



**Saturday, July 4**

The next family youth devotional will be hosted at the home of Adrian and Melissa Cannady at 6 p.m. Please bring \$5 for food. You may bring fireworks if you'd like.

- July 19-24 Peach Valley Camp.
- The next Thursday area-wide



Summer Youth Series will be held July 2 @ 7 p.m. in Beeville and is entitled, "I'm Not Ashamed."

**EDUCATION**

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

The lesson for Sunday, July 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? Is there a difference between the Old Testament Law and the law of Christ? Are we under the Old Law?

**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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"WHAT ARE YOU HIDING IN YOUR HEART?" by Clay Bond

At one time or another we all have probably hidden something from someone. Maybe you hid your favorite toy from your brother or sister, or a surprise party from your spouse. The reality is we are all hiding *something*, but the sad truth is that many people are hiding all the wrong things. Deep within their hearts they hide sinful behaviors, grudges, anger and bitter resentment. Some are even foolish enough to think they can hide these things from God. This was the case with Adam and Even (Genesis 3), Achan (Joshua 7:21), King David (2 Samuel 12) and Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5).

"The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good"

*Proverb 15:3*

No matter how well we may hide our sin from others, no one sins in isolation. David said, "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance" (Psalm 90:8). God warns, "Be sure your sin will find you out"

(Numbers 32:23). God knows exactly what is hidden in our hearts; "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3 also see Psalm 69:5; Jeremiah 16:17; 23:23-24). Since the Lord searches the heart (Jeremiah 17:10) and since we cannot hide anything from the all seeing eye of God, perhaps we ought to examine what we are hiding in our hearts.

In Psalm 119:11 we read, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalms 119:11). David is

not talking about the four-chambered pump in your chest, the heart he speaks of is the seat of our thoughts, conscience, emotions and will (Matthew 9:4; Acts 3:37; Romans 6:17). It is in our hearts that we make every choice and so it is in our hearts that God's word must be hidden in preparation for the choices we must make. Without the Scriptures we can so easily find ourselves headed down the deadly path that *seems* right, instead of the Godly path that *is* right (Proverbs 14:12; Hosea 14:9). God's word will help us to discern between good and evil, and to hate the evil and love the good (Hebrews 5:11-14; Amos 5:15).

David's purpose in hiding God's Word in his heart was to keep himself from sin. We might think of God's word as the spiritual immunization that protects us against diseases of the soul (Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 103:3). When Jesus was tempted by the Devil in Matthew 4, He resisted by using the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). While Satan seeks to gain entrance into our hearts, we need to use the only tool capable of keeping him out (Luke 22:3; John 13:2). We need to be like Jesus and submit ourselves to God, lifting up the spiritual sword to resist the devil. If we do this we are assured that the devil will flee from us (James 4:7).

Such a high value is placed on God's Word because it is the only thing that can teach us what is right and what is wrong (Psalm

119:104). Rather than complaining and murmuring about God's commandments, David invited God's word to guide his every step (Psalm 119:105,133). Instead of hiding sin in our hearts, let's be like David and fill our hearts with Scripture making it our meditation day and night so that we too can be led in the "way everlasting" (Psalm 1:2; 119:97; 139:24).

When the law of God is in our hearts, our steps will not slide (Psalm 37:31). We will be able to overcome temptation only when we allow God's Word to abide in us (1 John 2:14). However, when we hide bitterness, anger, resentment and sin into our hearts, the Word is crowded out and we find ourselves drifting away from the Lord (Hebrews 2:1). What are you hiding in your heart?

Records You Helped Make  
For the Week of  
JUNE 21, 2015

**Attendance**

Sunday Bible Class..... 121  
Sunday Morning Assembly..... 178  
Sunday Evening Assembly..... 111

**Offering: \$6,253**

**News  
& ACTIVITIES**

**Today!**

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal will follow evening service.



**Sunday, July 5**

The next Men's Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 30**

The Young Ladies' Potluck luncheon will be held at Noon.

**Wednesday, July 29**

Fifth Wednesday singing.

- Homewood Team #4 will meet today.
- Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items for the food pantry.

You are invited to a



Honoring Ashley Stryker  
Saturday, July 11

10:30 a.m. Brunch

Cleveland Home-107 Tradewind Dr.  
Pampers diapers preferred (no Huggies)

**Keep in  
PRAYER**

**RESPONSES:**

Please keep **Therisa Gant, Angela Sneering-Gonzalez, and Archana Verma** in prayer. They responded to the invitation Sunday asking for your prayers.

**MidTown  
Members:**

Jeff Cannady  
Tre 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*  
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,  
*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*  
Richard Smith,  
*uncle of Les Daltry*  
Ray Shannon,  
*son of Donna*  
Mark Withers,  
*nephew of Clark*  
Ray Williams,  
*son of Etta*  
Martha Young,  
*Friend of Elana Carroll*