

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Dale Aden	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Noah Brasher
Closing Prayer	Steve Foster	Dale Aden

**NEXT WEEK:**

Opening Prayer	John Henry Long	Dale Aden
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Keith Peevyhouse	Joshua Brasher
Closing Prayer	Nick Bryant	Mark Wright

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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

January 16, 2022

## No Looking Back

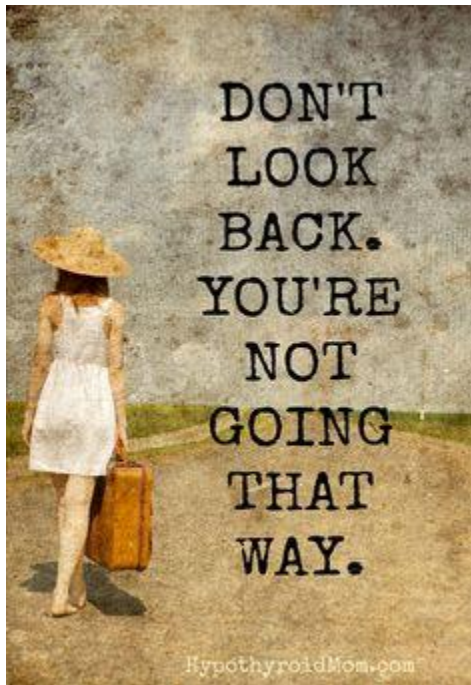
Imagine being an Israelite fleeing from Egypt, stuck at the Red Sea with Pharaoh's chariots bearing down on you. Fearing for your life and still not realizing the power of God, you asked Moses why he had not left you alone in Egypt so you would not be in danger of dying in the wilderness (**Ex. 14:1**). Then God, through Moses, dried up the Red Sea and you escaped to safety on dry ground while the pursuing Egyptians were drowned. Safe at last, you would think that you would no longer be looking back, wishing to be in Egypt. However, you complained about everything which did not appear to be in your immediate favor – no water to drink, no food to eat, no meat in your pots, etc. and each time you said you wanted to be back in Egypt where at least your basic needs were met, which was better in your eyes. You were always looking back, never looking forward.

Now fast forward 40 years to another crossing on dry ground, the Jordan River. The land which God promised Abraham is on the other side of this river. Those bearing the ark enter first and God separates the waters. While the ark-bearers stand firm on dry ground, all Israel passes over Jordan. When the ark is brought out of the river bed, the waters resume their normal flow (**Josh. 3-4**), with you and the rest of the (continued next page)

descendants of Abraham now in the Promised Land. Two times in forty years, waters were parted by God to allow you and your countrymen to cross on dry ground to both escape the past and head to the future. Yet your looking back continues.

What can we learn from these examples? God has a “promised land” for those who decide to be His children. Heaven is prepared for all who obey the gospel and serve God faithfully until death. The thought of a land flowing with milk and honey was not enough to keep Israelites from looking back. Will thoughts of the beauty of heaven be enough for us? The world will always be trying to lure us back from that which we have escaped. Remember the words of Jesus: *No man, having his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:62)*. May we look forward toward heaven, and never back to the bondage of sin.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- The **Adens** are confined to home: **Rhonda** has Covid again; **Dale** and **Christine** tested negative but have the same symptoms as Rhonda.
- **Britni** has had Covid but was improving by midweek.
- **David Bryant** has had Covid but is doing much better.
- **Kyle** has gone back to work, and **Ginger** is improving.
- **Orvaline** is to have knee replacement surgery on Feb. 1.
- The surgery on the ear of Jean’s brother **DeVon Arrington** a couple of weeks ago was successful.
- Please remember Shirley’s neighbor **Linda Carter** in the passing of her husband **Hugh** this past week.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Pam; Joann Moore; Tatum; Greg Mauldin; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine

## 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 17:17

*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

### *Practice the Pause.*

When in doubt, *pause.*

When angry, *pause.*

When tired, *pause.*

When stressed, *pause.*

And whenever you *pause,*

*Pray!*