

Youth NEWS

- The next area-wide Thursday Summer Youth Series “Putting God First” will be **July 27** at the Odem St. church of Christ. Plan to meet at 5:15 to ride in the van.
- Youth 6th grade and up are invited to Discipleship U. Registration is now available at discipleshiputexas.com.



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

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, July 30 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, “Be Ye Holy” To be “holy” means to be separated from the common to a sacred use. Christians are to live holy lives that are separated from the common to the sacred life in Christ. We are to be separate and not touch the unclean thing.

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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“SIR, HE BELONGS TO US NOW”

by Ronnie Scherffius

As a preacher, I have participated in a number funeral ceremonies. Some of the more difficult to do are the funerals of total strangers. Believe it or not, once a man pulled into my driveway and asked me to “do the funeral” for his father.....a man whom I had never even heard of much less knew! Nevertheless, I did speak at the service and did the best I could to provide words that would encourage the family.

There are some events that happen in our lives that we never forget. One of those for

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Psalm 116:15

this occasion, because it was a full military service (the deceased was an active military

me was at the funeral service of military officer. Generally, upon arriving at the cemetery, the only ones present are those who have prepared the grave, but on

officer), the cemetery was full of military personnel standing at full attention. For a “regular” funeral service, when everyone reaches the cemetery for the interment, the pallbearers step to the rear of the hearse, take the coffin and proceed to the gravesite. On this occasion, however, none participating in the service with whom I was associated with was certain of what was about to take place. In fact, as we arrived at the cemetery I asked the funeral director how things would go; his reply, “I don’t know, this is a first for me too.”

Already in awe at the presence of the military and of the atmosphere at the cemetery, I wondered what could be more awe-

inspiring. I suppose that one would think that the *gun salute* would be the most impressive. It was not. Okay, then it had to be the playing of *Taps* as a final salute to the officer that would be the most inspiring. It was not. The folding of the flag, so meticulous and precise and the way in which the soldier presented the flag to the officer's widow and his words, "Mam, on behalf of the President of the United States of America; in honor of your husband's dedication and service to his country, I present you with this flag, a symbol of the country for which your husband served." Even that fell short of the most impressive statement of the day!

As we arrived at the cemetery, I proceeded to the rear of the hearse with the military chaplain (who himself told me that this was his first funeral for "active personnel" and that he wasn't even sure what was about to take place!) and stood as still and as reverent as possible. Shortly, a group of soldiers approached the rear of the hearse and proceeded to stand in uniform attention. The funeral director approached the young officer in charge and inquired, "What do you want us to do now?" With great respect but with equal authority in his voice the young man replied, "Sir, he belongs to us now."

Instantly, my mind recalled Luke's record of the words of Christ in the account of the rich man and Lazarus, and of how when the beggar, Lazarus died Jesus revealed that he "was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16:22). Perhaps this is what the angels said as they came and carried his soul into another

realm, "He belongs to us now!" What a blessed thought for those bereaving over the passing of saints who have begun that journey to heaven's gate!

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Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
JULY 16, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....101
Sunday Morning Assembly.....145
Sunday Evening Assembly.....78
Wednesday Attendance.....90

Offering: \$4,865.85

2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES

**"HEAVEN'S VOCABULARY:
Words & Phrases of
Spiritual Significance"**

7/26 Lupe Escojido, "Hades"

**8/2 Patrick Hammack of Odem
church of Christ, "Repentance/
Righteousness"**

News

& ACTIVITIES

Today!

There will be a Fellowship Meal following evening services.



Ronnie will answer the following bible questions during the evening service:

1. We know that Jesus Christ is our Savior and we must follow the steps of salvation in order to be saved, because God told us in the Bible. But other religions think they are right. How do we guide them to the light or the right path? How do we help them to realize that these are the things they must do to be saved?
2. II Kings 5:15-19 — Please explain the reason for needing soil from Israel in order to worship and sacrifice to God. Would Naaman's sacrifice not be accepted on Syrian soil?
3. "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Gen. 6:3b — Please explain when this would take place.
4. Concerning immorality: "not even to eat" 1 Cor. 5:11. What about "unfaithful" physical family members? (family reunions, birthdays, weddings, etc.)
5. How were the men in Mark 9:38-41 able to cast out demons? Was anyone able to do that? I thought only those whom the disciples laid hands on were able to do miracles. It seems here that the disciples knew nothing of these men

**Keep in
PRAYER**

RESPONSE:

Please keep **Angela Sneeringer-Gonzalez** in prayer who responded Sunday.

BAPTISM:

We rejoice in the baptism of **Sabrina Gonzalez** and pray her walk with Christ will bear much fruit.

IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Helen Haney**, sister of Jerri Jeffres.



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Faye Henderson

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Kathy Laws
Susie Mesa
Sandy Malone
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