

Servers Today, July 24, 2016

**Functioning in the Body
(Romans 12:3-8)**

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 Invocation: *Greg Kitma*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*
 Communion Text: *Hebrews 10:19-27*
 Scripture Reading: *Ezra Valdez*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Richard Bestre*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Jasper Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Giving: *O'neil Gonzales*
 Closing Prayer: *Jun Bondoc*
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Tacay 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 31, 2016

**SYMPOSIUM:
Capital Punishment**

Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Art Tacay*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Jun Reyes*
 Communion Text: *Matthew 26:26-30*
 Scripture Reading: *Janriel Abance*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Alec Likigan*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Anthony Wagang*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sol Palaypayon*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Kitma Family*

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**Midtown to contribute
for ailing brother**

In response to a plea for prayers and financial help for brother Edwin Valencia who is afflicted with leukemia, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has approved last week that voluntary personal contributions from the congregation may be accepted beginning today. The amount will be added to the P3000.00 initial contribution from the benevolence fund.

Brother Edwin Valencia is married to sister Nancy Alcayde—Valencia with whom he has four young children, all active members of the Baguio church of Christ. He was diagnosed to have been afflicted with cancer late last year and is currently undergoing therapy. Kindly give your donations to brother Andy Bestre not later than Tuesday, July 26th. Thank you and may the Lord of all blessings supply you!Ω

**Brethren to attend AMF
in Malaysia this week**

A number of Baguio brethren will be travelling this week to Malacca, Malaysia to attend the well-regarded ASIAN MISSIONARY FORUM (AMF) at the Hatten Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia on July 28—31. Besides spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos who will be representing the Mission Resource Network, brother Julius Rojo will also represent the MARCH (MEDICAL ACTION FOR RELIEF, COUNSELING & HEALING) FOR CHRIST. He currently serves on the Board as well as the auditor for the MARCH FOR CHRIST.

Also, spouses Shemer & Kristine Sameon, together with spouses Reynaldo & Divina Bautista, will be representing various ministry involvements in the Philippines and around Asia. Godspeed!Ω

**Sameon travels to
Negros for special tasks**

Brother Santiago ‘Dodoy’ Sameon II left Baguio last Thursday, July 21 for the Negros Island to attend to some special tasks requested by the brethren in the towns of Landigan, Bago, and Jilibangan. He will also be in Dumaguete and will be solemnizing a wedding during his stay there.

He is expected to return to Baguio on Wednesday, July 27th. The congregation is requested to keep him in unceasing prayers.Ω

**"Worry, like a rocking chair,
will give you something to do,
but it won't get you anywhere."**

READ Matthew 6:25-34

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**HS & College care group
resumes @ FLC Saturdays**

All High School and College students are enjoined to participate in a Care Group meeting at the Family Life Center (FLC), mezzanine floor of the Infinita Cafe, Laperal Building, Session Rd., this city, every Saturday, @ 5:00—7:00PM. Said gathering has actually begun the other weekend.

Meanwhile the young Adults Care Group will also continue to meet every Sunday at 2:00 PM. Venue to be announced.Ω

**40 ladies attend devotional
& fellowship last Sunday**

Forty ladies actively participated in last Sunday's monthly devotional & fellowship held at the Midtown Assembly Hall. Sister Cot Espinosa discussed 4P's to avoid falling victims of the "Thorny Soil" (Matt 13:22), namely, PRAY— have the right attitude and purest intention, POSITIVE—wait expectantly and joyfully, PERSEVERE—be tolerant and patient, PURGE—prune from the beginning to avoid further problems. As they say, "prevention is better than cure."

For reinforcement, the attendance was divided into smaller groups to come up with practical tips to Biblically help brethren being choked by the cares of this world.Ω

**Solomon family now
serves with San Carlos**

Having inherited a real property, spouses Jess & Rosemarie Solomon and family have recently moved residence to San Carlos City, Pangasinan. The Solomons were longtime active members of this congregation.

The family has since located the local congregation meeting at Barangay Capataan, San Carlos City and the church minister, brother Daniel Naj-choman.

Brother Jess Solomon comes up to Baguio from time to time and recently, conveyed his gratitude for the good times he had in serving the Lord at Midtown.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
July 17, 2016**

**AM COLLECTION
P26,202.00**

**PM COLLECTION
P2,450.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P28,652.00**

MOM - P500

ATTENDANCE

**AM
Adults -88
YP - 41
Children - 44
Guests - 9**

**PM
Adults - 19
YP - 8
Children - 2
Guests - 0**

TOTAL - 182

TOTAL - 30

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 212**

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 | *Angelita Enerva |
| *Bernie Austria | *Flordeline Abance |
| *Norma Aping | *Diana Geron |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Pina Galad |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Luisa & Laarni Aurigera |
| *Damian Mercado | *Amy Marcelo & baby |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Evelyn Ignacio |
| *Clabern Abance | *Edwin Valencia |

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

*Jojo & Janet Ramos
Julius Rojo, Shemer &
Kristine Sameon & Co.
(Malaysia)
Dodoy Sameon (Negros)*

A N N O U N C E M E N T S !

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY MEETING**— right after the AM worship assembly today.
- **HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CARE GROUP**—Every Saturday @ 5:00—7:00 PM | Venue: FLC, Infinita Cafe
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—July 26, 2016 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **SYMPOSIUM ON JULY 31, 2016** @ 9:30—11:00 AM. Sunday School / Bible Study Hour suspended.
- **FREE BIBLE CLASSES** at the Family Life Center, Mezzanine Floor of Infinita Cafe, Laperal Bldg., Session Rd. "TRANSFORMATION" Classes to start on August 8, 2016.
- **VOLUNTEERS needed to bring FLOWERS & to bring SNACKS for children**—from July to December 2016

FUNCTIONING IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Romans 12:3-8
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | July 24, 2016

I. FUNCTION WITH HUMILITY

Romans 12:3

- Think and serve with gratitude
 - Live in pure grace
 - "Important that you do not misinterpret your selves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you." MSG
- Act and serve with an attitude
 - Live in sober judgment
 - "Accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him." MSG

II. FUNCTION WITH OTHERS

Romans 12:4-6

- Serve others according to function
 - Parts function differently
 - "Let's be what we were made to be, without enviously comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't." TLB
- Function in harmony with others
 - Parts function collectively
 - "Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole. We are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another]." AMP

III. FUNCTION WITH GIFTS

Romans 12:6-8

- Recognize and use your gifts
 - Respect others' gifts and yours
 - "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well." TLB
- Excellent use your gifts
 - Edify the body & yourself with gifts
 - "Do it generously and with sincerity, diligently and with zeal, cheerfully and with eagerness." AMP

How can we, the body of Christ, function effectively?

FUNCTIONING IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Romans 12:3-8

- FUNCTION WITH HUMILITY
 - Romans 12:3
- FUNCTION WITH OTHERS
 - Romans 12:4-6
- FUNCTION WITH GIFTS
 - Romans 12:6-8

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Christ, let us function selflessly and shy away from self-importance.
 - We should not expect to get special mention from our Master or from fellow servants for doing our job.
 - We should not expect to be praised for things we are expected to do. (Luke 17:10)
 - "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" Luke 17:10 NIV

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Christ, let us function collectively and avoid self-interest.
 - Each of us must think more of others than thinking about ourselves.
 - Each of us must avoid comparing our work with other servants' ministry. (Gal 5:26)
 - "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited." Rom 12:16 NIV

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Christ, let us function using our gifts faithfully and avoid self-destruction.
 - Whatever our gift is, we should exercise it faithfully as good stewards.
 - What we do not use for the Lord, we are in danger of losing. (Matt 25:29-30)
 - "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

As disciples of Christ we can function in the body effectively when we...

- Function selflessly and shy away from self-importance.
- Function collectively and avoid self-interest.
- Function using our gifts faithfully and escape self-destruction.

Up..... coming

EVENTS

RETREATS FELLOWSHIPS CAMPS WORKSHOPS | LECTURESHIPS

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
"Leading The Family Closer To God Through Christ Centered Spiritual Transformations"

Bible Lessons Devotional Youth Activities Praise & Worship | **Counseling & Encouragement ...using God's Word Biblical Education Christian Studies** | **LECTURESHIPS ALCOHOLISM Drug Abuse Spiritual Enrichments Team Leadership Building**

Are You Seeking God?
VISIT US @ "The Upper Room" of INFINITEA Cafe, Laperal Building, Session Road, Baguio City
CONTACT US: Jonathan "JOJO" Ramos @ 0905 325 4019 & Lady Janet Ramos @ 0977 824 9827
"For the promise is to you and your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:39

FREE BIBLE CLASSES SOON TO OPEN

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Mezzanine Floor, Infinita Café
Laperal Building, Session Rd., Baguio City
Starts August 8, 2016 | Monday

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

For more information, please contact:
Brother Jojo Ramos @09053254019

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

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



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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
WEDNESDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, Austria, Yang residences)	7 - 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoad
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 - 7 PM Every 4th Wed	Care Group assigned
THURSDAY		
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.
FRIDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 - 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 - 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
SATURDAY		
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
SUNDAY		
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



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