

**Servers Today, March 5, 2017**

**Walking In Truth And Holiness  
(Ephesians 4:17-32)**

Speaker: Andy Bestre  
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla  
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang  
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva  
 Communion Text: Ephesians 1:11-14  
 Scripture Reading: Janriel Abance  
 Prayer for the Bread: Sam Quezada  
 Prayer for the Cup: Rodrigo Bondoc  
 Prayer for the Giving: Dexter Wagang  
 Closing Prayer: Greg Kitma  
 Announcement: Arnan Bayla  
 Evening Speaker: Andy Bestre  
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla  
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban  
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

Communion: Tess Kitma  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | L.Glori | A. Tacay

**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 March 12, 2017**

**The Imperative Of Submission  
(Ephesians 5:21-33)**

Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Julius Rojo  
 Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes  
 Communion Text: Galatians 3:26-29  
 Scripture Reading: Ezra Valdez  
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre  
 Prayer for the Cup: Mark Wagang  
 Prayer for the Giving: Sol Palaypayon  
 Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Clarita G. Cashero  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon Family

Communion: Tess Kitma  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | L.Glori | A. Tacay



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**FLC hosts lectureship on famous sermon this weekend**

The Family Life Center (FLC) located at the mezzanine floor of the Infinitea Cafe, Laperal Building, Session Road, this city, extends cordial invitation to the congregation for a free lectureship on "THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT" (MATTHEW 5-7) come Friday and Saturday, March 10 & 11, 2017 @ 9AM.

American missionaries, brothers Kenneth Wilkey and Brian Garnett, will be serving as lecturers. Brother Jojo Ramos, in-charge of the FLC, have also extended invitation to other congregations and Bible colleges in the Baguio-Benguet area.Ω

**Esperanza outreach resumes next Sunday**

The MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) reports that the outreach to Esperanza, Sison, Pangasinan, will resume next Sunday, March 12th. Regular visits to the said congregation was stopped momentarily due to the ongoing renovation of their chapel. MOM's Team 3 composed of brethren Dante & Loida Baddas, Art Tacay, and Ruth Trinidad will be serving with the Esperanza brethren and also to conduct an evangelistic study with brother Dante's relatives. MOM desires to invite some young people to join them in this trip. Those interested may contact brother Greg Kitma @ 09176530093.Ω

**Olidans, Rivera visit Midtown; convey earnest longings**

Spouses Felix & Luz Olidan together with children Krystel and Kai, were in the country the other past week for a brief vacation. While here, the family attended the congregational midweek devotional last February 22 in which brother Felix Olidan served as speaker. He discussed lessons from James 4:13-17 in which he reiterated that it must be every Christian's practice to say, *If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.* There were more than forty (40) in attendance that evening.

Meanwhile, brother Eduardo Rivera, former member at Midtown who has moved to California, USA, attended Midtown's worship assembly last Sunday, February 26th. Like the Olidans, he too conveyed his earnest longings for Midtown brethren who had been his family while living in Baguio.Ω

**"Houses are made of bricks and stone. Homes are made of love alone."**

**READ Joshua 24:13-24**

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**Tuba resident baptized into Christ last week**

Last Monday, February 27, 2017, sister FLORA AYAWAN—CAMPOAS, born in Palina, Kibungan, Benguet on June 20, 1960, was baptized into Christ Jesus by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery. She had been studying the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brothers Arnan Bayla and Charlie Abance at her residence at Sitio Bumasgao, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet. She is a widow and a mother of six children. She also looks after a couple of grandchildren. Midtown praises the Lord Almighty as well as congratulates, welcomes, and rejoices with sister Flora.Ω

**Garnett & Wilkey are speakers in Pito's 8th anniversary**

The eighth anniversary of the Pito, Bokod congregation will be celebrated at their meeting place along the Baguio-Aritao Rd. next Sunday, March 12, 2017. MOM Team 1 & 2 composed of Greg Kitma & Abe Insas, and Jojo Ramos & Gaspar Baldo Jr., respectively, will coordinate for a joint visit.

Brothers Brian Garnett and Kenneth Wilkey will be serving as speakers and Bible study facilitators during the celebration.

Others interested to be included in the delegation are advised to contact brother Jonathan "Jojo" Ramos @ 09987940916.Ω

**Brethren conduct devotional in hospital**

At the request of the Bayating family, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM conducted a devotional at the Notre Dame De Chartes Hospital, this city, to praise, thank, and petition the Lord Almighty to strengthen and help prepare brother Maril P. Bayating Sr. for a procedure to install on him a pacemaker. Said electrical device was successfully installed last Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Sister Letty Bayating sent a text message saying, *"Thank you so much for the prayers, love, and support from you brethren... from the bottom of our hearts."*Ω

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| *Rosita Go        | *Robinson Palaypayon |
| *Mely Genato      | *Rodolfo Baggao      |
| *Meeling Sze      | *Jun & Lily Soriano  |
| *Amy Go           | *Andy Bestre         |
| *Charity Ong      | *Gil & Diana Geron   |
| *Ian Pajantoy     | *Rodrigo Tada        |
| *Gloria Yang      | *Ofelia Abance       |
| *Marina Gawe      | *Lourdes Cera        |
| *Mark Poblete     | *Cecilia Alvarez     |
| *Sotero Denis     | *Carina Lacaba       |
| *Bernie Austria   | *Gaspar Nawew        |
| *Norma Aping      | *Ruth Camora         |
| *Josefa Josayan   | *Rowena Quezada      |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Maril Bayating Sr.  |
| *Damian Mercado   | *Charlie Alvarez     |

*Spiritual Guidance and Comfort for some brethren*

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

- \* Lorena Baban
- \* Michelle Bernadette Sze-Buenafloor

**James 5:15**

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

**SAFE TRAVEL**

Sameons & Co. (Negros)



**Last Sunday's Offering February 26, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION P23,218.25**

**PM COLLECTION P2,720.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P25,938.25**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults - 70 YP - 33 Children - 26 Guests - 0	<b>PM</b> Adults -20 YP - 9 Children - 0 Guests - 0
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**TOTAL - 129**      **TOTAL - 29**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 158**

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

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S REGULAR MEETING** — Mezzanine Floor, Right after the worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— March 7, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **WILKEY & GARNETT LECTURESHP**—FLC, Session Rd., March 10 & 11, 2017 | 9 AM—4 PM | Free lunch
- **PITO CHURCH OF CHRIST 8th ANNIVERSARY**—Pito, Bokos | March 12, 2017 | 9 AM
- **ESPERANZA OUTREACH**— Esperanza, Sison, Pangasinan | March 12, 2017
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—Davao City | April 26-29, 2017 | Contact: Sister Lou Villanueva
- **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2017** to Prepare Communion, bring flowers, bring drinks and biscuits for Sunday school children. Please sign up. Thanks.

# WALKING IN TRUTH AND HOLINESS

The Bible was written to be obeyed, and not simply studied, and this is why the words *therefore* and *wherefore* are repeated so often in the second half of Ephesians (4:1,17,25; 5:1,7,14,17,24). Paul was saying, *Here is what Christ has done for you. Now, in the light of this, here is what we ought to do for Christ.* "We are to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only (James 1:22). The fact that we have been called in Christ (Eph 1:18) ought to motivate us to walk in unity (Eph 4:1-16). And the fact that we have been raised from the dead (Eph 2:1-10) should motivate us to walk in purity (Eph 4:17-5:17), or, as Paul told the Romans, *walk in newness of life* (Rom 6:4). We are alive in Christ not dead in sins; therefore "Put off the old man ... and put on the new man (Eph 4:22,24).

To begin with, Christians think differently from unsaved people. Note the emphasis here on thinking mind (Eph 4:17,23), understanding (Eph 4:18), ignorance (Eph 4:18), "learned Christ" (Eph 4:20). Salvation begins with repentance, which is a change of mind. **The whole outlook of a person changes when he trusts Christ—including his values, goals, and interpretation of life.**

The Christian cannot pattern himself after the unsaved person, because the Christian has experienced a miracle of being raised from the dead. His life is not futile, but purposeful. His mind is filled with the light of God's Word, and his heart with the fullness of God's life. He gives his body to God as an instrument of righteousness (Rom 6:13), and not to sin for the satisfaction of his own selfish lusts.

The Word of God renews the mind as we surrender our all to Him (Rom 12:1-2). *Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth* (John 17:17). As the mind understands the truth of God's Word, it is gradually transformed by the Spirit, and this renewal leads to a changed life. **Physically, you are what you eat, but spiritually, you are what you think.** *As he thinketh in his heart so is he* (Prov 23:7). This is why it is important for us as Christians to spend time daily meditating on the Word, praying, and fellowshiping with Christ.

To walk in truth and in purity, the apostle names some things to avoid—the very things that made our lives miserable before we became Christians:

● **Lying** (v. 25). The reason Paul gave for telling the truth: We belong to each other in Christ. He urged us to build the body in love (Eph 4:16) and he urged us to build the body in truth. As Christians, we must always be *Speaking the truth in love* (Eph 4:15).

● **Anger** (vv. 26-27). In itself, anger is not a sin, because even God can be angry (Deut 9:8,20; Ps 2:12). Several times in the Old Testament the phrase appears, *the anger of the Lord* (Num 25:4; Jer 4:8; 12:13). The holy anger of God is a part of His judgment against sin, as illustrated in our Lord's anger when He cleansed the temple (Matt 21:12-13). Anyone can become angry. *But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way - this is not easy.* Solomon has a good solution: *A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger* (Prov 15:1).

● **Stealing** (v. 28). Just as Satan is a liar and a murderer, he is also a thief. *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy* (John 10:10). He turned Judas into a thief (John 12:6) and he would do the same to us if he could. When he tempted Eve, he led her to become a thief, for she took the fruit that was forbidden. And she, in turn, made Adam a thief. The first Adam was a thief and was cast out of Paradise, but the Last Adam, Christ, turned to a thief and said, *Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise* (Luke 23:43).

● **Corrupt speech** (v. 29). The mouth and heart are connected. *Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh* (Matt 12:34). We expect a change in speech when a person becomes a Christian. The sinner's mouth is *full of cursing and bitterness* (Rom 3:14); but when he trusts Christ, he gladly confesses with his mouth *Jesus Christ is Lord* (Rom 10:9-10).

● **Bitterness** (vv. 30-32). These verses warn us against several sins of the attitude and amplify what Paul wrote about anger. Bitterness in the heart makes us treat others the way Satan treats them, when we should treat others the way God has treated us—in His gracious kindness. God has forgiven us, and we should forgive others.

**We do not forgive for our sake (though we do get a blessing from it) or even for their sake, but for Jesus' sake.** Learning how to forgive and forget is truly one of the secrets of a happy Christian life. Ω

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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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## Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL | CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Bayating Residence Tuba	5:30-7:00 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, & Yang residences)	7 – 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoas
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 – 7 PM Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Care Group assigned
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
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 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School -College Care Group @ FLC	5 – 7 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

### SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

See schedule



Worship Assembly  
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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