

Sunday, November 1

Mark your calendar for MidTown's Trunk or Treat following evening service.



EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, October 4 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Hearing the Gospel." God gave us ears to hear, but are we listening to His most important messages? The gospel is first and foremost a message to be preached and to be received. No message is more important than the gospel.

SUNDAYS

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

Mondays

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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"BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL" by Clay Bond

Psalm 103 may be one of the most beautiful Psalms in the entire collection of Biblical Psalms. It has been described as one of the most priceless jewels of the Psalter. Beginning and ending with the words "Bless the Lord, O my soul" this Psalm is designed to elevate the soul and fill the heart with gratitude. If ever you have trouble praising God, get down on your knees and read Psalm 103 aloud to Him. You may find that it reminds you of the blessings that God bestows upon you each day.

Centuries before Christ's birth, the Psalmist tells us of the benefits that God will bestow on mankind through His beloved Son. In the spirit of prophecy, the Psalmist looks forward to the coming of the God-man, Jesus Christ. He would partake of flesh and blood and

is that there is forgiveness with Him (Psalm 130:4). It is because of our own sin that we are in need of His forgiveness (Isaiah 59:1-2). The prophet Micah declared, "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by transgression...?" (Micah 7:18).

shower down blessings upon His people (Hebrews 2:14; 2 Corinthians 8:9).

First of all, the Psalmist speaks of forgiveness (Psalm 103:3). Of all God's benefits, the one most often forgotten

Next, the Psalmist calls to our minds the benefit of redemption (Psalm 103:4). Like Ahab, we have all sinned; we have sold ourselves to do evil (Romans 3:23; 1 Kings 21:20). When we sin, we become Satan's servants (1 John 3:8). For this reason, we stand in need of redemption. We need to be bought back, but the purchase price is far beyond our ability to pay. Knowing this, Jesus paid the price by dying on the cross, so that we can be

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O my soul;
And all that is
within me, bless
His holy name!

Psalm 103:1

set free from the bondage of sin (1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Paul said, we have “redemption through his blood” (Ephesians 1:7). What wonderful news for us, there is redemption with the Lord (Psalm 130:7)!

The benefits of forgiveness and redemption have been made available to all who need to be healed of spiritual ailments (Titus 2:11). However, these benefits are only available in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). In Galatians 3:26-27 we learn how to get into Christ, “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” When we are “baptized into Christ” we contact His blood which washes our sins away (Romans 6:3-4; Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16). Have you attained “redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:7)?

Finally, the Psalmist reminds us of the dual benefits of provision and renewal which God lavishly bestows upon His people (Psalm 103:5). The Lord knows who His people are and He does not withhold any good thing from them (2 Timothy 2:19; Psalm 84:11). David affirmed that during his lifetime he never saw “the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread” (Psalm 37:25). Our Creator and God knows that we have physical and emotional needs. How beneficial it is to us that He is both able and willing to take care of His people and meet every one of our needs perfectly (Matthew 6:31-33).

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Attendance
Sunday Bible Class.....157
Sunday Morning Assembly.....197
Sunday Evening Assembly.....133

Offering: \$5,584

While our physical bodies age, break down and eventually perish, the Lord assures us that “the inward man is renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). The renewal spoken of by the Psalmist comes through God’s Word (Colossians 3:10). The Word is our spiritual food. It provides us the strength to serve God all the days of our life. According to the prophet Isaiah, “they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

Consider all the different ways God has blessed you and share in the joy of the Psalmist as he writes “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name” (Psalm 103:1). Have you availed yourself of the many benefits God has offered to you?

News & ACTIVITIES

Today!

Clay will answer bible questions this evening. This will conclude his question and answer series.

Wednesday, September 30

This month, there will be a Fifth Wednesday Singing.

Sunday, October 4

The Monthly Men’s Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8

The Young Ladies’ Potluck Luncheon will meet at Noon, here at the building.

October 25-28

MidTown will host a Fall Gospel Meeting entitled, “Developing a Christ-Centered Culture” with guest speaker Kevin Rhodes.

- Brookdale (formerly Homewood) Team #4 will meet today.
- A reminder that you can download or listen to lessons from the marriage seminar by visiting the MidTown website.

Keep in PRAYER

RESPONSES:

Please keep **Archana Verma** in prayer who responded Sunday morning, and **Tom and Gayla Pitchford** who requested prayers Sunday evening.

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
Darlene Dolan
mother of Bryce Dolan
Joyce Eggemeyer,
mother of Barbie Dolan
Josephine Escojido,
mother of Lupe Escojido
Dee Ann Endsley
niece of Jerri Jeffres
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
Ray Shannon,
son of Donna
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Becca Wiese,
friend of Virginia Escojido
Mark Withers,
nephew of Clark
Ray Williams,
son of Etta