

Servers Today, September 3, 2017

**Keeping The Church Unburdened
(1 Timothy 5:1-16)**

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rpjo
 Communion Text: Galatians 3:26-29
 Scripture Reading: Rodrigo Bondoc
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Cup: JJ Ramos
 Prayer for the Giving: O'neil Gonzales
 Closing Prayer: Jun Bondoc
 Announcement: Arnan Bayla
 Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 To Bring Flowers: Lara Montes
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown
 Usher/ettes: Oliva 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 September 10, 2017

**Honoring Godly Elders
(1 Timothy 5:17-24)**

Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Greg Kitma
 Intercessory Prayer: Jesse Bestre
 Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30
 Scripture Reading: Ezra Valdez
 Prayer for the Bread: Donnel Gonzales
 Prayer for the Cup: Dexter Wagang
 Prayer for the Giving: Mervin Oliva
 Closing Prayer: Mar Bayating
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon Family

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Sports enthusiasts sponsor volleyball at Green Valley

A good number of young adults and young people had a good game of volleyball at the GREEN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB afternoon of last Sunday, August 27, 2017. Responding to a number of requests, the SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS of the Youth Ministry arranged for a volleyball game for fun and also for learning the game. Brother Ezra Valdez coached a number of young people wanting to learn the game.

Playing the game were Jesse Bestre, Abe Linggon, Jasper Perdigon, Alec Likigan, Alton Mark Bayla, Ezra Valdez, Aldian Po, Aaron Cordero, Kyle Cordero, O'neil Gonzales, Dexter Wagang, Janriel Abance, Nelly Bayla, Amber Po, JT Badecao, Kaesha & Kaelin Palaypayon, Jehzeel Diane Martin, Lady Angela Ramos, Pearl Ambog, and Angelica Wagang. Cheering were Maureen Soriano, Denise Wagang, Arnan Bayla and Rod Tada.Ω

Couples & FCG celebrates wedding anniversary on Baguio Day

Different from the usual care group meetings, the FRIDAY CARE GROUP and the COUPLES CARE GROUP were together in celebrating the 10th wedding anniversary of SPOUSES RICHARD & PEARL BESTRE evening of last Friday, September 1, 2017 at the Midtown Assembly Hall. Taking advantage of the local holiday in celebration of Baguio's Charter Day, the couple pulled together a number of their loved ones, friends, and brethren to celebrate a most memorable event in their lives together.

Before the fellowship in meals, brother Arnan Bayla delivered a timely message on the "SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE" in which he emphasized that marriage is designed by God Himself in the beginning of the creation of mankind (Genesis 2:15-25) and as such, everyone must honor marriage for the Creator's glory, praise, and honor. He also reminded all couples of the FUNDAMENTAL DIVINE PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE. Brother Jun Reyes led in the community singing while brothers Noel Espinosa and Eric Sacayanan led in lifting the couple in prayers.

After meals, those who graced the occasion were delighted with musical presentations from Kana Perdigon and Kaisha Lagsaman. Fun and games were facilitated by sister Kesha Oliva. Altogether, the celebration was fun, splendid and encouraging.Ω

"Let your smile change the world but don't let the world change your smile."

READ Matthew 5:13-16

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Tuba couple commits to the lordship of Christ

SPOUSES ROLANDO AND JONALYN CASTILLO of Upper Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet were baptized into Christ by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery Thursday evening, August 31, 2017. Their desire to become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ came about after having attended a number of care group meetings at the Bayating Residence at Poblacion, Tuba as well as attending a couple of worship assemblies at Midtown. Present and assisting them at their baptism were brethren Andy Bestre, Charlie Abance, Dante & Loida Baddas, Nelly Bayla, Richard & Lorna, Laisha and Lara Montes.

Brother Rolando Bañaga Castillo, born in Salcedo, San Manuel, Tarlac on May 21, 1977, is a first cousin of sisters Loida Castillo—Baddas and Sonia Castillo—Abance. Sister Jonalyn Lambayon—Castillo was born in Mission, Nagbukel, Ilocos Sur on May 20, 1982. The couple are blessed with three children, namely, Crisia Mae, 14 years old; Cristian Del, 9 years old; and Crisianne, 1 year old.

Midtown welcomes the couple and family and prays for their continued growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.Ω

Irisan CG facilitates midweek devotional

The recent CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL held at the Midtown Assembly Hall evening of August 23, 2017 was facilitated by the IRISAN CARE GROUP. Community singing was led by brother Sixto Aoad while the Bible study was facilitated by brother Andy Bestre in which he reiterated that Christians are to consistently "WALK BY FAITH." There were twenty-eight (28) in attendance. The IRISAN CARE GROUP is usually hosted alternately by sister Josie Baban and sister Gloria Yang and family. This month's congregational midweek devotional will be held on September 27, 2017 at 6-7 PM. Please plan to attend.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering August 27, 2017

AM COLLECTION P28,751.50

PM COLLECTION P1,956.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P30,707.50

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 103	PM Adults -18
YP - 31	YP - 7
Children - 40	Children - 1
Guests - 0	Guests - 0

TOTAL - 174

TOTAL - 26

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 200

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 Gawe | *Carina Lacaba |
| *Sotero Denis | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *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 | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *Dave McMillin |
| *Rhea Mae Wais | *Jeramy Denis |

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

Delegates to the Young Adults Camp (Malaysia) Today's Mission Trips

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**— RESUMES SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **YOUNG ADULTS CAMP**—AUSTIN HEIGHTS, JOHOR BAHRU, MALAYSIA | AUG 29—SEPT 3, 2017
- **ESPERANZA MISSION TRIP**—ESPERANZA, SISON, PANGASINAN | SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 | 7:00 AM
- **BOKOD CONGREGATIONS JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY**—SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 | 9:00 AM
- **PLEDGE FORMS FOR BOKOD'S EVANGELIST**— PLEASE SUBMIT ACCOMPLISHED FORMS TO MIDTOWN'S MINISTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU & GOD BLES YOU.

TODAY'S SERMON OUTLINE

KEEPING THE CHURCH UNBURDENED

<I Tim.5:3-16>
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II: B.Th; Ed.D.

Introduction: "The wealthy and the willing then give contributions according to their freewill; and this collection is deposited to the president, who therewith supplies orphans, widows, prisoners, strangers, and all who are in want." <Excerpt of Justin Martyr, <A.D.100-167> from Halley's Handbook of the Bible, p.764

#1 DUTY OF CLOSE RELATIVES TO SUPPORT THEIR WIDOWS

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| 1. Respect, help, and support widows | - "Honor, (Grk. "tima") widows who are really widows." | | 1 Tim.5:3 |
| 2. Widows with near offsprings | - "But if any widow has children or grandchildren,..." | Mk.7:9 | 1 Tim.5:4 |
| 3. Relatives' duty is to show godliness | - "let them first learn to show piety at home..." | Ex.20:12 | 1 Tim.5:4 |
| 4. Resourcefully support their parents | - "and repay their parents; for this is good..." | Dt.5:16 | 1 Tim.5:4 |
| 5. And pleasing to God | - "and acceptable before God." | | 1 Tim.5:4 |

#2 MORALLY QUALIFIED AND IMMORALLY DISQUALIFIED WIDOWS

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| 1. Qualified widow in the church | - "Now she who is really a widow, and left alone,..." | | 1 Tim.5:5 |
| 2. Reliance and pleadings to God | - "trusts in God and continues in supplications..." | | 1 Tim.5:5 |
| 3. Sustained communication with God | - "and prayers night and day." | | 1 Tim.5:5 |
| 4. Worldly wanton widow | - "But she who lives in pleasure..." | | 1 Tim.5:6 |
| 5. Spiritually deceased while alive | - "is dead while she lives." | | 1 Tim.5:6 |
| 6. Charge that they be spotless | - "And these things command, that they may be blameless." | | 1 Tim.5:7 |

#3 JUDGEMENT AGAINST NON-HELPING CLOSE RELATIVES TO WIDOWS

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| 1. Non-providing relative | - "But if anyone does not provide for his own,..." | | 1 Tim.5:8 |
| 2. Specially for his family | - "and especially for those of his household,..." | | 1 Tim.5:8 |
| 3. Worse repudiation of faith | - "he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." | | 1 Tim.5:8 |

#4 ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION AND DISQUALIFICATION ISSUES ON WIDOWS

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| 1. Valid age cut off | - "Do not let a widow under 60 years old be taken into the number,..." | | 1 Tim.5:9 |
| 2. Formerly legally married to a man | - "and not unless she has been the wife of one man,..." | | 1 Tim.5:9 |
| 3. Good report and reared up children | - "well reported for good works: if she has brought up children,..." | | 1 Tim.5:10 |
| 4. Hospitality and care for others | - "if she has lodged strangers, if she washed the saints feet,..." | | 1 Tim.5:10 |
| 5. Helped the needy | - "if she has relieved the afflicted, if she diligently followed every good work." | | 1 Tim.5:10 |

#5 RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE FOR YOUNGER WIDOWS TO MARRY

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| 1. Reject younger widows | - "But refuse younger widows, for when they have begun go grow ..." | | 1 Tim.5:11 |
| 2. Wanton and want to marry | - "against Christ, they desire to marry,..." | | 1 Tim.5:11 |
| 3. Reckless and deny their faith | - "having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith." | | 1 Tim.5:12 |
| 4. Leisurely and roaming | - "And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to..." | | 1 Tim.5:13 |
| 5. Lazy gossip | - "and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies,..." | | 1 Tim.5:13 |
| 6. Indiscreet spreader of talks | - "saying things which they ought not." | | 1 Tim.5:13 |
| 7. Charged resolution | - "Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage ..." | | 1 Tim.5:14 |
| 8. Give no room for adversary to spite | - "give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully." | | 1 Tim.5:14 |
| 9. Some already sided with Satan | - "For some have already turned aside to Satan." | | 1 Tim.5:15 |

#6 FINAL CHARGE FOR TRUE WIDOWS TO BE SUPPORTED BY CLOSE RELATIVES

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| 1. Address to any brother or sister | - "If any believing man or woman has widows,..." | | 1 Tim.5:16 |
| 2. Charged to support their widows | - "let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened,..." | | 1 Tim.5:16 |
| 3. Church can support true widows | - "that it may relieve those who are really widows." | | 1 Tim.5:16 |

CONCLUSION:

BRETHREN, FROM OUR STUDY WE LEARNED ABOUT THE:

1. DUTY OF RELATIVES TO SUPPORT THEIR WIDOWS, do we agree to this?
2. MORALLY QUALIFIED AND IMMORALLY DISQUALIFIED WIDOWS, do we believe this?
3. JUDGMENT AGAINST NON-HELPING CLOSE RELATIVES TO THE WIDOWS, do we uphold this?
4. ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING AND DISQUALIFYING ISSUES ON WIDOWS, do we accept this?
5. RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE FOR YOUNG WIDOWS TO MARRY, do we affirm this?
6. FINAL CHARGE FOR QUALIFIED WIDOWS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THEIR CLOSE RELATIVES, amen?

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 Aocas
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 Enthusiasts
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

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES Midtown Church of Christ

A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 - The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 - Introduction to the Bible
- LESSON NO. 3 - How We Got the Bible
- LESSON NO. 4 - Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 - Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- LESSON NO. 1 - The Scheme of Redemption:
 - A. God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 - The Scheme of Redemption:
 - B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 - The Scheme of Redemption:
 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 - The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 - The Scheme of Redemption:
 - E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 - The Scheme of Redemption:
 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

- LESSON NO. 1 - Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 - Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 - Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 - Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 - Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 - Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 - My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
 - + Becoming Christians Only
 - + Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 - Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 - Living Abundantly & My Giving to God
- LESSON NO. 10 - Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 - Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 - Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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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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