

# 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; 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)

## **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?

## **PURE IN HEART**

Look on an orange juice carton and you may see the disclaimer; "contains 20% real juice." That tells you it's not PURE orange juice, but a mixture of juice and other ingredients. Hold that thought as you hear Jesus say, "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*" (Matt. 5:8). A pure heart is a single heart, not a mixture of conflicting loyalties and false identities. It's sincere, not phony; consistent, not two-faced.

*"Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded"* (James 4:8). Who needs their hearts purified? The hypocrites who think they can serve two masters, who want to be both hot and cold (which, mixed together, is neither! Revelation 3:16). A pure (single) heart would not allow you to put on a righteous front with your Christian brothers and sisters, and then be somebody else with your non-Christian friends.

So it's not as if the pure in heart are utterly naive and innocent, having no sins to confess. On the contrary, they are more likely to confess wrongs because their genuineness and honesty prohibits them from faking goodness. They have but one identity for all the world to see. They are themselves...in Christ.

-Mike Thompson

## **Ain't It the Truth!**

*It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.*

*The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.*

*Some People are Kind, Polite, and Sweet-Spirited-Until You Try to Sit in Their Pews.*

*Many Folks Want to Serve God, but Only as Advisers.*

*When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there. People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.*

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** April 19-Mandy Bryant, 22- Shirley Jennings, 24-Kay Greenway, 25- Judy Keen, 30-Jennifer Hall Wroten.

**Anniversaries:** April 20-Charles & Jackie Sue Foster.

## **HEALTH WATCH**

**Noah Wallace** had a kidney procedure Friday. **Elvy Sauls Jr.** is not doing well. **Devin Pritchett** (Ginger's Nephew) was admitted to Vanderbilt due to diabetes. **Oliva Olson** (David Bryant's cousin) was in a bad car wreck this past week. She is doing some better but is still in Vanderbilt.

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

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

## **PRAYER LIST**

Jennifer Hall Wroten, Tim Aden, Paul Godwin (Dale Aden's Friend), Lillie Jones (Wesley Fountain Place), 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, 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:** Rhyan 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, Webb Maddox, Vicky Parrish, Lisa Carter (Dale Aden's friend), 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.

## **Last Week's Record**

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$1,808.00</b>

## **Community Events**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**- Cemetery Association will meet at 1:30pm. Presbyterian Church Building.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**-The Trezevant Parks & Recreation Board is having a rib sale at the City Park. Price for a rack of baby back ribs is \$20.00. You may pre-order at City Hall or see Pam Bryant. Ribs may be picked up on the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-5:30pm. Proceeds from this sale will go toward the purchase of a Veterans Memorial Stone at the Park.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**- Cemetery Memorial Service.

## **Teachers: April, May & June 2016**

### **Cradle Roll**

Annie Wachsmuth & Sara Beth Wright

### **2year old-K**

Sunday: Rhonda Aden

Wednesday: Teenage Girls  
**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sunday: Jeanie Brasher

Wednesday: Ladies Rotate  
**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday: Kim Lindsey

Wednesday: Ladies Rotate

### **Jr & Sr High**

Sunday: Boys – Greg McClain

Sunday: Girls – Mary Jo Hall

Wednesday: Men & Women's Classes

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Elders, Deacons and Ministers Meeting.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**- Prayer Meeting.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**- Youth going bowling/skating in Jackson.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Fellowship meal after our morning service. Devo @ 12:15pm.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Conduct services at Wesley Fountain Place in Milan. Van will leave at 2:00pm. Speaker: Dale Ballentine.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**- Cemetery Memorial Service.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Conduct services at the Huntingdon Rest Home. Van will leave @ 1:30pm. Speaker: Steve Foster.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – 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

## April

Prepare Communion Trays: Greg McClain   Power Point: Mark Wright   Greet: Charlie & Annie Wachsmuth  
Announcements: Dale Aden   Song Leader AM: Keith Peevyhouse / Song Leader PM: Nick Bryant / Wednesday: David Bryant  
Preside at Table: Nick Bryant & Sherrill Smith   Serve on Table: Norris De Priest, Barry Moore, Dylan Holt, Monte Morris  
Scripture Reading: AM – I John 5:11-13   Scripture Reading: PM – II John 10-11

Date April Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date April Wednesday	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
17	David Bryant	Jacob Keen	Daniel Rogers	Greg McClain	Jack Lawrence	David Brasher	20	Dale Ballentine	David Bryant	Peyton Lindsey
24	William Moore	Garrett Wright	Joshua Brasher	Dale Ballentine	Dylan Holt	Dale Aden	27	Nick Bryant	Dale Aden	Greg McClain

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

- \* "Gossip is what one may call ear pollution."  
\* "Most of us don't put our best foot forward until we get the other one in hot water."  
\* "Life is like an onion... you peel it off one layer at a time and sometimes you cry."  
\* "Why cannot life's big problems come when we are twenty and know everything."  
    \* "In all you do, take time to pray."  
    \* "Some people really bring their children up; others let them down."  
\* "Some of the best arguments are spoiled by people who really know what they are talking about."  
\* "In the Christian life we must lose to gain; we must give to obtain; we must be humble to be exalted; we must be least to be greatest; we must die to live."  
    \* "It is better to give others a piece of your heart than to give them a piece of your mind."  
\* "Adverse criticism from a wise man is more to be desired than the enthusiastic approval of a foolish man."  
    \* "Never let yesterday use up too much of today."

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### MISSION WORK

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