



Thank you to Ryan & Ashley Stryker for hosting the May family youth devotional - We appreciate you!

Summer Camps:

- June 14-19 Hensel Camp.
- July 19-24 Peach Valley Camp.

Thursdays:

- **June 5 - July 31** The annual area -wide Thursday Night Summer Youth Series topic will be "Singing Redemption Song." MidTown will host on June 25. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, May 31 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "One of a Kind." The Lord Jesus Christ is one of a kind. Though some say He is simply one great spiritual leader among others or He is like other ancient deities, Jesus is indeed unique in His life and in His teaching.

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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"NOAH'S SALVATION, A TYPE OF OUR SALVATION" by Clay Bond

The Old Testament "types" were but "shadows" of good things to come. As one theologian said, "The 'Typology' of the Old Testament is the 'PICTURE LANGUAGE' in which the Doctrines of the New Testament, such as the Atonement, are prefigured. For illustration the 'Brazen Serpent' and the 'Cross.' John 3:14-15."

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offer year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect"

Hebrews 10:1

A "type" is some person, or event that is recorded to "foreshadow" a future person or event. Consider for a moment the three elements of Noah's salvation as a type, or graphic picture, of our salvation.

First, Noah's salvation entailed God's grace. The first time we find the word "grace" is in Genesis 6:8 where it says that Noah "found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Grace is God's free unmerited love and favor toward mankind and the source of the benefits we

receive from Him, including deliverance. Just as Noah's salvation involved grace, our salvation involves God's grace. Paul said, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). Since grace is a concept that is misunderstood in the religious world, we should keep several things in mind. First, remember that the heavenly grace that brings salvation has appeared to "all men" (Titus 2:11). Next, grace is accessed by means of a system of intellectual instruction (Titus 2:12). Thirdly, we are not saved by grace alone, but by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). Fourthly, grace excludes personal merit or works of righteousness which we devise (Ephesians 2:9; Titus 3:5). Fifthly, grace is accessed by obedient faith (Romans 5:1-2). Finally, it is impera-

tive that we continue in and grow in grace (Acts 13:43; 2 Peter 3:18).

Secondly, Noah's salvation entailed his faith. The writer of Hebrews said, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Hebrews 11:7). In Genesis 6 God looked at this earth and saw sin, filth and wickedness. He determined that He would destroy man from the face of the earth and gave Noah advanced warning of what was to come. Noah did not respond with a dead faith by simply taking note of the warning without acting upon it. His was a living faith that believed God's warning and built the ark according to the exact instructions given, to the saving of his household. Like Noah, our salvation involves faith. We also have received a warning about the coming day of judgement (Matthew 24:33-51; 2 Peter 3:1-18). We know that without faith it is impossible to please God and be saved (Hebrews 11:6). We understand that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). If we are wise, we too will move with fear and prepare ourselves for that day by putting our faith in God.

Thirdly, Noah's salvation entailed his obedience. In Genesis 6:22 it says, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." Just as Noah's salvation entailed obedience, so does ours. Jesus Christ is "the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrews 5:9). Many Scriptures make it

clear that if we want to be saved, we must obey God's commandments (John 14:15). Noah's salvation helps us understand that the kind of faith that saves, is a faith that obeys (John 3:36; James 2:14-26). Noah's salvation also helps us understand the harmony between grace, faith and obedience. In salvation, God has a part and we have a part. God's part in salvation is His marvelous grace. Our part is to respond in faith to His will.

The question we must now ask is, "How have I responded to God grace?" By grace God has revealed that we must hear and believe the gospel (Mark 16:15), repent of our sins (Luke 13:3), publically confess Christ (Acts 8:37), be baptized for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38) and continue to walk faithfully with God (Rev. 2:10). Finally, please remember that Noah's salvation teaches us one last lesson, God's patience has an end. Will you put your faith in the working of God today (Colossians 2:12)?

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of

MAY 17, 2015

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....126

Sunday Morning Assembly.....144

Sunday Evening Assembly.....NA

Offering: \$4,723

News

& ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 30

There will be a quarterly Men's Breakfast at the church building at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 31

Clay Bond will answer bible questions from the Q&A box the last Sunday evening of every month.

Monday, June 1 & 15

The Monday Ladies' Bible Study will meet at 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 7

The Men's Meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. here at the building.

- Homewood Team #4 will meet today.
- Barbara and Clark Withers are pleased to announce the arrival of their first great-grandchild: Jocelyn Margaret Dale, 5 lbs. 2 oz.

Summer Series Begins in June

The MidTown Summer Series will be held June 3 through August 26 at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. The topic for the adult series will be, "Great Questions in the Bible."

The youth classes can expect to have combined singing as well as special memory work leading to an end-of-summer awards ceremony.

Keep in PRAYER

RESPONSES:

Please keep **Archana Verma** in prayer who responded to the invitation Wednesday.

MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady
Dee Gilpatrick
Betty Key
Sandy Malone

Bob Neel
Ann Pantel
Glen Pitts
Patsy Randle
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,
mom of Patsy 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