

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	David Bryant
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Joshua Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	Steve Foster

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Dylan Holt	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Nick Bryant

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:** Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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# The Follower

October 10, 2021

## Ours Is Not to Reason Why

Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote a poem, *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, memorializing a suicide charge by British cavalry during the Crimean war. While the orders did not make military sense, the cavalry charged the Russian artillery position without question. Tennyson wrote, "Theirs not to make reply, theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die: into the valley of death rode the six hundred." Regardless of whether they understood or agreed with the orders, they obeyed because they were submissive to the chain of command. No questions, no arguments, just obedience.

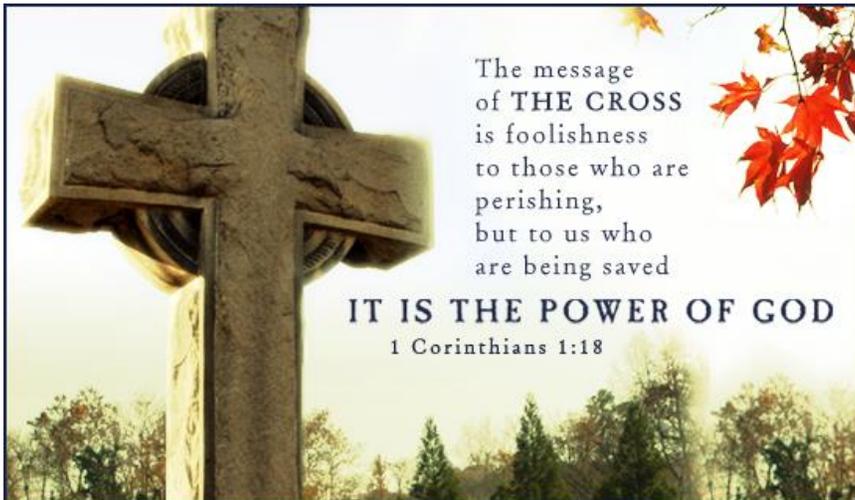
There are two Old Testament characters who may be used to illustrate this attitude. Noah was told to build an ark because God was going to destroy all flesh. Despite the fact that it had never rained and Noah could not possibly imagine a world-wide flood, he did according to all that God commanded him (**Gen 6:22**). Abraham was told to leave his country and kindred and go to a land where he had never been. Later he was told to offer his promised son, Isaac, as a sacrifice to God. Like Noah, Abraham obeyed God. We have no indication that there was any hesitation, questioning, or thought of rebellion by either of these men.

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Theirs was not to reason why. Each of them was interested in obeying God.

Thus, Noah and Abraham serve as obedient examples as we consider what God has required of us if we are to be his children. Though it seems to be difficult for man to accept anything without question or debate, God's expectations of man are not arguable. There should be no question regarding how we are saved and how we are to worship Him. While God's way may seem foolish to many (**1 Cor 1:18**), it is the only way to salvation and is not for us to question. We do not have to understand why God chose baptism, for example, as the means through which we contact the redeeming power of Jesus' blood. No amount of discussion, arguing, or questioning will change the necessity of our obedience to the command. We should need no other reason than God said to do it. Ours is not to reason why, ours is but to do OR die. May we develop the proper attitude of acceptance and submission to the will of God that He may grant unto us eternal life.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- Remember the family of Martha Nell's sister, **Nell Presson**, in her passing on Tuesday.
- All the **Bryants** have tested negative for Covid this week.
- **Ponna** is confined due to an extremely low white blood count.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; JoAnn Moore; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Dylan's Mom's uncle who goes by Blue has Covid and is on a ventilator; Linda Cherry (cancer); Duane Dowdy (Covid); the school system as it deals with Covid; residents and staff of area assisted living facilities....

## News and Notes . . .

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Wednesday night devo: Nick Bryant**
- The Trezevant Cemetery Association will host a **Decoration Day/Memorial Ceremony** on Sunday, October 24, at 2:30 PM. Those who have been interred in the Trezevant Cemetery during 2020 and up until September 30, 2021, will be recognized and remembered. The ceremony is to be outside by the left side entrance, but may be moved inside in the event of rain.

### MEMORY VERSE - John 6:35:

*And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*