

**Servers Today, October 8, 2017**

**Revealing The Power Of The Gospel**  
(2 Timothy 1:8-18)

Speaker: Brian Garnett  
 Song Leader: Jun Reyes  
 Invocation: Mar Bayating  
 Intercessory Prayer: Noel Espinosa  
 Communion Text: Isaiah 53:1-6  
 Scripture Reading: Rico Ramos  
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma  
 Prayer for the Cup: Julius Rojo  
 Prayer for the Giving: Sol Palaypayon  
 Closing Prayer: Rolito Tugay-an  
 Announcement: Jun Reyes  
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Jun Reyes  
 To Bring Flowers: Clarita Cachero  
 To Bring Biscuits: Martin Family  
 To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon Family

Communion: Loida Baddas  
 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 15, 2017**

**Enduring Hardships As Good Soldier Of Christ (2 Timothy 2:1-13)**

Guest Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Jhun Bayating  
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva  
 Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30  
 Scripture Reading: Ira Po  
 Prayer for the Bread: JJ Ramos  
 Prayer for the Cup: O'neil Gonzales  
 Prayer for the Giving: Sam Quezada  
 Closing Prayer: Charlie Abance  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Kyla Sue Tacay  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

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**LTCOC hosts BB joint YP devotional & fellowship**

The LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST (LTCOC) young people was last month's host of the BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP held last September 30, 2017 at their chapel located at Barangay Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet.

More than forty (40) young people representing Midtown, Nangalisan, A-Hill, NLEX, and LTCOC enjoyed the discussion on "SETTING OUR PRIORITIES AND BEING DOERS OF THE WORD AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST." In addition to the discussion, the young people enjoyed the fun and games facilitated by the LTCOC YPeez. Brother Jesse Bestre led other ten YPeez from Midtown, namely, O'neil Gonzales, Janriel Abance, Ezra Valdez, Melchi Aquino, Kana Perdigon, Sheema Valdez, Kaesha Palaypayon, Angela Ramos, Maureen Soriano, and Amber Po.

The next BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the NLEX YPEEZ on October 28, 2017.Ω

**Bokod congregations up for bayanihan in Poblacion**

In the last visit of the MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) in Bokod on October 1, 2017, brother Greg Kitma, chairman of the MOM, reported that the Bokod brethren agreed to improve the chapel grounds in Poblacion through "bayanihan." This is in preparation for the upcoming 9th Anniversary celebration on November 12, 2017.

To date, the preacher's quarters is ninety percent (90%) done. MOM and the Bokod brethren plan to roof a portion of the unfinished chapel beginning this week.

Meanwhile, brother James Biadno, Bokod's preacher, reports that there are eighteen (18) seekers currently studying with him in Poblacion, Penged, and Pito. Weekly devotionals and Home Bible Study groups have also been organized and are in progress.

Last Sunday's JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY held at Poblacion, Bokod was attended by twenty-two (22) adults, twelve (12) children and four (4) from Midtown, namely, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Greg Kitma, and Gaspar Baldo Jr.. Brother Jojo Ramos served as the speaker while sister Janet Ramos took charge of the children's class.Ω

"Anybody who still thinks the sky is the limit has no imagination."

**READ John 14:1-14**

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**Midtown brethren to serve in Palawan medical mission**

Some members of Midtown, namely, Sol & Lani Palaypayon, Julius Rojo, and Janet Ramos, will be serving in the upcoming MEDICAL-DENTAL MISSION sponsored by the MARCH FOR CHRIST in Puerto Princesa, Palawan on October 10—14, 2017. Other delegates from Baguio City include brother Shemer Sameon, and a number of doctors—Peter Cating, DMD, Salvadora Lactawen, OD, Chari Bernardez, MD, and Rachel Bernardez, MD. Said mission will be co-sponsored by a ROTARY CLUB from California, USA.

The congregation is requested to pray for a safe trip and a successful mission.Ω

**Saturday Mobile CG held at Midtown hall**

Fifteen (15) brethren and some guests gathered for a devotional sponsored by the SATURDAY MOBILE CARE GROUP at Midtown's Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 3—5 PM. Brother Ernie Wagang facilitated a discussion on "A BIBLICAL ANALYSIS OF CHURCH GROWTH."

Besides the guests, those who benefitted from the fellowship include brethren Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Rod & Leah Tada, Charlie Abance, Ernie Wagang, Marina Gawe, Ruth Trinidad, Josias & Rosa Aquino, and Alice Lalas.Ω

**Sameon speaks boldly in men's retreat**

Brother Santiago B. Sameon II served as one of the speakers in the recently concluded MEN'S RETREAT held at the MJ Transient House, Sto. Niño Subdivision, Bakakeng, this city, on October 5-7, 2017. He spoke evening of Friday, October 6th, on "BOLDLY PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD" in keeping with the retreat's theme, "TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN." The retreat was sponsored by the HAYUMA MINISTRY led by brother Erasto Fuentes Jr. based in the USA. "Hayuma" is a Filipino term meaning "a preparation period before fishing." Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering October 1, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION**  
P27,565.75

**PM COLLECTION**  
P3,990.00

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION**  
P31,555.75

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults - 107 YP - 31 Children - 41 Guests - 0	<b>PM</b> Adults -16 YP - 2 Children - 0 Guests - 0
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**TOTAL - 179**

**TOTAL - 18**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 197**

**PRAYER LIST**

**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 Buenaflor   |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Charlie Alvarez     |
| *Norma Aping         | *Priscilla Bayasen   |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Rolito Tugay-an     |
| *Arian Kaith Igyo    | *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



**James 5:15**

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

**SAFE TRAVEL**

Dexter Wagang (USA)  
 Cel Colcol (Back to Canada)  
 Delegates to the Palawan Medical Mission

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | OCTOBER 10, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**— FACILITATOR: 4TH QUARTER STEERING GROUP | MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | OCTOBER 15, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S VISITATION & YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WITH NANGALISAN COC**— RIVERVIEW WATERPARK, NANGALISAN, TUBA | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017 | 9 AM—12:00 NN
- **LADIES RETREAT**— TO BE HOSTED BY THE TALAMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, TALAMBAN, CEBU APRIL 25—28, 2018 | REGISTRATION FEE: P3,300.00

# David's Mighty Men: Stewardship In Action

The Old Testament contains some of the most remarkable stories. Many of these revolve around a young shepherd boy named David who grew up to become the great King of Israel. One story in the book of 2 SAMUEL recounts a time when David's mighty men overheard King David say, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!" (2 Samuel 23:15). At this point in time, Israel's hated enemies, the Philistines, had taken control of the city of Bethlehem. It was heavily guarded.

"When the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and carried it to David. But he would not drink of it. He poured it out to the LORD." 2 Sam 23:16

The three mighty men, on their own, went down and fought their way through the lines of the Philistines. They made their way to the well in Bethlehem, where they drew water to take back to the young King. They eluded the pursuing Philistines, returned to their hideout, and presented the water to David.

To their surprise, David would not drink the water they had risked their lives to retrieve. David poured it on the ground instead.

David was not rejecting the sacrifice of the men who had gotten water for him. Rather, he was pronouncing their sacrifice too holy for him to selfishly consume.

What an inspiring picture of the way Christians are called to live their lives today. The Apostle Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:15 that because Christ died for us, "...those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

This Old Testament story vibrantly illustrates the fact that we should not selfishly live our lives for ourselves. David poured the water out on the ground as a sacrifice to the Lord. Likewise, we are to take the priceless gifts that God has given us and pour them out as a sacrifice in service to Him and to our fellow men. This is what the Bible calls stewardship.

The apostle Paul himself has something to say about this "drink offering" - "14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me." Phil. 2:14-18 (emphasis mine)

Stewardship is one of the most important and practical themes laid out in the Bible, and yet is often overlooked or minimized by Christians today. To be true to our calling as disciples of Christ, let us no longer live for ourselves but for Christ our Lord and for His will.

The Bible says a great deal about stewardship because this concept touches every area of our lives. The *Disciple's Study Bible* defines stewardship as, "... a way of living that involves one's daily activities, values and goals for life, and the use of all possessions. It begins with God and His plans for creation and purposes for humankind. The steward is God's responsible representative and manager of all creation.

This type of stewardship requires a fundamental commitment to present ourselves completely to God as his servants, with no reservations.

Stewardship is not one more thing we have to do, but a way of seeing everything we already do in a very different light.

In return this "whole life stewardship" will add the peace, fulfillment, significance and purpose to our lives in the here and now that we all so desperately seek. For God's glory!Ω

Condensed by Arnan Bayla from Hugh Whelchel's blog on October 29, 2012 @ <http://blog.tifwe.org>

Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS   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

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**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

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