

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Mark Wright
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Steve Foster
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Mickey Keen

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	Freeman Mahan
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	Monte Morris	Joshua Brasher

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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

July 31, 2022

## Influence

I grew up in a time when smoking was prevalent in society. People I knew in every walk of life smoked – family, friends, those at church, as well as celebrities on TV and in the movies. Many of the best commercials on TV were cigarette ads. While many parents tried to warn us to never start, the fact that they smoked was the greater influence. It is no wonder then that I started smoking. I wonder now if I would ever have picked up the habit had it not been for the influence of so many.

The Bible warns repeatedly about the dangers of bad influences:

- *Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners (1 Cor. 15:33);*
- *Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful (Psalm 1:1);*
- *Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul (Prov. 22:24-25).*

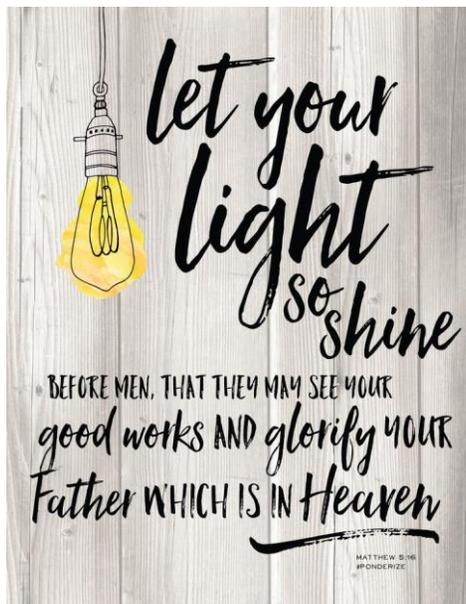
These warnings are given because of the probability that the ungodly person will influence the godly person to sin.

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As Christians, we are to exert good influence upon those around us. *Be ye followers of me as I am also of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).* Jesus was never a bad influence on anyone. *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again... (1 Pet. 2:21ff).* Therefore, we should exhibit the same attitudes and characteristics in our lives that He did. *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).* *Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation (1 Pet. 2:11-12).*

Let us take the challenge to live lives that are a good example for others to see and follow, that we may always be a positive influence on those around us.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- Rita's knee procedure on Friday seems to have gone well, but she is still in a great deal of pain.
- Diane has been very sick with flu-like symptoms.
- Emily Kelley has Covid.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Phyllis Campbell (Mahans' friend - colon cancer); Robert Williams (Sandy's son-in-law); Celisa; Orvaline; Ginger Avery; Lois and DeVon Arrington; Craig Ballentine...

## News and Notes . . .

- We welcome our visitors; we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please give us an opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- A HUGE THANKS to Mark and David for all the burgers, hot dogs, and bologna they grilled for our singing Friday night, and to everyone who helped supply side dishes, desserts, and drinks. It was all enjoyed and much appreciated!
- We will have a **GAME NIGHT** in the fellowship hall following services this evening. We will be eating leftovers from Friday night's singing - burgers & dogs, chips, desserts, and drinks - and we hope everyone will stay!
- Our **Gospel Meeting** with Bill Irby begins next Sunday, August 7, and continues through Wednesday, the 10th. Please keep this effort in your prayers, and make every effort to be present for each service.
- **Wednesday night devo:** Nick Bryant
- Atwood will host a **Singing** on Friday, Aug. 12, at 7PM.

**MEMORY VERSE - 1 Corinthians 15:33:**

*Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."*

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