

Servers Today, April 9, 2017

Overcoming Troubles In This Life
(James 1:5-12)

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Jun Reyes*
 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: *JJ Ramos*
 Closing Prayer: *Rolito Tugay-an*
 Announcement: *June Reyes*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 To Bring Flowers: *Gloria Yang*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Eunice Cordero*
 To Bring Drinks: *Eunice Cordero*
 Usher/ettes: *Wagang 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 16, 2017

Making The Most Of Your Trials
(James 1:13-18)

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Julius Rojo*
 Communion Text: *Ephesians 2:3-10*
 Scripture Reading: *Rodrigo Bondoc*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Mark Wagang*
 Prayer for the Cup: *O'neil Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Mervin Oliva*
 Closing Prayer: *Jojo Ramos*
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Bayla Family*

Communion: *Kana Perdigon*
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | L.Glori | A. Tacay*



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MOM & ladies serve with Esperanza church

Eight (8) ladies representing the Ladies Ministry of Midtown, namely, Ruth Camora, Josie Baban, Lorenza Losnong, Clarita Cachero, Cristy Tacay, Carina Lacaba, Loida Baddas, and Cecilia Alvarez served with the Esperanza brethren last Sunday, April 1, 2017. They were joined by brothers Dante Baddas and Arturo Tacay representing the Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM). Sister Cecilia Alvarez served as facilitator in the study of "Overcoming Trials" in the Ladies Class while brother Art Tacay facilitated the study of "Preaching the Word" based on Romans 10:11-15 during the Bible Study Hour.

As usual, the delegation was hospitably hosted by the Baddas family in fellowship and meals. The next mission trip will be on May 7, 2017.Ω

Bayla conducts devotional for seniors' federation

Brother Arnan Bayla served as devotional speaker, at the invitation of brother Charlie Abance, for the representatives of the FEDERATION OF TUBA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION held at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, Barangay Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet last March 30, 2017 at 8—9 AM.

Brother Arnan was delighted to know that the federation's vision includes the spiritual development of its members. Thus, in his message, he encouraged them to hold their leaders in highest regard for the sake of their work; to take tender care of their constituents; and above all to always be joyful and grateful of their service as they offer it up to the Lord Almighty—based on 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18. There were more than twenty presidents representing various senior citizen associations throughout the Municipality of Tuba.Ω

MOM commits 1st & 2nd Sundays for Bokod churches

Midtown's Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) announced lately that they have committed themselves to serve with the Bokod brethren every first and second Sundays of the month. Also, brother Abe Insas revealed that he will be regularly serving with them as in fact he had been doing in the past.

Today, brother Greg Kitma and company are in Bokod to keep up with their commitment.Ω

"If criticizing gives you pain, then do it. If it gives you the slightest pleasure, keep your mouth shut."

READ James 3:3-12

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Midtown brethren console bereaved Ozo family

Midtown brethren, namely, Julius & Fely Rojo, Gaspar Jr. & Virgie Baldo, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Jun Reyes, Josie Baban, Lorenza Losnong, Clarita Cachero, Norma Aping, Lorigrace Austria, Nancy Bayla, Sixto Aoas, and Andy Bestre, conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Alex C. Ozo at their residence at Km. 7 Naguillian Rd., Irisan, this city last Wednesday, April 5, 2017. He was the father in law of sister Corazon Ozo, active member of this congregation. He was eighty three years old. Interment was done at the BEYOND THE SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK, Irisan, last Saturday, April 8, 2017. He is survived by his son, Rafael and five grandchildren.

THE IRISAN CARE GROUP spearheaded the devotional with brother Sixto Aoas and Andy Bestre as facilitators. Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker on "HOW ONE MAN CHANGED IN MANY WAYS IN A DAY" based on Luke 19:1-10. Brothers Julius Rojo and Gaspar Baldo Jr. lifted up the bereaved in prayers.Ω

Ramoses and Trinidad to speak in Isabela fellowship

Spouses Jojo and Janet Ramos together with sister Ruth Trinidad were invited to serve as speakers in a local fellowship or "Panagakadua" to be hosted by the Aguinaldo church of Christ, Aguinaldo, Ramon, Isabela, on April 10—13, 2017. Brother Jojo Ramos was assigned to serve as gospel speaker for the nightly gospel meetings while sisters Janet Ramos and Ruth Trinidad will be speaking in the Ladies Classes. Other lecturers include long time American missionaries and local preachers.

Meanwhile, brethren who are desirous to attend the 9TH FILIPINO-AMERICAN LECTURESHIP, PANAGKAKADUA, AND LADIES DAY to be held at the Asian Christian University (ACU) campus, Bugallon, Pangasinan on April 12– 15, 2017, are advised to see brother Andy Bestre for registration concerns.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering April 2, 2017

AM COLLECTION
P34,356.0

PM COLLECTION
P2,870.25

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P37,226.25

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 104 YP - 26 Children - 39 Guests - 12	PM Adults -15 YP - 9 Children - 0 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 181 **TOTAL - 24**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 205

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 | *Brayant Buenafior |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Maril Bayating Sr. |
| *Damian Mercado | *Charlie Alvarez |

Spiritual Guidance and Comfort for some brethren

SAFE PREGNANCY

- * Lorena Baban
- * Andrea Yang



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)
 Orduñas (Back to the USA)
 Ramoses & Trinidad (Isabela)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S REGULAR MEETING** — Mezzanine Floor, Right after the worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— April 11, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **LADIES LUNCHEON & DEVOTIONAL**—Midtown Hall | April 16, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM
- **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.

OVERCOMING TROUBLES IN THIS LIFE

James 1:5-12
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | April 9, 2017

I. BE DEPENDENT ON GOD'S GENEROUS WISDOM

- ASK FOR GOD'S WISDOM (5)
 - Everyone would need wisdom
 - Do not depend on your own wisdom
- ASK UNDOUBTINGLY (6-7)
 - Doubtful minds are unsettled
 - Do not keep all your options open
- EXPECT FOR A SOLID ANSWER (8)
 - Put your loyalty on God's side
 - Do not be a double-minded person

James 1:5-8

II. BE NOT DEPENDENT ON MAN'S EARTHLY WEALTH

- GLORY IN GOD'S TRUE RICHES (9)
 - Recognize your true inheritance
 - Trust the Lord to take good care of you
- GLORY IN BEING HUMBLLED (10)
 - Recognize human frailty
 - Trust in the Lord's direction
- MAN'S GLORY IS TEMPORARY (11)
 - Recognize what is eternal
 - Trust not in one's achievements

James 1:9-11

III. BE DEPENDENT ON GOD'S HEAVENLY PROMISE

- LONG FOR THE LORD'S PROMISE (12)
 - Desire the crown of life
 - Love the Lord, not your life
- LONG FOR THE LORD'S APPROVAL (12)
 - Endure temptations and trials
 - Love the Lord's praise, not man's
- LONG FOR THE LORD'S TESTS (12)
 - Recognize troubles as divine tests
 - Love the test, not the lack of it

James 1:12

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

James 1:2-5 NIV

OVERCOMING TROUBLES IN THIS LIFE

James 1:5-12

- BE DEPENDENT ON GOD'S GENEROUS WISDOM
 - James 1:5-8
- BE NOT DEPENDENT ON MAN'S EARTHLY WEALTH
 - James 1:9-11
- BE DEPENDENT ON GOD'S HEAVENLY PROMISE
 - James 1:12

APPLICATION:

1. Christians who are dependent on God's generous wisdom will know how to overcome troubles.

- Seek to acquire good moral insight.
- "To obey the Lord is the fundamental principle for wise living; all who carry out his precepts acquire good moral insight. He will receive praise forever." Ps 111:10 NET
- Seek Biblical or Godly counsel.
- "Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she (wisdom) is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold." Prov 3:13-14 NIV

APPLICATION:

2. Christians who are not dependent on human solutions or wealth will know how to overcome troubles.

- Trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm." Ps 20:7-8 NIV
- Trust that we are victorious over our battles.
- "Don't waver in resolve. Don't fear. Don't hesitate. Don't panic. God, your God, is right there with you, fighting with you against your enemies, fighting to win." Deut 20:3-4 MSG

APPLICATION:

3. Christians who are dependent on God's heavenly promise will know how to overcome troubles.

- Rest assured in the Lord's word.
- "Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life." Ps 119:49-50 NIV
- Rest assured in the Lord's unfailing love.
- "May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight." Ps 119:76-77 NIV

Who can effectively overcome troubles in this life?

- Christians who are dependent on God's generous wisdom will know how to overcome troubles.
- Christians who are not dependent on human solutions or wealth will know how to overcome troubles.
- Christians who are dependent on God's heavenly promise will know how to overcome troubles.

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES
Midtown Church of Christ

A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 – Introduction to the Bible
- LESSON NO. 3 – How We Got the Bible
- LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - A. God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
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- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving to God
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

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
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 Group	5 – 7 PM 4th 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

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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