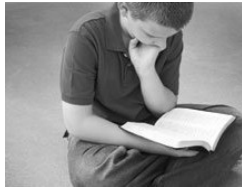


Youth NEWS

- The final area-wide Thursday Summer Youth Series “Putting God First” will be **August 3** at the Portland church of Christ. Plan to meet at 5:15 to ride in the van.



- 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 Soul” The word “soul” is one we do not speak much about these days. But each of us has a God-given soul that God will one day require of us. How we live in this life will affect our souls in the life to come.

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

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“SAVED FROM FREEZING TO DEATH”

by Ronnie Scherffius

Two friends were hiking through the mountains when an unexpected winter storm came over the range. After a time they became separated. Making his way over the mountains through the storm, one of the men gradually became weaker and weaker until at last he stumbled and fell. “This is the end.” He said to himself, “I will never be found alive. All I have done is for naught; I am alone and dying.”

Too weak to rise he fell forward toward the frozen earth, but as he fell his hand

struck the body of another man who had fallen in the same place – it was his friend from whom he had earlier become separated; he was unconscious

but alive. Quickly, he rose to his knees and, bending over his friend began to chafe his

hands and to rub his face until the man’s eyes opened. He had saved another life – he had saved his friend – BUT he had also saved himself! The work to restore heat and revive the consciousness of his friend had focused his attention from his own trouble and restored the zeal for his own life.

This same scenario is often played out in our lives spiritually. Have you ever become discouraged and disheartened because of circumstances or difficulties in your life? Sometimes these difficulties are work related; for youth they may be from adversities at school. Quite often we endure unrest in our relationships, whether they are between friends or family, which cause us such dis-

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1 Cor. 10:24

2017 MIDTOWN SUMMER SERIES

“HEAVEN’S VOCABULARY:

**Words & Phrases of
Spiritual Significance”**

ADULT WEDNESDAY CLASS

- 8/2 *Patrick Hammack of Odem church of Christ, “Repentance/ Righteousness”*
- 8/9 *Will Cleveland, “Walk”*
- 8/16 *Adrian Cannady, “Redemption”*
- 8/23 *Doug Jobs, “Pride”*

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
JULY 23, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	122
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	153
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	110
Wednesday Attendance.....	90

Offering: \$4,243

News

& ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 6

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 #5 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
- Ben Moseley will be MidTown’s guest speaker on Sunday, August 6.

**Keep in
PRAYER**

IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Scott Reeves**, son of Sam and Leta; brother of Sherry Lynch.



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

stress that spiritually we begin to become cold. Even within our church families we sometimes endure periods where we feel that we are alone, separated from others and can go no further. Our zeal gone, we find we are spiritually freezing to death! What can we do to survive?

The apostle Paul wrote, “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Phil. 2:4). Though various circumstances may demand differing approaches, one of the best ways to revive one’s self spiritually is to focus on the needs others. This requires a selfless sacrificial spirit—one who is willing to give of himself. James wrote that we should “visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction” (James 1:27). This word *visit*, is a unique word in the Greek and carries the sense of “*examine with the eyes; to look upon in order to help or to benefit*” (Thayer’s Greek-English of the New Testament). Herein is the key, rather than wallowing in the “woe is me” mire of self-pity, we ought to “visit” our brethren and see

what difficulties they may be facing and help them to overcome. In so doing we likely will find that, as serious as our difficulties may seem, they are of little consequence in comparison.

To the Romans Paul wrote, “We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak” (Rom. 15:1). Though we may be battling difficulties in our lives and to ourselves seem weak and even struggling, when our attention is turned to the struggles of our brethren, our zeal and fighting spirit soon returns and our difficulties vanish away as the morning dew in the heat of the rising sun.

If you are down, if you have lost your spiritual zeal—look to your brother and seek to revive him. In this way you will fine tune your focus and your spiritual zeal will be restored. Who knows, you may very well save your own soul while at the same time saving another.

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