

# Midtown Messenger

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## *THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING (II)*

*Ronnie Scherffius*

As we noted last week, W.L. Thompson, who according to history was a member of the Lord's church, was noted for a number of well-known hymns and gospel songs he wrote in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In fact, there are four of his songs in our songbooks (348, 379, 584, 674), all of which we regularly sing. Considering the well-known and oft sung hymn, *There's A Great Day Coming*, we noted two events that will take place that will make that day a great day, notably all the dead will be resurrected and all the population of all the earth for all time will be present. Let's note four other events that will take place which make the day of judgment a Great Day.

***That day will be a great day because every knee will bow before Jehovah and every soul will give an accounting of the deeds done in their bodies.*** Isaiah wrote: "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That ***unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear***" (Isa. 45:20-23). Likewise Paul, writing to the Romans instructed, "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall con-

less to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:11-12). Trillions of souls, every atheist, agnostic, skeptic, humanist, modernist, EVERY SOUL will bow and confess their Creator! On that day there will be none who deny the existence of God! On that day there will be none who say one can not know there is a God! On that day there will be none who believe man is sufficient in himself! On that day none will teach that God's commands should be in accordance with modern ideas! On that day there will be perfect unity among the souls of humanity for on that day ALL of mankind will confess their Creator!

***That day will be great because it will be revealed how we shall appear.*** Have you ever wondered what our bodies will look like in heaven? John wrote, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). On the Mt. of transfiguration Jesus' "face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light" (Matt. 17:2). How does Jesus appear now? How will He appear when He returns? We do not have the answers to these questions ***but*** we do know that when we shall see Him we will be like Him! From Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we learn this of our eternal bodies: God will give us a body that pleases Him (1 Cor. 15:38); our bodies will be raised up incorruptible, glorious, and in power (1 Cor. 15:42-43); our bodies will be raised up "a spiritual body" (15:44); our bodies will be raised up in "the image of the heavenly" (15:44). To be in appearance the same as Jesus is in appearance - That is a *Great Day!*

***That day will be a great day because the physical creation of God will be destroyed.*** “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat” (2 Pt. 3:10-12). Some have suggested that on the last day, the earth will remain and be redeemed, recreated or prepared for the population of the saved. In other words, heaven will actually be on a “renewed earth.” Such a doctrine is completely opposed to Scripture. Consider the language of Peter, “the heavens shall ***pass away*** with a great noise, and ***the elements*** shall ***melt*** with fervent heat, ***the earth also*** and the works that are therein ***shall be burned up***” (v 10). The Greek word translated “pass away” carries the sense “to go by; to perish” NOT to be renewed. The *elements* (fundamental building blocks), Peter says will *melt*, ie., break up or dissolve, and the earth *shall be burned up*, or “burned down; consumed wholly.” There is no room in the language of Peter for a renewed restored earth for a *heaven on earth* scenario. No! On that great day, the physical creation of God will be destroyed.

***That day will be great because in that day God will reward the faithful and punish the disobedient.*** On the day of the great judgment Jesus said the faithful will hear “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” but the disobedient and lost shall be told, “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mt. 25:34, 41). What a *Great Day* — eternal sentences of life or death shall be given! Are you ready for that day to come?

## Public Relations Is Your Job...

No stranger has an impression of the church except as he is impressed by a member of the church. Many people think of the church as they think of you. Public relations is a full time job for every member of the church!

Appoint yourself right now as a one person public relations committee. Each time someone knows that you are a member of the church, make sure he thinks more favorably of the church. Think and talk about good things. Be optimistic— have vision — show zeal.

If we spend money in property and presenting the church to the public, it is still not worth as much as the representation of the church in dedicated lives of its members.

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## Which Will It Be?

Why not attend every service of the church throughout the week? We know it will help you on life’s road. If you attend regularly, it will smooth out the “road” and there will not be nearly so many bumps.

Life is often a hard grade to pull because it goes uphill so much of the way, but the church can help us over the hills where the going will be easier on the other side.

Just a few hours each week and our success will be assured. The time we spend in services and what we learn while there, plus living out the lessons in our lives will spell success or failure — Which will it be?

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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

Week of August 26, 2018

**Sunday Morning:**

Announcements: Bryant Siegel  
Scripture Reading: Sammy Scherffius

**Lord's Supper & Offering**

Bread: Mark FitzSimmons  
Fruit of the Vine: Will Cleveland  
Offering: Dennis Bryson  
Assist: Bryce Dolan, Curtis Scherffius, Brant Jacobs

**Sunday Evening:** Mark FitzSimmons, Will Cleveland

**Prayer**

A.M. Closing: Tom Pitchford  
P.M. Closing: Lupe Escojido

**Ushers:** Don Lynn  
Allen Clifton

**Wednesday Devotional:** Anthony Scherffius

**Open/Close Building:** Don Lynn

**Sound System:** Don Lynn

**Greeters:**

Will Cleveland  
Allen Clifton  
Don Lynn

**Prepare Communion:** Dolan Family

**To Our Visitors:** We welcome you to our service. Perhaps this is the first time you have visited us. It is our desire to have you return often and give us a chance to become better acquainted with you. You will find visitor cards on the back of the pew in front of you. Please fill one out.

Saturday, September 15 is the Youth Summer Series Awards and Fellowship at 5:30pm at the building. There will be a cook out and ice cream social. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Think about it...

You cannot walk with God and run with the devil!!

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS:**

BILL YOUNG, who is recovering from kidney stone surgery; JEFF LAWS, who will have brain surgery Aug. 27 in San Antonio; REX HORST, who is ill at home.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug. 29: Wednesday Summer Series - Anthony Scherffius  
Sept. 2: Forever Young meeting after evening worship  
Sept. 4: Salad Luncheon for the Ladies Bible Class @ 11am here are the building  
Sept. 11: Ladies/Mens Bible Classes resume  
Sept. 15: End of Youth Summer Series Awards and Fellowship @ 5:30pm

**IN THE AREA**

Sept. 15: Ladies' Day @ Southwest C of C  
Sept. 15: Ladies' Day @ Livingston C of C

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

Happy Birthday: Rachel Harris (26); Christian Sneeringer (28); Yvonne Smith (29); Barbara Withers (31)

Happy Anniversary: Clark and Barbara Withers (31)

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

**MIDTOWN MEMBERS**

Jeff Cannady Della Rampley  
Dee Gilpatrick Clark Withers  
Ann Pantel

**SHUT-INS**

Lucille Hawkins Sandy Malone  
Faye Henderson

**FRIENDS & FAMILY**

Victor Benitez Vikram Gottam  
(brother of Virginia Escojido) (brother-in-law of Archana Verma)  
Kim Neel-Farthing Antonio Benitez  
(daughter of Joyce) (brother of Virginia Escojido)

If you would like to add or remove a name on the "Keep in Prayer" List, please see Nina Siegel.

# MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Elders:**

Will Cleveland  
Tom Pitchford

**Deacons:**

Adrian Cannady  
Mark FitzSimmons  
Doug Jobs  
Bryant Siegel

**Minister:** Ronnie Scherffius**Secretary:** Nina Siegel**TIMES OF SERVICES**

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00AM  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00AM  
Sunday Evening Worship: 5:00PM  
Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00PM

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

Week of August 19, 2018

Bible Class.....112  
A.M. Worship.....149  
P.M. Worship.....90  
Wednesday Bible Study.....98

Offering      \$5,356

**QUICK REFERENCE**

Use this quick reference to help you grow in knowledge:

**Forgiveness**

Forgive/cleanse.....1 John 1:7-9  
Heb. 9:22; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:4,18,22

**SUPPORTED WORKS**

India - Mani Pagidipalli  
New Zealand - James & Emily Cammock  
Bible Land Passages - John & Carla Moore  
Southwest School of Bible Studies - Cody Kilgore

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