



Thank you to Archana Verma for hosting the August family youth devotional - We appreciate you!

• **Sunday, August 30**

At this month's fellowship meal, we will recognize the children earning Bible memory work awards during the Summer Series. Plan to stay after evening services and bring a potluck dish.



• **Sunday, August 30**

Promotion in children classes 1st through high school.

EDUCATION

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

The lesson for Sunday, August 23 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "The Holy Spirit." Both the Old Testament and the New Testament speak of the Holy Spirit. Some versions speak of the Spirit as an "it." Who or what is the Holy Spirit, and is He a divine person or merely a force or influence in the world?

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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"THE MEANING OF SUBMISSION" by John Moore

The word submissive translates the Greek word *hupotasso*, which is a cognate of the preposition *hupo*, meaning, "under" and the stem *tasso*, meaning "to arrange."

In the first century, this word was used as a military term as well as that which described the behavior of a servant to his

"For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands"

*1 Peter 3:5*

master (Fritz Rienecker and Cleon Rogers, *Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament*, p. 538). Others define *hupotasso* to mean subordinate (F. Wilbur Gingrich, *Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*, p. 208), which is proper as well. In any case, submission connotes a relationship of one who leads and another who follows.

It "demands readiness to renounce one's own will for the sake of others...and to give precedence to others" (Gerhard Kittel. ed., *Theological Dictionary of New Testament Theology*, 8:45). It certainly involves deference (i.e., polite regard for someone else's wishes, ideas, etc.) as used in *Word Biblical Commentary* (J. Ramsey Michaels, *Word Biblical Commentary*: I & 2 Peter, p. 167).

This submission emanates from the wife. It is NOT FORCED by her husband as a man might beat a beast into compliance, but rather it is an action displayed from a FREE WILL. Scripture does not exist that would imply that a husband is allowed to force, slap, beat, kick, or threaten his wife into submission. Just the opposite is true (Matthew 5-7; Ephesians 4:29-32; 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:7; et at). In fact, to abuse a wife is sin. A man who be-

lieves he can physically force his wife into submission is mistaken, as she will acquiesce out of fear for her physical well-being.

Submission is illustrated in I Peter 3:5-6, where it is said that “Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him Lord.” Her respect for her husband was manifested by giving him a customary/cultural title. This pronouncement from Genesis 1 8:12 displayed her attitude and her willingness to be placed under the direction of her husband.

Women today who also adorn themselves “...in subjection unto their own husbands” are spiritually Sarah’s daughters (I Peter 3:5-6). Indeed, this comparison is a great and noble compliment, especially as contrasted with the worldly “icons” for women in this century. The women of the world are boisterous and ungodly, while Sarah was meek (i.e., strength grown tender) and chaste. Sarah was courageous and willing to submit while the ungodly women of today are weak and rebellious. A submissive wife does not usurp authority (I Timothy 2:12) nor seek to be the boss, “wear the pants,” nor seek to dominate. Conversely, she must support, follow, and respect her husband.

Submission does not, however, mean that she is inferior or less important. It does not mean she should be uneducated or intellectually inept. It does not mean she never has an opinion, suggestion, or strong will. It does not preclude her expressing her thoughts, desires, ideas, and aspirations. It does not eliminate her industry, contributions, and “savvy” in helping the home, church, community, and nation (Proverbs 31). Submission does not negate her influence (I Timothy 2:15) nor shackle her abilities and talents. Within parameters (and men are restricted in some ways as well), she can teach, counsel, pray, guide, and rule (I Timothy 5). Submission to her husband does not demand that she disobey the laws of God nor tolerate violence and lawlessness. Submission

Records You Helped Make  
For the Week of  
AUGUST 9, 2015

Attendance	
Sunday Bible Class.....	95
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	149
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	NA
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$4,476</b>



The minutes of the monthly men’s business meeting along with the financial report are posted on the hallway bulletin board.

is not slavery.

Finally, in Ephesians 5:22, we learn that the submitting is to be done “as unto the Lord.” Lord here is not a reference to husbands, for it would have to read *Kurioi* (plural), but rather to “the” (definite article) Lord (singular), that is Christ. **HEREIN IS GIVEN THE MOTIVATION.** Her subordination to her husband is to be seen as her subjection to Christ, For Christian wives, this is a way to serve Christ. They must not reject this authority. When the Israelites rejected the prophet Samuel’s authority in favor of an earthly king, God told Samuel that “they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them” (I Samuel 8:7). Similarly, when wives are disobedient to their husbands, they are rejecting God because Christ’s reign over wives demands that they be submissive to the God-ordained authority of the husband in the home.

News  
& ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 20

The monthly Young Ladies’ Potluck Luncheon will be held at Noon.

Friday, August 21

Everyone is invited to an evening of fellowship and fun beginning at 6:30 p.m. here at the building. There will be organized games for all ages to enjoy. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday, August 30

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal has been moved to the fifth Sunday this month to recognize children earning Bible memory work awards during the Summer Series.

September 18-20

MidTown will host a marriage seminar entitled, “Traveling the Road of Marital Joy.” Guest speakers are John and Carla Moore. Preregister by emailing [ccbond@email.com](mailto:ccbond@email.com)

- Brookdale (formerly Homewood) Team #3 will meet today.
- The Tuesday Morning Bible Studies will resume on **September 8.**
- In consideration for preservation of the church building seating, the men of the congregation respectively request that all food and drink in the auditorium area be limited to an as needed basis.

Keep in  
PRAYER

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*  
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*  
Richard Smith,  
*uncle of Les Daltry*  
Ray Shannon,  
*son of Donna*  
Prem Verma,  
*father-in-law of Archana*  
Mark Withers,  
*nephew of Clark*  
Ray Williams,  
*son of Etta*  
Martha Young,  
*friend of Elana Carroll*

