

## *Are We Disciples OR Deserters?*

In John 6:66, after hearing great spiritual teachings from the Master teacher (John 6:28-59), the Scripture states:

“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him.”

By definition, every Christian has made a pledge to follow after the Lord. Similar to the marriage commitment, Christians have pledged their lives to a commitment of love, honor, and responsibility toward the Lord. However, as the days, weeks, and perhaps even years go by, many let their flame of devotion go dim, enthusiasm dies, and the child of God drifts away from his first love (Revelation 2:4). How sad to watch the once faithful servant return to the mire of sin (2 Peter 2:22).

The promises of God — His love, comfort, assurance, and eternal happiness are ours to enjoy if we labor diligently and faint not (1 Corinthians 15:53-58; Gal. 6:9). The Hebrew writer says: “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Hebrews 6:11-12). If we are to inherit the promises, we must remain true to our pledge to God.

At one time or another, each of us has allowed ourselves to be drawn into sin (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8; 1 John 1:10). We may have been allured by something fleshly and carnal, which we thought of as beautiful to the eye. Perhaps our pride, arrogance or greed took our focus off the Christian’s goal (1 John 2:16). Or we may have encountered difficulties, which we just did not want to face. For whatever the reason, if we are not a disciple, then we are a deserter.

God will deliver on his great and wonderful promises, if we will faithfully serve Him and not lose our faith in Him (2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 5:13; Revelation 2:10). But if we reject his promises and turn away to sin, or to a perversion of the gospel, our reward will be death and destruction (cf. Romans 1:18-32; Romans 2:1-9; Gal. 1:6-9). Every good soldier knows that those who do not carefully follow the leader’s commands are not only deserters, but also place their own lives and the lives of those around them, in serious jeopardy. Brethren, let us be faithful disciples to the pledge of loyalty we have made to the Lord. And let us not grow weary in well doing (Gal. 6:9), that one day we may conquer death and enter into that blessed home reserved for the faithful (1 Corinthians 15:54-57; John 14:1-4; 1 Peter 1:4; Revelation 2:10).

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**ANNIVERSARIES:** 12-David & Pam Bryant

### 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

### •THOSE TO SERVE – April LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

Yesterday was the wedding shower brunch for Nick and Bethany Aden Davenport. We are so happy for this couple and pray for their success and happiness in life together ahead.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

•April 8<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship Lunch TODAY! All invited to stay.



**SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME:** Margaret Barlowe, Van Ayer Manor, 640 Hannings Lane, Martin 38327;  
Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201;  
Elvy Sauls Jr., Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

**PRAYER LIST** Charles Foster was taken to the hospital Sunday and came home Tuesday and will be having Rehab at home; Jeanie Brasher will continue to recover at home; Mark Allen; (Valerie's husband) had tests Wednesday, preliminary results appeared good; Mary Jo's sister, Charlie Wachsmuth will have surgery Thursday morning at Jackson Madison; Kaitlyn Dunavan had eye surgery; Christopher Dunavan is still having tests at LeBonheur for seizures; Leann Tidwell **Coleman**; Wanda Smith; Nikki Bell, (friend of Daniel's); Kaffie Green; Sybil Hamilton, Jimmy McClain; Tom Aden; Christina Cannon; Margaret Barlowe; Doris Haskell; Mary Bryant; Harold Hutcherson; Penny Warren; Vicki Murphy (Lexington); Mike Lane; Ruth Bennett, Heather Harris, Chris Bowers

**CANCER:** Denise Hodges; Wade Cupples; Roger McCaig; Denise Clemmer; Kenneth Foster; Joe Gordon; Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith; Keith Inman; Lynn Harrison; Barry Barber; Sue Price; Deborah Browning; Rhyann Loos; Hattie Brinkley Berry; Christine Johnson; Jimmy Greene; Lalanie Murphy

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| DATES                         | WEEK OF 04/01                                                         | WEEK OF 04/8                                                          | WEEK OF 04/15                                                         | WEEK OF 04/22                                                         | WEEK OF 04/29                                                         |
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| PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER         | GREG AND LORI                                                         | GREG AND LORI                                                         | GREG AND LORI                                                         | GREG AND APRIL                                                        | GREG AND APRIL                                                        |
| GREET                         | TIM AND WENDY                                                         | TIM AND WENDY                                                         | TIM AND WENDY                                                         | TIM AND WENDY                                                         | TIM AND WENDY                                                         |
| POWERPOINT                    | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                      |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS                 | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          |
| OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.    | JOHN HENRY LONG                                                       | DALE ADEN                                                             | SHERRILL SMITH                                                        | DALE BALLENTINE                                                       | WILLIAM MOORE                                                         |
| LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.      | NICK BRYANT                                                           | NICK BRYANT                                                           | NICK BRYANT                                                           | NICK BRYANT                                                           | NICK BRYANT                                                           |
| PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER         | DAVID BRASHER                                                         | DAVID BRASHER                                                         | DAVID BRASHER                                                         | DAVID BRASHER                                                         | DAVID BRASHER                                                         |
| PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER         | MARK WRIGHT                                                           | MARK WRIGHT                                                           | MARK WRIGHT                                                           | MARK WRIGHT                                                           | MARK BRASHER                                                          |
| SERVE LORD'S SUPPER           | EDWARD RAY FORD<br>JOSHUA BRASHER<br>NOAH BRASHER<br>JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | EDWARD RAY FORD<br>JOSHUA BRASHER<br>NOAH BRASHER<br>JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | EDWARD RAY FORD<br>JOSHUA BRASHER<br>NOAH BRASHER<br>JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | EDWARD RAY FORD<br>JOSHUA BRASHER<br>NOAH BRASHER<br>JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | EDWARD RAY FORD<br>JOSHUA BRASHER<br>NOAH BRASHER<br>JACOB PEEVYHOUSE |
| SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M. | JACOB KEEN                                                            | DYLAN HOLT                                                            | DANIEL ROGERS                                                         | JACK LAWRENCE                                                         | CHARLES WACHSMUTH                                                     |
| CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.    | MARK WRIGHT                                                           | JACOB KEEN                                                            | STEVE FOSTER                                                          | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | DALE ADEN                                                             |
| OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.    | DAVID BRASHER                                                         | MARK WRIGHT                                                           | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | DALE ADEN                                                             | DALE BALLENTINE                                                       |
| LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.      | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          | DAVID BRYANT                                                          |
| SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M. | DANIEL ROGERS                                                         | CHARLES WACHSMUTH                                                     | JACK LAWRENCE                                                         | MARK WRIGHT                                                           | JACOB KEEN                                                            |
| CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.    | NOAH BRASHER                                                          | PEYTON LINDSEY                                                        | JACOB KEEN                                                            | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | STEVE FOSTER                                                          |
| OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY      | APRIL 01 NICK BRYANT                                                  | APRIL 8 TIM ROGERS                                                    | APRIL 15 STEVE FOSTER                                                 | APRIL 22 SHERRILL SMITH                                               | APRIL 29 DAVID BRYANT                                                 |
| LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY        | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                      | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                      |
| DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY          | DANIEL ROGERS                                                         | DALE ADEN                                                             | DALE BALLENTINE                                                       | TIM ROGERS                                                            | DAVID BRYANT                                                          |
| CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY      | JACOB KEEN                                                            | JOSHUA BRASHER                                                        | NOAH BRASHER                                                          | DYLAN HOLT                                                            | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                      |