

“WANTED: DEPENDABLE PERSON”



In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a “dependable person” to occupy some position of trust and responsibility. I have talked with many business owners who state that finding employees they can count on is their number one problem. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. The lazy, irresponsible hit- and- miss type is a shame to his company and hinders its effectiveness. It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consists of “dependable” Christians; that is, members who will shoulder their responsibilities along with the rest and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the church. While the Bible does not use the word “dependable,” it does use equivalent terms such as “steadfast” and “zealous” (see 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 2:14, etc.).

Every Christian should be characterized by these terms. He should be one who can be “counted on” at all times. The sad, but true, fact of the matter is, however, that many congregations have a percentage of undependable members: members who couldn’t hold down a job for a week if they conducted themselves toward their work like they do toward the church and its work.

Let’s look at a few examples:

Most congregations adopt a particular series of studies for their Bible classes. This is to facilitate the edification program of the church. Members of the church need to be instructed in the knowledge of the Bible. But the effectiveness of the Bible classes and any sermon series is compromised because of those members who are present only now and then, and thus fail to receive the overall benefit from the series of lessons. To have a thoroughly effective edification program, we need members whose presence we can depend upon.

The Bible authorized a pooling of resources of the members on the first day of the week in order to facilitate the work of the church (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Obviously, any kind of budget or planned expenditure of funds from the church treasury depends upon the consistent, generous contribution of the members. The church needs members who are dependable in their contribution. We need those who not only are generous, but can be depended upon to plan ahead and give regularly. Because of some who give on an irregular, inconsistent basis, important work of the church must be curtailed, plans left unfulfilled, work not completed.

The sum of all that we are trying to say is simply this: the church of our Lord needs each member to be dependable in shouldering our responsibilities; more dedicated in our efforts to put the kingdom of God foremost in our lives. -- Bob West, *The Milpitas Messenger*,



Trezevant church of Christ

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Services:

Sunday Morning
Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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YOUTH COORDINATOR:

Nick Bryant: (731)694-2983
MISSION WORK: Dorian Flynn & Partners 4 Africa - West
Tennessee Children’s Home

VISITORS: We ask that you take and fill out one of the visitor’s cards that are in the back of the pew in front of you and place in the collection plate when passed.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS: 6-Dale Ballentine 7-Jana Blount
10-Pam Bryant, 12-Mary Jo Hall, 23-Hunter
Holmes, 23-Keith Peevyhouse, 26-Dianne Giles,
29- Britni Shepherd

ANNIVERSARIES: None listed

*If you name is not on our Birthday/Anniversary list,
please let Rita Foster know so we can add you!*

Last Week’s Record

Bible Study 78
AM Worship 84
PM Worship --
Wednesday 52

Offering \$1810.00

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; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

DATES TO REMEMBER

3rd Sunday: Wesley Fountain Place -2:30 p.m.; - We will meet/leave church bldg @ 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 25th: Worship Service ONLY 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

CYC Money due now to Nick

Collecting DVD's to send to St. Jude, continuing a project that Jay had started. Give to Tim.

Pantry Stocking: This time of year we have more need in our community.

THOSE TO SERVE IN DECEMBER

Prepare Communion Trays: Dale Ballentine Power Point: Greg McClain

Greet: Sherrill and Wanda Smith

Announcements: Charlie Wachsmuth

Song Leader Sun. AM: David Bryant Song Leader Sun. PM: Keith Peevyhouse Wed.: Nick Bryant

Preside at Table: William Moore, John Long

Serve on Table: Jacob Keen, Peyton Lindsey, Zac Chrisman, Dylan Holt

Date DEC Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date Oct. Wed	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
4	Dale Aden	Norris Depriest	Josh Brasher	David Brasher	Jack Lawrence	Daniel Rogers	7	David Bryant	Steve Foster	Steve Foster
11	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine	Terry Hall	Nick Bryant	Logan Chrisman	Monte Morris	14	Greg McClain	Nick Bryant	Mark Wright
18	Steve Foster	Daniel Roger	Monte Morris	Norris Depriest	Noah Brasher	David Brasher	21	Charlie Wachsmuth	Tim Rogers	Dale Aden
25	Dale Ballentine	Josh Brasher	Mark Wright	NO	SERVICE					

HEALTH WATCH & SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Mickey Keen recovering after bypass surgery; J.T. Rogers, diagnosed with cancer (will begin radiation); Wanda Smith-surgery Dec. 19th; Richie Bomar, stroke (Ginger's Bro-Inlaw); Richard Watkins, & wife, Dinah, son, Kyle; Jennifer Malm, Mary Deck, 102 y/o, Billy Neal, Tim Boyd, Clarksburg

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME: Laverne Belew (Home), Helen Pinson (Harmony Hill), Betty De Priest (McKenzie Healthcare), Margaret Barlowe (Van Ayer Manor, Martin), Martha Nell Reed (Lakeside Retirement Community), Elvy Sauls Jr. (Life Care of Bruceton/Hollow Rock), Ruth Bennett has been in much worse health recently

PRAYER LIST: Tim Rogers will have procedure on his heart soon; Jackie Foster, Harris Jones, Penny Warren, Haley Wilson, 1621 Wiley St., Memphis, TN 38119, and Emily Hall, Transplant, Jan. 5th!

CANCER: J. T. Rogers, Morgan Fuller, Roy Crocker, Roger McCaig (also has pneumonia), Christy Dickson (Mandy's cousin), Rhyann Loos – 6 year old (friend of Hayden McClain), Wanda Barnes, Hattie Berry, Christine Johnson. Shayla Blagaich (friend of David/Pam).

***IF YOU HAVE PLACED SOMEONE ON THE PRAYER OR CANCER LIST, PLEASE GIVE UPDATES SO WE CAN KEEP CURRENT.**