

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. Boys please bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

Education NEWS

In Search of the Lord's Way

The lesson for Sunday, March 11 at 7:30 a.m. on KMOL is entitled, "Why Do We Suffer?" Suffering is a universal problem, and people wonder how a loving and all-powerful God could allow them to suffer. The Scriptures teach, however, that some suffering is loving and has value.

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 Jobs
Youth & Family Ministry
Bryant Siegel
Finance & Worship Assembly

EVANGELIST

Ronnie Scherffius

SUPPORTED WORKS

James and Emily Cammock
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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MID-TOWN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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"THE POWER OF CHRIST'S ATONING BLOOD" PART 2

by Ronnie Scherffius

NOT SPIRITUAL LIFE ONLY

While the blood of Jesus Christ, and only the blood of Jesus Christ, has the power to give spiritual life to all, the power of His blood is not limited to the spiritual realm! There is not

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ"

Gal. 3:27

one person in this world guilty of committing even one sin that deserves spiritual life. Likewise, there is not one person in this world guilty of committing even one sin that deserves to live physically!

Before sin entered into the world the punishment for sin was announced: "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of

good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof *thou shalt surely die*" (Gen. 2:16-17). Pronounced before the act is the sentence to all who sin against God—physical death!

It is generally taught and accepted that the meaning of the phrase "thou shalt surely die" refers to *spiritual death*. After all, Adam and Eve did not die physically when they ate the forbidden fruit. On the other hand, at the instant they sinned they did die spiritually being separated from God. While this is true it must be pointed out that spiritual death is not the punishment for sin but rather the consequence of sin! The force of this can only be fully appreciated by considering the following.

First, the phrase thou shalt surely die is translated from the Hebrew word *muth*. This word carries with it four senses: death; premature death; death for execution of wrong; violent physical death. In the passage under consideration the phrase thou shalt surely die carries with it all four senses. In other words, God told man that the day he sinned by partaking of the forbidden fruit he would die prematurely

(not in old age) in a violent physical way as an execution for his wrong. The punishment of death pronounced upon man for sin is physical death!

Second, ask yourself the question: "Who paid the penalty for sin?" The answer of course is Jesus Christ. Now, how did Jesus die? He died prematurely. He died a violent physical death. He died by crucifixion, which was used by the Romans as an execution for wrong. Jesus paid the *price*. He paid the *penalty* for the sins of all men—physical death—just as God pronounced in the garden. Still, how was God justified for allowing Adam and Eve to live even though they broke His law? Blood sacrifice! "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Gen. 3:21). From where did the coats of skins that God provided come? Animal sacrifice! God provided the blood of animals as atonement for Adam's sin, which blood was made good by the sacrificial blood of Christ. Paul instructed, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). Even as the forgiven today put on their sacrifice, Jesus Christ, Adam and Eve put on the coats of skins provided by God from their sacrifice. The blood of Christ that was to come provided not only spiritual life for Adam but physical life as well. The same remains true for us today.

The blood of Jesus Christ is powerful beyond words! It provides physical life for all today even though most deny the Savior that bought them (2 Pt. 2:1). And most importantly the blood of Jesus provides spiritual life for all, who by faith, are obedient to His commands. Have you through obedience and baptism applied the power of Christ's blood to your sins?

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

Sunday, March 11
Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 11
MidTown's Spring Gospel Meeting entitled, "Our Relationship to God" will be presented by David Jones. There will be a potluck luncheon and evening services have been moved to 1 p.m. from 5 p.m. Please bring a potluck dish enough for visitors. David Jones will also speak at the Tuesday Bible Class at 10 a.m.

- Please see the sign up sheets in the hallway on ways you can serve.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for anyone who would like their photo updated on the picture directory.

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Attendance	
Sunday Bible Class.....	124
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	145
Sunday Evening Assembly.....	118
Wednesday Attendance.....	97

Offering: \$4,900

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