

Youth NEWS



Thank you to Bob & Yvonne Smith for host-

ing the Youth/Family Devo.

We appreciate you!



Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp
July 16-21



The next Jr./Sr. High Devotional will be hosted by Adrian and Melissa

Cannady on Sunday, July 2 following evening services.

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, July 2 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "A New Spirit." Do you ever wish you could start over and put your past behind? Old sins have a way of making us ashamed of ourselves. God can give you a new start and cause you to be born again. Wouldn't you like a new spirit?

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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"TRUE PEACE"

by Ronnie Scherffius

All desire peace. As Christians we pray for leaders of nations, that there might be peace on the earth and that the gospel might have free course (1 Tim. 2:2). We seek peace among our brethren that we may walk together as one, and that our prayers are not hindered (Amos 3:3; Matt. 5:23-24). We find in the Scriptures that where there is peace there is joy. Jesus told His disciples that even though they would weep and lament while the world rejoiced, their sorrow "would be turned into joy" (John 16:20). John sixteen is concluded by the statement, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace" (John 16:33). Peace, true peace, is that which can only be found in Jesus Christ.

In writing to the church at Philippi Paul spoke of Euodias and Syntyche who were striving one with another and entreated those who were with these Christian ladies to help them (Phil. 4:2-3). He continues declaring how that as Christians we should "rejoice in the Lord" and have no worries for things, but rather through prayer make our requests known to God (Phil. 4:4-6). The words of Paul here are reminiscent to those of Christ when He declared, "seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). It is this *seeking* after the things of God to which Paul refers in Colossians three: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1). Seeking after God and relying on Him for that which we need is that

which brings to us "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Phil. 4:7).

Since it is the case that all men everywhere seek after peace, how is it that few in the world have peace? The answer to this question is quite easy to ascertain when one brings to remembrance the fact that true peace can only be found in Christ. In Christ are found "all spiritual blessings" (Eph. 1:3). Jesus Christ is our peace (Eh. 2:14), he has made peace by reconciling men together in one body (Eph. 2:15), He came and preached peace (Eph. 2:17), and He gave to men "the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15). Herein lies the answer to the question of how man can find true peace on earth—it is in faithful obedience to the gospel of Christ and trust in God promises.

Many religiously minded people are seeking

wrong way. Many rely on a *emotions* as evidence of their salvation and demand evidence of their pardon addressed to their senses; something they can hear, see, or feel that will give them certain knowledge of the fact of their salvation. The apostle Paul declared, "for we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7), therefore when one declares that his sins are forgiven because "I can just feel in my heart what God has done to me," he is walking by the lower principle of carnal nature, their senses rather than faith. The joy of happiness after the forgiveness of ones sins is not the evidence of forgiveness, but the knowledge of forgiveness joy and peace.

It is the words of God that set forth evidence upon which man's faith may be established. The Bible sets forth evidence to the fact that man is in sin and in need of a Redeemer (Rom. 3:23; Matt. 9:13; Luke 19:10). Even more evidence is given demonstrating that man may receive remission of sins by his compliance with the terms of pardon laid down by God. The book of Acts shows that all persons, after the establishment of the church of Christ, were all pardoned upon the same terms or conditions and that they all received the same blessings. Faith was demanded of all for "without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6). Repentance was a condition placed upon all for they were commanded to "repent" and turn to God (Acts 3:19). Confession of one's faith in Christ was also a condition of ones salvation for it was commanded by Christ (Matt. 10:32-33), and exemplified by the eunuch (Acts 8:35-37). Furthermore, baptism was placed upon men as a condition to the forgiveness of their sins as stated by Christ as He gave the great commission (Mark 1:15-16). Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism are conditions given by God, to which man must comply in order to be redeemed from sin.

How does a man know that his sins are forgiven? Not by a warm feeling in his heart revealing

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
JUNE 18, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	123
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	171
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	96
Wednesday Attendance.....	110

Offering: \$5,899.04

2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES
**"HEAVEN'S VOCABULARY:
Words & Phrases of
Spiritual Significance"**
ADULT WEDNESDAY CLASS

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

7/5 Justin Guess of Mathis church of Christ, "Heaven/Hell"

7/12 Ronnie Scherffius, "Mystery"

that Jesus is a part of his life, but by faith expressed through obedience to God's will which gives him full assurance of acceptance. If one's feelings are the basis of forgiveness, what happens when that "warm feeling" is gone. Yet, the man whose hope in Christ is built upon faith in God, will stand with full confidence and trust that God has forgiven him and will save him in the end. Only through faithful obedience to God's Word will one find true peace—the peace that passeth all understanding.

News & ACTIVITIES



Today!
The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal will be held following evening worship. Please bring a potluck dish.

Thursday, June 29
MidTown will host the area-wide Thursday Jr./Sr. High Summer Series. Please bring canned sodas or cookies.

Sunday, July 2
The monthly Men's Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m.

- Brookdale Team #4 will meet.
- Sunny Glen is requesting liquid laundry detergent and popcorn.

WELCOME!
We are pleased to announce that Jackie Edwards has expressed a desire to identify herself with the MidTown congregation. Jackie is no stranger to the brethren here at MidTown; she is the granddaughter of Ben & Millie Jamison, the niece of Leon & Janet Morales, and has been worshiping with us at MidTown since last September. We welcome Jackie to the MidTown family. Please add Jackie's information to your pocket directory:

Jackie Edwards
108 Kingwood Forest Dr.
Victoria, TX 77904

Keep in PRAYER

BAPTISM:
We rejoice in the baptism of **Ashley Barton** last week and pray her walk with Christ will bear much fruit.

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