

Servers Today, June 18, 2017

Warning To Rich Oppressors (James 5:1-6)

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*
 Communion Text: *Colossians 2:6-12*
 Scripture Reading: *Rodrigo Bondoc*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Jasper Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Kajem Kitma*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Chris Oliva*
 Closing Prayer: *Jhun Bayating*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Thiridy Bayating*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Martin Family*
 To Bring Drinks: *Martin Family*
 Usher/ettes: *Ramos Family*

Communion: *Kesha Oliva*
 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 June 25, 2017

Doing Right When You Have Been Wronged (James 5:7-12)

Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 Invocation: *Abe Insas*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Noel Espinosa*
 Communion Text: *Colossians 3:1-4*
 Scripture Reading: *Rico Ramos*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Julius Rojo*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Art Tacay*
 Closing Prayer: *Jun Bondoc*
 Announcement: *Mervin Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Charlie Abance*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Palaypayon Family*

Communion: *Kesha Oliva*
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | A. Tacay*



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Benevolence Ministry renews transportation subsidy

In last Sunday's meeting of the BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY facilitated by brother Rod Tada, the ministry approved the renewal of the transportation allowance or subsidy for former recipients, namely, Sean Bestre, Chloe Zamora, Diadi Jewel Igo, and Kyla Sue Tacay. Each will receive a hundred pesos weekly until the end of the school year 2017-2018.

This project of the BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY started a number of years ago to augment transportation fare for needy children of Midtown brethren.

Meanwhile, it was approved that sister Micah Balatao, grandchild of sister Carina Lacaba, be given a one-time help which includes school supplies and school uniform for this school year as she is not in need of transportation allowance for she lives near her school in Irisan, this city. Ω

Over sixty participants attend PBC preachers' seminar

Over sixty preachers, church leaders, and some lady teachers attended the LEADERSHIP & PREACHERS SEMINAR hosted by the PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE and the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Rd., this city, the other past Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM.

Midtown was represented by brethren Andy Bestre, Abe Insas, Charlie Abance, and spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon. Brother Dodoy Sameon served as one of the speakers.

The seminar was primarily for young preachers and church leaders but the same turned out to be useful even for seasoned preachers. Ω

Friday Care Group meets on Outlook Drive

At the invitation of brother Jimmy June Reyes, the FRIDAY CARE GROUP usually meeting weekly at the Midtown Assembly Hall gathered at the DECADES on Outlook Drive, this city, evening of Friday, June 16, 2017. Around thirty men and women including a number of children came to celebrate the birth anniversary of brother June in meals and in warm fellowship. Before meals, brother Arnan Bayla lifted the celebrator and the celebrants in prayers—thanking the Lord Almighty for the opportunity to celebrate life and to enjoy His manifold blessings. Ω

"God prepares great men for great tasks by great trials."

READ 1 Thessalonians 3:2-3

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Youth Ministry reports recent activities

As reported by brother Jesse Bestre, Midtown's youth minister, the following activities were done from June 6—11, 2017:

1. A DEVOTIONAL WAS CONDUCTED with the Geron Family at their residence at Queen Peace on June 6, 2017. Brother Jesse Bestre facilitated discussions on "WHO TO BLAME FOR EVIL?" Present were Ezra Valdez, Cot & CD Espinosa, Rod Bondoc, Gabo Asprec, Amber Po, and Angelica Wagang.

2. HELD A FELLOWSHIP AND GAMES for "bonding" with Gabo Asprec at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER, afternoon of June 7, 2017. Fourteen were present including Jesse, Alec, Kana, Amber, CD, JT, Rod, Gabo, Kajem, Kemuel, Ezra, Janriel, Jasper, and Klarissa.

3. YOUNG ADULTS VISITED AND ENCOURAGED brother Dan Arzadon of the NLEX congregation at the BGHMC last June 7th.

4. YPEEZ FELLOWSHIP at the CJH-Ayala Technohub on June 8, 2017. Attended by Aldian, O'neil, Amber, Ezra, Janriel, Kana, Jizza, and Angelica.

5. YPEEZ HANG-OUT & MOVIE WATCHING at Alec's place on Sumulong St., this city, on June 10th. What was to be a song practice turned out to be this due to low attendance. The few who came were Ezra, Melchizedek, Kana, and Jizza.

6. SONG PRACTICE FOR ASPULAN held last Sunday afternoon, June 11, 2017 at Midtown Assembly Hall. Attended by Jesse, Ezra, O'neil, Donnel, Jasper, Kana, Abi, Amber, Abe, and Jizza. Ω

Youth general assembly to involve parents

Parents are cordially invited to attend the upcoming YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY to be held at Midtown's Assembly Hall on July 2, 2017 (Sunday) at 1:30-4:30 PM.

Brother Jesse Bestre reiterates that he believes that the involvement of the parents in the planning of activities is vital for an effective youth ministry. In addition, parents will be more aware of the ministry's goals. Ω

Last Sunday's Offering June 11, 2017

AM COLLECTION P31,836.75

PM COLLECTION P3,202.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P35,038.75

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 103 YP - 42 Children - 39 Guests - 0	PM Adults -21 YP - 6 Children - 4 Guests - 0
TOTAL - 184	TOTAL - 31

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 215

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *Rosita Go | *Jun & Lily Soriano |
| *Mely Genato | *Andy Bestre |
| *Meeling Sze | *Gil & Diana Geron |
| *Amy Go | *Rodrigo Tada |
| *Charity Ong | *Ofelia Abance |
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Lourdes Cera |
| *Gloria Yang | *Cecilia Alvarez |
| *Marina Gawe | *Carina Lacaba |
| *Mark Poblete | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *Sotero Denis | *Tess & Mahaysha Kitma |
| *Bernie Austria | *Brayanti Buenaflor |
| *Norma Aping | *Maril Bayating Sr. |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Charlie Alvarez |
| *Arian Kaith Igo | *Priscilla Bayasan |
| *Damian Mercado | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Mellina Licupa-Dsouza |
| *Rodolfo Baggao | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| | *Carmen Villanueva |

Spiritual guidance and comfort for some brethren.

SAFE PREGNANCY

* 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

Jesse Bestre (from Singapore)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | JUNE 20, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**— TODAY, JUNE 18, 2017 | 12—2:30 PM
- **6TH ASPULAN** — BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY GYM, LA TRINIDAD | JUNE 24, 2017 | 8AM—5 PM
- **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL** — MIDTOWN HALL | JUNE 28, 2017 | 6—7 PM
- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY** — MIDTOWN HALL | JULY 2, 2017 | 1:30—4:30 PM
- **MIDTOWN FRIDAY CARE GROUP** — ROJO RESIDENCE, TAMANGAN RD. | JUNE 23, 2017 | 7 PM

WARNING TO RICH OPPRESSORS

James 5:1-6
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | June 18, 2017

- I. BE WARNED OF IMPENDING MISERY**
- PAY ATTENTION TO THE WARNING
 - "Come now and listen" (1a)
 - Be informed, there is no excuse.
 - PAY ATTENTION TO THE MISERIES
 - "Weep and wail" (1b)
 - Be in sorrow, there is no amusement.
 - PAY ATTENTION TO THE JUDGMENT
 - "Coming upon you" (1c)
 - Be 'ready', there is no escape.
- James 5:1

- II. BE WARNED OF HOARDING WEALTH**
- HOARDED WEALTH A WASTE
 - "Rotten, moth-eaten, corroded" (2)
 - Wealth's purpose made useless.
 - HOARDED WEALTH BACKFIRES
 - "Eat your flesh like fire" (3a)
 - Wealth unshared consumes possessor.
 - HOARDED WEALTH JUDGES
 - "Testifies against you" (3b)
 - Wealth unused makes one guilty.
- James 5:2-3

- III. BE WARNED OF ABUSING RICHES**
- OPPRESSIVE LABOR PRACTICES
 - "Crying out against you" (4)
 - Fraud will condemn you.
 - OPPRESSIVE SELF-INDULGENCES
 - "Fattened yourselves for slaughter" (5)
 - Extravagance will condemn you.
 - OPPRESSIVE INJUSTICES
 - "You have condemned and murdered" (6)
 - Exploitation will condemn you.
- James 5:4-6

WARNING TO RICH OPPRESSORS

James 5:1-6

- BE WARNED OF IMPENDING MISERY
 - James 5:1
- BE WARNED OF HOARDING WEALTH
 - James 5:2-3
- BE WARNED OF ABUSING RICHES
 - James 5:4-6

APPLICATION:

1. We must guard ourselves and keep generally free from all covetousness.
 - It is required that among us there must not be even a hint of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.
 - "And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man's life does not consist in and is not derived from possessing overflowing abundance or that which is over and above his needs. Luke 12:15AMP

APPLICATION:

2. We must be faithful to use what God has entrusted to us for the good of others and for His glory.
 - It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.
 - "17 Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. 1 Tim 6:17-19TLB

APPLICATION:

3. We must learn that a godly life brings huge profits to people who are content with what they have.
 - It is required that even if what we have has been earned lawfully and in the will of God, we must not waste it on selfish living.
 - "19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." 20 "But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" 21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:19-21NIV

What must be done to avoid being included with those judged as rich oppressors?

1. We must guard ourselves and keep generally free from all covetousness.
2. We must be faithful to use what God has entrusted to us for the good of others and for His glory.
3. We must learn that a godly life brings huge profits to people who are content with what they have.

“Certainly, the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people who have set their hearts on getting rich have wandered away from the Christian faith and have caused themselves a lot of grief. But you, man of God, must avoid these things. 1 Tim 6:10-11GWT”

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Midtown Church of Christ

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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
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

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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