

Youth NEWS



GINGERBREAD HOUSES

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

Saturday, December 2

GEMS will meet at 9 a.m. at the church building.

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.



Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord’s Way

The lesson for Sunday, December 3 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, “God’s Love For Us.” God made this wonderful world for us to live in and gave His only Son to save us. Every good thing comes from Him. The love of God reaches to us in a thousand ways. Our task is to recognize and respond to it.

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
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Southwest School of Bible Studies

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NEWS AND
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FOR MID-
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MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS

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“WHAT ABOUT YOUR POCKET?” by Ronnie Scherffius

The inspection was being conducted by a full colonel. The staff had gone to great lengths to see that every detail was in order, and the company had been warned of severe penalties, “If even one detail is out of order!” The inspection had been flawless and the colonel was beyond impressed. . . then it happened! During final inspection of the troops the colonel came to a certain soldier, looked him up and down and snapped, “Button that pocket, soldier!”

The new recruit, more than a little rattled, nervously stumbled over his words, “Right now, sir?”

“Of course, right now soldier!” The colonel barked, “Do you suppose that I give orders to be carried out at your convenience?”

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

1 John 1:7

The officer had searched diligently for something about which to complain, but he had failed to give equal attention to the details of his own appearance.

Do we sometimes allow ourselves to become *hyper-critical*? The faults of others sometimes stick out like a sore thumb, while our own are swept under the rug—dismissed or even unseen. We should never compromise truth or fail to expose error, but neither we should allow ourselves to become consumed with the faults of others. The world (and especially the church) needs builders and workers – not a wrecking crew.

We should first work on our own faults then, in a spirit of meekness seek to help

Without hesitation, but with great timidity, the soldier very carefully reached out and buttoned the flap on the colonel’s shirt pocket.

others. Jesus taught, "And why beholdest thou the mote [splinter] that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam [log] that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Mt. 7:3-5). We cannot properly and adequately help another when we have matters of greater discrepancy in our own lives. It is difficult to see when our vision is clouded and impossible when it is completely obstructed. What hypocrisy, to address the error of another's way when we ourselves are not walking the strait and narrow way!

This certainly does not mean that we must be perfect/sinless to stand and oppose error or even to confront error in the lives of others. Though I do not subscribe to the idea that we all sin everyday, the Bible is clear that "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23), and that even the best of mankind will, at times, be overcome with temptation (Gal. 2:11ff; Gal. 6:1). But we should continually examine ourselves whether we are in the faith, proving our own selves (2 Cor. 13:5).

We should be striving to *walk in the light* keeping ourselves from the darkness (1 John 1:5-7). In so doing we will not only have the ability to lovingly approach someone regarding *the beam* in their eye, but we will also have the proper influence when we do. What about your pocket?

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
NOVEMBER 19, 2017


Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	108
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	141
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	101
Wednesday Attendance.....	105

Offering: \$4,759


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 Jobes, 720 Live Oak. Please bring a new wrapped ornament \$5-\$10, and your favorite holiday snack (finger foods).




MIDTOWN'S LADIES' DAY

Mark your calendar for
Saturday, January 20, 2018



News
& ACTIVITIES

Today!
Ronnie will answer the following questions during evening service:



1. Are there different "levels" or "positions" in heaven?
2. Why did the Lord utterly destroy people/nations in the Old Testament (men, women, children, animals, etc.) and not give them an opportunity to repent?
3. According to Deuteronomy 24:1-4, a woman could not return to her first husband if she married another man. Hosea 3 depicts Gomer returning to her "first" husband; should we understand Gomer had not remarried and state her resolve as "I will go back to my husband as at the first" (per the NIV translation)

Wednesday, November 29
This month, there will be a Fifth Wednesday Singing.

Sunday, December 17
Mark your calendar for the Annual White Elephant Exchange. More details to come!

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
Glenodine Pitts
Bob Smith
Clark Withers

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