

**PRIVILEGED TO
SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	David Brasher	David Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	David Brasher	Josh Brasher
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	Dylan Holt

NEXT WEEK:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	David Brasher
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	Nick Bryant

CONTACT INFORMATION

Elders:

David Bryant	Cell: 731-418-1311
	Email: david.bryant25@gmail.com

Steve Foster	Cell: 731-225-4395
--------------	--------------------

Deacons:

David Brasher	Cell: 731-415-0636
Mark Wright	Cell: 731-571- 5606
	Email: mswright@tennesseetel.net

Minister:

Freeman Mahan	Cell: 573-624-6575
---------------	--------------------

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

~~~

**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**

114 Church Street  
Trezevant TN 38258

# The Follower

November 14, 2021

## *The Most Unlikely Thing in the World*

In his book *At Dawn We Slept*, Gordon Prange noted that on Saturday, September 6, 1941, journalist Clarke Beach wrote the following: "A Japanese attack on Hawaii is regarded as the most unlikely thing in the world, with one chance in a million of being successful. Besides having more powerful defenses than any other post under the American flag, it is protected by distance."

In less than 24 hours of this publicized statement, which no doubt characterized the sentiment of the majority of the American people, 353 Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes were launched in two waves from six aircraft carriers by the nation of Japan. Not only was the U.S. military caught off guard but a nation was asleep, unprepared and unwilling to believe that it could happen! With stealth and surprise the enemy crept up and took the lives of some 2,402 men and wounded another 1,282.

There are many who believe that there is no chance Satan could attack them with such force as to cause them to turn from the saving grace of God. God's grace is ever extended to man, but man must 'lay hold' upon that salvation which God by His grace, love and mercy has proffered AND continually walk therein (Acts 13:43; 14:22; Romans 11:22; Colossians 1:23; 1 Timothy 4:16; et al).

*(Continued next page)*

The apostle Paul realized the threat of Satan's temptations to the faithful of God and admonished them saying, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12). Two points of emphasis are especially striking. First, the phrase "take heed" stands as a warning, and literally means "to see, to discern or to understand."

The second point of emphasis is the word "departing." Some suggest that it is not possible for one who is a child of God to sin so as to be eternally lost; that is not possible for one to fall wholly from God's grace once he has tasted that sweet blessing of redemption; that God will in some way cause His children to persevere. Yet, here Paul clearly says that one may in fact "depart" from the living God. Before one can "depart" from anything, he must first become a part of it. Once he has departed he is no longer a part of it, yet he may turn again and restore himself to that thing from which he has departed. Of this simple truth, man's freedom to choose his path, the Bible is abundantly clear, and this principle is certainly demonstrated many times over regarding man's salvation (Acts 8:5-24; Romans 11:18-23; 1 Corinthians 9:27; et al.).

How sad it is that so many live day to day believing that the most unlikely thing in the world is that they will ever sin in such a fashion to cause their soul to perish, not even realizing that the attack us underway!

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"* (1 Peter 5:8).

~Ronnie Scherrfius, minister Midtown CoC, Victoria TX

**We Sorrow** with William and family in the recent passing of his sister, Jessie Flowers. Graveside services were held Friday at Union Academy Cemetery.

## *Remember in Prayer...*

- **David Bryant** got a good report from his thyroid biopsy.
- **Rita** still has some tightness in her back, but it is better.
- **Joann Moore** suffered a bad fall recently resulting in a potentially dangerous hematoma on her head. Doctors are monitoring it closely, hoping to avoid surgery. Additionally, she is going to physical therapy to help her with balance.
- **James Powell**, Barbara's brother, is having heart issues. He had tests run Wednesday and is awaiting the results.
- Pam's uncle **Billy Cox** had a stroke in Texas. He has been transferred to a nursing home on hospice.
- **Baby Brooks** is much improved after having an upper respiratory infection and ear infection.
- **Brenda McCormick**'s surgery was successful and she is home and doing well. She is thankful for our prayers.
- **Dawson Young**, 1½ -year-old son of Garrett & Madison, is in LeBonheur with a twisted bowel. The prognosis is not good.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Dean Kelly (Cane Creek for rehab); Mandy Brewer (pancreatic issues); Frances Nell Forest's granddaughter; the school system and assisted living facilities as they continue to deal with Covid...

## *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:** Dale Aden

### **MEMORY VERSE - John 10:27:**

*My sheep hear My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me...*