



# *Midtown Messenger*

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## Agree With Thine Adversary

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Early in his life, George Washington was stationed at Alexandria with a regiment under his command. On one occasion, he became incensed about the outcome of an election that he made an offensive comment to a Mr. Payne. In response, Payne struck Washington with his cane knocking him to the ground. When Washington's soldiers heard of the infraction they immediately started for the city to take revenge for their commander. Washington met them on the road and convinced them to return peaceably to their barracks.

Realizing that he was in the wrong for his hasty actions, Washington resolved to make honorable amends. The next morning Washington sent a polite note requesting Payne to meet him at the local tavern. Payne took the note as a challenge and went with the expectation of a duel. Upon arrival, he was surprised to find Washington sitting at the table, not with a pair of pistols but a decanter of wine on the table.

Washington stood, walked to meet his would-be opponent, and said, "Mr. Payne, to err is human but to correct our errors is always honorable. I was wrong yesterday. You have had, I think, some satisfaction, and if you deem that sufficient, here is my hand. Let us be friends."

Payne was astonished and unable to resist Washington's "olive branch." From that moment, he became an enthusiastic friend and admirer of Washington. By ruling his spirit and subduing his anger, George Washington won perhaps his most glorious victory.

Jesus instructed: "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison" (Mt. 5:23-25). Though we give great consideration to being reconciled to God, we often fail to weigh the great emphasis God places on being reconciled to our fellow man. One who has made peace with God through obedience to the gospel of Christ must also strive to maintain peace with his fellowman. Paul indicated this truth when he admonished: "See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men" (1 Thess 5:15). Peter also emphasized that our conduct toward others can hinder our approach to God (1 Pt. 3:8-12). The late J.W. McGarvey astutely noted:

"Reconciliation takes precedence of all other duties, even of offerings made to God. A very important teaching in these days, when men, by corrupt practices, by extortionate combinations, and by grinding the face of the poor, accumulate millions of dollars and then attempt to placate God by bestowing a little of their pocket change upon colleges and missionaries."

Is there any of whom you are aware who have a grievance against you today? Are there any against whom you have a grievance that might hinder either your or their worshipful offerings to God? Why not reconcile and make peace.

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### **The Influence of a Father**

As we go through life, we have different perspectives about our Dads. Here's how one person summed it up:

When I was...

4 years old, my Daddy could do anything.

7 years old, my Dad knew a lot, a whole lot.

8 years old, my father didn't quite know everything.

12 years old, well, maybe he didn't know as much as I thought he knew.

14 years old, my Dad hopelessly old-fashioned.

17 years old, my Dad didn't have a clue!

21 years old, his ideas were still out-of-date.

25 years old, he knew a little bit about it but not much.

30 years old, I needed to find out what Dad thought about it.

40 years old, what would Dad have thought about it?

50 years old, my Dad knew literally something about everything.

60 years old, I wish I could talk it over with Dad just one more time.

The awesome responsibility of being a fa-

ther has been laid upon countless men throughout the ages. Men continue to struggle, many becoming successful fathers, some not. One way that men can be sure that they'll do the best job possible when it comes to leading the family is to include God and His instruction. Nothing is more important than a godly father. Those of us who were blessed to have fathers that feared and served God, can easily see the great influence that we still carry with us every day. As we give tribute to our Dads on Father's Day, let's be thankful for their wisdom and guidance that will continue to help us throughout the days and years of our lives.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

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### **Upcoming Wednesday Night Speakers in June**

June 23— Does Every "Silver Lining" Have A Cloud?  
(Ronnie Scherffius)

June 30—Embracing Members Of Diverse Ages,  
Cultures, Income & Education (James Cammock)

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week of June 20, 2021

**\*\*subject to change\*\***

### **Sunday Morning:**

Announcements: Bryant Siegel  
Scripture Reading: Kirk FitzSimmons

### **Lord's Supper & Offering:**

Communion: Lupe Escojido  
Offering: James Cammock

### **Prayer:**

A.M. Opening: Lupe Escojido  
A.M. Closing: Kirk FitzSimmons  
P. M. Opening: Bill York  
P. M. Closing: Don Lynn

### **Song Leaders:**

Sun. A.M.: Kevin Sheeran  
Sun. P.M.: Doug Jobs  
Wed. P.M.: Rick Bass

**Ushers:** Allen Clifton

**Greeters:** Allen Clifton

**Wednesday Devo:**

**Open/Close Building:**

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can be viewed livestream on YouTube. Search  
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### **MEN'S MEETING**

There will be a Men's Meeting on Sunday, June  
27th at 4pm at the building.

## IN NEED OF PRAYERS:

Brant Jacobs, in the recent passing of his father,  
Richard.

Happy Birthday: Emily Cammock (17)

Happy Anniversary: Allen & Pam Clifton (24)

### *Upcoming Events:*

*TODAY—Family Photos for our Picture Board af-  
ter morning worship.*

*Friday, June 25th—Monthly family fellowship  
night here at the building at 6:30pm. Bring finger  
foods and games.*

*Sunday, June 27th—Men's meeting @ 4pm*

### *Area Events:*

*June 26-30th—God Cares for You (Gospel meet-  
ing, Door knocking campaign and Ladies Day) at  
Natalia church of Christ.*

*August 7-8—Discipleship University. See flyer in  
hallway for details.*

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## KEEP IN PRAYER

### **MIDTOWN MEMBERS:**

Jeff Cannady  
Les Daltry  
Scott DeDear  
Ken and Sandra Marie  
Wayne Martin  
Ann Pantel  
Veronica Serenil  
Clark Withers

### **SHUT-INS:**

Dee Gilpatrick  
Faye Henderson  
Charlie Mabe  
Sandy Malone

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

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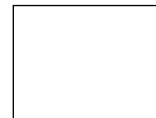
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### MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### Elders:

Mark FitzSimmons

Ronnie Scherffius

Ron White

**Minister:** Ronnie Scherffius

**Secretary:** Nina Siegel

#### TIMES OF SERVICES

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

#### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Week of June 13, 2021

A.M. Bible Class.....	60
A.M. Worship.....	77
Sunday Afternoon Worship.....	56
Wednesday Bible Class.....	51
Offering : .....	\$2,729

#### Reading for this week:

“A false balance is abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is his delight.” Proverbs 11:1

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#### SUPPORTED WORKS

India - Mani Pagidipalli

Bible Land Passages - John & Carla Moore

Southwest School of Bible Studies - Anthony Scherffius

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