

## Youth NEWS



The Junior High/  
High School Devo-  
tional will be held

today following evening services at  
the home of the Cleveland Family.  
Boys please bring drinks AND chips.  
Girls please bring desserts.

Mark your calen-  
dar for the Youth  
Family Devo-  
tional hosted by  
the Jobs Family on Saturday,  
January 21.



## Education NEWS

### In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, January 15 at  
7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled,  
"Prepare Your Heart." The future is al-  
ways approaching faster than we imagine  
for our children. We must be a genera-  
tion that prepares our own hearts and  
the hearts of our children to serve the  
Lord and not be fooled by the ways of  
the world.

### 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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NEWS AND  
INFORMATION  
FOR MID-  
TOWN  
MEMBERS AND  
FRIENDS

# The Midtown CHURCH OF CHRIST Messenger

JANUARY 8, 2017

## "DON'T SHOOT YOUR BEST FRIEND!"

by Ronnie Scherffius

In the days of the pioneers a man sold his farm and all of his possessions and obtained its value in gold. He carefully tied his gold up in a sack, mounted his horse and with his faithful dog started for California. One day, on the western plains, he came to a beautiful spring. There he fed his horse and lay down to rest. He fell asleep and slept till almost dark. He awoke and hastened away. As he rode along, his dog began to act strangely; it would run before him then run back toward the spring and bark.

As the man traveled further the dog be-  
came even more excited, running up to the

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ing up early and send-  
ing them; but ye would  
not hear, saith the  
LORD."

Jeremiah 29:19

horse jumping  
and, at least  
what appeared  
to the man, try-  
ing to bite him.  
The dog would  
then turn again  
and run toward  
the spring. The  
man could not  
understand his  
dog's actions.  
Fearing that his

'best friend' was going mad he drew his  
gun and shot him.

The dog was still able to run for some  
distance. The man turned to follow after so  
that he could give his 'best friend' a proper  
burial. The dog had been with him for  
many years and he could not bear the  
thought of the animal being eaten by  
vultures or other wild creatures. Expecting  
at any moment to find the dog dead along  
the road, he did not find him until he  
reached the spring. There he lay dead  
beside the bag of gold. The man had  
forgotten his treasure, and the faithful dog  
was doing his best to remind him of it.

Though somewhat graphic, this illustration very vividly portrays how some react to their friends and Christian brethren, who try their best to warn them of very real dangers to their souls. Seeking to warn the Galatians of the dangers of the Judaizing teachers, Paul wrote, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" (Gal. 4:16) Sadly, many refuse to hear the warnings from their Christian brethren who, as good watchmen (Ezek. 3:17-19), sound the alarm when false teachers and worldly minded deceivers seek to lead away the flock of God unto themselves (Acts 20:29-30). Others, engaging in deeds unbecoming of God's children, often break even their closest ties with dear Christian friends labeling them as "extreme" or "old fashioned," refusing to take heed to the warnings that are grounded in love, concern, and the truth of God's Word. Great heed should be given to the words of the apostle as he said, "And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation" (Heb. 13:22). How sad it is, that many, refusing to hear, leave their treasure behind and shoot their best friends!

"...they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 29:19)

## 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 1, 2017

#### Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	122
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	170
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	109
Wednesday Attendance.....	132

**Offering: \$6,331**

## News & ACTIVITIES

### Today!

The Monthly Men's Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 10

The Tuesday Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies will be held weekly at 10 a.m.

### Saturday, January 21

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

- Brookdale Team #2 will meet today.
- Please see the 2017 sign up sheets in the hallway on ways you can help serve!
- 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.

### MEN'S MEETING:

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

## Keep in PRAYER

### RESPONSES:

Please keep **Julie Posey** in prayer who responded Sunday.



### MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady  
Les Daltry  
Jan Farris  
Dee Gilpatrick

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

### & Friends Family:

Victor Benitez,  
*brother of Virginia Escojido*  
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*