



This Saturday!

The youth devotional will be hosted by Ryan & Ashley Stryker at 4 p.m. at the church building. Girls bring desserts & boys bring drinks.

Summer Camps:

- June 14-19 Hensel Camp.
- July 19-24 Peach Valley Camp.

Thursdays:

- June 5 - July 31 The annual area-wide Thursday Night Summer Youth Series topic will be "Singing Redemption Song." MidTown will host on June 25. See the flyer

EDUCATION

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, May 24 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "The God of the Bible." Who is the god of the Bible and what is He like? If God did, in fact, create us, then we need to know Him. We need to know how we can come into a relationship with Him and what He desires of us.

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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"HOLD TO HIS HAND" by Clay Bond

We are all familiar with the song "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." Considering that we so often hear people say that change is good, the concept of a Being that is unchanging is thought provoking. Sometimes change is desperately needed, but other times change equals betrayal (Psalm 119:59-60; Jeremiah 2:29-37). The Scriptures encourage us to be faithful on the basis of the unchanging nature of Jesus Christ.

The writer of Hebrews says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). This is a powerful verse on its own, but when we fit it into its context it becomes even more powerful.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"

Matthew 24:35

Something had caused these once faithful Hebrew Christians to move away from Christ (Hebrews 2:1-3; 6:1-6; 10:38-39; 12:1-3). They were drifting away from the one who died for them and neglecting eternal salvation (Hebrews 2:3-10). This verse is more than just a burst of praise and adoration for our

Savior; it is an urgent call to faithfulness on the basis of Jesus Christ's immutability! Forgetting the immutability of God is a

sure recipe for apostasy. It was the nation of Israel's downfall and here in the book of Hebrews it is identified as spiritual Israel's downfall. We must take great care that it does not become our downfall as well. As times change, cultural norms change and ideas of morality begin to shift. Someone has rightfully said, "the unchanging nature of Jesus Christ is the solid rock upon which we stand, it is the immovable anchor by which we can find stability," it is the sure foundation upon which to build our faith (Hebrews 6:19; 12:2). How we need to hold to God's unchanging hand!

The immutability of Jesus Christ is more than just a conceptual curiosity. The fact that Jesus Christ does not change means that for God's people there are certainties. For example, because of Jesus Christ's immutability we can be certain that His Word is unchanging. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass

away" (Matthew 24:35). We can rest assured that the Scriptures cannot be broken (John 10:35). The Psalmist declared, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89). This means that God's plan of salvation will not change, His concept of right and wrong will not change, His system of worship will not change and His desire for fellowship with us will not change. Since our God is immutable we can consistently ask "what saith the scripture?" (Romans 4:3) and then we can follow its dictates with confidence (2 John 9-11). It is the immutability of God that causes Him to give such stern warnings about tampering with the sacred Scriptures (Galatians 1:6-10; Revelation 22:18-19). God word is not intended to be changed, but to cause change in us (1 Corinthians 6:11).

The immutability of Jesus Christ allows us to be certain that His great and precious promises are unchanging (2 Peter 1:4). When we meet God's terms of pardon, He has promised to forgive us (Hebrews 8:12). We have been promised peace, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). Peace with God is made when we obey the gospel of peace (Romans 10:13-16). In giving the great commission, Jesus also promised us His presence, "lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:20). When we are weighed down by life and when things are tough, we need to remember that we are not alone. Our immutable God has promised "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Hebrews 13:5-6). Knowing that God is with me, and that I can approach His throne to find grace and mercy, should help as I struggle through life (Hebrews 4:14-16). Finally, we have the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ (Titus 1:2; 1 John 5:11). What a dead man



Today!

Join us for a Sunday Fellowship meal following evening services to honor 2015 graduate:

CHANT PARKER

Please bring sandwiches, chips and dips. A cake will be provided and there will be a basket for your cards and best wishes.

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
MAY 10, 2015

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....124
Sunday Morning Assembly.....158
Sunday Evening Assembly.....98

Offering: \$4,354

needs most is not a coffin, but life.

Our unchanging God has promised that if we obey His word we can pass from death unto life (John 5:24). Paul reminds us that all of the promises of God are yes in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20). Jesus is the exclamation point for every promise that God makes. God's word, His love and His promises are all backed up by His unchanging nature. Truly, Jesus Christ's immutability is the solid rock upon which we stand.

News & ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 18

The Monday Ladies' Class will meet at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

There will be a quarterly Men's Breakfast at the church building at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 31

Clay Bond will answer bible questions from the Q&A box the last Sunday evening of every month.

- Homewood Team #3 will meet today.
- Like Us on Facebook for bulletin updates and sermons.
- Take a moment to read the new thank you notes posted in the hallway.

Summer Series Begins in June

Invite your friends to join you for the MidTown Summer Series held from June 3 through August 26 at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. The topic for the adult series will be, "Great Questions in the Bible."

The youth classes can expect to have combined singing as well as special memory work leading to an end-of-summer awards ceremony.

Keep in PRAYER

RESPONSES:

Please keep **Debra Sanchez** in prayer who responded to the invitation Sunday.

IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Sherman Randle, Jr.**, cousin of Steve.



MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady
Dee Gilpatrick
Betty Key
Sandy Malone

Bob Neel
Ann Pantel
Glen Pitts
Patsy Randle
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,
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