



Saturday, June 27
The next youth devotional will be hosted by Archana Verma. More details to come!

Summer Activities:

- June 14-19 Hensel Camp.
- July 19-24 Peach Valley Camp.
- Thursday, June 25, MidTown will host one of the Thursday Night Summer Youth Series covering the topic, "The Battle Belongs to the Lord."



EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, June 14 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Trustworthy." How do we know the word of God came to us in a form that was like the original? What about all those variants in Scripture? In this lesson we'll see how God's word is true to its origin and is utterly trustworthy.

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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“ARE YOU HAPPY?” by Clay Bond

As the apostle Paul made his defense before King Agrippa he said, “I think myself happy” (Acts 26:2). In Paul’s letter to the Philippians, we see repeated use of the words joy, gladness and rejoice. In fact, this epistle is thought by some to be the greatest treatise on happiness because it addresses things that will and will not bring happiness. Now, with that said, let me ask two very important questions: “Are you happy?” and “Do others see you as a happy person?”

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing”

Romans 15:13

In Philippians we notice some things that will NOT bring us happiness. Possessions will not bring us happiness. This epistle of joy was written when Paul was in prison and possessed little to nothing. Yet, despite the circumstances, Paul was happy. Popularity will not make us happy. When we read

Philippians 1:15-18 we see that Paul was not a very popular person. Some were jealous of his accomplishments, however, his amazing attitude was “Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice” (Philippians 1:18). Today, people forfeit their integrity, purity and even their identity to gain popularity, and yet they find no happiness. Finally, a problem free life will not bring happiness. In Philippians 4:10-12 Paul states that learned to be happy regardless of his circumstances. When life was difficult Paul was happy because he learned that happiness is a state of mind, it is a chosen way of life (Philippians 4:6-8).

Now let us notice some things that WILL bring us happiness. First, faith in God will bring us happiness (Philippians 1:24-25). Our faith is to be characterized by love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and faith (Galatians 5:22). We cannot experience true joy without faith (Hebrews 11:6). Paul said, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing" (Romans 15:13). As a Christian, if you feel that you are not experiencing the fullness of joy, try spending some serious time in prayer and in God's word.

These two things will increase your faith, which will bring you joy in the Lord (Romans 10:17; James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:12). Secondly, fellowship and unity will bring us joy, (Philippians 2:1-5). The unity of believers is something Jesus prayed for (John 17:20-21). God wants His children to be likeminded because He knows that unity promotes fellowship and fellowship makes the Christian life joyful. The Psalmist declares, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). A lack of unity among Christians is a sure way to destroy happiness. Strive to be likeminded with other Christians and you will find great happiness in your life.

Finally, our Christian family can be a source of joy. In Philippians 4:1 Paul refers to the brethren at Philippi as the "dearly

beloved" (Philippians 4:1). The church is a family and it should bring joy to our hearts to have a spiritually family to lean upon when we are discouraged or when we are struggling (1 Timothy 3:15). If your life lacks joy, try building fellowship with other believers by attending worship services regularly, participating in fellowship events and other activities of the church and spending quality time with other Christians outside of worship services. This type of fellowship will banish loneliness and bring happiness.

If you want to be happy the book of Philippians gives you the road to travel. Have faith in God and His word, be born again to become part of the Christian family, be like minded, and you will find great happiness.

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
MAY 31, 2015

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....125
Sunday Morning Assembly.....145
Sunday Evening Assembly.....107

Offering: \$4,330

News & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 7

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

Monday, June 15

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

Thursday, June 25

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

Sunday, June 28

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal will follow evening service.

- Homewood Team #1 will meet today.
- There is a new letter from Southwest School of Bible Studies Student Mike Batot posted on the missions bulletin board.



Today, the Men's Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. The minutes and financial report from the Men's Meetings are posted on the hallway bulletin board.

Keep in PRAYER

IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Harry Goldsmith, Carlie Bond's grandfather.



MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady
Dee Gilpatrick
Betty Key

Sandy Malone
Bob Neel
Ann Pantel
Glen Pitts
Patsy Randle
Rex Sims

& 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