

Youth NEWS



Thank you to the Cleveland Family for hosting the Junior

High/High School Devo this month. We appreciate you!

The Youth Family Devotional hosted by the Jobs Family will be Saturday, January 21 at 6 p.m. Boys please bring drinks and girls bring desserts.



Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, January 22 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "The Sanctity of Life." Life, even in the womb, is precious to the Lord and must not be taken lightly. Abortion remains one of our world's greatest sins. How does God see the baby in the womb? Are they just tissue or does God think of them as persons?

SUNDAYS

Bible Classes9:00 AM
Morning Worship10:00 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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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MID-TOWN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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"HOW WOULD I KNOW HER NAME?"

by Ronnie Scherffius

A college professor gave a pop test. To the diligent student it was a breeze—until the last question: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

This had to be some kind of a joke! All the students had seen the cleaning woman many times, but how would I know her name? And what did knowing the name of a woman of little or no consequence to the present course have on one's life and pursuit of their chosen profession? Why was the question even on the test?!

After all of the tests were completed and collected one student, in a somewhat dismissive tone, asked the question to which

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I Cor. 13:1

everyone desired the answer, "Will the final question count toward our test grade?"

"Oh most certainly," said

the professor. "In your careers and in fact in your lives, you will meet many people. All are significant! They deserve your attention and your care, even if all you do is smile and say 'Hello.'"

This is a lesson for us all – especially from the standpoint of encouraging our Christian family or restoring a wayward child of God! Imagine the difficulty of trying to teach and convince one to whom you have never even given the time day! How difficult is it to convince someone you have their best interests at heart; that you love their soul; that you desire to see them change their lives for the better; that they are daily in your prayers, when you don't even know their name!

What about right here at MidTown? (let's make this personal!) How many members of the church do I know by name?

How active am I to seek out each brother and sister and speak to them; engage them in conversation; ask them how their day/week has been; show them that I am interested in them and in their life? Do I engage as many of my fellow Christians as I can before/after each service, or am I content to sit on “my side of the auditorium” and speak to those who sit close to me with the expectation that “If someone wants to get to know me they can come talk to me?” Do I take time after worship to demonstrate a friendly hospitable attitude or do I rush out the door satisfied that I have attended worship for the week?

Of Christ, Mark wrote “the common people heard him gladly” (Mark 12:37). This is in part due to the remarkable teaching ability of Jesus (Matt. 7:28-29) and in part to the miracles that He performed (John 12:9). But there is also the fact that Jesus showed love and compassion to all men, “And Jesus, when he came out, saw much

people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things” (Mark 6:34). It may not be possible to know the name of every person we see BUT we should at least seek to show a hospitable disposition, and a loving, compassionate spirit.

Ask yourself this question, “Do I show myself friendly to all of my Christian family or have I become content to have my own circle of Christian friends?” Here is a challenge—set a goal this year to speak to and get to know as much as possible everyone of your Christian family here at the MidTown Church of Christ. You will be amazed at how much more encouraging it will be when you come to Bible class and worship!

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal” (1 Cor. 13:1).

MAKE ME A SERVANT

MIDTOWN'S LADIES' DAY Saturday, January 21, 2017

Registration: 9-9:30 a.m.
Lunch provided.

Speakers:
Kori Wilson
of La Vernia, TX &

Pat McDonald
of Livingston, TX



Records You Helped Make For the Week of JANUARY 8, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	140
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	172
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	114
Wednesday Attendance.....	103

Offering: \$5,068

News & ACTIVITIES

Saturday, January 21

MidTown's Ladies' Day will be held here at the building with registration beginning at 9 a.m.

Sunday, January 22

There will be a Men's Meeting at 2 p.m. to discuss the update of MidTown's website.

Saturday, February 4

There will be a Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m.

- Brookdale Team #3 will meet today.
- Sunny Glen Children's Home is requesting canned beans/ranch-pinto and deodorant (non-aerosol). Please place the items in the hallway container.
- There will not be a Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal this month due to Ladies' Day.

Keep in PRAYER



MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady
Les Daltry
Jan Farris
Dee Gilpatrick

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

& Friends Family:

Victor Benitez,
brother of Virginia Escojido
Bert Haynes,
father of Pam Stryker
Amber Brown,
friend of Leta Reeves
Glena Coon,
sister-in-law 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 Arnots
Sammy Snead,
brother-in-law of Ronnie Scherffius
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Kennedy Young, Sr.,
uncle of Naomi Flonnory