

<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Jeff isbell Reading: Mark 14:3-9 ➤ Song Leader.....Michael Pickford ➤ Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Kenny Todd Serve.....Robert Johnson ➤ Closing Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader.... TBA ➤ Opening Prayer...TBA ➤ Invitation: N/A ➤ Lord's Table: TBA ➤ Closing Prayer: TBA <p>WEDNESDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader...Kenny Johnson ➤ Invitation: Kenny Todd 	<p>God's Plan of Salvation</p> <p>There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17 ➤ <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24 ➤ <u>Repent of Sin</u>: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 ➤ <u>Confess Faith</u>: Romans 10:9, 10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful</u>: Rev. 2:10 <p>Obey Today!</p>
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Be Kind

The Bible speaks about kindness as a crucial attribute that should be present in the lives of God's people. Kindness makes stellar appearances in the fruit of the Spirit, the definition of love, and the Christian graces (Galatians 5:22; 1 Corinthians 13:4; 2 Peter 1:7 respectively). We mirror God's character when we are kind, for *"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion..."* (Psalm 145:8). *"The Lord is good to all..."* (Psalm 145:9). Yes, God is kind to all, even sinners, in hopes that His kindness will lead them to repentance (Romans 2:4). Throughout His ministry, Jesus demonstrated compassion and kindness to people from all walks of life. He healed the sick, fed the



Memory Verse

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

—Ephesians 4:32

hungry, and welcomed the outcasts of society. These acts led people to repentance. Being kind to others is one way we can fulfill our calling to imitate Christ and the Father (1 John 2:6; Ephesians 5:1). We can practice kindness in several ways, including having compassion for others, sharing our possessions with the needy, speaking words of encouragement, displaying a readiness to forgive, praying for others, and especially teaching them the gospel (Matthew 11:5). Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give and can't afford not to. -

We would welcome a visit from you. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

Capable Bible teachers would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

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Pray Before I Speak

The conversation between King Artaxerxes and his cupbearer Nehemiah in Nehemiah 2:1-7 resulted in some marvelous things for the remnant that had returned to Jerusalem. Something jumped out that had a profound effect on me.

King Artaxerxes had asked Nehemiah why he was sad. Nehemiah explained that his beloved Jerusalem lay in waste. Then comes verses four and five(a),

“Then the king said to me, ‘What do you request?’ So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king...”

Did you catch it? First, he “prayed,” then he “said.”

Wow! Imagine if I could develop the habit of saying a quick prayer in my heart before everything I said. When having a disagreement with my wife, what if I prayed before every sentence I spoke? What if I prayed in my heart before speaking a reprimand to my child? What if a lovely woman spoke something flirtatious to me, and I spoke a prayer in my heart before responding? That prayer could empower me to overcome that potentially tempting situation—to prevent me from flirting back which would be an impropriety that might lead down a tragic path.

What if I prayed before praying? O, what if I prayed before praying! What if I, as a man, were asked to lead the church in a prayer. What if I prayed first, in my heart, and asked God for wisdom to speak a prayer that would glorify Him and exhort my brethren simultaneously?

We are right to emphasize the need to pray before anything.

Pray before buying a house. Pray before getting married. Pray before selecting elders. Pray before hiring a new preacher. Pray before starting a new job. Pray before eating. Pray before going to sleep...

But what about praying before we speak? Before everything we say. Every sentence. Every word. Before posting on social media. Before responding to a comment. What a challenge. But imagine the possibilities. The grief that could be avoided. The bitterness, the hatred, the hurt feelings, the regretful actions—all avoided if I could but pray before I speak.-

CHOOSE
kindness

*Therefore, as the elect of God,
holy and beloved, put on tender
mercies, kindness, humility,
meekness, longsuffering.*

- Colossians 3:12

