

**Servers Today, May 21, 2017**

**Restraining the Tongue  
(James 3:1-12)**

Guest Speaker: Ron Holland  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Abe Insas  
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo  
 Communion Text: Isaiah 53:1-12  
 Scripture Reading: CD Espinosa  
 Prayer for the Bread: Donnel Gonzales  
 Prayer for the Cup: Dante Baddas  
 Prayer for the Giving: Art Tacay  
 Closing Prayer: Maril Bayating Jr.  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Clarita Cachero  
 To Bring Biscuits: Mervz & Kat Oliva  
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Palaypayon Family

Communion: Angela Ramos  
 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 May 28, 2017**

**Understanding the Two Kinds of Wisdom (James 3:13-18)**

Speaker: Andy Bestre  
 Song Leader: Annan Bayla  
 Invocation: Jesse Bestre  
 Intercessory Prayer: CD Espinosa  
 Communion Text: Hebrews 9:11-14  
 Scripture Reading: Kajem Kitma  
 Prayer for the Bread: O'neil Gonzales  
 Prayer for the Cup: Jasper Perdigon  
 Prayer for the Giving: Sol Palaypayon  
 Closing Prayer: Greg Kitma  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Andy Bestre  
 Song Leader: Annan Bayla  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Toby & Asia  
 To Bring Drinks: Toby & Asia  
 Usher/ettes: Gonzales Family

Communion: Angela Ramos  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | A. Tacay



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**Midtown welcomes back & congratulates youth minister**

Midtown welcomes back brother Jesse M. Bestre, the congregation's Youth Minister, after having successfully completed a BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES at the SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI) in Pasir Panjang, Singapore. He has recently returned to the city after his graduation last Sunday, May 14, 2017. Midtown also congratulates him for having graduated at the top of his class as valedictorian. There were other five (5) graduates from China, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, and Myanmar. All have returned to their country.

Meanwhile, the congregation is altogether happy to see brother Christian Daniel Espinosa who is also in the country for a brief break from his studies in SIBI. He will soon return to Singapore after his semestral break.Ω

**MRN concludes mission trip in Baguio today**

Brother Jojo Ramos together with brothers Mark Hooper and Ron Holland, representing the MISSION RESOURCE NETWORK (MRN) had been in Cainta Rizal on May 13-14, in Tuguegarao (Cagayan) on May 17, in Manaring (Isabela) on May 18, and in Santiago, (Isabela) on May 19, conducting mission workshops and edifying the brethren there. They are now in Baguio and will be serving at Midtown with brother Mark Hooper facilitating the joint Adult Bible Classes and brother Ron Holland serving as sermon speaker. After the worship assembly, the American brothers will be having a potluck luncheon fellowship with Midtown's Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM). They will be leaving the city tomorrow for another mission trip elsewhere. Godspeed!Ω

**Saturday mobile care group resumes at Wagangs**

The Saturday Mobile Care Group that usually meet afternoon of one Saturday monthly and hosted by different families resumed at the residence of the Wagangs at Bengao, this city, the other past Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 3-5 PM. Said Care Group was attended by regulars Ruth Trinidad, Leah Tada, Charlie Abance, Rosa Aquino, and others. Brother Ernie facilitated the studies. Sister Ruth Trinidad will host next month's meeting.Ω

**"Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave."**

**READ 1 Peter 3:7**

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**Vacation Bible School kicks off tomorrow**

Children from preschool up to Grade 6 are enjoined to enroll today for the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) which will kick off tomorrow, Monday, May 22, 2017 with the VBS theme, **ADVENTURES IN GOSPEL TREASURES**, based on Colossians 2:2-3 *"That they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."*

The VBS aims to encourage participants to EXPLORE GOSPEL TREASURES BY SEARCHING, KNOWING, EMBRACING, & SHARING THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL. Schedule of activities and other details found on page 2.Ω

**Ladies help inmates understand substance abuse**

Midtown ladies visited more than a hundred inmates at the WOMEN'S DORMITORY OF THE BAGUIO CITY JAIL last Saturday, May 21, 2017 at 5—7 PM. Sister Lorigrace Bayla—Austria, Municipal Health Officer of Tuba, facilitated the seminar on DRUGS, ALCOHOL & SMOKING. The inmates truly appreciated the information and the gestures of love, acceptance, and care.

Earlier, eighteen Midtown (18) ladies were with the same group of inmates the other past Saturday, May 13, 2017 @ 6—8 PM. The ladies, namely, Pearl Bestre, Rosita Go, Janet Perdigon, Jane Abance, Marlene Samonte, Jovy Mabesa, Nelly Bayla, Janet Ramos, Angela Ramos, Clarita Cachero, Keshia Oliva, Minda Oliva, Maureen Soriano, Corazon Ozo, Kana Perdigon, Norma Aping, and Elizabeth Sevilla, served as guests in the inmates program on motherhood that night. Sister Lois Balagtey—Fermin served as speaker while sisters Marlene Samonte, Janet Ramos, and Minda Oliva gave encouraging testimonials on motherhood.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering  
May 14, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION  
P34,740.00**

**PM COLLECTION  
P2,056.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P36,796.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults - 102 YP - 40 Children - 40 Guests - 1	<b>PM</b> Adults -14 YP - 6 Children - 2 Guests - 0
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**TOTAL - 183**      **TOTAL - 22**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
(AM/PM) 205**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

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| *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      | *Brayant Buenafior     |
| *Norma Aping         | *Maril Bayating Sr.    |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Charlie Alvarez       |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Priscilla Bayasen     |
| *Damian Mercado      | *Rolito Tugay-an       |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Mellina Licupa-Dsouza |
| *Rodolfo Baggao      |                        |

**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)  
 Mark Hooper & Ron Holland & Jojo Ramos

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **VBS & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — Mezzanine Floor, Right after the worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** — May 23, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** — "Adventures in Gospel Treasures" | Midtown Hall & BPFLC Facilities | May 22—26, 2017 | 8:00 AM —12:00 PM | Registration Fee: P25.00 **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL** — JUNE 18, 2017 | 12—2:30 PM
- **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL** — MIDTOWN HALL | MAY 24, 2017 | 6—7 PM
- **NEED MEAL/REFRESHMENT SPONSORS FOR VBS WORKING CREW** — KINDLY SIGN-UP AT THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BULLETIN CORNER.

**MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

ADVENTURES IN GOSPEL TREASURES | SEARCH, KNOW, EMBRACE, SHARE | COL. 2:2-3  
"LET GOD LEAD THE WAY" | MAY 22—26, 2017

**■ SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES ■**

	PRE-SCHOOL	GRADES 1 AND 2	GRADES 3 AND 4	GRADES 5 AND 6
8:05	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY (OPENING) @ MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL</b>			
8:20				
8:30	Cheering	Cheering	Arts and Crafts	Bible
8:40				
8:50	Bible Story	Music and Games	Application	Arts and Crafts
9:00				
9:10			Bible	
9:20	Music and Games	Bible Story	Application	Arts and Crafts
9:30				
9:40				
9:50	SNACKS	SNACKS	Cheering	Cheering
10:00				
10:10	Bible	Arts and Crafts	SNACKS	SNACKS
10:20				
10:30	Application	Bible Story	Music and Games	Bible Story
10:40				
10:50	Arts and Crafts	Bible	Music and Games	Bible Story
11:00				
11:10		Application		
11:20				
11:30	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CLOSING &amp; DISMISSAL)</b>			
11:40	<b>@ MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL</b>			

GRADE LEVEL	COUNSELORS	ACTIVITY CENTERS	TEACHERS / FACILITATORS
Preschool (Explorers)	Kate, Kaelin, Melchi, Kyla	Bible Story	Kajem, Kemuel, Kana
Grade 1 & 2 (Backpackers)	Jead, Chloe, Sean	Bible Application	Kesha, Maureen
Grade 3 & 4 (Trekks)	Chloe, Klarissa, Abe	Cheering	Dith
Grade 5 & 6 (Rangers)	Khryz, Rico, Christy	Music & Games	Amber, Rod, Aaron, A-mark
		Arts & Crafts	Angela, Kaesha, Ira, Kaisha
Runners, Gate keepers, Boy Scouts, Logistics	Janriel, Aldian, Ezra, Abi, Louise, O'neil, Dex, Den	Snack /Trail Mix mixers	Pearl & MCOC Ladies
Registration, Awards, Docum'tion, Certificates,	Alec, Kesha, Mau, Amark, Ezra, Luke	Assembly Hall	Kajem, Jasper, Jesse, O'neil, et.al.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**  
Schedule of the Preparation Period  
and of the VBS Proper  
AVAILABLE SLOTS FOR SPONSORING MEALS FOR THE WORKING CREW. PLEASE CONTACT sisters Kesha Oliva or Denise Jane Wagang for inquiries and scheduling. (Blocked cells not applicable)

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY!

PREPARATION PERIOD			
Date	Lunch	Snacks	Dinner
	P1500.00	P600.00	P1500.00
April 25- May 14	Midtown	Midtown, Rosita Go	
May 15 M	Josie Selmo	Ruth Trinidad	
May 16 T	Midtown	Midtown	
May 17 W	Joyce Kitma	Espinosa Family	
May 18 Th	Greg Kitma	Bayating Family	
May 19 F	Kesha Oliva		
May 20 Sa	Bayating Family		
May 21 Su	Wagang Family		Bayla Family
VBS PROPER			
May 22 M	Rico Ramos		
May 23 T	Midtown		
May 24 W	Glen Gawe		
May 25 Th			Joyce Kitma
May 26 F			

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Bayating Residence Tuba	5:30- 7:30 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
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 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Care Group assigned
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Young People Family Life Center	5:30 – 7:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales, et. al.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 – 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Sports & Jogging Panagbenga Park	8 – 10 AM	YPeez Sports Enthusiasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM 4th Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School -College Care Group @ FLC	5 – 7 PM	Young Adults and College students
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
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**

Holy 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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