



Trezevant Church of Christ

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The Follower

July 20, 2025

Jesus gave us a warning in Matthew 7:15–20 that is both serious and sobering. He said:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves... You will recognize them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:15-16)

We often read this passage and begin to think about other people and the preachers on TV, the internet "prophets," and the dangerous teachings we see in the world. And that's a fair reading, Jesus is indeed warning us to be on guard against those who claim to speak for God but lead others astray.

But today, let's take a different approach. Let's ask a harder, more personal question. What if I'm the one wearing sheep's clothing?

That's a tough thing to consider. None of us want to be a false teacher. None of us mean to be misleading or fake. But Jesus' warning isn't just about others, it's also about self-examination. Paul told the Corinthians "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves." (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Jesus reminds us that good trees bear good fruit, and bad trees bear bad fruit. So the question becomes: What kind of fruit am I producing in my own life? Are my words full of grace, or do they cut others down?

Does my life show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? (Galatians 5:22–23)

Do I look like a sheep on the outside, but inside I'm struggling with anger, bitterness, or hypocrisy? These questions aren't meant to shame us, but they're meant to grow us. Because God doesn't want perfection, He wants authenticity.

We all wear masks sometimes. We show up to church with a smile even when our hearts are breaking. We say the right things but feel distant from God. But the beauty of the gospel is that God sees through the masks and He invites us to take them off and come to Him just as we are.

In Matthew 7:19, Jesus gives a serious warning: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." That's not to scare us, it's to remind us how much this matters. God wants more than lip service. He wants our hearts.

So instead of asking, "Who are the wolves around me?" let's ask, "Am I being the disciple Jesus has called me to be?"

Let's be the kind of people who bear good fruit, not because we're trying to impress anyone, but because we're rooted deeply in Christ. Let's be the kind of church where no one has to pretend. Where it's safe to be real. Where struggling Christians can come forward, not to be judged, but to be embraced.

Today, whether you're strong in your faith or silently slipping away, remember this, you don't have to hide. You don't have to wear sheep's clothing. God wants the real you and He's ready to help you grow into the fruitful disciple He created you to be.

David Trevathan

News and Notes...

- **Teen Devo** – Sunday, July 20th Join us at the home of David Trevathan following the evening worship service for a teen devotional. It's a great time to grow in faith and fellowship!
- **Ladies' "Favorite Things" Party** – Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:00 PM All ladies are invited to a special night of food, fun, and sharing your "favorite things" at the home of Mandy Trevathan. For more details, please see Mandy.
- **Feed & Devotional** – Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30 PM Come hungry—both physically and spiritually! We'll enjoy a meal together followed by a devotional led by David Trevathan.
- **Area-Wide Singing at Trezevant Church of Christ**

Date: Friday, July 25th

Time: 7:00 PM

Join us for a special evening of uplifting praise and heartfelt fellowship as we come together to sing and glorify God. After the singing, we'll enjoy a time of visiting and sharing together over finger foods, which will be provided. Everyone is welcome—bring your friends, your family, and your voices as we make a joyful noise to the Lord! (Psalm 100:1)

- **Gospel Meeting** – August 10th–13th Mark your calendars for our upcoming Gospel Meeting. Guest speaker Brent Arnold from Greenfield Church of Christ will be with us.

Sunday Services: Regular times

Monday–Wednesday: 7:00 PM nightly Invite your friends and neighbors!

- **Young at Heart Outing** – Thursday, August 7th at 10:30 AM We'll begin with a short devotional, then head to Mallard's in Huntingdon for a good meal and fellowship. All seniors are welcome!
- **Men's Devotional** – Saturday, August 30th at 9:00 AM All men are invited to gather here at Trezevant Church of Christ for a time of prayer, encouragement, and brotherly connection.
- **Church Directory Update**

We will be taking new church directory pictures on Sunday, August 24th and Sunday, August 31st immediately following the morning worship service. Make plans to stay a few minutes after service to have your picture taken so we can keep our directory up to date!

- **Ladies!** There is a basket out front this week if you would like to bring a gift for Sophie Hilliard. Her wedding is in September.
- **Attention, Ladies!**
There will be a Ladies' Seminar in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, from September 5th through the 7th at the La Quinta Center in Pigeon Forge, titled "**Trust No Matter the Season.**" This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth.

If you're interested in attending, please sign up on the foyer board. The total cost is \$90 per person. For more details or any questions, please see Mandy Trevathan.

Don't miss out on this enriching experience — sign up today!

Come enjoy a morning of encouragement and great company—we look forward to seeing you there!

- **Snack Donation for Hospice Care**

Hospice care provides invaluable support for patients and their families, and we want to show our appreciation for the incredible work they do. Each month, we will be collecting snacks to donate to Hospice.

How You Can Help:

- Bring in snacks and place them in the donation box at the church.
- Be sure to check the expiration date before donating.
- We will be delivering these snacks at the end of each month.

Let's come together to show kindness and support for those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

- **Blessing Box Donation Request**

Our Blessing Box is in need of a few essential items to continue supporting those in need in our community. If you are able to help, we are currently collecting the following items:

- Travel size shampoos
- Travel size soap
- Travel size toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Canned chicken

Please place your donations in the foyer. Your generosity makes a big difference in the lives of those who need it most.

- **September Country Party**, More info coming soon.

Remember in Prayer ...

Warner Family We are saddened to share that Joanne Warner passed away last Tuesday. Please keep the Warner family in your prayers during this difficult time. May God surround them with His comfort, peace, and strength in the days ahead. "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." – Psalm 34:18

Mike Lane: Taking special enzymes to help his liver and pancreas.

Diane Giles: Having back issues.

Ronnie Joyner in your prayers as he is dealing with kidney issues. Let's lift him up and pray for healing, strength, and comfort during this time.

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES...

Linda Ballentine 7, Blake Trevathan 13, Mickey & Judy Keen 21, Rhonda Aden 25

We welcome our visitors; we are indeed honored to have you with us. We ask that you complete a visitor card and leave it in the pew or the collection plate, and please allow us the opportunity to get acquainted.

TO SERVE TODAY: 7/20/25	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	David Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	D. Aden, D. Trevathan	WED. DEV. D. Trevathan
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	John Henry Long
Closing Prayer	Casey Bush	David Brasher
NEXT WEEK: 7/27/25		
Opening Prayer	Keith Peeveyhouse	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	D. Aden, D. Trevathan	WED. DEVO. D. Ballentine
Scripture Reading	David Brasher	Dale Aden
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	David Bryant

Contact Information:

Minister: David Trevathan (740)861-4182

Office Hours:

Monday: Off
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m—4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 9:00 a.m—4:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m—4:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m—4:00 p.m.
 Saturday: Off

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM & 5:00PM
(Meet-Eat-Meet each second Sunday)

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm
(Fellowship & Devotional Every Fourth Wednesday)