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<i>Bible Class Lesson Texts:</i>	
Sunday Feb 3, 2019 The First Sin Genesis 3	Wednesday Feb 6, 2019 Cain and Abel Genesis 4
God's Salvation Plan	
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
SERVICES	
SUNDAY:	WEDNESDAY:
Bible Class 9:30 AM	Ladies class 10:00 AM
Worship 10:25 AM	Bible Classes 7:00 PM
Worship 6:00 PM	
OUR FAITH IN ACTION	
Attendance	
Wednesday, January 23	62
Sunday, January 27	
Bible Class	65
Morning Worship	96
Evening Worship	49
Contribution-Budget \$3,200.00	
Sunday, January 27	\$3,164.17
2019 Average	\$2,697.98



Groundhog Day and Evangelism

Yesterday was Groundhog Day. The cute furry little rodent hopped out of his hole, looked at his shadow, and declared more winter yet to come! He then hopped back into his hole for more napping. Well, at least that is what he will probably do in 2019. History shows that he has seen his shadow 103 times and not seen it seventeen times. Seeing the shadow equates to more winter. Not seeing it means an early spring. His prognosticating abilities are not very accurate as he has only successfully predicted the future thirty-nine percent of the time. Nevertheless, he is used as a predictor of the weather every year with much pomp and circumstance even with his chances of failure being higher than sixty percent.

While Groundhog Day is all good fun, it illustrates an important point. Trying to do something is better than doing nothing. Thirty-nine percent is still better than zero percent! How many of us talk ourselves out of doing something because we say to ourselves that we will fail? **One thing is sure, if we don't try, we will fail!** In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:3-9), Jesus said that the rate of failure was going to be at least 75%! He illustrated this with four different soil types: wayside soil, rocky soil, thorny soil, and good soil. Three out of the four failed. "Then one said to Him, 'Lord, are there few who are saved?' And He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able'" (Luke 13:23-24). However, Jesus never gave up trying! We must keep trying also. Some will believe, and, like the groundhog, our rate of success will not be zero.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

February 3, 2019 Servants		Prayer List	
Announcements: Jim Patterson		Members	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers	Marie McPherson	Robin Upson
Johnny Thomas	Scott Overstreet	Lynda Braley	Charles Tuck
Scott Hobson	David Conley	Juanita Higginbotham	Marie Robertson
Lord's Table		Roberta Watson	Rinalda Failoni
Thomas McGee	Monty Crawford	Marie Howard	Jason Lollar
Derrell Patterson	Jimmy Smith	Family/Friends	
PM Communion: Monty Crawford		Kimberly Smithson	Ricky Champion
Visitors Cards: Maddux Tyndell		Jeraldine Wages	Joe Higginbotham
February 10, 2019 Servants		Helen Smithson	Kenny Stewart
Announcements:		Faith Salfen	Terry Woods
Am Prayers	PM Prayers	Shut-Ins	
Ernest Shelton	Ben Dooley	Faye Anderson	Keith & Helen Clark
Jim Patterson	Weaver Mills	Sue Yarberr	Winnie Tucker
Lord's Table		Melda Spencer	
Thomas McGee	Monty Crawford	News and Notes	
Derrell Patterson	Jimmy Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthdays and anniversary from last week I skipped: sorry! Feb 2--Morgan Arsenault, Peggy Johnson, and Gale Stevens Feb 2 is also M/M Ernest Shelton's anniversary • Learning to serve happens on February 10--Next Sunday! • Ladies' night out will fall on the 12th. More details to follow. 	
PM Communion: Monty Crawford			
Visitors Cards: Sawyer Hobson			
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>			
Pantry Item: peanut butter			

I, EVEN I, AM THE LORD; AND BESIDE ME THERE IS NO SAVIOUR.
(ISAIAH 43:11 KJV)

What Counts is A New Creation

With all our new technologies, it seems like a popular criminal activity is to change (or steal someone else's) identity. A host of books have recently been published telling people how to change identities. *How to Disappear completely and Never be Found and Reborn in the U.S.A.* has sold thousands of copies. Countless web sites have recently sprung up to instruct people on how to change identity. Criminal secrets are now public information. Recently, the national news media reported the story of Anthony Taylor, a young man who thought it wasn't good enough to simply be Anthony Taylor. He didn't get enough attention, and he certainly wasn't rich enough, so he took on a new identity. Taylor decided to remake himself as Tiger Woods. When he was finally caught, he was charged with using the golf star's name and Social Security number to get a new driver's license, rent videos, apply for credit, and buy a Lexus with a down payment of only \$100. Aside from the cost of the car, Taylor went on a shopping spree of over \$17,000 with his new name.

What about you? Have you ever wanted to start over with a new identity? Anyone can change their name, address, and driver's license, but these are superficial changes. I'm talking about a fresh start to life, an authentic rebirth. Is such a fresh start really possible? Cynics will say, "No." However, God wrote the original book on changing people. The contents are not steps for superficial changes, but the way to completely change one's nature, personality, and behavior. What God proposes is an authentic metamorphosis of who we are on the inside--a complete rebirth. Jesus himself said, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again" (John 3:3). Paul wrote that, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with over-increasing glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Salvation is a new birth, new life, new purpose, and new hope. It is too wonderful an offer to refuse.
Charles North
via March 2001 Bulletin Digest
Waco TX

Birthdays this week:

McKenzee Thomas, Feb 4
Marylynn Murphy, Feb 5

Shelah Shirley, Feb 6
Sammy Hobson, Feb 8

Anniversary this week:

M/M David Conley, Feb 8