

**Servers Today, June 25, 2017**

**Patiently Enduring for the Lord (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: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva  
 To Bring Flowers: Laisha Montes  
 To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Palaypayon Family

Communion: Keshha 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 July 2, 2017**

**Teaching Sound Doctrine (1 Timothy 1:1-11)**

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Greg Kitma  
 Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes  
 Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-7  
 Scripture Reading: Janriel Abance  
 Prayer for the Bread: Sam Quezada  
 Prayer for the Cup: JJ Ramos  
 Prayer for the Giving: O'neil Gonzales  
 Closing Prayer: Charlie Abance  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Wagang Family

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



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**Gracelynn Abance admitted in SIBI Singapore**

Midtown congratulates sister Gracelynn S. Abance of Poblacion, Tuba, for having been admitted as scholar at the SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI) in Pasir Panjang, Singapore. She left the country last Thursday night, June 22, 2017 and will immediately be undergoing a series of orientation, familiarization, and acclimatization before the formal start of classes in late July. She is expected to finish the course, BACHELOR IN BIBLICAL STUDIES in 2019. As scholar, she will be free of any financial obligations in addition to free board and lodging, weekly allowance, and free plane tickets to and from Singapore.

The young adults and the young people had a send-off fellowship or *despidida* for sister Gracelynn last June 19 and 20 at the Family Life Center.Ω

**Saturday mobile care group meets at Sto. Nino Subd.**

The SATURDAY MOBILE CARE GROUP met at the residence of sister Ruth Trinidad at Sto. Niño Subdivision, Bengao, this city, the other past Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 3—5 PM.

Brethren Ernie and Anthony Wagang, Henry and Maribel Sunggay, Josias and Rosa Aquino, Charlie Abance, Jovy Mabesa, Vangie Glori, Ruth Trinidad and spouses Dodoy and Sarah Sameon, came together for singing, prayers, Bible study and fellowship meals. Brother Dodoy Sameon started a discussion on “THE REALITIES OF GOD, HEAVEN, AND HELL.” Part 2 of the said topic will be continued in next month’s meeting at the Aquino residence on Bengao Rd., Bakakeng, this city.Ω

**Friday Care Group meets in Barangay Irisan**

At the invitation of spouses Julius and Fely Rojo, the FRIDAY CARE GROUP usually meeting at the Midtown assembly hall met for fellowship at the Rojo-Palaypayon residence on Tamangan Rd., Irisan, this city, last Friday evening, June 23, 2017.

Before the fellowship meals, brother Arnan Bayla facilitated discussions on “REMAINING STEADFAST, SURE & PURE” based on Hebrews 13. Said care group thanks the Rojos and Palaypayons for the hospitality, the warm fellowship, and the blessed celebration of brother Julius Rojo’s birth anniversary.Ω

**"If you are getting the idea that suffering is not easily avoided, you have the right idea."**

**READ 2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

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**36 participate in last Sunday's ladies fellowship**

Thirty-six (36) ladies participated in last Sunday’s Ladies Luncheon Fellowship and Devotional held at the Assembly Hall. After the usual fellowship meals, sister Nelly Bayla facilitated the devotional and the sharing of thoughts on “EMULATING CHRIST’S SERVANTHOOD.” The ladies all came to realize that one’s personal perspective of work and service affects one’s response to opportunities. Further, the following passage is to be made a vital guideline if one prays to be told by the Lord, “Well done, My good and faithful servant.” (Matt. 25:21) “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” (Colossians 3:23)

The 2ND QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Janet & Kana Perdigon, Louise Bawas, Minda & Keshha Oliva, Tess Kitma, Melina Igoy, Lorenza Losnong, Leah Tada, Nelly Bayla, Josie Selmo, Graciela Badua, Joyce & Abigail Kitma thank all the ladies for the usual cooperation and participation in the various activities and programs implemented in the 2nd quarter. God bless you all very richly as you serve!Ω

**Brethren conduct devotionals for cancer patient**

At the request of the Licupa-Dsouza family, a number of brethren gathered for some devotionals to give praise, glory, and honor to the Creator even in the midst of infirmities, frailties, and uncertainties. Spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla together with sisters Jovy Mabesa, Minda Oliva, Rachel Cabuenas, Randy & Tina Fernandez, Eric Sacayanan, Melba Licupa, and Melissa Pineda, conducted a devotional in the hospital room of sister Mellina Dsouza at NDDCH, Gen. Luna Rd., last Sunday.

Personal visits, devotionals and fellowships were conducted Thursday and Friday with the family of sister Mellina. The Licupa-Dsouza family appreciates the unceasing prayers being offered on their behalf.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering June 18, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION P35,788.00**

**PM COLLECTION P2,887.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P38,675.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>AM</b><br>Adults - 118<br>YP - 55<br>Children - 35<br>Guests - 2 | <b>PM</b><br>Adults - 18<br>YP - 7<br>Children - 1<br>Guests - 0 |
|---|--|

**TOTAL - 210**      **TOTAL - 26**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 236**

**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 Gawie        | *Carina Lacaba         |
| *Mark Poblete        | *Gaspar Nawew          |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Tess & Mahaysha Kitma |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Brayant Buenafior     |
| *Norma Aping         | *Maril Bayating Sr.    |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Charlie Alvarez       |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Priscilla Bayasan     |
| *Damian Mercado      | *Rolito Tugay-an       |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Mellina Licupa-Dsouza |
| *Carmen Villanueva   | *Maria Elena Lachica   |
| *Janet Ramos         | *Dave McMillin         |

*Spiritual guidance and comfort for some brethren.*

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

- \* Andrea Yang
- \* Denise Wagang



**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, Ezra, Abi & Jizza (Dagupan)



**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE’S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | JUNE 27, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL** — MIDTOWN HALL | WEDNESDAY | JUNE 28, 2017 6 —7 PM. TO BE FACILITATED BY THE YOUNG ADULTS.
- **YOUNG PEOPLE’S GENERAL ASSEMBLY** — MIDTOWN HALL | NEXT SUNDAY | JULY 2, 2017 | 1:30—4:30 PM. PARENTS CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**— KINDLY SIGN-UP TO BRING FLOWERS, SNACKS/DRINKS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

# AN APPEAL FOR EVERYONE TO BE PATIENT

From the rich, James turned to the restless. For these he again used the friendly address, "brothers." The tone turns from stark condemnation to sensitive consolation. James rebuked the oppressive rich but encouraged the receptive. He appealed to his brethren to be patient. He defined the essence of patience, gave some examples of patience, and indicated an evidence of patience. [James 5:7-12]

## 1. ESSENCE OF PATIENCE (5:7-9)

Be patient, then (lit., "therefore"), said James as a direct effect to the coming judgment on the wicked rich. "Be patient" (*makrothymesate*) comes from a compound of "long" (*makros*) and "temper" (*thymos*). The idea is to set the timer of one's temper for a long run. Think long. Focus on the final lap in the race of life. Have a long fuse. Look ahead to the Lord's coming. The essence of patience is furthermore seen in the farmer who waits patiently (*makrothymon*) for the needed rains and the ultimate valuable or precious crop. The application is clear. Just like the farmer, every believer should be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

**The Lord's return should stimulate every believer to patience and persistence. James called for the believers to stop groaning lest they be judged, because Jesus the Judge is standing at the door! In view of the hope of Christ's soon return, believers should cease their petty conflicts.** As children in a school classroom look out for their teacher's soon return, God's children should be on guard for Christ's return. In so doing, good behavior and mutual harmony are essential.

## 2. EXAMPLES OF PATIENCE (5:10-11)

James reminded his Jewish brothers of the prophets who endured much suffering with patience (*makrothymia*, lit., "long-temperedness") as they spoke out in the name of the Lord. As you know (lit., "behold"), we consider blessed (lit. "happy or fortunate"; *makarizomen*) those who have persevered. James then presented another well-known and highly revered example of patience, Job. The Lord honored Job's perseverance with multiplied blessings (Job 42:12). Interestingly, James say that Job had "steadfastness, endurance, perseverance." Job endured and he was steadfast.

James summed it up: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. "Full of compassion" is a compound adjective (*polysplanchnos*, from *polys*, "much," and *splanchna*, "innermost parts" or "seat of affections"). And since we are His disciples, we are to imitate Him and also be full of compassion.

## 3. EVIDENCE OF PATIENCE (5:12)

Above all, my brothers, concluded James, do not swear or take an empty oath. For those who truly demonstrate the persistence and patience prescribed for believers, there is no need to invoke an oath, whether by heaven or by earth, that their word is certain. ("Swear" does not refer to profanity but to taking an oath.) The testimony should be such that when one says yes, it means yes, and when he says no, that is just what he means (cf. Matt 5:37). The soon return of the Lord, the Judge who stands at the door (James 5:9), is motivation enough for this kind of honesty and trustworthiness, lest one be condemned (lit., "fall under judgment").

A fitting climax to James' letter is his emphasis on prayer. The greatest assistance any believer can offer another is faithful prayer. Prayer is clear evidence of patience and care. Prayer is the "hotline" to the One who can provide for any need no matter how complex or impossible it may seem. **To share in prayer, a believer must have a patient sensitivity to someone's needs, engage in diligent supplication for those needs, and recognize the significance of those needs.**

Perhaps the two greatest weaknesses in the average congregation of believers today are the areas of prayer and praise. The reason for these weaknesses may be traced to insensitivity. There is much need for prayer and much cause to praise. Suffering should elicit prayer. Sufficiency should elicit praise. James used several questions to stress these points. "Is any one of you in trouble?" "In trouble" (*kakopathe*, "suffering ill") relates to suffering from any source. "Is anyone happy?" Let him sing songs of praise.

A believer should be what God wants him to be, do what God wants him to do, say what God wants him to say, sense what God wants him to sense, and share what God wants him to share. Spiritual maturity involves patience in every aspect of life. Ω

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

| VENUE                                       | TIME                                    | FACILITATORS                               |
|---|---|--|
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                              |   |  |
| Bayating Residence<br>Poblacion, Tuba       | 5:30- 7:30 PM                           | Arnan Bayla<br>& Andy Bestre               |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                            |   |  |
| Midtown<br>Assembly Hall                    | 7—9 PM                                  | Arnan Bayla, et. al.                       |
| Irisan Mobile (Baban, &<br>Yang residences) | 7 – 9 PM                                | Andy Bestre/<br>Sixto Aoas                 |
| Congregational<br>Midweek Devotional        | 6 – 7 PM<br>Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed   | Care Group assigned                        |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                             |   |  |
| Young People<br>Family Life Center          | 5:30 – 7:30 PM                          | O'neil Gonzales, et. al.                   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                               |   |  |
| Midtown<br>Assembly Hall                    | 7 – 9 PM                                | Lemuel Glori /<br>Arnan Bayla              |
| Upper Kitma Village                         | 7 – 9 PM                                | Greg Kitma /<br>Chris Oliva                |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                             |   |  |
| Sports & Jogging<br>Panagbenga Park         | 8 – 10 AM                               | YPeez Sports Enthu-<br>siasts              |
| Mobile Saturday<br>Care Group               | 3 – 5 PM                                | D. Sameon,<br>E. Wagang,<br>R. Tada        |
| Couples Care<br>Group                       | 5 – 7 PM<br>4 <sup>th</sup><br>Saturday | Jun Bondoc /<br>Lemuel Glori               |
| High School -College Care<br>Group @ FLC    | 5 – 7 PM                                | Young Adults and<br>College students       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                               |   |  |
| All YPeez Care Group                        | 12 – 3 PM<br>Fourth Sunday              | YPs in charge                              |
| All Ladies<br>Fellowship                    | 12 – 3 PM<br>Third Sunday               | Ladies in charge:<br>2ndf Q Steering Group |
| Young Adults<br>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

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Worship Assembly  
5:30 - 6:30 PM



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