

Youth NEWS



Mark your calendar for the next Family/Youth Devotional on Saturday, June 24 hosted by Bob &

Yvonne Smith at their place by the river, 658 Cypress Valley road (map will be provided). Enjoy watermelon and sandwiches!

- The next area-wide Thursday Jr./Sr. High Summer Series “Putting God First” will be June 22 at Mathis church of Christ.
- **Hensel Camp,**
June 11-17
- **Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp**
July 16-21



Summer Series Begins in June

The MidTown youth ages 4 years through high school will complete memory work leading to an end-of-summer awards ceremony!

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord’s Way

The lesson for Sunday, June 18 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, “Passing On the Faith.” We can find no greater need than to pass our faith on to our children, so they may teach their children about all the great things God has done for us. As parents, we must train our children to love and serve God.

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

The **MidTown** CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“JOSEPH WHOSE VIRTUOUS INFLUENCE SAVED HIS FAMILY”

by Ronnie Scherffius

We’re alone; no one can stop us; no one will ever know. Think of the fun we can have together. My husband is away; he’ll not return for many days. We can take our fill of one other. I can satisfy you as no other woman can; you know that! Joseph, lie with me.” Such were the words Joseph heard day after day. If ever there was a man who, in the eyes of the world, would be justified in pursuing “happiness” it was Joseph. Sold by his brothers into slavery (Gen. 37:13-28); as far as he was aware, forgotten by his father (Gen. 37:29-36); falsely accused and cast into prison (Gen. 39:1-20); forgotten by one he had counseled (Gen. 40:1-23). Yet, in all these things Joseph maintained his integrity. His words to the temptress: “Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Gen. 39:8-9) Such a response seems absurd to the world, but the life and actions of this young man saved a nation, and the virtuous influence of Joseph’s life was so powerful it proved to be the saving grace of those who before despised and hated him, his own family!

Influence (from the Latin influens meaning “to flow in”), is defined as “agency or power serving to affect, modify, or sway in some way.” In our culture, influence has become a means to an end. For many, the power their influence wields is viewed as a tool to affect a change for their own benefit. Newspaper headlines boldly announce that our elected

officials spend “political capital” to push their agenda through the legislative process. University professors flaunt their credentials and tenure to influence their students personal views to imitate their own. Invariably, when a man of position finds himself in legal jeopardy he becomes a catalyst among the movers and shakers of

society that begins a domino effect which ultimately will justify any indiscretions on his part. Certainly all realize the power of influence. This being said, influence is considered generally as one's actions or deeds that affect only one individual or perhaps a small group, or that our influence is contained within a small sphere of association. We are instructed to set the proper example before our fellow students and co-workers. We are rightly taught that our words should minister grace unto the hearer (Ephesians 4:29) and that we should live our lives in such a fashion that others can imitate us (1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1; et al). Yet, our influence extends far beyond the bounds of our immediate associations. As Lord Tennyson said, "I am a part of all that I have met." Therefore, it must be emphasized that influence absent of moral goodness is one of the most destructive forces known to man!

In the house of Potiphar, Joseph was a man of unlimited influence: "And Joseph found grace in his [Potiphar's] sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. . . And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured" (Gen. 39:4, 6). How easily Joseph could have used his influence to promote himself and to gain for himself power and position. Through political maneuvering, unethical and immoral exploits, Joseph could have masterfully built a web of allies so powerful and influential that in time he would ascend to the seat of rule in Egypt, even to the house of Pharaoh! However, by a virtuous life, Joseph found grace in God's sight and his virtuous influence brought him into the favor of Pharaoh.

Now, his honorable and upright life would save one of the mightiest nations on earth (Gen. 41:14-56) and his virtuous influence would become a saving influence by bringing his family into a cradle of protection that ultimately would cause them to become a nation through which God would bring salvation to the world. Imagine a world without the virtuous influence of Joseph!

The circumstances in the life of Joseph have been repeated throughout the annals of history. Heaven's throne has witnessed humanity's struggle with temptation, compromise and sin from the garden of Eden until present. Lives have been destroyed, families have been torn apart and nations have fallen because of the immoral influence some have cast upon the sea of society. Still, the influence of a virtuous life and the power of even one whose life is built upon the divine principles of Almighty God can be a saving influence in danger, not of famine, but of fire.

WELCOME!

We welcome Brant and Anna Jacobs into fellowship with us here at MidTown. The Jacobs have three children, two sons: Holden and Kelson, and one daughter: McKinley, and live in Yoakum. We look forward to getting to know this good family and working with them in the kingdom.

Below is information to add to your directory:

Brant and Anna Jacobs
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News
& ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 25

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal will be held following evening worship.

Thursday, June 29

MidTown will host the area-wide Thursday Jr./Sr. High Summer Series.

- Brookdale Team #2 will meet.
- Sunny Glen is requesting liquid laundry detergent and popcorn. Please place items in the hallway boxes.

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
JUNE 4, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	110
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	151
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	99
Wednesday Attendance.....	149

Offering: \$4,382.99

2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES

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

6/14 Bryant Siegel, "Preach the Word"

6/21 Jake Fox, "Grace"

6/28 Daniel Garza of Adams Street church of Christ, "The Precious Blood of Christ"

**Keep in
PRAYER**



**MidTown
Members:**

Buster Bailey
Jeff Cannady
Les Daltry
Jan Farris
Faye Henderson
Dee Gilpatrick
Betty Key

Kathy Laws
Susie Mesa
Betty Mabe
Sandy Malone
Ann Pantel
Glenodine Pitts
Mickey Tisue
Clark Withers
Billy York

**& Friends
Family:**

Victor Benitez,
brother of Virginia Escojido
Bert Haynes,
father of Pam Stryker
Kim Neel-Farthing,
daughter of Joyce
Gillette Ferguson,
brother in Vernal, Utah
June Green,
mother of Janice FitzSimmons
Amy Jamison,
daughter of Terry
Keith Lempa,
son-in-law of Larry Nuckles
Rose Leske,
sister-in-law of Sandra Marie
Barbara Lopez,
mother of Rosalba Barton
Liz Lopez,
friend of Nina Siegel
Janell Marshall
mother of Karon Barton's
sister-in-law

Amanda Mueller
sister of Amy Harris
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
Harish Reddy,
brother-in-law of Archana Verma
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
Carson Stickland,
friend of Cleveland Family
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Kennedy Young, Sr.,
uncle of Naomi Flonnory