

## Youth NEWS



Thank you to  
Adrian and  
Melissa Can-  
nady for host-

ing the Jr./Sr. High Devo.

We appreciate you!



Peach Valley  
Christian Youth  
Camp

July 16-21

- The next area-wide Thursday Summer Youth Series "Putting God First" will be July 13 at Hampshire Rd.
- Youth 6th grade and up are invited to Discipleship U. Registration is now available at [discipleshiputexas.com](http://discipleshiputexas.com).

## Education NEWS

### In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, July 16 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Because of Jesus" Because of Jesus, our lives have taken a new direction, filled with hope. Because of Jesus we have so many blessings. How thankful we should all be for what great things the Lord Jesus has done for us!

### 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

JULY 9, 2017

"WE'RE GONNA BE RICH!"

by Ronnie Scherffius

The story is told of two brothers who went into the hills of Montana to hunt wolves. They had heard the rumor that an organization in the state was offering a bounty of five thousand dollars for every wolf captured alive. Day and night they searched the mountains and forests searching for their valuable prey. Exhausted, after three days of hunting without any success, they decided to camp for the night and quickly fell asleep.

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

James 1:2-4

wolves each with flaming red eyes and bared teeth, snarling at the two hunters and ready

During the night, one brother awoke with a start. What he found would make most men cry like a baby; they were surrounded by a pack of at least fifty

to attack. Undaunted, he nudged his brother and said with excitement, "Wake up! We're gonna be rich!"

Sometimes when we are surrounded by what appears to be, and in fact may be, great difficulties, we fail to realize that in the greater scheme of things we may in fact be surrounded by many opportunities. Did you know that the Chinese symbol for the word *crisis* actually combines the two words *danger* and *opportunity*. When great difficulties come our way we can choose to be frightened and cowardly, or we can stand fast and be strong and courageous.

To the Corinthians saints Paul declared, "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13 - ASV).

Yet, it is not in our own wisdom that we should trust, neither is it in our own strength that we should depend. Paul admonished the Galatians, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith **Christ hath made us free**" (Gal. 5:1), and to the soldiers of Calvary's cross in Ephesus he instructed, "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of **his might**" (Eph. 6:10).

The trials and tribulations of this earth serve to prepare us for heaven by causing us to long for and greatly desire that heavenly abode. How much greater will we enjoy and appreciate that which "eye hath not seen" (1 Cor. 2:9)! Though difficulties may cause some to lose faith, if we keep our focus on Christ and our heavenly prize, and allow hard times to temper our faith we will see the riches rather than the struggles. So, the next time you're facing a pack of wolves remember, "You're gonna be rich!"

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**2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES**

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

7/12 Ronnie Scherffius, "Mystery"

7/19 Mark FitzSimmons,  
"Advocate"

7/26 Lupe Escojido, "Hades"

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

Records You Helped Make  
For the Week of  
JULY 2, 2017

**Attendance**

Sunday Bible Class.....	104
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	127
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	89
Wednesday Attendance.....	104

**Offering: \$5,217.86**

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

*That we might bring an order and structure to our Wednesday evening devotional as well as eliminate the pulpit being used as an opportunity to express opinions and grievances, the men have agreed upon a structured guideline that the men who participate in the Wednesday devotional will follow. These guidelines will be provided to each man who volunteers to speak on Wednesday evening.*

*A copy of these guidelines will be provided to any of the members simply by asking Bryant or Ronnie.*

**Keep in  
PRAYER**



**MidTown  
Members:**

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  
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  
*family of Karon Barton*

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*