

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	Dale Aden
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	David Brasher

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	David Bryant	Sherrill Smith
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Monte Morris
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	Dale Aden

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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

November 06, 2022

## Convey the Water

In 1825, a major fire burned in St. Louis, Missouri. This was before the city had a paid fire department, and the system was simple. There was a group of volunteers who would ring out a warning in the night, and any and all men were to show up and do whatever could be done to help.

During this fire, the warning went out, and many showed up. However, many of the supplies used to fight the fire were found to be deficient. Worse than that, though, was the attitude of many of the people who showed up. A local newspaper reported the scene as "everyone gaping at the fire instead of forming a line to convey water."

How tragic a scene that would have been! The people knew the problem and even showed up to where the problem was, but then did nothing to help. They simply watched buildings burn instead of passing buckets of water or going to water sources to fill the buckets with water.

I just wonder, though, if that nearly two-hundred-year-old event does not well-illustrate the way many Christians look at the problem of people being lost without Jesus. We know there is a problem. We are even around and among those who are living in sin. But we do not do anything to try to help. Instead, we just stand by and watch as people lose their eternal souls. *(Continued)*

There are times when we may feel as if we do not know what to do. But think back to that St. Louis fire. It was not one person who was charged with putting out the fires. All they asked was for people to show up and pass buckets of water. Anyone could have done part of that work. The same is true in evangelism. You may not be able to do everything, but you can do something. You can invite. You can pray. You can be an encourager. You can lead a Bible study. You can send a card or write an email. There are many steps along the way, and you can do something.

There are other times when we may feel as if we are not adequately supplied. Like those volunteers in St. Louis, we may feel as if our buckets are broken or in short supply. The fact is, though, we may be "vessels of clay," but we are still conveying a perfect Word about the perfect Savior, so we have all we need to do the work. Additionally, there are dozens of tools that can aid us in trying to invite someone or study with someone. We have what we need if we will just use it.

There are still other times when we may look at the problem and think it is too overwhelming and large to deal with. Like a fire raging through a city, we may think that nothing can be done. And, it is true that we will likely not help every individual we come in contact with become a Christian. But that should not stop us from reaching out and trying. Would we rather try or just let people be lost?

We are blessed to have been touched by the One Who has living water, but we dare not keep that blessing to ourselves. It is the only way to save people – not from a burning building, but from the eternal fires of hell. The question we must ask ourselves is, am I doing what I can to convey the water?

*"...save others by snatching them out of the fire..."*  
(Jude 23)

*~Adam Faughn, minister Central CoC, Paducah, KY*

## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- **Pam** is recuperating at home after hip replacement Friday. The procedure went well.
- **Steve** continues to have digestive issues and severe back pain.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Celisa; Diane Bray; Patty Wright; Ryan Brockman; Robert Williams (needs kidney); Ginger Avery (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**
- **Ladies Bible Class** Thursday mornings at 11:30 in the fellowship hall.

### **MEMORY VERSE - 1 Peter 3:12:**

*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

**"God wants soul custody, not weekend visitation."**