

Youth NEWS

Today!

The Hill Family will host the next Jr. High/Sr. High Devo on Sunday, August 13 following evening services. Girls bring desserts and boys bring bread or crackers. Brother and Sister Hill will be providing spaghetti.



Remember to complete your forms for memorizing answers to questions about the book of Daniel. Participants will be recognized at this month's Fellowship Meal.

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, August 20 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Your Salvation." For someone to be saved means that they were at one time lost. Many folks today do not know they are lost and in need of saving. Our salvation came at a great cost, and we are so blessed to have a Savior.

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

AUGUST 13, 2017

"THE WORD OF THE LORD WAS PRECIOUS" by Ronnie Scherffius

And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision" (1 Sam. 3:1). Samuel was born to Hannah the wife of Elkanah after Hannah had prayed to God for a son and vowed a vow to God that if a man child was born to her she would give him unto the Lord (1 Sam. 1:1-11). God heard her prayer and Hannah was true to her vow, bringing the young boy to Eli the priest who raised him up in the house of the Lord in Shiloh (1 Sam. 1:26-28).

From the creation, God had communicated directly to man, making know is will through visions, dreams, and even visitation of angels, but a time had come when God did not speak directly to man. It is this time to which we turn our attention and it is to the statement above which speaks of this time when "the word of the LORD was precious."

The word of the LORD was precious to the people of Samuel's day because because, "there was no open vision," i.e., God did not communicate to man in any other way but through His word. It is the same today; God, who at one time did in fact speak in a directly to man now communicates His will to us through the inspired written word. John wrote, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:30-31). God, has revealed to man all that man needs to live "soberly,

righteously, and godly" (Titus 2:11, 12), and "to furnish him unto every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). From the point in time which God revealed all that He would reveal to men, inspiration and miracles ceased and God's Word stands as the final authority in matters of faith and as the standard by which men are to live (Jude 3). Because there is no *open vision* from God today, the word of God is indeed precious. However, there are many other reasons for which the word of God is precious to mankind today.

First, the Word of God is precious because it tells men from where they came, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Gen. 1:26). Man was created by God on the sixth day of creation. Evolution, with all of its lies, has absolutely no foundation on which to stand. The evolutionary theory which

asserts that man is a product of chance has cheapened life and caused immorality to spread through the world at an alarming rate. Yet, the Bible declares that the life of man is precious because it is from God and that man is not a happenstance of an evolutionary process but rather a dignified being created in the very image of his Creator.

Second, the Word of God is precious to man today because it reveals why he is here. Many wander aimlessly through life with no sense of purpose. But God created man for His purpose and that man might glorify Him. Men glorify God through obedience to His word and by doing good works, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). When man follows that which God has commanded, it is not man that is glorified but God who gave the knowledge and command that the good be done. When man seeks his own paths the end is immorality and destruction (Jer. 10:23; Psa. 14:1-3; Isa. 1:1-9; et al), but when man follows the precious word of God he prospers both spiritually and physically.

Finally, the Word of God is precious to men today because it tells men where they are going. Just as many people are miserable because they have no sense of direction in this life, many are unhappy because they have no hope after this life. The Word of God declares to man that after life on this earth his soul will live for eternity. The body is a tabernacle for the soul of man while he is alive on this earth (Gen. 35:18; James 2:26; II Pet. 1:13, 14). After physical death, man's soul continues. Where the soul of man spends eternity depends upon the life of the man while he was alive upon the earth, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29).

Without the precious Word of God man would neither know from where he came, why he is upon the earth, nor where he is going. Furthermore, he would not know how to get to the place he most desires to be, in heaven with God. The same precious word which informs man of all of these

BACK TO THE BIBLE

MidTown's Fall Gospel Meeting Sept. 24-27



Presented by
Jim Laws of Tyler, TX

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
AUGUST 6, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....118
Sunday Morning Assembly.....150
Sunday Evening Assembly.....90
Wednesday Attendance.....108

Offering: \$5,128

2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES

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

8/16 Will Cleveland, "Walk"
8/23 Doug Jobs, "Pride"

things also instructs in obedience to God so that he may be with God for an eternity. This precious Word of God which informs and instructs will also judge us (John 12:48) and for those who live according to its precepts in hope of its promises it is indeed precious!

News

& ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 27

There will be a Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal this month. MidTown will also recognize youth earning awards for Bible memory work during the summer.



Wednesday, August 30

There will be a Fifth Wednesday Singing.

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

WELCOME!

We are pleased to announce that the Bryson Family have expressed a desire to identify themselves with the MidTown congregation. We welcome to the MidTown Family, Dennis and Cassandra (Sandy) Bryson who have five children: a son (Yoakum) and daughter (San Antonio) who are married and they also have three younger sons, Benjamin, Christopher and D'Marcus. Please add their information to your pocket directory:

Bryson
118 Washington
Cuero, TX 77954
Dennis (325) 998-3123
Sandy (325) 203-3279

Keep in PRAYER

RESPONSE:

Please keep **Therisa Gant** in prayer who responded Sunday.

MidTown Members:

Paul Atkinson
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
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
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 Arnos
Sammy Snead,
brother-in-law of Ronnie Scheffius
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Kennedy Young, Sr.,
uncle of Naomi Flonnory