

# Youth NEWS

## Saturday, October 24

The Young Adults will host a devotional for the teen group (6th grade through high school) at 6 p.m. here at the building. Boys please bring drinks and girls bring desserts. Also, please bring \$2 for pizza.

## Sunday, November 1

Mark your calendar for MidTown's Trunk or Treat following evening service. The children will eat pizza and have a devotional while the adults prepare their vehicles. Following the devotional, the children may wear costumes and visit the decorated cars to collect small toys or candy.



## EDUCATION

### In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, October 18 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Repentance." When we become Christians, we must leave the ways of the world and take up our crosses to follow Jesus. Repenting means leaving sin and following righteousness. When one loves the Lord, one is willing to make these important changes.

### SUNDAYS

**Bible Classes .....9:00 AM**  
**Morning Worship .....10:00 AM**  
**Evening Worship ..... 5:00 PM**

### Mondays

**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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"A PROGRAM FOR SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY" by Kevin Rhodes

King Hezekiah successfully led Judah to a renewed interest in the law and dedication to the LORD. Through his leadership, the people destroyed the pillars, images, altars, and high places associated with idolatry, and the priests and Levites returned once more to the worship prescribed in the Law (2 Chr. 31:1-3).

He also called on the people to support the priests and Levites financially, which they subsequently did in great abundance (2 Chr. 31:4-10). Hezekiah then ensured that the offerings of the people would be set aside for their intended purpose and distributed to those carrying on the work for the appropriate support of them and their families because of their decision and dedication to serve the LORD (2 Chr. 31:11-19). The inspired record then summarizes both Hezekiah's actions and motivations:

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2 Chr. 31:21

and he did what was good and right and true before the LORD his God. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered" (2 Chr. 31:20-21). This brief paragraph outlines a process both simple and profound. When reordered for our practical benefit, we can see even more of how we too should approach everything in life.

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commanded rather than on our personal desires (Rom. 6:16-18).

4. In this way, we can move forward with confidence knowing that what we are doing is truly obedience, doing what God Himself has declared good, right, and true (1 Th. 5:21-22).

5. When we know what God wants by studying His Word, we should then do it with our full heart, giving our all (1 Pet. 2:2; Mt. 22:37-40).

6. Having done this, we can have confidence that we will prosper in life, because we know we have pleased God (2 Tim. 1:12).

Some time after this, Hezekiah lost his way spiritually. He failed to follow the approach that had made him so successful as a king and as a soul. Many people waste years trying to force God to accept their program for pleasing Him, but the only plan that will work is following what God has told us He wants. It is not a matter of selecting just one, two, or even four parts of what pleases God. The whole is what pleases God, and that is what we must give Him.

### Records You Helped Make

For the Week of  
OCTOBER 4, 2015

#### Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....117  
Sunday Morning Assembly.....164  
Sunday Evening Assembly.....100

**Offering: \$6,048.60**

## DEVELOPING A CHRIST-CENTERED CULTURE



*You are invited to attend a series of gospel sermons.*

October 25-28

Guest Speaker Kevin Rhodes

**Sunday, October 25 at 9 a.m.**

◆ *“Developing a Christ-Centered Culture in Your Friendships”*

**Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m.**

◆ *“Developing a Christ-Centered Culture in Your Congregation”*

**Sunday, October 25 at 1 p.m.**

◆ *“Developing a Christ-Centered Culture in Your Leadership”*

**Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m.**

◆ *“Developing a Christ-Centered Culture in Your Marriage”*

**Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m.**

◆ *“Developing a Christ-Centered Culture in Your Children”*

**Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m.**

◆ *“Developing a Christ-Centered Culture in Your Life”*

## News

### & ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, October 25** The MidTown Fall Gospel Meeting will be presented by Kevin Rhodes. Make plans to attend the fellowship meal following morning worship and stay for the 1 p.m. service (moved from 5 p.m.) Be sure to bring extra food for visitors.

**Sunday, November 1** There will be a Trunk or Treat following evening service. See the back of the bulletin for details.

- Brookdale (formerly Homewood) Team #2 will meet today.
- Flyers for the Fall Gospel Meeting are in the foyer to invite your friends.
- If you ordered a copy of the marriage seminar, CD's are available on the table in the hallway.

## Keep in PRAYER



### MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady  
Dee Gilpatrick  
Betty Key  
Sandy Malone

Bob Neel  
Barbara Nuckels  
Ann Pantel  
Glen Pitts  
Inez Schafer  
Rex Sims  
Etta Williams

### & Friends Family:

Cynthia Barrett,  
*daughter of Dee Gilpatrick*  
Sandra Barton,  
*sister-in-law of Karon*  
Darlene Dolan  
*mother of Bryce Dolan*  
Joyce Eggemeyer,  
*mother of Barbie Dolan*  
Josephine Escojido,  
*mother of Lupe Escojido*  
Dee Ann Endsley  
*niece of Jerri Jeffres*  
Pam Hawkins,  
*daughter-in-law of June*  
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*  
Carol McFarlin  
*sister-in-law of Sandra Mericle*  
Edna Randall,  
*aunt of Randy Tipton*  
Sarah Randle,  
*mother of Steve*  
Ernest Rundzieher,  
*brother of Jackie Rutherford*  
David Smith,  
*brother of Bob Smith*  
Ray Shannon,  
*son of Donna*  
Prem Verma,  
*father-in-law of Archana*  
Becca Wiese,  
*friend of Virginia Escojido*  
Mark Withers,  
*nephew of Clark*  
Ray Williams,  
*son of Etta*