

**Servers Today, December 24, 2017**

**Communicating Sound Doctrine  
(Titus 2:1-15)**

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Invocation: *Julius Rojo*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *Jhun Bayating*  
 Communion Text: *Romans 6:1-7*  
 Scripture Reading: *Kajem Kitma*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *Sam Quezada*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *Chris Oliva*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *Lem Glori*  
 Closing Prayer: *Mar Bayating*  
 Announcement: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Laisha Montes*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*  
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*  
 Usher/ettes: *Kitma Family*

Communion: *Charis Bayla*  
 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 December 31, 2017**

**Doing What Is Good  
(Titus 3:1-8)**

Speaker: *Jesse Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*  
 Invocation: *CD Espinosa*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*  
 Communion Text: *Galatians 3:26-29*  
 Scripture Reading: *Rodrigo Bondoc*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *Kemuel Perdigon*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *Ezra Valdez*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *O'neil Gonzales*  
 Closing Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*  
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*  
 Evening Speaker: *Jesse Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Rachel Bestre*  
 Usher/ettes: *Baddas Family*

Communion: *Charis Bayla*  
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | A. Tacay*



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**300 plus attend Midtown's Pasasalamat & Anniversary**

MIDTOWN'S PASASALAMAT AND 34TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION held at the Top Floor Function Hall of the Riverview Water Park Hotel, Nangalisan, Tuba, last Sunday, December 17, 2017 went well with the program filled with joyfulness and thankfulness. Three Hundred Thirteen (313) worshipers coming from Midtown, Nangalisan, and the Bokod congregations mainly composed the attendance with a number of guests from other congregations.

Praise the Lord and many thanks to the Bayating family, Riverview management & staff for the free accommodation and services; brothers Julius Rojo & Sixto Aosas for the transportation management; YPeez for the ushering & clean-up and to everyone for the usual cheerful, orderly, and pleasant conduct of the 2017 Pasasalamat.Ω

**Friday care group holds yearender in Irisan**

THE FRIDAY CARE GROUP that meets at the Midtown Assembly Hall weekly held its yearender at the Rojo-Palaypayon residence on Tamangan Road, Irisan, this city, the other past Friday evening, Dec. 15, 2017 with a bonfire, devotional, games & fun. Brother Solomon Palaypayon served as speaker and discussed THE REASONS TO THANK GOD, namely, for HIS WORD, WORK, WILL, WONDERS, AND WAYS. He emphasized that there is no way we can live an abundant life without these (1 Tim 1:14).

Earlier, the same care group held a BABY SHOWER for sister Denise Abance—Wagang at the Calajo Restaurant, Session Rd., evening of December 8th. Expect for the baby's delivery in January 2018!Ω

**BPFLC brings joy to Tagadi, Tadiangan, Tuba**

THE BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) thank members of Midtown who contributed to the school's annual "SHARE-A-JOY" PROJECT. One Hundred Thirty One (131) pupils of the TAGADI HOUSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL located at Tagadi, Tadiangan, Tuba, cheerfully received the gift items which included school kits, toys, clothes, tables, chairs, educational implements, and a water tank on Dec. 20, 2017. BPFLC staff and pupils personally delivered the goods and conveyed a message of love, goodwill, servant hood, and benevolence (Galatians 6:10).Ω

**"It is one thing to love the ways of the Lord when all is fair, and quite another to cleave to them under all discouragements and difficulties."**

**READ Hebrews 11:1-12:3**

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**Three seekers baptized on Pasasalamat day**

Elizabeth D. Donato, 64 years old, Christine Epi, 37 years old, and Lugay B. Fermin, 9 years old, were baptized by brother Julius Udan at the Riverview Water Park last Pasasalamat Sunday, December 17, 2017.

Sisters Elizabeth and Lugay were assisted by sister Ruth Trinidad and Gaspar Baldo Jr. in reinforcing their decision to be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. Meanwhile, sister Christine knew of the pure gospel earlier in a study with brother James Biadno in Poblacion, Bokod.

The churches of Christ congratulates and rejoices with the families of our youngest sisters in Christ.Ω

**Midtown convey sympathies in Bayambang, Pangasinan**

SOME Midtown brethren conveyed the congregation's sympathies to the Paca family for the passing away of Mr. David Paca, father of sister Eleonor Paca—Garoy. He was one of the subjects of intercessory prayers at Midtown for some time. He succumbed to a heart failure in his home in Bayambang, Pangasinan on December 14, 2017 at the age of seventy years. He is survived by his wife, Purificacion Paca, three daughters, namely Grace, Eleonor, and Catherine, and two grandchildren. The brethren, namely, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Charis & A-mark Bayla, Gaspar Jr. & Virgie Baldo, Kristine Sameon, Lemuel & Vangie Glori, Greg & Tess Kitma, Jun Reyes, Dith Zamora, Jojo Ramos, and Ruth Trinidad, conducted a devotional service Thursday evening, December 21. Brother Arnan Bayla discussed in the devotional the "MOST IMPORTANT DUTY OF MAN" based from the Book of Ecclesiastes. He underscored that seeking and obeying God's laws should be one's priority in life.

Family, relatives, and friends of the deceased expressed their appreciation for the sympathies, ceaseless prayers, and loving support during their bereavement.Ω

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

**AM COLLECTION  
P55,050.50**

**PM COLLECTION  
P740.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P55,790.50**

**MOM - P500**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM Adults - 206 YP - 66 Children - 48 Guests - 3</b>	<b>PM Adults -8 YP - 2 Children - 1 Guests - 0</b>
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**TOTAL - 323**      **TOTAL - 11**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
(AM/PM) 334**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

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| *Ian Pajantoy        | *Cecilia Alvarez     |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Gaspar Nawew        |
| *Marina Gawe         | *Charlie Alvarez     |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Priscilla Bayasan   |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Rolito Tugay-an     |
| *Norma Aping         | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Dave McMillin       |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Jeremy Denis        |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Eduardo Ganga       |
| *Carmen Villanueva   | *Anthony Flores      |
| *Lily Soriano        | *Elvie Sacayanan     |
| *Andy Bestre         | *Marichu Concepcion  |
| *Gil & Diana Geron   | *MaryAnn Gonzales    |
| *Rodrigo Tada        | *Linda Yaneza        |
| *Ruth Trinidad       | *Florence Magalong   |
| *Ofelia Abance       | *Bernard Ignacio     |

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

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

\* 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**

*Holiday Vacationists*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S YEARENDER AMAZING RACE**— TAMANGAN, TADIANGAN, TUBA | DEC. 29-30, 2017
- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—on December 26, 2017 | Resumes January 9, 2018.
- **NO JOINT MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL**—on Wednesday, December 28, 2017| Resumes January 24, 2018
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL MEETING AT MIDTOWN** (Wednesday | 7—9 PM) resumes January 10, 2018
- **FRIDAY CARE GROUP MEETING AT MIDTOWN** (Friday | 7—9 PM) resumes January 5, 2018
- **REGIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, BUGALLON, PANG. | DECEMBER 20-23, 2017
- **MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY MEETING**—FAMILY LIFE CENTER | JANUARY 6, 2018 | 12:00—3 PM

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October 2017

# “What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?”

Jesus did not phrase this question as He had when He asked His disciples, "Whom say you that I am?" (Matt 16:15) These men who had been arguing with Him were not sympathetic with His cause, nor were they honest in their assessment of His credentials. Jesus had to take an indirect approach with His enemies. He made this sound like another theological question, when in reality it was the most important personal question they would ever face.

"Whose Son is the Messiah?" He asked them. As trained experts in the Law, they knew the answer: "He is the Son of David." Had they

been asked, they could have referred to numbers of Old Testament Scriptures, including 2 Sam 7:12-13; Ps 78:68-72; and Mic 5:2. Once they had given this answer, Jesus asked a second question, this time quoting from Ps 110:1 - "The Lord said unto my Lord, 'Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.'"

Every orthodox Jewish scholar interpreted this to refer to the Messiah. Only the Messiah could sit at the right hand of God.

Jesus believed in the inspiration and accuracy of the Old Testament Scriptures, for He said that David spoke these words "in the Spirit" (Matt 22:43, NASB). Nobody dared to question the accuracy or the authority of the text.

"If Messiah is David's Son," Jesus asked, "then how could Messiah also be David's Lord?" There is only one answer to this question. As God, Messiah is David's Lord; as man, He is David's Son. He is both "the root and the offspring of David" (Rev 22:16). Ps 110:1 teaches the deity and the humanity of Messiah. He is David's Lord and He is David's Son. When He was ministering on earth, Jesus often accepted the messianic title "Son of David" (see Matt 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30-31; 21:9,15). The rulers had heard the multitudes proclaim Him as "Son of David" when He rode into Jerusalem.

The fact that He accepted this title is evidence that Jesus knew Himself to be the Messiah, the Son of God. As God, He was David's Lord; but as man, He was David's Son, for He was born into the family of David (Matt 1:1,20).

The scholars in that day were confused about the Messiah. They saw two pictures of Messiah in the Old Testament and could not reconcile them. One picture showed a Suffering Servant, the other a conquering and reigning Monarch. Were there two Messiahs? How could God's servant suffer and die? (see 1 Peter 1:10-12)

Had they listened to what Jesus said, they would have learned that there was only one Messiah,

but that He would be both human and divine. He would suffer and die as a sacrifice for sins. He would then rise from the dead in triumph, and one day return to defeat His enemies. However, these religious leaders had their own ideas, and they did not want to change. If they had accepted His teaching, then they would also have to accept Him as the Messiah; and this they were unwilling to do.

The result of this day of dialogue was silence on the part of His enemies. They dared not ask Jesus any more questions, not because they had believed the truth, but because they were afraid to face the truth. "For they did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything" (Luke 20:40, NASB). But neither did they have courage to face the truth and act on it.

Making a decision about Jesus Christ is a matter of life or death. The evidence is there for all to examine. We can examine it defensively and miss the truth. Or we can examine it honestly and humbly, and discover the truth, believe, and be saved. The religious leaders were so blinded by tradition, position, and selfish pride that they could not - and would not see the truth and receive it. We dare not make the same mistake today. Ω

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Baylating Residence Poblacion, Tuba	5:30- 7:30 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
College & Young Adults @ Family Life Center	6 – 7:30 PM	Ezra Valdez
<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
Geron Residence @ Queen of Peace Road	5 – 6:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 – 7 PM Every 4th Wednesday	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: 4th Q Steering Group
Young Adults @ Family Life Center	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

See schedule



### SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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