

Youth NEWS



The Hill Family will host the next Jr. High/Sr. High Devo on Sunday, August 13 following evening services.

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 6 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Your Sin" One in eight Americans does not believe in the concept of sin, and nearly four in ten believe sin is an outdated word. What is sin, is it really a serious matter, and how does my sin affect me?

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

AUGUST 6, 2017

"MISSED OPPORTUNITIES" by Ronnie Scherffius

The apostle Paul wrote, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). How often do we let opportunities slip through our hands?

During the first three days of July, 1863, in the midst of America's great Civil War, the armies of the North and South clashed decisively at Gettysburg. For the first three days of the battle, the fighting was inconclusive, but then

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Gal. 6:10

On the night of July 4, as storm clouds drenched the East Coast with rain, Lee be-

gan to retreat southward. When he reached the Potomac, he found that the river was swollen with rain—he could not cross. Behind him was the victorious Union army; before him was the river. He was trapped. Here was the golden opportunity for General Meade to end the battle. Meade could have attacked immediately, destroying Lee's army and, in effect, ending the Civil War. President Lincoln actually ordered him to attack. However, instead of attacking, Meade delayed; he held a council then delayed again. Eventually the water of the river receded, and Lee escaped over the Potomac. The war was extended two more years. Meade never regained his lost opportunity, and it was to General Grant that Lee eventually surrendered on April 9, 1865. Grant would later become President of the United

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States—Meade would be known to history as the general who missed multiple opportunities to defeat the Confederacy.

This account in history demonstrates the tragedy of having missed a great opportunity. But if this principle is true in the physical realm it is certainly more so spiritually. Imagine the horror when, standing before God in judgment one realizes the missed opportunities he had to obey the gospel yet squandered them away on the world—delaying, holding a council in his own heart to determine what to do—then delaying again. Jesus spoke of this great tragedy saying, “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Matt. 16:26)

Additionally, what of the missed opportunities to do good to others? How often are we blessed with the opportunity to serve one in need only to allow the opportunity to slip by us. Perhaps we consider it an inconvenience and make excuses as to why we “don’t have the time,” or even complain when opportunities to do good for someone comes our way. Do we visit the sick (at home or in the hospital) or provide food for shut-ins?

Here is a thought, do we consider that our character, speech, and actions before others are also opportunities to do good by letting others see Jesus in you? Paul wrote, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Eph. 4:29). Remember the words of our Lord when he said, “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). What opportunities will God provide for you today? Will you take advantage of it?

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 JULY 30, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	131
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	160
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	117
Wednesday Attendance.....	118

Offering: \$4,112

2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES

“HEAVEN’S VOCABULARY:
Words & Phrases of
Spiritual Significance”
ADULT WEDNESDAY CLASS

8/9 Will Cleveland, “Walk”
8/16 Adrian Cannady, “Redemption”
8/23 Doug Jobs, “Pride”

News

& ACTIVITIES

Today!

The Monthly Men’s Meeting will be held at the building at 3:30 p.m.

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 #1 will meet.
- Sunny Glen is requesting liquid laundry detergent and popcorn. Please place items in the boxes located in the hallway.
- Ladies are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Melissa Crooks and her twins on Sunday, August 13 at 2 p.m. at 1805 Plantation Road, Victoria. RSVP by August 7 to 361-212-5350 or marilyn.horst@gmail.com

Keep in PRAYER



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