



Saturday, May 23

The youth devotional will be hosted by Ryan & Ashley Stryker at 4 p.m. at their home.

Summer Camps:

June 14-19 Hensel Camp.

July 19-24 Peach Valley Camp.

EDUCATION

Tuesday Classes Break for Summer

The Tuesday Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies are on break for the summer and will resume in September.

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, May 10 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Keeping my Zeal." Some people live their Christian life to the fullest, while others drift aimlessly. Some are passionate about their faith, while others are apathetic. How can we keep our passion and zeal for God alive?

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

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"ARE YOU GRIEVING OR PLEASING GOD?" by Clay Bond

The Bible teaches us that it is possible to please our great God, or to grieve Him. This grief does not come because man is incapable of pleasing God, but because man chooses to live in rebellion to God's revealed will.

For example, in 1 Corinthians 10:5 Paul was talking about the children of Israel who died in the wilderness when he said, "but with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Corinthians 10:5). In 1 Thessalonians 2:15 Paul was speaking about the Jews "Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men."

It was not long after God created man that "GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart" (Genesis 6:5-6). We can also see from the words of our Lord that it grieves Him that most people will choose to go down the broad path that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). Once again,

"Choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant"
Isaiah 56:4

God is grieved because man chooses to go down the wrong path.

It is equally important to know that we can choose to please God by doing those things that please Him, but it will not happen by accident. We must be willing to make a conscience effort to live in a way that pleases our Heavenly Father. In Colossians 1:9-10, the apostle Paul gives us insight as to how we can live in a way that pleases God. First, we must have knowledge of God's will which is revealed in Scripture. Everything we need to know pertaining how to live a godly life can be found in the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). Secondly, we must treat God's truth with wisdom and spiritual understanding. We do not want to

be unwise, but we want to understand the will of the Lord (Ephesians 5:17). It is important to understand what God's word says and how it applies to our lives. Thirdly, if we are going to "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing" we must make proper application of what God's word teaches us. It is not enough to be "hearers" of the word, we must be "doers" (James 1:22).

Our ambition in life should be to please God, not grieve Him. Paul said, "Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him" (2 Corinthians 5:9). Paul went on to talk about standing before the judgement seat of Christ in (2 Corinthians 5:10). Pleasing Christ has judgment day seriousness! I hope all of us have the mental determination to be like Christ our perfect example "who went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). Jesus said, "for I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29) and His Father said to Peter James and John, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matthew 17:5). Perhaps you are thinking, "Well that was Jesus and He was God, regular people can't please God like that!" The Old Testament records for us the story of a man named Enoch who walked with God and pleased Him (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5). We too can walk with God and please Him if we will allow God's word to direct our steps (Psalm 119:105; 133). Let us have the attitude of David who said, "teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness" (Psalm 143:10).

The question for each of us to consider is this: "Am I grieving God or pleasing Him?" The reality is that the majority of the world grieves God by rejecting His will, but it does not have to be that way. If you have never obeyed the gospel plan of salvation, do something that pleases God today. Hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and unite it with faith, repent of your sins, confess that Jesus Christ is the son of God and be baptized for the remis-



Sunday, May 17

Join us at 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
APRIL 26, 2015

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....112

Sunday Morning Assembly.....131

Sunday Evening Assembly.....95

Offering: \$4,885

sion of your sins (Mark 16:15-16; Luke 13:3, Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38-41). God would be so pleased if you became His child.

If you have already obeyed the gospel, but you have left the faith, you too can please God by coming back to your first love, remembering from where you have fallen, by repenting and re-dedicating your life to the Lord (Revelation 3:4-5). The God of heaven invites you saying, "Choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant" (Isaiah 56:4). Will you please the Lord today?

News

& ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 4 & 18

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

Thursday, May 7

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

Saturday, May 30

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

- Homewood Team #1 will meet today.
- If you didn't get your photo done with Lifetouch Photography, please see Janet Morales.
- Like Us on Facebook for bulletin updates and sermons.
- There is a new letter posted from John Moore and also Mike Batot on the bulletin board.
- Please take a moment to read the thank you note from James & Emily Cammock posted in the hallway.

MEN'S MEETING:

Today, the Men's Meeting will be held at **3:30 p.m.** at the building.

Keep in PRAYER

IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Key on the loss of her sister.



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
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