

**Servers Today, July 10, 2016**

**Receiving Salvation by Grace, Faith & Mercy (Rom 11:1-36)**

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*  
 Invocation: *Greg Kitma*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *Lem Glori*  
 Communion Text: *Ephesians 2:11-18*  
 Scripture Reading: *Rodrigo Bondoc*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *Jasper Perdigon*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *Art Tacay*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *Dexter Wagang*  
 Closing Prayer: *Jerry Martin*  
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*  
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*  
 Usher/ettes: *Wagang Family*

Communion: *Ruth Trinidad*  
 Worship Coordinator: *Rod Tada | Lem Glori*

**How To Become a Biblical Christian**

- 1). *Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.*
- 2). *Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.*
- 3). *Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24*
- 4). *Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.*
- 5). *Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, Mat. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10.*
- 6). *Be baptized into Christ, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.*
- 7). *Remain faithful unto death, Rev. 2:10;*

**Servers for July 17, 2016**

**Discovering God's Will (Romans 12:1-2)**

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*  
 Communion Text: *Hebrews 10:1-7*  
 Scripture Reading: *Kajem Kitma*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *Sam Quezada*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *Julius Rojo*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *June Reyes*  
 Closing Prayer: *Abe Insas*  
 Announcement: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*  
 Usher/ettes: *Baddas Family*

Communion: *Ruth Trinidad*  
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**Bokod elderly passes away; brethren holds vigil service**

Brother Mariano Velasco, 87 years old, of Poblacion, Bokod, passed away Tuesday morning, July 5, 2016 because of a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife and two children. He was an active member of the congregation in Poblacion, Bokod. Interment will be at the deceased's residence in Poblacion on Tuesday morning, July 12, 2016.

Last Wednesday, July 6, 2016, Bokod brethren and a number of Midtown brethren, namely, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Maril & Letty Bayating, Ernie & Mark Wagang, Julius Rojo, Gaspar Baldo Jr., Art Tacay, Charlie Abance, Nancy Bayla, and Ruth Trinidad, conducted the first devotional service at the Velasco residence to comfort the bereaved family. Brother Jojo Ramos served as speaker and brother Gaspar Baldo Jr. led the community singing.Ω

**Nangalisan ladies beneficiaries of 4P's**

Ten Nangalisan ladies were beneficiaries of 4P's in last Sunday's ladies devotional and fellowship. The 4P's include PRAYER, PURPOSE, PLANNING, AND PERSEVERANCE. Accompanied by brothers Noel Espinosa and Donnel Gonzales, sisters Cot Espinosa and Me-an Gonzales facilitated the devotional and also challenged the participants to add to their 4P's RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (R.A.O.K., in vernacular means "to add or mix"). This way, what was learned as 4P's will be reinforced and becomes part of everyday living that glorifies the Lord Almighty.Ω

**Midtown brethren serve in Esperanza today**

As scheduled, a number of Midtown brethren, namely, Ernie & Mark Wagang, Dante & Loida Baddas, and Art Tacay, are serving with the congregation in Esperanza, Sison Pangasinan today, July 10, 2016. Brother Ernesto B. Wagang will be serving as sermon speaker while brother Arturo Tacay will be facilitating the Bible Study.

As usual, spouses Dante and Loida Baddas will be hosting the brethren for a fellowship lunch and afterwards a Seekers' Bible Study with the Baddas household is expected to ensue. Kindly pray for a fruitful and safe trip.Ω

**"Don't worry if you start losing your memory. Just forget about it."**

**READ Ecclesiastes 12:1-8**

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**Medical-dental-optical mission this Saturday**

As announced earlier, a MEDICAL, DENTAL & OPTICAL MISSION will be held at the Midtown Assembly Hall this Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Midtown brethren are very much encouraged to tag along family, relatives, neighbors, and anyone needing the said services. All services and medicines are free.

Brethren are also encouraged to serve as volunteers in the different areas of the mission work. If able, kindly attend today's meeting right after the morning worship assembly.Ω

**Ypeez enjoy basketball & bowling @ GVCC**

Arranged by the *Sports Enthusiasts* sub-ministry of the YPeez, fourteen young men including O'niel Gonzales, Dex Wagang, Chris Oliva, Alec Likigan, Ric & Rod Bondoc, Janriel Abance, Alton Mark Bayla, Luke Cabuenas, Jasper Perdigon, Kajem Kitma, Aaron Cordero, Kurt Rimando, and Kian Garcia enjoyed playing basketball at the Green Valley Country Club (GVCC), this city, last Sunday PM. On the other hand, the young ladies including Keshia Oliva, Demi Tacay, Kana Perdigon, Denise & Gracel Abance, Sheema Valdez, Ariadne Cadias, Amber Po and Angelica Wagang, took their chance to play bowling at the same place.Ω

**Aspulan attended by a handful Midtown brethren**

Only a handful Midtown brethren, namely, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos, Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Rosita Go, Lorenza Losnong, Josie Baban, and Norma Aping, represented the congregation in the recent ASPULAN, a gathering and fellowship of brethren from around the Baguio-Benguet area sponsored by the La Trinidad congregation.

Brother Jojo Ramos served as one of the devotional speakers while brother Dodoy Sameon had a privilege speech in which he made corrections on how the program of activities are to be conducted appropriately.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering July 3, 2016**

**AM COLLECTION**  
**P27,953.00**

**PM COLLECTION**  
**P3,252.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION**  
**P31,205.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults -102 YP - 44 Children - 38 Guests - 0	<b>PM</b> Adults - 20 YP - 9 Children - 1 Guests - 0
<b>TOTAL - 184</b>	<b>TOTAL - 30</b>

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 214**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| *Rosita Go           | *Jhun Bayating        |
| *Mely Genato         | *Aracelli Pelle       |
| *Amy Go              | *Lily Soriano         |
| *Charity Ong         | *Jun Soriano          |
| *Ian Pajantoy        | *Andy Bestre          |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Ching Chih Yang      |
| *Marina Gawe         | *Ed Concepcion        |
| *Mark Poblete        | *Charlie Alvarez      |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Mellina Licupa       |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Celia Cirilo         |
| *Norma Aping         | *Angelita Enerva      |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Flordeline Abance    |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Luisa Aurigue & Baby |
| *Damian Mercado      | *Diana Geron          |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Pina Galad           |
| *Clabern Abance      | *Amy Marcelo & baby   |

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

\*Veronica Zamora

**James 5:15**

*"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up; ....."* NIV

**SAFE TRAVEL**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY MEETING**— right after the AM worship assembly today.
- **MEDICAL-DENTAL-OPTICAL MISSION STAFF & CREW MEETING**—after the morning worship assembly today, July 10, 2016. Volunteers welcome.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—July 12, 2016 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP**—C/o 3rd Quarter Steering Group | Next Sunday, July 17, 2016 @ 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **ESPERANZA OUTREACH**—Today, July 10, 2016.
- **VOLUNTEERS needed to bring FLOWERS & to bring SNACKS for children**—from July to December 2016

**RECEIVING SALVATION BY GRACE, FAITH, AND MERCY**

Romans 11:1-36  
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | July 10, 2016

**I. SALVATION IS BY GRACE**

Romans 11:1-12

- KEY VERSE: Rom 11:5 & 6 NIV
  - "So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."
- CASE IN POINT:
  - Remnant of Israel chosen by grace.
  - Gentiles saved by grace.
- MESSAGE: Realize that salvation is not by works, merit, pride, or advantage.
- GRACE - "You get what you don't deserve."

**II. SALVATION IS BY FAITH**

Romans 11:13-24

- KEY VERSE: Rom 11:20 & 23 NIV
  - "But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid... And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again."
- CASE IN POINT:
  - Israelites broken off because of unbelief.
  - Gentiles grafted in because of faith.
- MESSAGE: Continue to trust in his kindness, for if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off.
- FAITH - "Serves you grace and mercy."

**III. SALVATION IS BY MERCY**

Romans 11:25-36

- KEY VERSE: Rom 11:30 & 31 NIV
  - "Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you."
- CASE IN POINT:
  - Gentiles saved as a result of Israel's disobedience
  - Israelites saved as a result of Gentile's disobedience
- MESSAGE: Surrender yourself to God's wisdom and quit depending on your own.
- MERCY - "You don't get what you deserve."

**For disciples of Christ to be assured of salvation, on what can we depend on?**

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- SALVATION IS BY GRACE
  - Romans 11:1-12
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  - Romans 11:13-24
- SALVATION IS BY MERCY
  - Romans 11:25-36

**APPLICATION:**

- As disciples of Christ, let us depend on grace and not to depend on works.
  - God's present actions were in full harmony with the way God had acted in sacred history, so that the Jewish accusations of, "Unfair!" were groundless. Today it is "everyone" and "all (faithful) Israel" who calls on the name of the Lord that experiences God's grace.
  - But what is God's reply to him? I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal. So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace." Rom 11:4, 5 AMP
  - Desire for grace rather than on what we think is fair.

**APPLICATION:**

- As disciples of Christ, let us depend on faith and not to persist in unbelief.
  - God is severe to the unbelieving but gracious and kind to the faithful (those who are holding on, not because of what they think they're going to get out of it, but because they're convinced of God's grace and purpose in them.
  - "For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offense]. Then note and appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you - provided you continue in His grace and abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away)." Rom 11:21-22 AMP
  - Desire to know God's revealed will and obey them.

**APPLICATION:**

- As disciples of Christ, let us depend on mercy and not to insist on human wisdom.
  - God is sovereign. He is free to act as He chooses, without any limits set by the actions of another. God is the source and director of human history, and all things would in the end glorify Him.
  - "Is there anyone around who can explain God? Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do? Anyone who has done him such a huge favor that God has to ask his advice? Everything comes from him; Everything happens through him; Everything ends up in him. Always glory! Always praise!" Rom 11:34-36 MSG
  - Desire for mercy and not for justice.

**As disciples of Christ we can be assured of salvation, when we depend on the following...**

- Let us depend on grace and not to trust on works. Desire for grace rather than on what we think is fair.
- Let us depend on faith and not to persist in unbelief. Desire to know God's revealed will and obey them.
- Let us depend on mercy and not to insist on human wisdom. Desire for mercy and not for justice.

**Up..... coming**

**EVENTS**

RETREATS FELLOWSHIPS CAMPS WORKSHOPS | LECTURESHIPS

**FREE MEDICAL | DENTAL | OPTICAL MISSION**

Midtown Church of Christ Assembly Hall  
Top Floor, Marlett's Building  
Km 4 Marcos Highway, Baguio City  
July 16, 2016 | 8:00 AM—4:00 PM  
FREE medical, dental, optical check-up and treatment  
FREE medicines, laboratory procedures, therapy, and prayer & counseling

Open to all Midtown brethren, their family, relatives, friends, neighbors, associates, and anyone needing said services.

**ASIA PACIFIC ELDERS, DEACONS AND SPOUSES' CONFERENCE (APEDS)**  
Hatten Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia  
26—28 July 2016 | USD160

**ASIAN MISSION FORUM (AMF 2016)**  
Hatten Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia  
28—31 July 2016 | USD320

**SYMPOSIUM ON WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING LAWS ON RETRIBUTION**

Sunday July 31, 2016  
9:30—11:00 AM

Resource Speakers:  
Brother Santiago B. Sameon II  
Brother Ernesto B. Wagang

**Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL | CARE GROUPS**

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, Austria, Yang residences)	7 - 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoas
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 - 7 PM Every 4th Wed	Care Group assigned
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 - 9 PM (On Hold)	Andy Bestre
Young People Family Life Center	5:30 - 7:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales, et. al.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 - 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 - 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Sports & Jogging Panagbenga Park	8 - 10 AM	YPeez Sports Enthusiasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 - 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care Group	5 - 7 PM 4th Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School Care Group @ Midtown	3 - 5 PM	Young Adults and College students
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
All YPeez Care Group	12 - 3 PM Fourth Sunday	YPs in charge
All Ladies Fellowship	12 - 3 PM Third Sunday	Ladies in charge: 2nd Q Steering Group
Young Adults FLC	3 - 5 PM	YAs in charge

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY**



Communion - 9:00 - 9:30  
Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:30  
Message - 10:45 - 11:15

**MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS**

See schedule



**SUNDAY PM WORSHIP**

Worship Assembly  
5:30 - 6:30 PM



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