

Youth NEWS



GINGERBREAD HOUSES

All kids are invited to build gingerbread houses at the building on **Sat. Dec. 16** at 9 a.m. All materials will be provided. See Amy Harris for more information.

Saturday, December 9

Beeville Youth Lectures entitled "The Fellowship of His Suffering," will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 10

The Adrian Cannady Family will host the Jr./Sr. High Devo.

Saturday, December 16

Mark your calendar for caroling! More details to come.



Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, December 10 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Be Baptized." Is baptism necessary for the forgiveness of sins? We're asking what the Bible says about the importance of baptism. Some say yes and some say no. We want to know what God says in His Word. That is what matters.

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

ELDERS

Will Cleveland
Tom Pitchford

EVANGELIST

Ronnie Scherffius

SUPPORTED WORKS

James and Emily Cammock
Hamilton, New Zealand

John Moore
Bible Land Passages

Mani Pagidipalli, M.D.
India

Cecil Shaw
Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Student Support
Southwest School of Bible Studies

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"HE THEN LET GO OF THE ROPE"

by Ronnie Scherffius

A man, a bricklayer by trade, had an accident while working alone on the roof of a new six story building. When he completed his work he discovered there was about 500 pounds of brick left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, he decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which was attached to the side of the building at the sixth floor.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Philippians 4:8

Securing the rope at ground level he went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the brick into it. He then went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tight to insure a slow descent of the 500 pounds of bricks. There was only one problem.....the man weighed only 135 pounds!

At once the barrel load of bricks began a rapid descent. Surprised by being jerked off the ground so suddenly, the man lost his presence of mind and held tightly to the rope. Needless to say he proceeded at an equally rapid rate up the side of the building.

At about the third floor he met the barrel coming down (doctors suspect this is when he fractured his skull and broke his collarbone). Slowed only slightly he continued his ascent, not stopping until the fingers of his right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately, by this time, he had regained his presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope in spite of his pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground, and the bottom broke out of the barrel! Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately fifty pounds..... remember.....the bricklayer weighed 135 pounds!

As quickly as he ascended he descended! Again, at about the third floor, he met the barrel, this time coming up (doctors supposed this would account for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations on his legs and lower body). The encounter with the barrel slowed him enough to lessen his injuries when, at the bottom of his fall, he fell onto the pile of bricks (doctors were certain that this is when the three vertebrae were cracked). Lying on the bricks in pain and unable to stand he watched as the empty barrel swung harmlessly six stories above.....he then let go of the rope!

So, what's the moral of our story? Two thoughts immediately come to mind. First, think before you act! Our actions will cause a chain reaction that we cannot stop. Second, we should be extremely careful of what we hold on to in this world! Those things to which we hold the tightest are the most precious and they

will either be a great benefit for us OR they will destroy us.

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Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
NOVEMBER 26, 2017


Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	124
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	147
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	113
Wednesday Attendance.....	101

Offering: \$4,555

Annual Ornament Exchange

The Annual Ladies' Christmas Ornament Exchange will be held on **Friday, December 8** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kasi Jobs, 720 Live Oak. Please bring a new wrapped ornament \$5-\$10, and your favorite holiday snack (finger foods).



News & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 17
The Annual White Elephant Exchange will be held following evening services. Bring a “White Elephant” gift that is gently used or new. Also, please bring finger foods and desserts.



- Please make note that Sandy Malone is back at Brookdale.
- The Tuesday Bible Classes will hold class on December 12 and then break until January 9.
- Kristen & Kory O'Connor are the proud parents of Witten Graham, 8 lbs., 2 oz., 20 inches. Proud grandparents are Robert & Jill Powers and great grandmother Jerri Jeffres.
- Please update your contact information for the 2018 pocket directory in the foyer.

CARE GIVER
Our God Given Role

MIDTOWN'S LADIES' DAY
Saturday, January 20, 2018

Registration: 9-9:30 a.m.
Lunch provided.



Speaker:
Athena Scherffius

Keep in PRAYER



**MidTown
Members:**

- Jeff Cannady**
Les Daltry
Jan Farris
Lucille Hawkins

**& Friends
Family:**

- Mary Lou Arguelles**
sister of Virginia Escojido
- Victor Benitez**
brother of Virginia Escojido
- Kim Neel-Farthing**
daughter of Joyce
- Susie Mesa**
former MidTown

- Faye Henderson**
Betty Key
Sandy Malone
Ann Pantel
Glenodine Pitts
Bob Smith
Clark Withers

- Sarah Randle**
mother of Steve
- Harish Reddy**
brother-in-law of Archana Verma
- Cynthia Sneeringer**
mother of Angela