

Saturday, April 18



The next youth devotional will be hosted by the Jobes Family on Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m., here at building. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Saturday, April 25

There will be a Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp Annual Bar-B-Q Fundraiser at 11:30. See the flyer in the hallway for more details.



EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, April 12 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Women of the Church." In the beginning God created us male and female in His image and in His likeness. But does God give the same roles in worship and in the leadership of the church to women that He gives to men? God speaks on the matter.

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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"Does Obedience Matter?" by Gary Colley

God has demanded obedience from the very beginning of time and in every subsequent dispensation. All nature testifies that there is a God in Heaven who has supreme authority. All nature must act in accordance with the laws of God.

Only humans have the power of choice to obey or not to obey God. To be obedient and willing to respect authority in the home, the school, and the church is basic to success in life. Love is the bottom line in obedience if Heaven is to be our home (Jn. 14:15). Authority has become a bad word today in many churches, homes, schools, and with some in daily living. "Obedience" is an important word in our world, and should be a part of everyone's life and character. Sadly, authority and obedience are ignored by many parents, children, governments, and often in the

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Prov. 22:6

church of our Lord. It is defined as "the state or fact of being obedient; doing what is ordered; submission" (Webster's New World Dictionary, College Edition, p. 1011). It means to obey, or to be willing to obey orders or instruction of one in authority. All today are under ob-

ligation to obey the authority of the New Testament of Jesus Christ. We must also respect the silence of the Scriptures to please God (I Pet. 4:11; I Cor. 4:6; II Jn. 9-11).

Obedience Is Beneficial. Basic obedience must be taught. This must be true in all areas of life in order to have the joys and blessings desired and needed for our welfare. Children do not come into the world knowing how to obey. Parents must begin to teach obedience in the play pen in order to find real success in raising their children. As parents, we should be careful to exercise discipline so as to retain the love, respect, and confidence of the child. One has said, "If children do not learn obedience in the play pen, they will have to learn it in the state pen!" Surely, no parent would desire for their children to have to learn obedience in the penitentiary! A public speaker was speaking in New York City on the subject of discipline. Afterwards, a lady approached him with a question. She asked, "How old should my child be when I begin to discipline him?" He answered, "How old is your child?" She responded, "Five years old." He then said,

"Hurry home, lady; you have already missed the best five years!" Happiness comes to those children who are taught discipline and who learn to obey their parents. When taught proper obedience, children will also learn to honor their parents. Life is better, richer, and fuller to the obedient child. This is connected with the promise to parents and children, in Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "Children! obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-3). Long life, prosperity, and happiness are generally assured to those who obey his or her parents. The wise man Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). We are not to "tell up a child in the way he should go" but "TRAIN up a child in the way he should go." Like the home, the powers of government originated with God. Those who are subject to and obey the higher powers of the government find that "rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil." Therefore, we are to "do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same" (Rom. 13:1-3). Crime and corruption seem to be out of control in our nation, and in the world, because of disobedience. New prisons are being built rapidly and still there is over crowding because of lawbreakers. Riots of protest and destruction are seen today in every quarter of the world, and it is usually being committed by young people. Those who have not learned discipline and respect for God and government in the home will not live right when they get away from home. Parents who never say "no" while their children are in their formative years will not likely enjoy children being restrained from wrong when they enter the work place or go to college. We need to teach them that liberty and freedom are only enjoyed where laws and standards are upheld.

Devotion to Christ



You are invited to attend a series of gospel sermons.

April 19-22

Presented by Gary Colley

Sunday, April 19 at 9 a.m.

◆ *"What About Faithfulness"*

Sunday, April 19 at 10 a.m.

◆ *"Our Eyes Must Be Open"*

Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m.

◆ *"Why Preach the Word of God"*

Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

◆ *"Avoiding the Breakup of the Home"*

Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

◆ *"Personal Responsibility"*

Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m.

◆ *"Locks Needed On Our Homes"*

Students in liberal schools and citizens on their own will not know there is a difference between right and wrong in teaching and in action. Obedience is evidently a new word to many parents and children! For this reason, when our children leave for college, where some are going to sit at the feet of humanists, atheists, and liberals, they are often lost to the Lord's church. They are taught by these apostates to question everything they have been taught at home, and even whether God exists! Their doubts weigh them down, and they begin to see nothing wrong with instrumental music in worship, women taking a leading part in the church, even homosexuality, which are against the authority of Christ.

News

& ACTIVITIES

Fridays at 7 p.m.

Information sheets for the Friday Night Singings are available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Sunday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 19

Due to MidTown's Spring Gospel Meeting, a fellowship meal will follow morning worship and evening service has been moved to 1 p.m. (from 5 p.m.)

Friday, April 24

MidTown will host the area-wide Friday Night Singing at 7 p.m.

- Sign-up to teach a lesson for the Adult Summer Series on the clipboard on the front pew.
- Homewood Team #1 will meet today.
- Please see the wedding invitation for Jennifer York and Joshua Miles posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of
MARCH 29, 2015

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....109

Sunday Morning Assembly.....140

Sunday Evening Assembly.....81

Offering: \$3,798.20

Keep in PRAYER

IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Paul Purswell on the loss of his cousin Robert.



MidTown Members:

Jeff 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
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
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