



Trezevant Church of Christ

114 Church Street
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The Follower

February 17, 2019

Three Strikes, You're Out!

This is the time of year when baseball is starting up. Major league teams are in spring training; college teams are beginning to play their scheduled games. While there have been many changes in the game over the years, some things have been constant. One of them is the general rule that a batter gets three strikes to put the ball in play or he is out. What if God dealt with us that way?

David, the man after God's own heart (**Acts 13:22**), acted on his lust of another man's wife (strike one); attempted to hide her resulting pregnancy by enticing her husband to spend the night with her while he was on leave from his post in the army (strike two); then had her husband killed in battle (strike three). Under baseball rules, David would be out. Both adultery and murder were punishable by death (**Lev. 20:10; Ex. 21:12-14**). Any form of deception is a lie, and all liars will be in the lake of fire (**Rev. 21:8**). David was guilty of two acts worthy of an immediate physical death penalty and one which, if not repented of, would result in the ultimate spiritual death penalty. But fortunately for David and for us, *(cont'd next page)*

God is longsuffering, *not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9)*. David did not strike out with God, but was forgiven his sins because of the nature of God and the fact that David was penitent.

However, God's patience and His longsuffering are not without limit for those who continue in sin. Paul wrote that those who knew God but did not glorify Him as God by making idols were given up *to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts (Rom. 1:21-24)* – strike one. Then when they *changed the truth of God into a lie, He gave them up to vile affections (Rom. 1:25-26)* – strike two. And when *they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, He gave them over to a reprobate mind (Rom 1:28ff)* to do those things worthy of death – strike three.

A life of sin separates us from God and will result in eternal damnation in hell. There may come a time when He gives us up because we continue to ignore His call. It is our choice and our responsibility to come to God. If we are obedient to Him we should not hear, in effect, at the judgment, "Three strikes, you're out."

~Freeman



A HUGE THANKS to the men for the special treatment at **Sweetheart Day** last Sunday! The ladies were so impressed with your efforts that it has been suggested we do this on a regular basis!

In the Area...

Ladies Day at South Jackson this Saturday, Feb. 23. Teresa Hampton is speaking on the topic, "Overcoming Obstacles." Registration at 8:30, program at 9:00. Lunch will be provided.

Remember in Prayer...

- Miss Mary is settling in at Dogwood Pointe and seems to be doing better.
- Wanda is improving and able to be out some. She has another doctor's appointment Wednesday.
- Jean Ford's mother **Lois Arrington** was hospitalized midweek due to a blocked saliva gland. She is being treated with antibiotics, and has returned to the home of Jean's brother.
- Several have been battling bugs or other health issues of some sort: Emily, Bonnie, Callie, Olivia, Eli, Kim, Sarah, Brittany...

News and Notes...

- We welcome our visitors! Please stay around a while and let us get acquainted with you.
- **VBS Planning Meeting** immediately following services this morning. All who can help in any way are encouraged to stay for a few minutes to discuss the length of the VBS and possible themes.
- **The bus will leave for CYC Friday morning.** Please see Nick if you have not paid or if you have any questions about the trip.
- In an effort to update the **Prayer and Cancer Lists** and keep them current, the lists will be purged the first week of March. If you know of someone currently on the list who needs to remain, please write the name on a slip of paper and give to Ponna.

**PRIVILEGED TO
SERVE TODAY:****AM****PM**

Announcements	Steve Foster	
Lead Singing	Nick Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Jacob Keen	Jack Lawrence
Opening Prayer	Tim Rogers	Jacob Peevyhouse
Closing Prayer	Steve Foster	Jacob Keen
Lord's Table	David Brasher*	
	Dale Ballentine*	
	Mark Wright	
	Dylan Holt	
	Monte Morris	
	Barry Moore	

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:**

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| Bible Class                                       | 9:00 AM            |
| Worship                                           | 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM |
| <i>(Meet-eat-meet second Sunday of the month)</i> |                    |

**WEDNESDAY:**

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| Bible Study | 6:30 PM |
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