

Servers Today, April 2, 2017

Turning Trials Into Triumph
(James 1:2-4)

Speaker:	Andy Bestre
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
Invocation:	Greg Kitma
Intercessory Prayer:	Mervin Oliva
Communion Text:	1 Corinthians 11:17-26
Scripture Reading:	Janriel Abance
Prayer for the Bread:	Richard Bestre
Prayer for the Cup:	Chris Oliva
Prayer for the Giving:	Jerry Martin
Closing Prayer:	Jhun Bayating
Announcement:	Arnan Bayla
Evening Speaker:	Andy Bestre
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
To Bring Flowers:	Gloria Yang
To Bring Biscuits:	Ezra Vadez
To Bring Drinks:	c/o Midtown
Usher/ettes	Kitma Family
Communion:	Kana Perdigon
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 April 9, 2017

Overcoming Your Troubles
(James 1:5-11)

Speaker:	Arnan Bayla
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
Invocation:	Charlie Abance
Intercessory Prayer:	Noel Espinosa
Communion Text:	Romans 6:1-7
Scripture Reading:	Donnel Gonzales
Prayer for the Bread:	Sam Quezada
Prayer for the Cup:	Dante Baddas
Prayer for the Giving:	June Reyes
Closing Prayer:	Rolito Tugay-an
Announcement:	Andy Bestre
Evening Speaker:	Arnan Bayla
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
To Bring Flowers:	Gloria Yang
To Bring Biscuits:	Eunice Cordero
To Bring Drinks:	Eunice Cordero
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INFORMER

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Livelihood workshop
open to everyone

What was reported earlier as peanut butter-making workshop scheduled to be conducted at the Midtown Assembly Hall on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 1—5 PM has been upgraded as a livelihood workshop, and will not be limited to peanut butter-making. The Ladies Ministry reported that the workshop will include other useful seminars on livelihood projects such as noodle-making and siomai-making. Also, this time there will be another resource person who will team up with sister Marina Gawe. This livelihood project is spearheaded by the Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) in cooperation with the Ladies Ministry. This workshop is free and is open to everyone (men and women) interested.Ω

Enerva in the country;
lays to rest mom's remains

Brother Jonathan Enerva was in the country last week to lay to rest his mother's remains in the latter's hometown in Lingayen, Pangasinan. His mother, Mrs. Angelita Enerva, was cremated earlier in California, USA. While in the country, he met with Midtown brethren in fellowship and meals. He also arranged for a get-together with a number of current and former pupils of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) who were under the JRENERVA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. He has had eight scholars at BPFLC since 2010. Before leaving the city last Monday, he sponsored a BIBLE CHALLENGE among Grade Six pupils of BPFLC which was held at the Midtown Assembly Hall. The winner was awarded P5000.00 cash while the rest were all the more challenged to become Bible-literate and are eager for future challenges.Ω

Alvarez corrects error
in previous information

Sister Cecilia Alvarez, recently reported as “to have undergone a diagnostic procedure known as MRI and found out that the growing lump on her left shoulder is a lymphoma,” made a correction on the matter. She says, “It is not lymphoma as reported, but a benign lipoma (a tumor of fatty tissue).”

Again, she reiterated her gratitude to the Lord Almighty and her appreciation to the congregation. The MI staff apologizes for this error published in last Sunday's issue, March 26, 2017.Ω

"Triumphs come by
'tries' and 'umphs'. You need to
try and to put effort."

READ 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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Dexter and Denise tie the
knot Friday evening

Brother Dexter Rodriquez Wagang and sister Denise Jane Samonte Abance, both active members of this congregation, were wedded by brother Arnan Bayla, licensed solemnizing officer, at the Grand Diamond Hall, Convention Plaza, Hotel Supreme, Magsaysay Avenue, this city, last Friday evening, March 31, 2017. The couple earlier completed their pre-marital counseling course, “Preparing for Marriage God's Way,” with brother Arnan Bayla.

Midtown brethren took pleasure in joining the relatives of the couple in celebration and jubilations. Midtown couples, namely, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Sol & Lani Palaypayon, Julius & Fely Rojo, Lemuel & Vangie Glori, Maril & Letty Bayating, Andy & Jane Bestre, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Shemer & Kristine Sameon, and sister Ruth Trinidad stood as principal witnesses and sponsors in the wedding.

The couple conveyed their thanks to their parents and loved ones and all those who stood by them and who lovingly supported their relationship. Their parents in turn expressed their gladness and satisfaction over the lovely couple's marriage.Ω

NESC reports 16
baptisms to date

Spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon sent a text message recently to update Midtown with the progress of the NEGROS EVANGELISTIC SUMMER CAMPAIGN (NESC).

To date, their team was able to visit 16 places. Brother Dodoy delivered 12 messages and facilitated 3 lectures and 13 open forum (discounting brother Shemer's and others), conducted 1 Bible study, and had 16 precious souls baptized for the remission of sins.

The campaign will run until the end of May. Lordwilling, they will be back to Baguio just before June. They appreciate the prayers unceasingly being offered at Midtown on their behalf.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering
March 26, 2017

AM COLLECTION
P31,584.40

PM COLLECTION
P2,410.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P33,994.40

ATTENDANCE

AM
Adults - 94
YP - 48
Children - 23
Guests - 2

PM
Adults -15
YP - 10
Children - 0
Guests - 0

TOTAL - 167

TOTAL - 25

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 192

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

*Rosita Go

*Mely Genato

*Meeling Sze

*Amy Go

*Charity Ong

*Ian Pajantoy

*Gloria Yang

*Marina Gawe

*Mark Poblete

*Sotero Denis

*Bernie Austria

*Norma Aping

*Josefa Josayan

*Arian Kaith Igyo

*Damian Mercado

*Robinson Palaypayon

*Rodolfo Baggao

*Jun & Lily Soriano

*Andy Bestre

*Gil & Diana Geron

*Rodrigo Tada

*Ofelia Abance

*Lourdes Cera

*Cecilia Alvarez

*Carina Lacaba

*Gaspar Nawew

*Ruth Camora

*Brayant Buenafior

*Maril Bayating Sr.

*Charlie Alvarez

SAFE PREGNANCY

*Lorena Baban

*Andrea Yang

family matters

building grace-based relationships

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)

Jess Perdigon

(Back to the U.K.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- YOUNG PEOPLE'S REGULAR MEETING — Mezzanine Floor, Right after the worship assembly today.
- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— April 4, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- LIVELIHOOD WORKSHOP— Includes Peanut Butter-Making, Noodle-making, and Siomai-making.
- Midtown Assembly Hall | Saturday, April 8, 2017 @ 1—5 PM. Everyone welcome. FREE of charge!
- FIL-AM LECTURESHIP & PANAGKAKADUA—ACU Campus, Bugallon, Pangasinan | April 12-14, 2017
- ACU LADIES DAY—Asian Christian University, Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan | April 15, 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.

TURNING TRIALS INTO TRIUMPHS

Perhaps you have seen the bumper sticker that reads: "When life hands you a lemon, make lemonade!" It is easier to smile at that statement than to practice it, but the basic philosophy is sound. In fact, it is biblical. Throughout the Bible are people who turned defeat into victory and trial into triumph. Instead of being victims, they became victors.

James tells us that we can have this same experience today. No matter what the trials may be on the outside (James 1:1-12) or the temptations on the inside (James 1:13-27), through faith in Christ we can experience victory. The result of this victory is spiritual maturity.

If we are going to turn trials into triumphs, we must obey these imperatives: count (James 1:2), know (James 1:3), let (James 1:4,9-11), and ask (James 1:5-8). The essentials for victory in trials: a joyful attitude, an understanding mind, a surrendered will, and a heart that wants to believe.

•A Joyful Attitude

Outlook determines outcome, and attitude determines action. God tells us to expect trials. It is not *if you fall into various testings* but *when you fall into various testings*.

The believer who expects his Christian life to be easy is in for a shock. Jesus warned His disciples, *In the world ye shall have tribulation* (John 16:33). Paul told his converts that *we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God* (Acts 14:22).

Because we are God's "scattered people" and not God's "sheltered people," we must experience trials. We cannot always expect everything to go our way. Some trials come simply because we are human—sicknesses, accidents, disappointments, even seeming tragedies. Other trials come because we are Christians. Peter emphasizes this in his first letter: *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you* (1 Peter 4:12). Satan fights us, the world opposes us, and this makes for a life of battle.

•An Understanding Mind

What do Christians know that makes it easier to face trials and benefit from them? Faith is always tested. When God called Abraham to live by faith, He tested him in order to increase his faith. God always tests us to bring out the best. Satan tempts us to bring out the worst. The testing of our faith proves that we are truly born again.

Testing works for us, not against us. The word trying can be translated "approval." Again, Peter helps us understand it better: *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth* (1 Peter 1:7).

Trials work for the believer, not against him. Paul said, *And we know that all things work together for good* (Rom 8:28); and, *"For our light affliction, Which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"* (2 Cor 4:17). Trials rightly used help us to mature. What does God want to produce in our lives? Patience, endurance, and the ability to keep going when flings are tough. In the Bible, patience is not a passive acceptance of circumstances. It is a courageous perseverance in the face of suffering and difficulty.

The only way the Lord can develop patience and character in our lives is through trials. Endurance cannot be attained by reading a book (even this one), listening to a sermon, or even praying a prayer. We must go through the difficulties of life, trust God, and obey Him. The result will be patience and character. Knowing this, we can face trials joyfully. We know what trials will do in us and for us, and we know that the end result will bring glory to God.

This fact explains why studying the Bible helps us grow in patience (Rom 15:4). As we read about Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, and even our Lord, we realize that God has a purpose in trials. God fulfills His purposes as we trust Him. There is no substitute for an understanding mind. Satan can defeat the ignorant believer, but he cannot overpower the Christian who knows his Bible and understands the purposes of God. Ω

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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



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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence Tuba	5:30- 7:30 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
WEDNESDAY		
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 th Wed	Care Group assigned
THURSDAY		
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 Enthu- siasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM 4 th Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School -College Care Group @ FLC	5 – 7 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: 2ndf Q Steering Group
Young Adults FLC	3 – 5 PM	YAs in charge



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