

Youth NEWS



Thank you to
Richard and
Marva Hill for
hosting the

Jr./Sr. High Devo.
We appreciate you!

Youth Summer Awards

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

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, August 27 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Your Destiny." One day each of us will face our destiny in the afterlife. The decisions of what we believe and how we live today will affect where our souls spend eternity. We need to choose the narrow road that leads to life!

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 20, 2017

"THE MEMORIAL AUDIO REPRODUCTION SYSTEM" by Ronnie Scherffius

Have you ever heard of the *Memorial Audio Reproduction System*? I would guess not, but then again few have. According its patent (U.S. patent number 4,169,970) it is summarized as follows: "An audio reproduction system is provided for use in conjunction with a tombstone for the repeated playback, upon activation, of a prerecorded message." In other words, prior to one's decease, one can make a recording of himself/herself (up to two hours long) which is then stored in their monument and which can be heard by any who may be passing through the cemetery. Imagine, walking past a cemetery and hearing someone calling to you from the grave!

What would be your "message from the grave" for posterity? How much would you be willing to pay for the ability to "speak from the grave"

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it *he being dead yet speaketh*"

Heb. 11:4

to passers-by? (the latest pricing I could find was from 1981 - \$10,000!) Well, as my grandfather would say "hold your horses!" The truth of the matter is that you do

not need to pay for a fancy gizmo to speak from the grave BECAUSE how you are living now, your words, deeds, example, and influence will live on through eternity!

Of Abel, the first known murder victim, and as far as we know the first human being ever to taste of death, the Hebrews writer declared, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it *he being dead yet speaketh*" (Heb. 11:4). Though it is not expressly stated, the names of every other person mentioned throughout that

chapter also continues to speak to us today through the life they lived hundreds and even thousands of years ago. In fact, not only the righteous continue to speak from the grave to us today but the unrighteous as well, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7). In other words, the "Sodomites and Gomorrhians" (I just made that word up!) not only speak to us from the grave but they cry out to us, warning us, pleading with us not to live as they did lest we suffer the same condemnation.

The point of all of this is simple. The lives of each of us is in fact a voluminous library recorded for all who follow after us and played back with great volume by those whose lives we touch and

WELCOME!

We are pleased to announce that Ron and Mary Jo White have expressed a desire to identify themselves with the MidTown congregation. They move here after 47 years of Ron preaching in western states to be of assistance in this region. They have two daughters, Melinda Woodrum (Marble Falls) and Nia FitzSimmons (Victoria) as well as five grandchildren. We welcome Ron and Mary Jo to the MidTown Family. Please add their information to your pocket directory:

White
78 Kendal
Victoria, TX 77904
Ron (801) 643-2694
Mary Jo (801) 643-2693

BACK TO THE BIBLE

MidTown's Fall Gospel Meeting



You are invited to attend a series of gospel sermons.

Presented by
Jim Laws of Tyler, TX

September 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"*

who follow our examples. Some suggest that what we do affects us and only us (What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas?!). As one has said, "That's ignorance gone to seed!" We will, by our lives, good or bad, speak from the grave. What will your memorial say to the world?

News

& ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 27

There will be a Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal this month. Please bring sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts.



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 #3 will meet.
- Clark and Barbara Withers announce the arrival of their second great-grandchild, Jacquelyn Eileen born August 16th, 7 lbs. 13oz.
- The Tuesday Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies will begin on Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m.

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
AUGUST 13, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....| | |
Sunday Morning Assembly.....| 53
Sunday Evening Assembly.....| 06
Wednesday Attendance.....| | |

Offering: \$4,481

Keep in PRAYER

RESPONSE:

Please keep **Archana Verma** in prayer who responded Sunday.

IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Paul Atkinson**. A viewing will be Friday, Aug. 25 from 5-7p.m. The Memorial Service is Sat. Aug. 26 at 10 a.m., at MidTown building. Dave Rogers will conduct the service.



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
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 Arnots
Sammy Snead,
brother-in-law of Ronnie Scherffius
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Kennedy Young, Sr.,
uncle of Naomi Flonnory