mark Wright  
Scripture Reading: AM –   Scripture Reading: PM –

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
31	Dale Aden	Norris De Priest	Mark Wright	Charlie Wachsmuth	Greg McClain	David Bryant	February 3	Charlie Wachsmuth	Steve Foster	Greg McClain
Date February Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date February Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
7	Charlie Wachsmuth	Jacob Keen	Nick Bryant	Mark Wright	Peyton Lindsey	David Brasher	10	Steve Foster	Tim Rogers	Mark Wright
14	Keith Peevyhouse	Jack Lawrence	Joshua Brasher	David Brasher	Joshua Brasher	Peyton Lindsey	17	Dale Aden	Mark Wright	Daniel Rogers
21	William Moore	David Brasher	Peyton Lindsey	Steve Foster	Jacob Keen	Greg McClain	24	David Bryant	Charlie Wachsmuth	Dale Ballentine
28	Greg McClain	Daniel Rogers	Norris De Priest	Nick Bryant	David Brasher	Dale Aden	March	March	March	March

## Forgiveness: A Most Beautiful Word - Gilbert Gough

There are many words that suggest beauty in the human ear. Mother, grace, love, salvation, and heaven are very meaningful terms. A word that should be added to this list is forgiveness. Like the colors of the rainbow, this beautiful word includes wisdom, power, mercy, and the goodness of God. Psalms 130:4 says, “But there is forgiveness with Thee. . .” To forgive is to be like God.

The beauty of forgiveness can be seen by contrasting it with the saddest words which has the saddest effect: sin! Forgiveness cancels the awful effect and consequences of sin.

Sin is the transgression of the law of God (I John 3:4). Sin brings death, a separation from God and His Son. “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death” (James 1:15). But through Christ, it is forgiveness that cancels what is deserved (death) for the sinner. “In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins . . .” (Eph. 1:7). Forgiveness takes away the darkness of sin. “To open their eyes, and to turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins. . .” (Acts 26:18).

Forgiveness paints a sweet picture. When men reconcile themselves to God through obedience, the angels of heaven rejoice. When brethren who have wronged each other resolve their differences, there is pleasing communion. So, as Paul encourages, “And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” (Eph. 4:32). A somber warning is given by our Lord: “But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matt. 6:15).

Always cultivate the attitude of willingness to forgive those who repent (Luke 17:3).

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