

Youth NEWS



Saturday, October 28

The Family/Youth Devotional will be hosted by the Jobs Family on Saturday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at their home.

Sunday, October 30 MidTown's Trunk or Treat will follow evening service.

While adults prepare their vehicles, the children have pizza and then a brief devotional. Afterward, the children may wear costumes and visit the decorated cars to collect small toys or candy.



Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, October 29 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Heaven." Every faithful Christian longs to live eternally in heaven with God. Heaven is a blessed place free from the pain and the sin found in this world. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life may enter.

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

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James and Emily Cammock
Hamilton, New Zealand

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"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"

by Ronnie Scherffius

Throughout His earthly ministry Jesus often disputed with Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and Sadducees, though philosophical adversaries (Matt. 22:23; Acts 23:8), were so motivated by their envy and hatred for Christ that they ultimately united themselves in the common cause of affecting His death. (Matt. 27:1-18; John 11:46-53; 7:25; 10:31; et al) These leaders, to whom Jesus referred as "blind leaders" (Matt. 15:14); "wicked and adulterous" (Matt. 16:4); "hypocrites" (Matt. 22:18); "fools" (Matt. 23:19) and on one occasion warned the disciples to beware of their "leaven," i.e., the doctrine they taught (Matt. 16:6), consistently declared their allegiance to Moses and the law. (John 9:28) On one occasion Jesus turned their claims back on them in a stinging rebuke: "**Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me**...Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me**. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:45-47)

It is an insightful and extremely beneficial study to note the number of times Moses did,

"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"

John 1:29

in fact, write of the Christ. For example, in the book of Genesis alone Moses writes of Jesus as "the seed of woman" who would destroy the great tempter and de-

ceiver of man (Gen. 3:15; cf. Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-23; Gal. 4:4-5) and the descendant King of Judah whose scepter and rule is characterized as a reign of peace. (Gen. 49:10; note also Num. 24:17) In addition to these Messianic prophecies, Moses' inspired record of Isaac stood as a shadowy image of the Christ: a son of promise (Gen. 17:15-19; 18:10-14; 21:1-2; cf. Gal. 4:22-23); offered as a sacrifice by his father (Gen. 22:1-22); bearing the wood for his own sacrifice (Gen. 22:6); raised up as though dead (Gen. 22:11-14; cf. Heb. 11:17-19). Even more extraordinary is the inspired narra-

tive of Moses foreshadows the Christ in his record of Joseph: favored son of his father (Gen. 37:3-4); hated by his brethren (Gen. 37:4-5); sold/betrayed for the price of a slave (Gen. 37:28); unjustly accused and punished though innocent (Gen. 39:16-18); given a place of prominence/rule (Gen. 41:39-43); saving his family from certain ruin (Gen. 50: 15-20). How incredible that the Jewish “scholars” of Jesus’ day did not recognize Him as the fulfillment of Moses writings. No wonder Jesus called them blind!

But when we *search the Scriptures* (note how that Jesus affirmed that the writings of Moses were Scriptures!), we find even more convincing pictures of the coming Christ from the Moses pen. In the books of Exodus and Leviticus, Jesus is foreseen as both our Sacrifice and our Rock. John the baptizer declared, “Behold, the Lamb of God” (John 1:29), but the Jewish leaders mockingly said of John, “He hath a devil.” (Matt. 11:18) If they would have but *searched the Scriptures* they would have discovered that the Lamb of God of whom John testified was in fact our Passover, without blemish and without spot (Ex 12:1-5; 1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:19), and our atoning Sacrifice whose blood was shed for our sins (Lev. 16:1-22; Matt. 20:28; ; 26:28; Acts 20:28; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12-14; et al). If only they would have searched the Scriptures!

The unbelieving Jews would have seen the Christ in a figure as being lifted up if they would have read what Moses wrote in the book of Numbers: “And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.” (Num. 21:8-9) How greatly would the Jewish leaders have profited had they only given

heed to Jesus declaration, “And *as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up*: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (Jn. 3:14-16)

Finally, even though the Jews were anxiously expecting and eagerly looking for the Prophet of whom Moses wrote, when He walked among them they were blinded from His marvelous light! John the beloved apostle recorded, “And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. *Art thou that prophet?* And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither *that prophet?*” (John 1:19-25) Who was “that prophet” of whom these messengers sent from the Jewish leaders inquired? None other than that one about whom Moses wrote! “The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.” (Deut. 18:15; cf. Deut. 18:18-19) Even after Jesus death and resurrection, Peter and Stephen both affirming Jesus to be the fulfillment of Moses words, the Jews refused to hear it. (Acts 3:22-23; 7:37) If only they would have searched the Scriptures!

Who is Jesus? Have you heard? Do you know? Have you searched the Scriptures?!

News & ACTIVITIES

Today!

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal will be held following evening worship. Please bring a potluck dish.



Monday, October 23

There will be a “Get to Know You” gathering for all the ladies of the congregation at 6 p.m. at the church building. Come ready to enjoy finger foods and fellowship. It will be an opportunity for the sisters to get acquainted.

Sunday, October 29

You are encouraged to submit bible questions in a “mail box” in the foyer to be answered during the monthly Q&A session.

Sunday, October 29

Trunk or Treat will follow evening services. All are welcome to participate.

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of
OCTOBER 15, 2017

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....111
Sunday Morning Assembly.....149
Sunday Evening Assembly.....107
Wednesday Attendance.....101

Offering: \$4,330

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Jeff Cannady
Les Daltry
Jan Farris
Faye Henderson

Dee Gilpatrick
Betty Key
Kathy Laws
Sandy Malone
Ann Pantel
Glenodine Pitts
Paul Purswell
Mickey Tisue
Clark Withers

& Friends Family:

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brother of Virginia Escojido
Cheryl Dobbs,
friend of Pam Clifton
Jennifer Dobbs,
friend of Pam Clifton
Bert Haynes,
father of Pam Stryker
Kim Neel-Farthing,
daughter of Joyce
Gillette Ferguson,
brother in Vernal, Utah
June Green,
mother of Janice FitzSimmons
Rose Leske,
sister-in-law of Sandra Marie
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
Brian Rutherford,
Nephew of Clifton
Sammy Snead,
brother-in-law of Ronnie Scherffius
Cynthia Sneeringer,
mother of Angela
Prem Verma,
father-in-law of Archana
Kennedy Young, Sr.,
uncle of Naomi Flonnory