

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

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

**NEXT WEEK:**

Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Mickey Keen
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	Steve Foster
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	Dale Aden

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>    | Bible Class 9:00 AM<br>Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM<br>(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday) |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | Bible Study 6:30 PM                                                                    |



**Trezevant Church of Christ**

114 Church Street  
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*The Follower*

September 18, 2022

*The Invitation*

*<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:18-20 ESV).*

No, this article is not about the invitation after a sermon. It is about the invitation that we are all called to give as Christians. Matthew 28:18-20 contains one of Jesus' last commands while He was still on this earth. We generally put a lot of weight on a person's last words because those words communicate what is most important to that person. In this passage, Jesus communicates to us that what is most important to Him and to the Kingdom of God is souls. Jesus commands all Christians to go out and evangelize to all people. This is our charge; this is our mission.

The common question that arises among Christians when it comes to evangelism is, "But how?" This question often comes from a sincere place. We genuinely want to do a good job at bringing others to Christ, and we want to be as prepared as possible before we start. But what unfortunately happens all too often is that we continue to ask "How?" but never (*cont'd next pg*)

find an answer that is satisfactory enough. Maybe the "how" seems too hard for us, or too uncomfortable, or too inconvenient. So, we keep asking "How?" in hopes that we can find a different way to evangelize that fits our schedule and our preferences.

I would like to suggest to you that the simplest answer to the "how" question is this: Invite someone. Is that always convenient? No. Is that always comfortable? Definitely not. But it is simple. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to invite someone to church, Bible class, or a church event. You don't have to be prepared with a personal Bible study to invite someone to worship with you on Sunday.

We all want the church to grow and to reach more and more people, but where do we invest our time? Is it all in Bible class preparation? Is it all in fellowship meals? Is it all in having a lot of enjoyable events for the church family? Those things are amazing and needed and I am not saying anything negative about them, but if we do not invest more time and energy into inviting people to worship with us, then the church will never grow.

God is inviting us to be inviters. The invitation is for you to give the invitation. To whom do you give the invitation? All people. When do you give the invitation? All the time. How do you give the invitation? By simply asking someone to come to worship with you. It isn't easy, it isn't convenient, and it isn't comfortable, but it is simple, and it is impactful. So, who are you going to invite?

*-Noah Davis, Youth Minister at Central CoC, Paducah*

## It's a girl!

*Ladies, you are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Lillie Caroline, daughter of Garrett and Claire Wright, on Sunday, October 2, at 2PM, at Mark & Sharon's house, 1460 Republican Grove Road in Trezevant. Registered at Target, amazon.com, and Mags & Lulu in Jackson.*

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Nick** is scheduled for an ultrasound of his thyroid Wednesday.
- **Clarice Moss**, grandmother of Jacob and Olivia, is in ICU at Jackson. She is septic and has been placed on a feeding tube.
- **Ryan Brockman** is scheduled for surgery November 30 to have part of his intestine removed and a kidney repaired.
- **Patty Wright** is doing some better after a change of medication.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Emma Barker; Diane Bray; Beverly Walters (Shirley's friend - breast cancer returned); Tom Gray (cancer); Martha Bryant of Atwood; Larry Paul Harris of Christian Chapel; Robert Williams (Sandy's son-in-law - needs kidney); Celisa; Ginger Avery (Mahans friend - breast cancer); Lois and DeVon Arrington; Craig Ballentine...

## News and Notes . . .

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please complete a visitor card and leave it in the pew or the collection plate, and please allow us the opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- **Wednesday night devo: Freeman**
- **New Ladies Bible Class** beginning this Thursday morning at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Heart Diseases and Their Cure will be the first course of study. **Lunch this week will be provided.**

### MEMORY VERSE - Matthew 11:28:

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*