



A warm thank you to Jeff & Kelly Cannady for hosting the March family youth devotional.

EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, March 22 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "The Resurrection." The Christian faith rests on the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Did Jesus really rise from the dead? It is worth our time to re-examine the evidence for the greatest event of all history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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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"Why I Obeyed the Gospel" (part 1) by Gary Colley

The inspired apostle Peter has given instruction to all Christians: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear: having a good conscience; that whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ (I Pet. 3:15- 16).

The answers as to "why" we do anything in life are highly important! Every soul should be ready to give an answer, or give their defense, concerning their choices and actions in life, both for our own good and the good of those whom we may influence. It takes study and prayer to be ready to give our answer to

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

"Why I Obeyed the Gospel." My reasons for obeying the Gospel, in hearing the Gospel, believing the evidence concerning Christ, repenting of all past sins, confessing my faith in Christ, and being immersed in water for the

remission of sins, is a start to answering this question. To come into the Lord's church, the church of Christ, where this plan is faithfully taught, separates us from the world and all denominationalism. There are three terms that need to be clearly understood today: denominational, undenominational, and non-denominational. Denominational is to be only a part of several parts, such as a dime is just a part of a dollar. Undenominational actually means to include all denominations under the umbrella of "the church." However, the church of the Bible is non-denominational. Denominationalism is only mentioned in condemnation in the Word of God (I Cor. 1:10-15). There is no denomination that is as good as, or better than, the Lord's church. You

may wish to add your reasons for obeying the Gospel, but the following are some of my reasons as to "Why I Obeyed the Gospel." First, because I learned of My Sin. Sin is the destructive force in the life of every individual. All must come to realize the enormity and consequences of sin! From beautiful Eden to the cruel cross of Calvary sin ruled in the world. The devil has continued his temptations during all of this time (Jn. 8:44). He approaches us with the temptations of the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (1 Jn. 2:15-17). This is the way he approached Eve in the Garden, the way he approached Christ in the wilderness, and the way he approaches us today. He cannot make us do anything, but every man is drawn away by his own lust, and sin is the result of our receiving it into our lives (Jas. 1:13-16). God will not make us do anything, but appeals to us with love, mercy and grace to turn us away from sin (Rom. 5:8). Paul writes, "for that all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). John the immerser said when meeting Jesus one day, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29). But we must remember that Jesus said, "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come;" and further Jesus said, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (Jn. 8:21, 24). The only way to overcome our sin is through Christ. He also said to all, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Lk. 6:46). There are only two places in which we may die, either in our sins or in the

Lord (Rev. 14:13). We should all obey the Gospel so that we may die in the Lord!

(To be continued)

<p>Records You Helped Make For the Week of MARCH 8, 2015</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Sunday Bible Class.....114 Sunday Morning Assembly.....150 Sunday Evening Assembly..... 86</p> <p>Offering: \$4,823</p>	
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Smile!

**Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
March 17-19**

Today is the last day to sign up for a photo session with Lifetouch Portraits. Participants will receive a FREE printed directory for MidTown. Sign up on the sheets in the foyer.

Also during this time, Janet Morales will also be taking member photos for the new bulletin board in the hallway.

News & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 22
Plan to participate in the Annual Chili Cook-off at the Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal following evening services. See the bulletin board for details and items to bring.



Thursday, March 26
The Young Ladies' Potluck luncheon will be held at Noon.

Saturday, March 28
Mark your calendar for a Bridal Shower honoring Jennifer York from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Karon Barton. Selections are at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. Gift cards are also welcome.

Sunday, March 29
There is a Q&A box for bible questions located in the foyer. Clay Bond will answer them the last Sunday evening of every month.

April 19-April 22
MidTown will host is Spring Gospel Series. Guest speaker Gary Colley of Memphis, Tennessee will present a series of Bible lessons on "Devotion to Christ."

Keep in PRAYER

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
Dorothy Koenig,
mother of Mickey DeDear
Barbara Lopez,
mother of Rosalba Barton



Richard Smith,
uncle of Les Daltry
Edna Randall,
aunt of Randy Tipton
Sarah Randle,
mother of Steve
Ernest Rundzieher,
brother of Jackie Rutherford
Ray Williams,
son of Etta Williams
Mark Withers,
nephew of Clark



Congratulations to James and Emily Cammock on the birth of their son on February 24:
Simon James Cammock
9 lbs., 3 oz., 20 inches
Grandparents are Kevin and Imelda Sheeran.