

# 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. (John 1:16; 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)

## I DON'T KNOW HOW TO INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP

It is very possible that a major factor for not inviting my friend to worship is that "I don't know how." For this reason we are going to consider the following suggestion that might help as you make an effort to bring your friend to worship.

FIRST, be positive when you talk to your friend about being your guest. You need to be convinced that Christ is a needed ingredient in their lives, that He can change them for the better. You want to be a friend by getting them to know about the Lord and salvation through Him.

SECOND, remember that friends respect and love one another because they want to, not because they have to. It is because of this love that one wishes to share with another, that he/she will want to share the Lord with them. Let them know that your work in the church and relationship with Christ is most important to you, and they will be more willing to listen to you because they love and respect you.

THIRD, explain your motive with your friend. Many people resist if they think they will get a "sales pitch" or just to win you a prize.

FORTH, try to answer any questions they may have before they ask them. When you are on the defensive it is difficult to be positive, so answer as many of their questions as possible before they ask them. Let them know that they will not be embarrassed or asked to do anything publically that they would not wish to do. You want them to feel completely at ease at worship and not be apprehensive about what might happen to them. Now, having eliminated the negative, let us emphasize the positive.

FIFTH, build up their anticipation of the day. Tell them how much you enjoy worshipping in song and prayer, how much you enjoy the spiritual lessons that you receive and the deep sentiment you have as you reflect on the Lord's Supper. If they are your friends, they will wish to share with you the enjoyment that you have, so let them know what a difference Jesus makes in your life. Get them thirsty for the water of life.

Joe T. Spivey, Sr.

## **CHOOSING A CHURCH**

Why do people place membership at a particular congregation? The responses we are given are varied: "It's a friendly church. The preacher is dynamic. The building is beautiful. They have great programs. They have a good Youth group. There is so much activity and excitement there. They understand and accept me."

With a few exceptions, the same reasons could be given for joining a fraternity, a health club, or any professional organization.

Is there a more valid criterion for selecting a congregation? Yes! Pleasing God must be our first priority in life (cf. Ecclesiastes 12:13, Micah 6:8, Acts 10:35). Our greatest concern should be to select a local church where all members (especially leaders) are trying to be true to God's Word. If a congregation is not serious about staying true to the Book, then all the programs, hype, and enthusiasm amounts to little more than momentary distractions.

How did Jesus evaluate the churches of Asia near the end of the first century? His assessment of the church at Ephesus centered on toleration of wicked people and false teachers, hard work and perseverance in hardship, and action which characterized their initial love (Revelation 2:1-7). Smyrna needed to stand up under the persecution of opponents and false religious figures (Revelation 2:8-11). Pergamos was tolerating some members who were holding to false teachings (Revelation 2:12-13). Thyatira was tolerating doctrinal impurity (Revelation 2:18-29). In virtually every case, what was important to Jesus was:

1. Whether these churches knew and defended the truth; and
2. Whether they put the truth into practice in their own lives.

In our selection of a congregation we need to find a church where the words of eternal life are revered and where Christ is in their midst (Revelation 2:10). Little else really matters.

Bulletin Digest  
John Tracy  
via New Martinsville, WV

### **Friendship**

A survey published in *American Sociological Review* revealed that in 2004, one out of every four Americans had no close friends, and there was a 33 percent decline in the number of friendships over the past two decades. On average, Americans had only two people they would call close confidants (*Today in the Word*, May 2007).

*"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly . . ." Proverbs 18:24*

**A wise man knows more than he tells  
but a fool often tells more than he knows.**

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## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** **March** 16-Dustin Bryant, 20-Martha Nell Reed, 21-Steve Foster, 23-Callie Bryant, 23- Olivia Peevyhouse, 24-Jackie Sue Foster, 28-Derek Box, 30- Jacob Keen.

**Anniversaries:** **March** 24-Gaylon & Linda Sydnor, 26-Nick & Mandy Bryant.

## **HEALTH WATCH**

Sick this past week: **Dylan Foster, Ginger Foster, Bonnie Nance.**

**Haley Chrisman Wilson** was admitted to the hospital this past week due to low blood.

**Mildred Moore** was admitted to the Jackson General Hospital this past week.

**Jason Robinson (Charles Foster's nephew)** was sent home with hospice care. He has been fighting cancer for some time.

**Dustin Bryant** is at home doing well after his surgery. His address is: 31 Colonial Lawns – Bath, NY 14810.

**Margaret Barlowe** at last report was still in Huntingdon hospital with kidney trouble.

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

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

## **PRAYER LIST**

Jennifer Hall Wroten, Tim Aden, Brenda Paris, Dorothy Murphy (Brenda Paris' mother), Tina Peevyhouse, 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 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:** Rhyen Loos – 6 year old (friend of Hayden McClain), Marilyn Crocker, Mae Stanford (Julie Miller's friend), Josie Rivera (Julie Miller's

friend), Tory Jones (Dylan Holt's cousin), Wanda Barnes, Jane Alderson (friend of Nichole Lawrence), 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, 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>73</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$1,253.00</b>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**June – VBS**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** - SYS @ Paris – Echoing the Mission of Christ.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Family & Friend Day! GOAL 150!!!**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** - SYS @ Huntingdon – When God doesn't come through.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** - **SYS @ Trezevant – When the Pain is too much.**

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** - SYS @ Milan – When God is late.

**July 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)** – SYS @ Henry – When worry is all you can do.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** - SYS @ Clarksburg – When God's answer feels wrong.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** – SYS @ Camden – When sin is too easy.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – SYS @ Holiday – When nobody's there.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Singing

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** – SYS @ Lexington – When I don't fit in.

**August 8<sup>st</sup>** – SYS @ Atwood – When there's no hope.

# Privileged To Serve

## March

Prepare Communion Trays: Dale Ballentine   Power Point: Keith Peevyhouse   Greet: Sherrill & Wanda Smith  
Announcements: Mark Wright   Song Leader AM: Nick Bryant / Song Leader PM: David Bryant / Wednesday: Keith Peevyhouse  
Preside at Table: Greg McClain & Daniel Rogers   Serve on Table: Joshua Brasher, Jacob Keen, Jack Lawrence & Logan Chrisman  
Scripture Reading: AM – Matthew 10:28   Scripture Reading: PM – Isaiah 51:6

Date March Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date March Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
20	John Long	Dylan Holt	Joshua Brasher	Terry Hall	Charlie Wachsmuth	Dale Ballentine	23	Nick Bryant	Steve Foster	Joshua Brasher
27	David Bryant	David Brasher	Jacob Keen	Charlie Wachsmuth	Jack Lawrence	Dylan Holt	30	Dale Aden	Dale Ballentine	Daniel Rogers

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### MISSION WORK

*Dorian Flynn & Partners 4 Africa*

*West Tennessee Children's Home*