

The April devotional for families will be hosted by the Jobs Family. More information to come!

June 14-19  
Hensel Camp.

Please complete your online preregistration.



July 19-24 Peach Valley Camp.

EDUCATION

**In Search of the Lord's Way**

The lesson for Sunday, April 5 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "The Law." When you open your Bible, you see the words Old Testament and New Testament. What does that mean? Some people see no difference at all between the Old and the New, but what does God say about the two?

SUNDAYS

Bible Classes .....9:00 AM  
Morning Worship .....10:00 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 I Obeyed the Gospel" (part 2) by Gary Colley

*This article is continued from last week. By way of review, in last week's article brother Colley stated that he obeyed the gospel because he learned of his sin.*

**B**ecause I Learned of God's Love. From I John 4:7-9, it is stated, Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. In this is manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Some in the world say they depend on the writing of John for their salvation, while by the same rule they teach and believe the "faith only" doctrine of Calvinism. These need to

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*John 3:36*

study further for their salvation. The inspired John also has written, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;

but that the world through him might be saved" (Jn. 3:16-17). The 101 Greek scholars and translators of the American Standard Version show that believing is not simply mental assent of faith in Jesus Christ, but obedience to His Will: "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life, but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (Jn. 3:36). We must learn that obedience to the commandments of God are a most crucial matter in order to obtain the salvation that Christ offers. John also wrote, "For this is the love of God [or the way we manifest our love for God, GC], that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (I Jn. 5:3). The one

who loves God as he should will not find the commandments of God too restrictive, burdensome, heavy, hard, or unjust! In fact we further learn from John's writing, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him" (1 Jn. 2:3-5). Because I Learned of the Love of Christ When we come to the teaching of Christ and His death on the cruel cross for the sin of the world, our hearts should be softened to hear and follow Him. Through His death, he blotted out the Old Law and brought into effect His new law (Col. 2:14; Matt. 26:28). After His death, burial, and resurrection, He was given all authority in heaven and on earth and commanded all taught souls to be baptized into the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:18-20). Through His suffering on the cross, He became the author, or source, of eternal salvation to all who will obey Him, and to none others (Heb. 5:8-9). Those who refuse to be baptized according to His teaching are not in a saved state and will not inherit eternal life, not having been born into the family of God (Jn. 3:3-5). Knowing these things to be true is one of the "whys" for all to obey the Gospel. Forgiveness cannot be ours without coming into contact with the blood of Christ, and no one comes in contact with the blood without baptism (Rom. 6:3-4). Only in baptism does God apply the blood (Gal. 3:26-27). Obedience in this way is the "form of doc-

***Devotion to Christ***



*You are invited to attend a series of gospel sermons.*

**April 19-22**

**Presented by Gary Colley**  
of Memphis, Tennessee

Records You Helped Make  
For the Week of  
MARCH 15, 2015

**Attendance**

Sunday Bible Class.....125  
Sunday Morning Assembly.....168  
Sunday Evening Assembly..... 109

**Offering: \$5,325**

***Bridal Shower***



HONORING  
**JENNIFER YORK**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 28  
2-4 P.M.  
at the home of Karon Barton

Selections are at:  
**Target**  
**Bed Bath & Beyond**

trine" we are taught to obey to become servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:16-18). This is obedience in form or pattern of the doctrine of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Savior (1 Cor. 15:1-4). *(to be continued)*

**News**  
& ACTIVITIES

**Today!**  
The Annual Chili Cook-off will follow evening services. Please plan to bring chili, sides, or desserts!



**Thursday, March 26**  
The Young Ladies' Potluck luncheon will be held at Noon.

**Sunday, March 29**  
There is a Q&A box for bible questions located in the foyer. Clay Bond will answer them the last Sunday evening of every month.

**Friday, April 3**  
The Friday Night Singings will begin. Information sheets are available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

- If you are interested in teaching a lesson for the Adult Summer Series, the schedule is on the clipboard on the front pew.
- Homewood Team #4 will meet today.
- See the bulletin board in the hallway for invitations of area events.

**Keep in PRAYER**

**MidTown Members:**

Jeff Cannady  
Dee Gilpatrick  
Betty Key

**Friends & Family:**

Cynthia Barrett,  
*daughter of Dee Gilpatrick*  
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,  
*mom of Patsy Randle*  
Dorothy Koenig,  
*mother of Mickey DeDear*  
Edna Randall,  
*aunt of Randy Tipton*

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



Sarah Randle,  
*mother of Steve*  
Ernest Rundzieher,  
*brother of Jackie Rutherford*  
Richard Smith,  
*uncle of Les Daltry*  
Ray Shannon,  
*son of Donna*  
Ray Williams,  
*son of Etta*  
Mark Withers,  
*nephew of Clark*

If you would like to keep up with the progress of the Bible Lands Project, John Moore has provided the following blog at:  
<https://walkingwherejesuswalked.wordpress.com>