

Servers Today, July 30, 2017

**SYMPOSIUM:
Leading Public Prayers**

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Greg Kitma*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
 Scripture Reading: *Janriel Abance*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Ezra Valdez*
 Prayer for the Cup: *O'Neil Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Jerry Martin*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Lara Montes*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Perdigon Family*

Communion: *Kana Perdigon*
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | 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 August 6, 2017

The Work & Qualifications of Elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Julius Rojo*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*
 Scripture Reading: *Melchi Aquino*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Sam Quezada*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Art Tacay*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Dexter Wagang*
 Closing Prayer: *Jun Bondoc*
 Announcement: *Arnan Bayla*
 Evening Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Gonzales Family*

Communion: *Loida Baddas*
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | A. Tacay*



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33 attend latest midweek joint devotional @ Midtown

Thirty-three (33) brethren attended the MIDWEEK JOINT DEVOTIONAL at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 6—7 in the evening. Brothers Arnan Bayla and Jimmy June Reyes, representing the Friday Care Group which usually meet at Midtown's Assembly Hall, facilitated the devotional. Brother Arnan discussed "SERVING WITH PURE MESSAGE, PURE MOTIVE, AND PURE METHOD" based on 1 Thessalonians 2:1-20.

The next joint midweek devotional is scheduled August 23, 2017 and to be facilitated by the Irisan Care Group led by brother Andy Bestre.Ω

Greek Class concluded; 5 YPeez top performers

The Greek Class opened at the Family Life Center and facilitated by brother Jesse Reuben Bestre from July 4—27, 2017 was completed by nine (9) students led by five (5) top performers, namely, Shauli Kitma (96.64%), Cristy Loren Austria (94.81), Amber Phoelen Po (92.93), Kinsha Glori (90.78), Mahaysha Kitma (90.01), Kana Perdigon, Kaelin Palaypayon, Ezra Valdez, and Jonathan Jr. Ramos. Sisters Zyneth Lagsaman and Kaesha Palaypayon were unable to take the exams due to conflicting schedules. There were originally fourteen (14) enrollees.

Lessons learned were the Greek Alphabet, Greek Parsing & Declining, Biblical Greek Vocabulary, and Translation of Greek to English. With the aforesaid knowledge gained, the completers can better make use of the Greek-English Interlinear New Testament for in-depth studies.Ω

YPeez and men enjoy basketball game at Green Valley

Basketball enthusiasts, brethren Ezra Valdez, Richard Bestre, Euan Aguinardo, A-mark Bayla, Luke Cabuenas, Rodrigo Bondoc, Aaron Cordero, O'neil Gonzales, Sean Bestre, Dexter Wagang, Alex Ciencia, and Gaspar Baldo Jr. spent a couple of hours playing the game at the Green Valley Country Club last Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 2—4 PM. The Midtown players enjoyed a friendly game with some players personally invited by brother Ezra. Watch for another schedule of games, says the revived SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS SUB-MINISTRY of the YPeez.Ω

"There are always two choices, two paths, to take. One is easy and its only reward is that it's easy."

READ Matthew 7:13-14

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Brethren invited to join various upcoming events

Midtown brethren are cordially enjoined to participate in various upcoming events such as the following: **1. FREE LIVELIHOOD WORKSHOP** at the Family Life Center, Laperal Bldg., Session Rd., on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Learn to make and market peanut butter. A SHARED SERVICE FACILITY (SSF) will be provided to help interested parties. **2. PREACHERS & CHURCH LEADERS SYMPOSIUM ON "INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC"** at the Philippine Bible College, 18 Rimando Rd., on August 26, 2017 (Saturday) at 8:00 AM—4:00 PM. Brother Dodoy Sameon was tasked to serve as the resource speaker. **3. BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP** at the Baguio Church of Christ, 18 Rimando Rd., on November 30, 2017. Free registration. **4. BAGUIO-BENGUET INTERCONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP** at Albis Elementary School, Daclan, Tublay, Benguet, on December 2, 2017.Ω

Young Bestre serves as speaker in Tuba & Itogon

Midtown's youth minister, brother Jesse Bestre, served as resource person for a spiritual talk and a TEAM-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS of Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya held at the Pooten Resort, Nangalisan, Tuba last July 17, 2017. He was also invited for a Spiritual Talk for student officers and leaders of the AMPUCAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Barangay Ampucao, Itogon last July 21, 2017. Ω

Midtown receives card of thanks from Licupas & Dsouzas

A card of thanks addressed to the Midtown church of Christ brethren from the Licupas and the Dsouzas was recently received through postal mail. Said card says, "THANK you for your support during our difficult time. You have been so kind to our family. It has been a comforting blessing to each of us. God bless you even more. All our love and prayers, The Licupas & the Dsouzas."Ω

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Rosita Go | *Lily Soriano |
| *Mely Genato | *Andy Bestre |
| *Meeling Sze | *Gil & Diana Geron |
| *Amy Go | *Rodrigo Tada |
| *Charity Ong | *Ofelia Abance |
| *Jan Pajantoy | *Lourdes Cera |
| *Gloria Yang | *Cecilia Alvarez |
| *Marina Gawve | *Carina Lacaba |
| *Sotero Denis | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *Bernie Austria | *Tess & Mahaysha Kitma |
| *Norma Aping | *Brayant Buenaflor |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Maril Bayating Sr. |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Charlie Alvarez |
| *Damian Mercado | *Priscilla Bayasan |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Rhea Mae Wais | *Dave McMillin |

Spiritual guidance and comfort for some brethren; world, national, and local leaders.

SAFE PREGNANCY

- * Andrea Yang
- * Denise Wagang
- * Rachele Ozo

SURGICAL OPERATION

Sotero Denis
for his
upcoming eye
surgery.



SAFE TRAVEL

- Ramoses (Thailand)
- Sameons (Dungon)
- Kitmas (Bokod)

Last Sunday's Offering July 23, 2017

**AM COLLECTION
P28,033.00**

**PM COLLECTION
P3,840.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P31,870.00**

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 105 YP - 40 Children - 33 Guests - 0	PM Adults -28 YP - 14 Children - 4 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 178 **TOTAL - 46**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 224**

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

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | AUGUST 1, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **LIVELIHOOD WORKSHOP**—FAMILY LIFE CENTER, LAPERAL BLDG., SESSION RD. | AUG 5, 2017 | 10 AM
- **MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY MEETING**—FLC, SESSION RD. | AUG 5, 2017 | 12 PM
- **PREACHERS & CHURCH LEADERS SYMPOSIUM** — PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE, 18 RIMANDO RD. | AUGUST 26, 2017 | 8:00 AM—4:00 PM. REGISTRATION FEE: P75.00 (FOR MEALS)
- **YOUNG ADULTS CAMP**—AUSTIN HEIGHTS, JOHOR BAHRU, MALAYSIA | AUG 29—SEPT 3, 2017

Praying Rightly

Paul does not write, "Pray about it!" He is too wise to do that. He uses three different words to describe "right praying": prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving. "Right praying" involves all three. The word prayer is the general word for making requests known to the Lord. It carries the idea of adoration, devotion, and worship. Whenever we find ourselves worrying, our first action ought to be to get alone with God and worship Him. Adoration is what is needed. We must see the greatness and majesty of God! We must realize that He is big enough to solve our problems. Too often we rush into His presence and hastily tell Him our needs, when we ought to approach His throne calmly and in deepest reverence. The first step in "right praying" is adoration.

The second is supplication, an earnest sharing of our needs and problems. There is no place for halfhearted, insincere prayer! While we know we are not heard for our "much speaking" (Matt 6:7-8), still we realize that our Father wants us to be earnest in our asking (Matt 7:1-11). This is the way Jesus prayed in the Garden (Heb 5:7), and while His closest disciples were sleeping, Jesus was sweating great drops of blood! Supplication is not a matter of carnal energy but of spiritual intensity (Rom 15:30; Col 4:12).

After adoration and supplication comes appreciation, giving thanks to God (see Eph 5:20; Col 3:15-17). Certainly the Father enjoys hearing His children say, "Thank You!" When Jesus healed ten lepers, only one of the ten returned to give thanks (Luke 17:11-19), and we wonder if the percentage is any higher today. We are eager to ask but slow to appreciate.

You will note that "right praying" is not something every Christian can do immediately, because "right praying" depends on the right kind of mind. This is why Paul's formula for peace is found at the end of Philippians and not at the beginning. If we have the single mind of Phil 1 then we can give adoration. (How can a double-minded person ever praise God?) If we have the submissive mind of Phil 2, we can come with supplication. (Would a person with a proud mind ask God for something?) If we have the spiritual mind of Phil 3 we can show our appreciation. (A worldly minded person would not know that God had given him anything to appreciate!)

In other words, we must practice Phil 1; 2, and 3 if we are going to experience the secure mind of Phil 4.

Paul counsels us to take "everything to God in prayer." "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything!" is his admonition. We are prone to pray about the "big things" in life and forget to pray about the so-called "little things" - until they grow and become big things! Talking to God about everything that concerns us and Him is the first step toward victory over worry.

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The result is that the "peace of God" guards the heart and the mind. You will remember that Paul was chained to a Roman soldier, guarded day and night. In like manner, "the peace of God" stands guard over the two areas that create worry - the heart (wrong feeling) and the mind (wrong thinking). When we give our hearts to Christ in salvation, we experience "peace with God" (Rom 5:1); but the "peace of God" takes us a step farther into His blessings. This does not mean the absence of trials on the outside, but it does mean a quiet confidence within, regardless of circumstances, people, or things.

Daniel gives us a wonderful illustration of peace through prayer. When the king announced that none of his subjects was to pray to anyone except the king, Daniel went to his room, opened his windows, and prayed as before (Dan 6:1-10). Note how Daniel prayed. He "prayed, and gave thanks before his God" (Dan 6:10) and he made supplication (Dan 6:11). Prayer - supplication - thanksgiving! And the result was perfect peace in the midst of difficulty! Daniel was able to spend the night with the lions in perfect peace, while the king in his palace could not sleep (Dan 6:18). The first condition for the secure mind and victory over worry is right praying. Ω

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, 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

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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