

Youth NEWS



Thank you
to the
Withers
Family for
hosting the Jr./Sr. High Devo.
We appreciate you!

- The May Youth/Family Devotional will be hosted by the FitzSimmons Family on Sunday, May 28 following evening services at their home.
- **Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp** July 16th-21st, 2017. Camper (9-15 year olds) applications available online. Kelly Cannady for information about MidTown scholarships.



Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, May 28 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Jesus and His Promises." A promise is only as good as the one who made it and his ability to stand behind it. God never lies and can do all things. When God makes a promise, you can depend upon Him to keep it. God keeps His promises.

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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The MidTown CHURCH OF CHRIST Messenger

MAY 21, 2017

"ARE YOU A PART OF THE 'IN-CROWD'?" by Ronnie Scherffius

We all remember what it was like in school—everyone wanted to be accepted by their peers and to be a part of the *in-crowd*. Granted, the *in-crowd* could be a different group depending on your personal likes and dislikes. For example, to the athlete and sports fans the *in-crowd* were the best basketball and/or football players (few linemen ever openly associated with the quarterback!) and of course the cheerleading squad (or at least a select few), but to those whose focus was their studies, a high grade point average, and the National Honor Society the *in-crowd* was a different group all together. Then there was the school band where those who held the first or second chair in their respective instrument were a group unto themselves. Every school club, from Speech/Debate to Drama/Theatre had an *in-crowd*.

Then there is the *in-crowd* of the Lord's church. We're not speaking just here about the cliques that sometimes develop among Christian people (that is for another study); what we are considering now are those

"in" crowd with which none should desire to associate.

Some members of the church are part of the *in-crowd* of **indifference**, neither concerned for their own spiritual wellbeing nor their brethren's. They are uninterested in the work of the church and they treat the word of God in a very casual way. Jesus condemned such an attitude among the church at Laodicea: "I know thy works, that thou art **neither cold nor hot**: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art **lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:15

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2 Tim. 2:15

whose attitude and disposition toward the church, worship, the Word of God, and living the Christian life are part of an

-16). The zeal that once burned in their heart has tempered; the desire to deepen their knowledge, strengthen their faith, worship their God, and help to spread the borders of the kingdom have been replaced with interests of their own. Personal hobbies, careers, secular education, and other worldly endeavors are the desire of Christians in the *in-crowd* of indifference who enjoy the pleasures of this world to their own spiritual detriment.

Some members of the church are part of the *in-crowd* of *insincerity*. Their Christianity is for show and their faith is without effect. This is the pretentious or pretending member of the church who voices great concern for the plight for their brothers and sisters in Christ but fall well short of any demonstration of mercy. They are present every time the doors are open and they have great suggestions to build up the local church, but when the time comes to roll up the sleeves and get to work they cannot be found. The faith of the insincere Christian is on display for all to see, but their heart is not committed to Christ. Such an attitude toward the Word of God and the work of the church ultimately reveals itself through hypocrisy. Jesus taught: "Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward... And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Mt. 6:2, 5). The insincere Christian may pull the wool over the eyes of man, but God is not mocked (Gal. 6:7). Though highly praised by men those in the *in-crowd* of insincerity are not pleasing to God.

Some members of the church are part of the *in-crowd* of *inconsistency*. This is the "on again off again" Christian; the member of the church who shows great promise but never develops to his full potential; the member of the church upon whom you want so desperately to be able to depend—but never can. The inconsistent Christian is faithful to the assembly in spurts; he involves himself in teaching, personal work, and benevolence for a time but then falls into old habits and is unseen. For a few weeks he is absent and then out of nowhere returns and acts as if nothing happened! Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). And Paul admonished Timothy: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God" (2 Tim. 2:15 - NKJV). Paul found great joy in the steadfast faith of the Colossian saints (Col. 2:5), but there is no joy in the kingdom for the Christian who is a part of the *in-crowd* of inconsistency.

The faithful body of Christ is not comprised of "in" crowds but of one family of God striving to keep the unity of spirit in the bond of peace. May we all earnestly strive to be a faithful member of the precious blood bought church of Christ.

Records You Helped Make For the Week of MAY 14, 2017	
Attendance	
Sunday Bible Class.....	122
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	175
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	78
Wednesday Attendance.....	107
Offering: \$4,337	



News & ACTIVITIES

Today!

Plan to attend the Sunday Fellowship meal following evening services to honor our 2017 graduates **Emily DeDear & Desmon Flonnory**. Please bring sandwiches, chips and dips. A cake will be provided and there will be a basket for your cards and best wishes.

Sunday, May 28

You are encouraged to submit bible questions in a "mail box" in the foyer to be answered each fourth Sunday during the evening service.

Monday, May 29

Everyone is invited to an Ice Cream Party on Memorial Day at 5:30 p.m. at the Hutt's house. Please bring your lawn chairs and sign-up to bring ice-cream or dessert on the bulletin board.

Wednesday, May 31

There will be a Fifth Wednesday Singing.

Saturday, June 3

There will be a Men's Breakfast followed by a work day.

- Brookdale Team #3 will meet today.
- The Tuesday Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies will be on break for the summer until Tuesday, September 5th.
- The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class is pleased to report that \$85 is being sent to Romania. Thanks to all who participated in this effort.

Keep in PRAYER

BAPTISM:

We rejoice in the baptism of **Dylan Herring** and pray his 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
Angela Sneeringer
Mickey Tisue
Clark Withers

& 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
Scott Reeves,
son of Sam and Leta
brother of Sherry Lynch
Gary Rush,
friend of the Arnolds
Sammy Snead,
brother-in-law of Ronnie Scherffius
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Kennedy Young, Sr.,
uncle of Naomi Flonnory