OUR FAITH IN ACTION			
Attendance			
Wednesday, January 15	69		
Sunday, January 19			
Bible Class	71		
Morning Worship	93		
Evening Worship	51		
Contribution-Budget \$3,100.00			
Sunday, Jan 12, 2020	\$2,503.50		
Sunday, Jan 19, 2020	\$3,530.50		
2020 Average	\$2,865.50		

#### **Announcements**

- We are having game nights on the fourth Friday of the month. We bring fingerfoods and get started at 6pm.
  It's the 24th this month (for folks that get their bulletins quickly.)
- 5th Wednesday (singing) in January on the 29th

	Prayer List
	Thank you for <b>Draying</b> )
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Don Gride	r Clara Inman

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James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	<b>Enoies Curbow</b>
Billy Johnson	Terry Woods
Sue Yarberry	Marie Howard
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Sara Jo Vance	Jeraldine Wages
Alicia Dooley	Keith & Helen Clark
Charles Lansford	Meg Shelton
Johnny Thomas	Marie McPherson
Marli Thomas	Jaunice Foster
Juanita Higginbotham	Mark Matthias

## **Kindness: the Forgotten Virtue**

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." - Ep 4:32

ometimes, in our quest to do and teach what is right, we forget the manner in which we are to do it and teach it. We love the Lord and strive to live by His precepts – and we expect others to do the same. But, when they fall short of our lofty expectations, we hammer them over the head with the proverbial two-by-four. One 'proof text' for those of this mindset is the twenty-third chapter of Matthew – the 'woe chapter'. Jesus verbally assaulted His audience, so we figure we have license to do the same. And yes, there is a time to 'shuck the corn'. But, Jesus did so only after years of patient effort, and after the Pharisees had proven themselves to be spiritually dishonest. There is no support in this passage for verbally abusing a weak brother in Christ. The teacher of babes must be "gentle" and "patient" (2 Tim. 2:24). People struggle with many difficulties in their lives— some of which we may be totally unaware. So yes, be blunt in dealing with sin, and never compromise conviction. But, in the doing of it, never forget to "be kind to one another".

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Announcements: Jim Patterson		
AM Prayers	PM Prayers	
Ernest Shelton	Johnny Thomas	
Ben Dooley	Logan Wages	
Lord's Table		
Jamey Thomas	Monty Crawford	
Eddie Cauley	Derrell Patterson	
PM Communion: Jamey Thomas		
Visitors Cards: Maddux Tyndell		
February 2, 2020 Servants		
Announcements: Jim Patterson		
Am Prayers	PM Prayers	
Ben Dooley	Scott Overstreet	
Monty Crawford	Jody Thomas	
Lord's Table		
Ernest Shelton	Jimmy Smith	
Blake Tyndell	Jim Patterson	
PM Communion: Blake Tyndell		
Visitors Cards: Logan Wages		
	n you cannot serve, ney-903-559-4141, or	

John D. Thomas-903-490-5572

**Peanut Butter** 

Canned chili

Vienna Sausages

# Bible Class Lesson Texta:

## Sunday January 26, 2020 Elijah and the

Widow of Zarephath 1 Kings 17:8-24

### Wednesday January 29, 2020 5th Wednesday



# **God's Salvation Plan**

Divine Love: John 3:16 God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8 Romans 5:9 Christ's Blood: 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

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#### **SERVICES**

#### SUNDAY: Wednesday:

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Worship 10:25 AM Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Worship 6:00 PM

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"Just Be a Good Person"? Really?

Have you ever heard someone say, "As long as I am a good person. God will accept me"? But, what does it mean to be a "good person?" Does it mean to do good and avoid bad deeds? Doesn't everyone do some good deeds and some bad deeds? Is anyone innocent from sin? Someone will reply, "I will do more good than bad to be a 'good person.'" How do you know that you have done more good than bad? Do you know all your deeds? Do you know all the consequences of your deeds? What if doing one bad deed outweighs all the good deeds that you do due to consequences that you did not consider? How can you judge yourself to have been a "good person"?

The truth is, "There is none who does good, no, not one" (Romans 3:12). This is because, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Committing one sin means we come short, and nothing we do makes up for that shortcoming. Good deeds don't cancel bad ones. There is no Karma. You can't make up for lost time, and there is no going back.

Does that mean we should all just give up? Yes! We should give up on selfrighteousness and start trusting in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote, "Yet indeed I also count all things loss . . . that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith" (Philippians 3:8 -9). How do I do that? "He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9).

God bless you, and I love you. **Kevin Cauley**