

Youth NEWS



The March Sr./Jr. High Devotional will be hosted by Ron & Mary

Jo White at their home on Sunday, March 18 following evening services.

Education NEWS

Men's Bible Study

Starting Tuesday, February 27th at 10 a.m, the Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study Class will begin a study of "Church History" presented by Bruce Burger, Instructor at the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver, Co. All of the men, young and old, are invited to attend these lecturers which are presented on DVD's produced by World Video Bible School.

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, March 4 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "WITHOUT GOD." When people remove God from their lives, they encounter confusion, lawlessness, and chaos. The Scriptures reveal that people forgot or rejected God to their own destruction. We need God if we wish to find what is good and what lasts.

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

DEACONS

Adrian Cannady
Education
Mark FitzSimmons
Benevolence & Missions
Doug Jobes
Youth & Family Ministry
Bryant Siegel
Finance & Worship Assembly

EVANGELIST

Ronnie Scherffius

SUPPORTED WORKS

James and Emily Cammock
Hamilton, New Zealand
John Moore
Bible Land Passages
Mani Pagidipalli, M.D.
India

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MID-TOWN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Midtown CHURCH OF CHRIST Messenger

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

"THE POWER OF CHRIST'S ATONING BLOOD"

by Ronnie Scherffius

All realize and fully appreciate the vital importance of blood. Science has shown that life cannot exist without blood in the body, but anyone with common sense knows this simple fact. If a man purposely drained the blood from his body his life would expire. Conversely, if one's life was in peril from a great loss of blood; blood could be given to save his life. Blood is both life giving and life sustaining!

THE LIFE OF FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD

Although science has established the truth of this principle, i.e., that blood is both life giving and life sustaining, and even though man through personal experience has time and again confirmed this principle to be true it is not new, nor has it been only recently discovered. God revealed this fundamental principle to mankind long ago. Prior to the global flood, man's diet was restricted to "every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed" (Gen. 1:29). After the flood, however, God allowed man to eat meat for his food (Gen. 9:1-3), yet with one restriction: "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat" (Gen. 9:4). Again, in the law of Moses God commanded that blood was not to be eaten *because* life is contained in it: "And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood,

and will cut him off from among his people. *For the life of the flesh is in the blood*" (Lev. 17:10-11).

THE ATONING POWER OF BLOOD

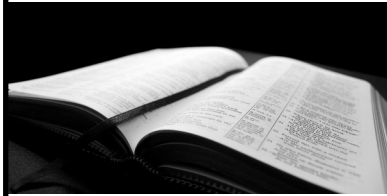
Furthermore, God identified another reason for the prohibition of eating blood—blood serves as the atonement for man's sins: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for *it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul*" (Lev. 17:11). An atonement is something that *covers over* a thing. It also means a propitiation, which is defined by Webster as "the act of appeasing wrath." Thus, blood covers our sin or serves as that which appeases God's wrath toward man.

Now, consider just here the importance of blood to all of mankind: 1) blood is life sustaining and life giving none can live without it; 2) blood is sin cleansing for it is blood that serves as the atonement for our sins. Thus, the great importance, yea the power of blood!

NOT JUST ANY BLOOD

Not just any blood can satisfy these needs, i.e., the giving or sustaining of life and the cleansing of man's sin. If a person needs blood, the correct type must be given or dire consequences may well ensue. Fever, skin rash, shortness and loss of breath, and sickness at the least will occur and in extreme measures death. Thus, though all possess blood, in the case of an emergency not just any blood is sufficient to the sustaining of life. The correct blood type must be provided. In the same way not just any blood is powerful enough to appease God's wrath. As already noted the blood of animal sacrifices was offered as atonement for sin (Lev. 17:11). In fact, without the shedding of blood remission of sins is not possible (Heb. 9:22). The blood of animal sacrifices, however, had not the power to remove the guilt of sin: "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect...But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:1-4). Only the shed blood of Jesus Christ has the power to satisfy God's wrath allowing God to be just in forgiving man of his sins: "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me...Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God...By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:5-10; cf. Mark 14:35, 36; Rom. 3:21-26). It is the "precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" that redeems us from our sins (1 Pt. 1:18-19). Therefore, not just any blood has the power to cleanse man of his sins, but one must, through faith and baptism apply to their lives the blood of Christ, without which all are spiritually dead (Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16).

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD



You are invited to MidTown's Spring Gospel Meeting

March 11-14

Presented by David Jones

- **Sunday, March 11 at 9 a.m.**
GOD'S DESIRE FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH MANKIND
- **Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m.**
A Christian's Relationship to God as SAINTS
- **Sunday, March 11 at 1 p.m.**
A Christian's Relationship to God as SONS OF GOD
- **Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m.**
A Christian's Relationship to God as SERVANTS
- **Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m.**
A Christian's Relationship to God as SOLDIERS
- **Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.**
A Christian's Relationship to God as SOWERS OF THE WORD

News

& ACTIVITIES

Today!

The Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal will be held following evening services and will include the Annual Chili Cookoff! Please bring chili, sides, and/or desserts.



Bible Q&A

This evening, Ronnie will answer the following bible questions:

1. What is the "Gift of the Holy Spirit" noted in Acts 2:38?
2. Would you talk about Psalm 33; what should we do?
3. God overlooked the ignorance — now all have to repent (believe, repent, confess, etc.); how or what does the overlooking do to those re: their salvation before now?
4. Is hope and kingdom the same?
5. Is faith stronger than God because you have faith to love God?

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....	121
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	163
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	127
Wednesday Attendance.....	97

Offering: \$4,668

Keep in PRAYER



MidTown Members:

- Jeff Cannady**
- Les Daltry**
- Jan Farris**
- Dee Gilpatrick**
- Lucille Hawkins**

- Faye Henderson**
- Sandy Malone**
- Ann Pantel**
- Glenodine Pitts**
- Bob Smith**
- Clark Withers**

& Friends Family:

- Mary Lou Arguelles**
sister of Virginia Escojido
- Buster Bailey**
former MidTown
- Victor Benitez**
brother of Virginia Escojido
- Mary Younglove**
grandmother of Naomi
- Kim Neel-Farthing**
daughter of Joyce
- Susie Mesa**
former MidTown

- Scarlet O'Neill**
friend of Yvonne Smith
- Sarah Randle**
mother of Steve
- Cole Ohrt**
friend of Ann Pantel
- Vikram Gottam**
brother-in-law of Archana Verma
- Cynthia Sneeringer**
mother of Angela
- James Tipton**
father of Randy Tipton