

## Youth NEWS



Thank you to the Verma Family for hosting the Jr. High/High School

devotional last Sunday!

**Make plans to attend the February Youth/Family Devotional. It will be hosted this month by the Verma Family. Details will be announced today!**



## Education NEWS

### In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, February 26 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Religious Confusion." The Encyclopedia of American Religions lists 2,300 religions. With so many religions, people must be terribly confused these days. How can we really know what is true about God?"

### SUNDAYS

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

Ronnie Scherffius

### SUPPORTED WORKS

James and Emily Cammock  
*Hamilton, New Zealand*

John Moore  
*Bible Land Passages*

Cecil Shaw  
*Ocho Rios, Jamaica*

Student Support  
*Southwest School of Bible Studies*

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# The Midtown CHURCH OF CHRIST Messenger

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MID-TOWN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

## "Where's The Piccolo?!"

by Ronnie Scherffius

Sir Michael Costa, the 17<sup>th</sup> century Italian born conductor and composer was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. About halfway through the session, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing their rich melody the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? I might as well not be playing; nobody can hear me anyway." So he placed his instrument to his lips but made no sound. Within moments the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" Perhaps many people did not realize that the piccolo was missing, but the most important one did.

How wonderful the thought that God knows what we are doing no matter how small our role! The psalmist sang, "The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh

"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold some sixty, some thirty" Mt. 13:23

upon all the inhabitants of the earth" (Psa. 33:13-14. Why should we look down upon ourselves feeling that our work is insignificant when our work is for the kingdom of God?! Does not the Creator of all things know that

some possess greater talents than others (Mt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:2)? Are we to imagine that God does not perceive that because of earthly responsibilities, the time some can devote to the work of the church is limited in comparison to others (1 Cor. 7:32-35)? Is it not significant then when explaining the parable of the sower Jesus affirmed, "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold some sixty, some thirty" (Mt. 13:23). Truly as the Lord looks down from heaven upon the inhabitants of man He sees even the smallest work that is done in His name.

Why do we sometimes feel that we must do EVERYTHING that needs to be done, or that

we aren't doing enough, even to the point of becoming so discouraged that we do even less! Perhaps we feel that we are being "drowned out" by others! Two lessons should be learned here: first, those who are actively involved in the work should strive to encourage others to be involved AND to let others be involved when they want to be and not crowd them out of the work. Second, SO WHAT if others accomplish more because their talents are greater! SO WHAT if others are credited and I am not! SO WHAT if I am not the one who stands out in the crowd! The one that really matters, our heavenly Father "which seeth in secret" and that "shall reward thee openly" (Mt. 6:4) sees all that is done! Do what you can do to the best of your ability and be proud of what you contribute to the kingdom of God.

It is often emphasized that God sees and knows the wickedness of man (Gen. 6:5; Ps. 14:2-3; 53:2), but it is not only the wickedness of man that is noted by God, but the righteous doings of man are especially a delight to Him. When the Ninevites repented at Jonah's preaching we learn, "and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not." (Jonah 3:10) When Phinehas, the son of Eleazar and grandson of Aaron, executed judgment against idolatry in the camp of Israel, God caused the plague to cease and the action of Phinehas, "was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore." (Psalm 106:31) And what a wonderful picture we see of our heavenly Father in the parable of the prodigal son: "And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." (Luke 15:20) How wonderful it is to know that God is keenly aware of all that takes place in our lives!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4  
TEACHER WORKSHOP**



Teach the next generation to know God

Presented by  
**April Meacham & Teah McWhorter**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ MidTown  
Lunch provided  
RSVP  
midtowncoc2017@gmail.com

**BABY GIRL SHOWER**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
HONORING TRISHA FOERSTER  
10 A.M. AT 108 PARK VIEW



Records You Helped Make  
For the Week of  
FEBRUARY 12, 2017

**Attendance**  
Sunday Bible Class.....123  
Sunday Morning Assembly.....142  
Sunday Evening Assembly.....NA  
Wednesday Attendance.....110

**Offering: \$3,969**

**News  
& ACTIVITIES**

**Thursday, February 23**

All men are invited to attend a weekly Leadership Development class here at the building at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, February 26**

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal this month will be held following evening services and will include the Annual Chili Cookoff! If you are planning on entering the competition, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.



- Brookdale Team #3 will meet today.
- Thank you to all who donated items for Sunny Glen Children's Home.

**MONTHLY Q&A SESSIONS TO BEGIN**

You are encouraged to submit bible questions in a "mail box" in the foyer to be answered during a monthly Q&A session starting Sunday, March 26. Ronnie will answer the bible questions each fourth Sunday during the evening service.

**Keep in  
PRAYER**

**MidTown  
Members:**

Paul Atkinson  
Buster Bailey  
Jeff Cannady  
Les Daltry  
Jan Farris  
Dee Gilpatrick

Betty Key  
Kathy Laws  
Sandy Malone  
Ann Pantel  
Glen Pitts  
Angela Sneeringer-  
Gonzalez  
Clark Withers

**& Friends  
Family:**

Victor Benitez,  
*brother of Virginia Escojido*  
Bert Haynes,  
*father of Pam Stryker*  
Glena Coon,  
Bo Dykes and Doris  
*family of Peggy Matlock*  
Kim Neel-Farthing,  
*daughter of Joyce*  
June Green,  
*mother of Janice FitzSimmons*  
Amy Jamison,  
*daughter of Terry*  
Barbara Lopez,  
*mother of Rosalba Barton*  
Liz Lopez,  
*friend of Nina Siegel*

Janell Marshall  
*mother of Karon Barton's  
sister-in-law*  
Fred Porter,  
*brother-in-law of Della Rampley*  
Madeline Posey,  
*family of Julie Posey*  
Sarah Randle,  
*mother of Steve*  
Polly Ray,  
*aunt of Connie Cleveland*  
Scott Reeves,  
*son of Sam and Leta*  
*brother of Sherry Lynch*  
Gary Rush,  
*friend of the Arnolds*  
Sammy Snead,  
*brother-in-law of Ronnie Scherffius*  
Prem Verma,  
*father-in-law of Archana*  
Kennedy Young, Sr.,  
*uncle of Naomi Flonnory*