

• **Sunday, August 30**

At this month's fellowship meal, we will recognize the children earning Bible memory work awards during the Summer Series. Plan to stay after evening services and bring a potluck dish.



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Promotion in children classes 1st through high school.

EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, August 30 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "One God, Three Persons." The Scriptures clearly teach there is but one God (Deuteronomy 6:4), yet the scripture also describes the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as persons who interact with each other. How can there be three and yet be one?

SUNDAYS

Bible Classes9:00 AM
Morning Worship10:00 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Mondays (every first and third week)
Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 PM
Tuesdays (September through May)
Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM
Ladies' Bible Study..... 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS

Midweek Bible Study 7:00 PM

EVANGELIST

Clay Bond

SUPPORTED WORKS

James and Emily Cammock
Hamilton, New Zealand

Cecil Shaw
Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Mike Batot
Southwest School of Bible Studies

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"WHY READ THE BIBLE?" by Clay Bond

In both of his letters to Timothy, Paul encourages the young man to be a diligent student of God's word. He wrote "give attendance to reading" and "be diligent...rightly dividing the word of truth" (1 Timothy 4:13 and 2 Timothy 2:15). What Paul was attempting to instill in Timothy over 2000 years ago is still relevant today. Bible reading should be just as customary to the Christian as eating, sleeping or getting dressed. However, we often find ourselves neglecting our souls. Let's consider the importance of searching the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11).

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"

1 Peter 2:2

First, the word of God saves our souls. The Bible teaches that "the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). As the possessor of a soul, every human being is precious. James tells us that the word of God has the

power to save our souls when we receive it with an attitude of submission (James 1:21). Secondly, the word of God nourishes our souls. Just as the body needs daily food in order to be healthy and vibrant, so does the soul. God's word is our spiritual food, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). The Bible even makes a distinction between "the milk" which belongs to new Christians and the "the meat" of Scripture which is for those who are more mature (Hebrews 5:11-14). Those who have been Christians for some time, but remain on milk are in danger of spiritual starvation!

Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). Our appetite for spiritual nourishment should be ever growing.

Thirdly, the word of God is our guide. We learn in Proverbs 14:12 and Jeremiah 10:23 that man is incapable of guiding his own steps. Just as a lantern illuminates our path on a dark night so we do not get hurt, God's word serves as lamp to our feet and a light to our path so we do not stumble or stray off the straight and narrow path (Psalm 119:105; Matthew 7:13-14). We have all been guilty of walking by sight instead of by faith as God's word instructs (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is especially true during life's difficulties. It is always harder to pay attention and follow God's course of action when things are not going well. If we are going to "walk by faith" we are going to have to pay close attention to God's word because "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Fourthly, the word of God sanctifies us. One of the goals of spiritual growth is to live set apart from this world. As God's children we are in the world, but we are not of the world. Think of it like a ship: the ship is in the ocean but hopefully the ocean is not in the ship! If we as Christians do not keep ourselves unspotted from this world (James 1:27) Satan is going find it easy to tempt and entice us to be conformed to this world and sink us spiritually. We must stay in the word to be sanctified and keep out the world. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17)


We can see from this article that we must first receive God's word with a submissive heart al-

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
AUGUST 16, 2015

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	103
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	147
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	94
Offering: \$5,377	

TRAVELING THE ROAD OF MARITAL JOY



*You are invited
to attend a
marriage seminar*

September 18-20

Guest Speakers: John & Carla Moore

Childcare provided Friday & Saturday

lowing it to save our souls, then we must allow it to nourish us every day, we must look to it as our guide for life and we must trust it to sanctify us. I hope these four things will encourage each of us to spend more time in God's word. We can be like Job who loved God's word more than his necessary food (Job 23:12). There is an old adage that says, "a chapter a day keeps the devil away." If you are not reading God's word on a daily basis, start today!

News & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 30
The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal has been moved to the fifth Sunday this month to recognize children earning Bible memory work awards during the Summer Series.



September 8
The Tuesday Morning Bible Studies will resume on September 8 at 10 a.m. and include a luncheon.

September 18-20
MidTown will host a marriage seminar entitled, "Traveling the Road of Marital Joy." Guest speakers are John and Carla Moore. **Preregister by emailing ccbond@email.com**

- Brookdale (formerly Homewood) Team #4 will meet today.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**RAIDER WAYNE STRYKER
BORN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
11LBS. 5 OZ. 23 IN.**



Keep in PRAYER

RESPONSES:

Please keep **Debra Sanchez** in prayer who responded Wednesday.

MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady
Dee Gilpatrick
Betty Key
Sandy Malone
Bob Neel

Mickey Tisue
Ann Pantel
Glen Pitts
Rex Sims
Inez Shafer
Etta Williams

& Friends Family:

Cynthia Barrett,
daughter of Dee Gilpatrick
Sandra Barton,
sister-in-law of Karon
Josephine Escojido,
mother of Lupe Escojido
Dee Ann Endsley
niece of Jerri Jeffries
Pam Hawkins,
daughter-in-law of June
Amy Jamison,
daughter of Terry
Perliene Johnson,
mother-in-law of Steve Randle
Dorothy Koenig,
mother of Mickey DeDear
Dorothy McCarn
aunt of Pam Clifton

Edna Randall,
aunt of Randy Tipton
Sarah Randle,
mother of Steve
Ernest Rundzieher,
brother of Jackie Rutherford
David Smith,
brother of Bob Smith
Richard Smith,
uncle of Les Daltry
Ray Shannon,
son of Donna
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Mark Withers,
nephew of Clark
Ray Williams,
son of Etta
Martha Young,
friend of Elana Carroll