

Youth NEWS



Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp July 16-21

- The next area-wide Thursday Summer Youth Series “Putting God First” will be **July 27** at the Odem St. church of Christ. Plan to meet at 5:15 to ride in the van.
- Youth 6th grade and up are invited to Discipleship U. Registration is now available at discipleshiputexas.com.
- The Hill Family will host the next Jr. High/Sr. High Devo on Sunday, August 13 following evening services.

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord’s Way

The lesson for Sunday, July 23 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, “Another Generation.” The children of Israel were faithful during the days of Joshua and the elders who served with him, but another generation came along that did not obey God. We must be careful to stand strong in our faith.

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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Messenger

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“IS THERE DARKNESS IN GOD’S HOUSE?”

by Ronnie Scherffius

The Hebrews writer admonished: “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

In a small secluded mountain village in seventeenth century Europe, a wealthy and beloved nobleman wondered what gift he might could leave to his fellow townspeople.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

architect, and builders were aware of the buildings details. On a set day the people

Finally, he decided upon building a meeting house for church.

The plans for the construction were kept secret until its completion; only the nobleman, the

were allowed to view the grand structure. With great awe and wonder they marveled at its beauty and its splendor. The exactness of the bas relief at the entrance of the building was breathtaking; the stained glass windows behind the pulpit were amazingly detailed and the comfort with which one might worship because of the seating provided had never before been seen! Following many comments of praise, however, an astute observer inquired, “But where are the lamps? How will the church be lighted?”

Without answer the nobleman pointed to a series of brackets in the walls. He then gave to each family a lamp to be carried to the worship service and hung on these brackets.

“Each time you are here, the area where you are seated will be lighted,” the nobleman explained, “Each time you are not here, that

area will be dark. Whenever you fail be at worship, some part of God's house will be dark."

Jesus taught, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14), and Paul echoed the same to the Philippians reminding them to, "shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). But Paul also admonished Timothy to "be an example to them that believe" (2 Tim. 4:12). Thus, not only are we to let our lights shine in the world but also to be lights among the saints in light with whom we joyously and with great expectation await the coming of our Lord (Col. 2:12; 1 Cor. 1:7; et al).

Consider the following thought, Am I as faithful to give thanks and to worship God as He is to keep His promises to me? While there are times and occasions that arise which hinder us from being at worship, when we willfully choose to forsake the assembling of the saints on the Lord's Day we leave a dark void that is both displeasing to our Lord and disheartening to our brethren.

Consider also what we miss if we chose to forsake the worship assembly on Sunday: we miss the opportunity to teach and admonish our brethren to faithfulness in song (Eph. 5:18-19); we miss the opportunity and fail to keep the command to memorialize the death of our Savior and to stir our own hearts with great zeal to His service through the partaking of the Lord's Supper; we miss the great privilege of approaching the throne of God Almighty in prayer, collectively with the saints petitioning our heavenly Father on the behalf of the sick, local and foreign missionaries, our elders, deacons, teachers,

and preachers; we fail to give of our means as God has so richly blessed us that the work of the Lord's church might not want; not only this but we miss the grand opportunity to be stirred to faithfulness and strengthened in spirit by the preaching of God's holy and divine word. Above all, we provide Satan an opportunity to enter into our lives in a way that we cannot even begin to imagine! What darkness would pervade if we choose to forsake the worship of our God and Savior! Is there darkness in the house of God at MidTown because some are choosing to absent themselves from our worship assembly?

"And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." (Acts 20:7)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
JULY 9, 2017

Attendance

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| Sunday Bible Class..... | 124 |
| Sunday Morning Assembly..... | 143 |
| Sunday Evening Assembly..... | 95 |
| Wednesday Attendance..... | 128 |

Offering: \$4,819

News
& ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 23

There will be a Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal following evening services. Also, a reminder to place bible questions in the "mailbox" in the foyer for the Q&A each fourth Sunday evening.

- Brookdale Team #3 will meet.
- Sunny Glen is requesting liquid laundry detergent and popcorn. Please place items in the hallway boxes.
- Please put Jerri Jeffres' new address in your pocket directories:
208 Versailles St., 77904-2254

2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES

**"HEAVEN'S VOCABULARY:
Words & Phrases of
Spiritual Significance"
ADULT WEDNESDAY CLASS**

**7/19 Mark FitzSimmons,
"Advocate"**

7/26 Lupe Escojido, "Hades"

**8/2 Patrick Hammack of Odem
church of Christ, "Repentance/
Righteousness"**

**Keep in
PRAYER**

We rejoice in the baptism of **Manny Flonnory** and pray his walk with Christ will bear much fruit.

**MidTown
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Buster Bailey
Jeff Cannady
Les Daltry
Jan Farris
Faye Henderson
Dee Gilpatrick

Betty Key
Kathy Laws
Susie Mesa
Sandy Malone
Ann Pantel
Glenodine Pitts
Mickey Tisue
Clark Withers

**& Friends
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brother-in-law of Ronnie Scherffius
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friend of Cleveland Family
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