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<i>Bible Class Lesson Texts:</i>	
<b>Sunday,</b> Dec 23, 2018 Paul B4 Festus and Agrippa Act 25,26	<b>Wednesday,</b> Dec 26, 2018 Shipwreck Acts 27
<b>God's Salvation Plan</b>	
Divine Love:	John 3:16
God's Grace:	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood:	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel:	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith:	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance:	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession:	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian Work:	James 2:24
Christian Hope:	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance:	Revelation 2:10
<b>SERVICES</b>	
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>
Bible Classes 9:30 AM	Ladies class 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:25 AM	Bible Classes 7:00 PM
PM Worship 6:00 PM	
<b>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, December 16, 2018</b>	
Bible Class	71
AM Worship	98
PM Worship	61
Wednesday, December 12	66
Contribution	\$2,608.81
Average to Date	\$2,907.40
Budget to Date	\$3,200.00

# Happenings



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## Thankful for Jesus

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6). Christianity is the only world religion that teaches salvation by grace. The other world religions teach that “salvation” is based on merit. This means as long as one is 51% good, he may claim salvation. He can be 49% evil and be “saved.” This implicates God in evil since God would be obliged to “save” people who are 49% evil. In such a system, God must condone evil. What kind of a god would condone evil?

In Christianity, God doesn't condone evil. He demands that everyone be holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:16). This means, however, that one must be perfect to be saved. If one sins just one time, he is lost. He isn't lost because God is evil, but because he is evil. How can a person be saved? There is only one way; God must pay the price for his sins. He did this through Jesus' perfect life and sacrifice on the cross.

Since Jesus paid the price, Jesus may give salvation to whoever He desires, and Jesus desires that salvation be given to those who trust and obey Him in love (John 14:15). Hebrews 5:9 says, “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.” Salvation is by grace through faith because we trust that Jesus will save us when we obey Him (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our obedience doesn't merit salvation as if God owes it to us; obedience is simply the response of one who trusts Jesus for salvation. Do we obey perfectly? No, but Jesus forgives those who are trying to be faithful to Him, and He knows who is and who isn't (2 Timothy 2:19). I am so thankful for Jesus.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

<b>December 23, 2018 Servants</b>		<u>Remember in Prayer</u>	
<b>Announcements:</b> John David Thomas			
<b>AM Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>		
Mike Raney	Ernest Shelton	•Kimberly Smithson	•Joe Higginbotham
Jody Thomas	Justin Tyndell	•J.L. Foster	•Lynda Braley
<b>Lord's Table</b>		•Marie McPherson	•Charles Tuck
Monty Crawford	Jimmy Smith	•Juanita Higginbotham	•Jason Lollar
Thomas McGee	Johnny Thomas	•Helen Smithson	•Linda Johnson
<b>PM Communion:</b> Jimmy Smith		•David Forehand	•Faith Salfen is Mary Lynn Cauley's aunt.
<b>Visitors Cards:</b> Maddux Tyndell		•Roberta Watson	•Stephanie McLaughlin
<b>December 30, 2018 Servants</b>		•Rinalda Failoni	•Marie Robertson
Announcements: Scott Hobson		•Marie Howard is recovering from surgery in Plano	•Robin Upson
<b>Am Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>	<b>Shut-Ins:</b> Faye Anderson; Sue Yarberr; Keith & Helen Clark; Winnie Tucker, and Melda Spencer	
Blake Tyndell	Jim Patterson		
Ben Dooley	Dave Conley		
<b>Lord's Table</b>			
Monty Crawford	Jimmy Smith		
Thomas McGee	Johnny Thomas		
<b>PM Communion:</b> Jimmy Smith			
<b>Visitors Cards:</b> Logan Wages			
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>			
<u>Pantry Item:</u> Vienna sausages			



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Men's class** will start on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m. We'll be using the updated version of *None of These Diseases*, which is an apologetic look at God's promises concerning health, hygiene, and mental health with reflections on what medical science and psychology can explain of prevention and remedy for man's earthly problems. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board for ordering books and general preparedness.

**Who will you be like in 2019,  
and  
how will you do it?**

A 2007 Re-run

We should resolve that in 2019, we will be:

- Like Paul - forget those things behind and press forward. (Phil 3:13,14)
- Like David - lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help. (Psa 121:1)
- Like Abraham - trust implicitly in my God. (Gen 22:8; Rom 4:3; Heb 11:17-19)
- Like Enoch - walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father. (Gen 5:23-24)
- Like Jehoshaphat - prepare my heart to seek God. (2 Chr 17:3; 18:6)
- Like Moses - chose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. (Heb 11:25).
- Like Daniel - commune with my God at all times. (Dan 6:10,11)
- Like Job - be patient under all circumstances. (James 5:8-11)
- Like Caleb & Joshua - refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers. (Num 13:30; 14:6-9)
- Like Joseph - turn my back to all seductive advances. (Gen 39:7-13)
- Like Gideon - advance even though my friends be few. (Judges 6-8)
- Like Aaron & Hur - uphold the hands of my spiritual leaders. (Exo 17:10-12)
- Like Isaiah - consecrate myself to do God's work. (Isa 6:7-8)
- Like Andrew - strive to lead my brother into a closer walk with Christ. (Joh 1:40-42)
- Like John - lean upon the bosom of the Master and imbibe his spirit. (Joh 13:25;19:26)
- Like Timothy - study the word of God. (2 Tim 2:15; 3:15)
- Like Stephen - manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt. (Act 7:59-60)
- Like the Heavenly Host - proclaim the message of peace on earth and good will to all men. (Luke 2:13-15)
- Like my Lord Himself - overcome all earthly allurements by refusing to succumb to their enticements. (1 Pet 2:22; Mat 4; Luk 4; 1 Cor 10:13; Heb 2:18)
- Realizing that I cannot hope to achieve those objectives by my own strength, I will rely upon Christ, for "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13) George Burger, Knight's New Illustration (*adapted*) [scriptures added, jp]