

Youth NEWS



Thank you to the Scherffius Family for hosting the Jr./Sr. High Devotional. We appreciate you!

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, September 24 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Seven Virtues."

God has asked us to make every effort to add to our faith seven virtues. These qualities will keep us from stumbling and will richly provide us an entrance into the eternal kingdom in heaven. We need these seven virtues.

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 Messenger

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

"WEIGHTED DOWN"

by Ronnie Scherffius

The armies of Alexander the Great were advancing on Persia. At one critical point, it appeared that the Foot Companions (infantrymen of the army) might be defeated. The reason was not due to lack of training or superior forces, but Alexander's soldiers had taken so much plunder from their previous campaigns that they had become weighted down and were losing their effectiveness in combat. Alexander immediately commanded that all the spoils be thrown into a heap and burned.

The Hebrews writer admonished, "Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **lay aside every weight**, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

Matthew 6:21

with patience [endurance] the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). As Christians, how often do we become weighted down with worldliness?

How many times have we excused ourselves from assembling with the saints, from being a part of a benevo-

lent work, or perhaps even from spending time in study or prayer because our time and energy was taken with material things?

Consider the following questions. Do we find ourselves working overtime (maybe even volunteering) in order to put away a little extra money for that home improvement project or to save up a down payment for a larger house or newer model car while at the same time failing to consider ways we could increase our weekly contribution? Is our free time spent working in our yards rather than working in our neighborhoods to invite our friends to worship? Could it be the case that we spend more time on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, or Pinterest than we do studying to

show ourselves approved to God? Do we spend more time talking to our friends about the latest political upheavals of the week or about how our favorite sports team did over the weekend than we do talking to them about the Word of God? Are we putting more emphasis on our 401K than our eternal destiny? How is that we would not give a second thought to making a random purchase for something to add to our collection of worldly possessions that we already have no place to store—while at the same time not give a second thought to cutting our weekly contribution because we are short on funds BECAUSE we made that random purchase! It is because we have become caught up in the world and have allowed materialism to take hold of our lives.

The race before us to which the Hebrews writer refers is the Christian life. Are we, like the “foolish Galatians” allowing things of this world to hinder us from our enduring faithfulness to God? (Gal. 3:1) If we are not careful such things as work, recreation, education, retirement plans, hobbies and even our families to weight us down and impede our growth and pursuit of the prize of the high calling of God (Philippians 3:4).

As Alexander commanded his armies, we must not simply store in another place those things that hinder us from fighting the good fight, but we must cast them aside and completely remove them from our lives – regardless how precious they may seem! Consider the results for the armies of Greece: “Alexander’s men complained bitterly but soon came to see the wisdom of the order. Someone wrote, ‘It was as if wings had

been given to them—they walked lightly again.’ Victory was assured.” Remember the words of Jesus, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Mt. 6:19-21). Where is your heart? Are you weighted down?

BACK TO THE BIBLE

MidTown’s Fall Gospel Meeting



You are invited to attend a series of gospel sermons.

Sept. 24-27

Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9 a.m.

- “What You Need To Know About The Bible

Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m.

- “The First Christians In The Bible”

Sunday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m.

- “The Church of The Bible”

Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

- “Passages That Have Helped Me Live The Bible”

Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

- “What The Bible Says About Hell”

Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

- “What The Bible Says About Heaven”

News

& ACTIVITIES

Today!

MidTown will recognize youth earning awards for Bible memory work during the summer following evening services.



Saturday, September 23 There will be a Men’s Breakfast and Workday.

Sunday, September 24 There will be a potluck meal following morning services with evening service moved to 1 p.m.

- Brookdale service is cancelled until further notice because of building damage.
- Please see the thank you notes posted on the hallway bulletin board.

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....| 13
Sunday Morning Assembly.....| 42
Sunday Evening Assembly.....| 04
Wednesday Attendance.....| 11

Offering: \$4,099

Keep in PRAYER

RESPONSE:

Please keep **Mike McVey** in prayer who responded Sunday.

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
Paul Purswell
Mickey Tisue

& 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
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
Fred Porter,
brother-in-law of Della Rampley
Sarah Randle,
mother of Steve
Harish Reddy,
brother-in-law of Archana Verma
Gary Rush,
friend of the Arnots
Brian Rutherford,
Nephew of Clifton
Sammy Snead,
brother-in-law of Ronnie Scheffius
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Kennedy Young, Sr.,
uncle of Naomi Flonnory