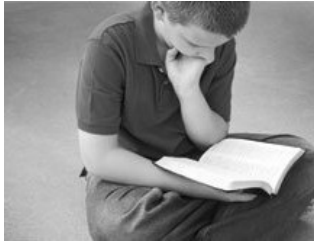


## Youth NEWS



Today is the Jr./Sr. High

Devo hosted by the Cleveland Family following evening services here at the building.

Boys please bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

## Education NEWS

### In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, January 21 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Restoring Christianity." With so many churches and different kinds of Christians, it is no wonder people are confused about what God desires from us. Is there a way to restore the Christian faith found in the New Testament?

### SUNDAYS

Bible Classes .....9:00 AM  
Morning Worship .....10:00 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*

Student Support  
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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MID-TOWN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

JANUARY 14, 2018

## "THE VANITY OF LACKING CONTENTMENT"

by Cody Kilgore

The passage in Ecclesiastes 5:12 is one that we may certainly define as unique in its word choices and the meaning. I encourage you to read with me as we diagnose the meaning of this verse. I first want to point our attention to the context of the verse, what is it that Solomon is discussing? He is discussing the vanity of wealth and honor. More specifically in verses ten through twelve he is discussing the vanity of wealth. Considering verse ten ("He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income, this also is vanity.") with verse twelve may allow for a proper perspective of the verse.

"Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep."

*Ecclesiastes 5:12*

Let's look at other way of measuring wealth. The individual here that scripture paints for us is one that isn't concerned with wealth. We don't see very much connection between this person and the person depicted in verse ten. What does this tell us about the laborer? They are content with what they have, they do not stay up at night waiting to bite at the next investment opportunity, or pull out their hair as they realize they can nor afford the white picket fence they have been wanting. This laborer finds joy in you this is an-

the life God has supplied them, and because of that, they have peace.

Our second character in verse twelve is the opposite, however. We may even say they are the epitome of the person depicted in verse ten. This person is losing their peace of mind trying to find a way to obtain a high worldly status. This is the person that stays up and drools over the glamorous things the world has to offer, then tries to come up with every way to obtain it. They do not find contentment in the life they have, instead, they are in a never-ending cycle of want. They try to have the finest things life has to offer, but they miss the best thing, peace of mind. They are trying to keep up with the Joneses, but Solomon counts it simply as this, vanity.

Do we have a heart that is left wanting? Do we chase for further earthly status, or are we content with God's provisions?

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” (Heb. 13:5)

*Cody Kilgore is a second year student at Southwest School of Bible Studies. He is originally from the Dallas-Fort Worth area and will graduate in June of this year. MidTown has been a supporter of Cody as a student since he began his studies in 2016.*

## CARE GIVER Our God Given Role

### MIDTOWN'S LADIES' DAY Saturday, January 20, 2018

Registration: 9-9:30 a.m.  
Lunch provided.



Speaker:  
Athena Scherffius

Invite your friends and family!

Records You Helped Make  
For the Week of  
JANUARY 7, 2018

#### Attendance

Sunday Bible Class.....129  
Sunday Morning Assembly.....162  
Sunday Evening Assembly.....112  
Wednesday Attendance.....116

**Offering: \$4,909**

## News & ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, January 20

MidTown will host its annual Ladies' Day.

### Sunday, January 28

Ronnie will answer bible questions placed in the "mailbox" in the foyer every fourth Sunday evening.

### Wednesday, January 31

There will be a Fifth Wednesday Singing.

- Sunny Glen Children's Home is requesting picante sauce and sandwich bags. Please place these items in the boxes in the hallway.
- See the 2018 sign up sheets in the hallway on ways you can help serve!
- James and Jodie Jenkins announce the birth of Mearyn Elizabeth 7 lbs. 5 oz. on Dec. 14. Proud grandparents are Robert and Jill Powers and great-grandmother Jerri Jeffres.
- If you have gravy boats, teapots, white or clear cake stands available for use for Ladies' Day, please see Josha Gooch or Alex Scherffius by Jan. 17th.

## Keep in PRAYER

### IN SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Betty Key**. Services were at MidTown yesterday.



We also extend condolences to the family of **Doris Milton**, sister of Steve Randle.

Also, we offer sympathy to the family of **Ed Crowdis**, Peggy Matlock's brother-in-law.

### MidTown Members:

Jeff Cannady  
Les Daltry  
Jan Farris  
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*  
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*  
Harish Reddy  
*brother-in-law of*  
Archana Verma  
Cynthia Sneeringer  
*mother of Angela*  
James Tipton  
*father of Randy Tipton*