

**Servers Today, September 24, 2017**

**Pursuing Righteousness  
(1 Timothy 6:11-21)**

Speaker: O'neil Gonzales  
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva  
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang  
 Intercessory Prayer: Art Tacay  
 Communion Text: Romans 8:1-4  
 Scripture Reading: Melchi Aquino  
 Prayer for the Bread: Sam Quezada  
 Prayer for the Cup: Dante Baddas  
 Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin  
 Closing Prayer: Charlie Abance  
 Announcement: Mervin Oliva  
 Evening Speaker: O'neil Gonzales  
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva  
 To Bring Flowers: Lara Montes  
 To Bring Biscuits: Martin Family  
 To Bring Drinks: Martin Family  
 Usher/ettes: Wagang Family

Communion: Tess Kitma  
 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 October 1, 2017**

**Serving God With Pure Conscience  
(2 Timothy 1:1-7)**

Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Jesse Bestre  
 Invocation: Santiago Sameon II  
 Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes  
 Communion Text: Hebrews 9:11-15  
 Scripture Reading: Rodrigo Bondoc  
 Prayer for the Bread: Chris Oliva  
 Prayer for the Cup: Richard Bestre  
 Prayer for the Giving: Dexter Wagang  
 Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating  
 Announcement: Jesse Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

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



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**Midtown brethren sympathize  
with Mercado-Gonzales family**

A number of Midtown brethren travelled to Tarlac City to convey sympathies and condolences to the bereaved family of the late MR. DAMIAN MERCADO. He was one of the subject of congregational intercessory prayers for some time until his demise due to a lingering illness last Sunday, September 17, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Anita Mercado, three children including Mary Ann Gonzales, Dan, and Dennis; a number of grandchildren including O'neil and Donnel Gonzales.

A brief devotional service was conducted by the brethren, namely, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Gaspar Jr & Virgie Baldo, Sol & Lani Palaypayon, Julius & Fely Rojo, and Lemuel Glori, at the ENRIQUEZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL at Tanedo St., San Nicolas, Tarlac City, evening of Tuesday, September 19th. The next day, spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa and sister Pearl Bestre travelled with spouses Randy & Arlene Rimando to attend the funeral.

The Mercado-Gonzales family convey their wholehearted appreciation to the congregation for the devotional conducted, support, unceasing prayers, and sympathies during their time of grief.Ω

**Young People's Chinese guest  
speaks on spiritual surfing**

Midtown's young people and young adults were delighted to have brother Simon Chen of Shanghai, China as guest speaker during the THURSDAY REGULAR DEVOTIONAL at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER, Session Rd., this city, recently. Brother Simon facilitated a discussion on "SPIRITUAL SURFING" in which he emphasized that while a great number of youth are into the practice of surfing for interesting facts and figures on the net, the same interest should be done spiritually in which youth should seek for spiritual truths in the word. Brother Chen, a student of SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE, has recently returned to Singapore with brother CD Espinosa.

Meanwhile, the SATURDAY YP CARE GROUP resumed at the FLC on September 16th, with Jesse Bestre, Jasper Perdigon, Khryz Gomowang, A-mark Bayla, Chloe Zamora, Klarissa Glori, JT Badecao, Kaesha Palaypayon, Angela Ramos & friends (Frances & Cristy) in attendance.Ω

**"What comes out of you  
when you are squeezed  
is what is inside of you."**

**READ Matthew 12:33-37**

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**Pledges for Bokod preacher's  
wages exceed target**

The MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY praises the Lord Almighty and is elated to report that pledges for the wages of brother James Biadno, preacher for the Bokod congregations, has so far reached an amount of P151,540.00—exceeding the target amount of P130,000.00. To date, the cash on hand amounts to P88,640.00. MOM thanks the congregation for this outpouring of generosity towards the Lord's work.

MOM reminds contributors to stipulate on the envelopes "FOR JAMES BIADNO" or "FOR MOM" for proper accounting.Ω

**Ladies get wiser in  
last Sunday's devotional**

More or less thirty (30) ladies actively participated in last Sunday's monthly LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL facilitated by the THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Lorie Austria, Nancy Bayla, Ruth Camora, Josie Baban, Kaiah Albay, Cel Alvarez, Clarita Cachero, Jovy Mabesa, Lulu Bondoc, and Diane Martin. The ladies delved into a study on "GODLY WISDOM" facilitated by sister Lulu Bondoc in which she had the ladies resolve case studies of common but pressing issues. She reiterated that the use of the HOLY SCRIPTURES is vital in gaining wisdom.Ω

**27 attend symposium for  
preachers and church leaders**

Twenty-seven (27) brethren representing the different congregations in Baguio and Benguet gathered for a symposium on "UNDERSTANDING CHRIST'S DEITY AND HUMANITY" (Facilitated by brother Eusebio Tanicala.) and "RESOLVING THE ISSUE OF THE USE OF MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN WORSHIP" (Facilitated by brother Santiago Sameon II.) at the PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE, 18 Rimando Rd., this city on September 16, 2017. Handouts of the symposium were distributed for free to all attendees. Copies may be obtained for free from the church office or from brother Andy Bestre.Ω

**P R A Y E R L I S T**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

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| *Rosita Go           | *Andy Bestre         |
| *Mely Genato         | *Gil & Diana Geron   |
| *Meeling Sze         | *Rodrigo Tada        |
| *Amy Go              | *Ofelia Abance       |
| *Charity Ong         | *Lourdes Cera        |
| *Ian Pajantoy        | *Cecilia Alvarez     |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Carina Lacaba       |
| *Marina Gawe         | *Gaspar Nawew        |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Brayant Buenafior   |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Charlie Alvarez     |
| *Norma Aping         | *Priscilla Bayasen   |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Rolito Tugay-an     |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Dave McMillin       |
| *Carmen Villanueva   | *Jeremy Denis        |
| *Lily Soriano        | *Eduardo Ganga       |

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

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

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



**James 5:15**

*"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up; ..... " NIV*

**SAFE TRAVEL**



**Last Sunday's Offering  
September 17, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION  
P29,800.00**

**PM COLLECTION  
P1,758.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P31,558.00**

**MOM - P2000 + 500**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults - 119 YP - 33 Children - 50 Guests - 1	<b>PM</b> Adults - 21 YP - 8 Children - 1 Guests - 0
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**TOTAL - 203**      **TOTAL - 30**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
(AM/PM) 233**

**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 | SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL & JOINT CARE GROUP**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 | 6:00—7:00 PM | FACILITATOR: SATURDAY MOBILE CARE GROUP
- **MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) LUNCHEON MEETING**— FAMILY LIFE CENTER | SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **MEN'S RETREAT**— MJ TRANSIENT HOUSE, STO NINO SUBD. BAGUIO CITY | OCTOBER 5-7, 2017 | FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT BROTHER JOJO RAMOS @ 09987940916

## ♥ HOW TO FIGHT A GOOD FIGHT ♥

**W**hile caring for the needs of the brethren, Timothy needed to care for himself as well. *Take heed unto thyself* (1 Tim 4:16) was one of Paul's admonitions. The phrase *But thou* (1 Tim 6:11) indicates a contrast between Timothy and the false teachers. They were men of the world, but he was a *man of God*. This special designation was also given to Moses (Deut 33:1), Samuel (1 Sam 9:6), Elijah (1 Kings 17:18), and David (Neh 12:24); so Timothy was in good company.

Paul gave three admonitions to Timothy that, if obeyed, would assure him success in his ministry and a continued testimony as *a man of God*. (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

• **FLEE** (v. 11 a). There are times when running away is a mark of cowardice. *Should such a man as I flee?* asked Nehemiah (Neh 6:11). But there are other times when fleeing is a mark of wisdom and a means of victory. Joseph fled when he was tempted by his master's wife (Gen 39:12), and David fled when King Saul tried to kill him (1 Sam 19:10). The word *flee* that Paul used here did not refer to literal running, but to Timothy's separating himself from the sins of the false teachers. This echoes the admonition in 1 Tim 6:5: *From such withdraw thyself.*

Not all unity is good, and not all division is bad. There are times when a servant of God should take a stand against false doctrine and godless practices, and separate himself from them. He must be sure, however, that he acts on the basis of biblical conviction and not because of a personal prejudice.

• **FOLLOW** (v. 11 b). Separation without positive growth becomes isolation. We must cultivate these graces of the Spirit in our lives, or else we will be known only for what we oppose rather than for what we propose. *Righteousness* means *personal integrity*. *Godliness* means *practical piety*. The first has to do with character; the second, with conduct. *Faith* might better be translated *faithfulness*. **IT HAS WELL BEEN SAID THAT THE GREATEST ABILITY IS DEPENDABILITY.** *Love* is the agape love that sacrifices for the sake of others. It seeks to give, not to gain. *Patience* carries the idea of *endurance*, sticking to it when the going is tough. It is not a complacency that waits, but a courage that continues in hard places. *Meekness* is not weakness, but instead is *power under control*. Courageous endurance without meekness could make a person a tyrant. Perhaps *gentleness* expresses the meaning best.

• **FIGHT** (vv. 12-16). The verb means *keep on fighting!* It is a word from which we get our English word *agonize*, and it applies both to athletes and to soldiers. It described a person straining and giving his best to win the prize or win the battle. Near the end of his own life, Paul wrote, *I have fought a good fight* (2 Tim 4:7). This *fight*, however, is not between believers; it is between a person of God and the enemy around him. He is fighting to defend the faith, that body of truth deposited with the church (see 1 Tim 6:20). **LIKE NEHEMIAH OF OLD, CHRISTIANS TODAY NEED TO HAVE A TROWEL IN ONE HAND FOR BUILDING, AND A SWORD IN THE OTHER HAND FOR BATTLING** (Neh 4:17). It is sad when some Christians spend so much time fighting the enemy that they have no time to do their work and build the church. On the other hand, if we do not stand guard and oppose the enemy, what we have built could be taken from us.

What is it that encourages us in the battle? We have *eternal life* and need to take hold of it and let it work in our experience. We have been called by God, and this assures us of victory. We have made our public profession of faith in Christ and others in the church stand with us.

Another encouragement in our battle is the testimony of Jesus Christ our Saviour. He *testified a good confession* (1 Tim 6:13) before Pontius Pilate and did not relent before the enemy. He knew that God the Father was with Him and watching over Him, and that He would be raised from the dead. It is *God who makes all things alive* (literal translation), who is caring for us, so we need not fear. Timothy's natural timidity might want to make him shrink from the battle. But all he had to do was remember Jesus Christ and His bold confession, and this would encourage him.

Paul gave Timothy military orders: *I give thee charge* (1 Tim 6:13, also 1:3). He was to guard the commandment and obey it. Why? Because one day THE COMMANDER would appear and he would have to report on his assignment! The only way he could be ready would be to obey orders *without spot or blame* (1 Tim 6:14, NIV). Ω

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Midtown Church of Christ		
SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL   CARE GROUPS		
VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, 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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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**

Communion - 9:00 - 9:30  
Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:30  
Message - 10:45 - 11:15

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**MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS      SUNDAY PM WORSHIP**

See schedule 

Worship Assembly  
5:30 - 6:30 PM 



**Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure"**



**Month of October Celebrators**

01 - Katrina Dereje  
03 - Gladness Rafanan  
03 - Kemuel Perdigon  
04 - O'Neil M. Gonzales  
04 - Nelly Bayla  
04 - Rossana Ozo  
07 - Erin Sarah Sameon  
08 - Arturo Tacay  
08 - Rosella Wania  
09 - Rod Tada  
09 - Earl Tristan Sameon  
10 - Eleonor Garoy  
10 - Jasmine Chappot  
11 - Danielle Rosa Tan  
12 - Octavio Abance  
15 - Rose Acosta  
15 - Richard Bestre  
16 - Rodrigo Bondoc  
17 - Jizza K Abance  
17 - Primitiva Ridon  
22 - Wynell Roncal  
23 - Lemuel Glori  
23 - Ofelia Abance  
24 - Jeady Jewel D. Igoy  
25 - Lani Palaypayon  
28 - Merlie Garcia  
28 - Florence Magalong  
29 - Sarah Elipane  
29 - Lera Gonzales  
29 - Clyde Abance  
29 - Marina Gawe  
31 - Erika Mariano

  
  
  


*Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.*

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