

Saturday, July 4

The next family youth devotional will be hosted at the home of Adrian and Melissa Cannady at 6 p.m. Please bring \$5 for food. You may bring fireworks if you'd like.

****Please note that there will not be a June devotional.**

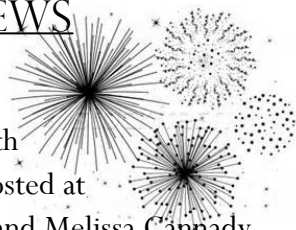
Summer Activities:

- **July 19-24 Peach Valley Camp.**
- **Thursday, June 25,** MidTown will host one of the Thursday Night Summer Youth Series covering the topic, "The Battle Belongs to the Lord." Please help by bringing cookies.

EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, June 28 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Authoritative." Since Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth and His words recorded in Scripture will judge us in the last day, we know the Bible has authority overusing this life. We need to hear and to obey the revealed word of God.



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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"VESSELS OF HONOR" by Clay Bond

Someone once said that the only real disability in life is a bad attitude. Our attitude is the determining factor as to whether we will be successful in any endeavor. This holds true whether we are talking about life in general or talking about spiritual matters. Solomon said, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

The Lord once asked, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" (Matthew 20:6). We learn here and in many other passages that

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"

Proverb 23:7

our Lord disappoints strongly of idleness. If there is one thing that our gentle, loving Savior dislikes, it is laziness, idleness and talent gone to waste.

Sadly, some Christians are idle because they cannot imagine that God could have any use for them. They do not see any value in themselves, and they as-

sume that they have nothing to offer the Lord. If we choose to maintain the pessimistic attitude that says "God can't use me," we will find ourselves spiritually handicapped. We will be guilty of doing nothing and in grave danger of being the unprofitable servant Jesus spoke of in Matthew 25:30. The truth is the Lord sees value in each person He has created. He knows every hidden talent we possess, He knows exactly how much we can accomplish, and He will one day call us to account for how we have used the skills and talents He has given us (Matthew 25:24-30).

Have you ever heard the saying "God don't make no trash?" God created each

one of us, and each of us can be a profitable servant to Him. We can find purpose and fulfillment in being active members of the body of Christ.

In his writings, Paul emphasized that each member is important and useful (1 Corinthians 12:12-25, Ephesians 4:11-16). In order for the body to function properly, every part must function; "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 2:16). You can be a "vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" if you will follow the wise man's advice, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might" (2 Timothy 2:21, Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Each of us must start with an optimistic attitude, consider what we can do for the Lord and then begin doing it. If you will find your talents and put them to work for God, you will become the kind of servant who can expect to hear "well done...enter into my rest." He will reward you accordingly, "For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work

and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10). Speaking about Mary, Jesus said, "She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8). Can He say the same of us?

There are many giants we must overcome in life. Our giants can be impossible to surmount if we maintain the dreary attitude of pessimism that makes our lives miserable and leaves us unfit for the Master's use. Let's choose to have a happy, bright outlook on life and say, "here *am* I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Either way, life is hard work, so be optimistic toward serving God and let Him show you your real value.

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
JUNE 14, 2015

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....90
Sunday Morning Assembly.....120
Sunday Evening Assembly.....78

Offering: \$3,773

News
& ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, June 24

Please bring cookies for the Thursday Summer Youth Series.

Thursday, June 25

The Young Ladies' Potluck Luncheon will be held at Noon.

Sunday, June 28

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal will follow evening service.

Sunday, July 5

The next Men's Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Mark your calendars for a baby shower brunch in honor of Ashley Stryker. Check next week's bulletin for more details.



- Homewood Team #3 will meet today.
- Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items for the food pantry.

Keep in PRAYER

BAPTISM:

We rejoice with the angels at the baptism of **Miri Parker** and pray that her walk with Christ will bear much fruit.

MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady
Tre Cannady
Dee Gilpatrick

Betty Key
Sandy Malone
Bob Neel
Ann Pantel
Glen Pitts
Rex Sims
Etta Williams

& Friends Family:

Cynthia Barrett,
daughter of Dee Gilpatrick
Sandra Barton,
sister-in-law of Karon
Josephine Escojido,
mother of Lupe Escojido
Pam Hawkins,
daughter-in-law of June
Jim Hinchey,
brother-in-law of Lupe Escojido
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
Richard Smith,
uncle of Les Daltry
Ray Shannon,
son of Donna
Mark Withers,
nephew of Clark
Ray Williams,
son of Etta