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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:**              Worship      9:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY:**      Bible Study    6:30 PM



## Trezevant Church of Christ

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# The Follower

June 14, 2020

## Participants or Spectators?

Sports have always been a big part of my life. I played various individual and team sports in my growing-up and young-adult years – baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf, and tennis – and when I wasn't playing, I was watching. Sports can be beneficial physically, mentally, and emotionally, and these benefits can be realized both as a participant and a spectator. Today, however, we need to understand the important difference in being a participant and a spectator in the most important area of our lives.

Consider our worship and service to God. Most of us are regular participants in Sunday worship services and in Wednesday Bible study, but many are content to sit in the stands and let the elders, deacons, and preacher do the spiritual work the rest of the time. We have, in effect, become spectators and not participants.

What does the Bible have to say about our participation as Christians? Jesus instructed His disciples to *“Let your light so shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven”* (Matt. 5:16). God has ordained that Christians should do good works *(continued next page)*

(Eph. 2:10), and be zealous to do them (Titus 2:14). Peter was not addressing just elders and preachers, but all believers when he wrote, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). Each of us is to be active in letting the world know about the love, grace, and mercy of God and the sacrificial death of His son, Jesus.

God desires that all His children be active participants, not simply spectators. Let each of us determine how we can best serve Him and get busy in our service.

~Freeman



*In honor of our graduating seniors,  
Curt Foster and Olivia Peevyhouse,  
all are invited to a brunch  
in the fellowship hall  
following this morning's worship.*

## *Remember in Prayer...*

- Please remember the **Aden Family** in the passing of **Harold** Friday morning. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.
- Please continue to **remember our shut-ins**.

## *News and Notes...*

**Isn't it great to be back together again!** And effective today, **we will also resume our Sunday evening worship at 5:00**. Your continued cooperation and participation in social distancing is appreciated. Please pick up your communion packets from the foyer on your way in, and discard them in the basket by the door on your way out.

Our **WEEKLY SERVICES** will continue to be live-streamed at 9AM and 5PM on Sundays, and at 6:30PM on Wednesdays.

## Principles for Graduates

(great advice for the rest of us too)

- \*Spend time daily in the Bible.
- \*Hold fast to the truth of Scripture.
- \*Continuously surrender your expectations and embrace God's perfect plan for you.
- \*Love & seek the Lord with all your heart, mind & soul.
- \*Love others as you do yourself (Matt 19:19).
- \*Be bold in sharing the Good News.
- \*Be kind and gentle and generous to everyone.
- \*Have compassion for the least.
- \*Conduct yourself with humility.
- \*Look to the Holy Spirit for discernment & wisdom.
- \*Cultivate gratitude (recording gifts daily makes it easier).
- \*When you don't feel the presence of God, know that He is still near.
- \*When you face struggles & begin to grow impatient, know God has this too.