

Servers Today, November 19, 2017

**Preaching The Pure Message
(2 Timothy 4:1-8)**

Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Jun Reyes
 Intercessory Prayer: Lemuel Glori
 Communion Text: Hebrews 10:1-10
 Scripture Reading: Rodrigo Bondoc
 Prayer for the Bread: Dante Baddas
 Prayer for the Cup: Sam Quezada
 Prayer for the Giving: Abe Insas
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Martin
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Kheif & Mary
 To Bring Drinks: Kheif & Mary
 Usher/ettes: Gonzales Family

Communion: Kyla Sue Tacay
 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 November 26, 2017

**Paul's Final Exhortation
(2 Timothy 4:9-22)**

Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Jun Reyes
 Invocation: Art Tacay
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo
 Communion Text: Romans 6:1-7
 Scripture Reading: Rico Ramos
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Cup: O'neil Gonzales
 Prayer for the Giving: Jesse Bestre
 Closing Prayer: Rolito Tugay-an
 Announcement: Jun Reyes
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Jun Reyes
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YPeez learn various lessons in devotionals

To keep the young people grounded on spiritual matters, the following various important topics were discussed in recent youth devotionals conducted in different places:

- OVERCOMING DISTRACTIONS (2 Tim 2:22; Heb 12:2) - discussed by brother Ezra Valdez at the Family Life Center on Nov. 7th, 6:30-7:30 PM.
- TRUTH & CONSEQUENCE—discussed by Jesse Bestre at the Geron residence on Nov. 8th @ 6-7:30 PM.
- GAINING SELF-CONTROL (Heb 12:1-3) - discussed by O'neil Gonzales at FLC on Nov. 9th @ 6:30-7:30.
- EMULATING TYCHICUS (Eph 6:21) - discussed by Jasper Perdigon at the Perdigon residence, Kitma Village, evening of November 10th. Ω

Household gadgets needed for missionary quarters

The MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) appeals for help in providing some of the following needful things for the missionary quarters in Poblacion, Bokod. Used ones are very much welcome. Kindly coordinate with brothers Jojo Ramos and Greg Kitma if able to donate any of the following:

- 1 LPG, 11 kg tank
- 2 pcs. mattress foam (90 cm x190 cm)
- 1 refrigerator—important for storing grape juice
- 1 Rice cooker (10 cups)
- 20 pcs monoblock chairs with backrest
- Kitchen utensils (ladles, spoons & forks, plates, cups and saucers, bowls, drinking glasses, pitchers, basin, kettle, pots, frying pans, knives, chopping board, pails, dippers). Thank you & God bless!Ω

Two care groups added to regular schedule

Two (2) Care Groups have been added to the list on the SCHEDULE OF REGULAR CARE GROUPS & DEVOTIONALS. One is the Care Group for college and young adults meeting at the Family Life Center every Tuesday @ 6—7:30 PM. Brother Ezra Valdez facilitates the devotional.

Another is the Care Group that meets at the Geron Residence, Queen of Peace Rd., this city, every Wednesday @ 5:00—6:30 PM. Brother O'neil M. Gonzales serves as the regular facilitator.Ω

"All receive advice but only the wise profit from it."

READ Proverbs19:20

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Ladies devotional

& luncheon fellowship today

All ladies are cordially invited to a LADIES DEVOTIONAL AND LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP to be held at Midtown's assembly hall right after the morning worship assembly today.

The FOURTH QUARTER STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Jane Bestre, Loida Baddas, Maureen Soriano, Amber Po, Marina Gawe, Norma Aping, Cora Ozo, Sarah Sameon, Ruth Trinidad, Angeline Linggon, and Cristy Tacay, will be taking charge of today's program of activities.

Meanwhile, those interested to join the BAGUIO-BENGUET LADIES FELLOWSHIP which will be held at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Rd., this city, on November 30, 2017, are encouraged to sign up on the PRE-REGISTRATION FORM posted on the bulletin board.Ω

66 show up in Bokod

congregation's 9th anniversary

Thirty-seven (37) adults and twenty (20) children representing the three congregations in Bokod (Poblacion, Pito, Pened) showed up in last Sunday's celebration of the Poblacion congregation's ninth anniversary. Nine (9) brethren from Midtown, namely, Greg & Tess Kitma, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Lemuel Glori, Ruth Trinidad, Cel Alvarez, Jane Bestre, and Jovy Mabesa, graced the occasion and relayed Midtown's congratulations.

Brother Greg Kitma served as the sermon speaker on "PANAGYAMAN" in which he discussed the favorable disciples' thankful attitude towards the Creator for He is good and His love endures forever (Psalm 100).

Earlier last week, brothers James Biadno and Jojo Ramos reported that there were eleven (11) seekers who attended the care group and bible study held at sister Martha's residence in Pito, Bokod last November 8, 2017 (Wednesday). Meanwhile, eleven (11) adults showed up for Bible study at Poblacion last November 11, 2017.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
November 12, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION
P31,543.25 + \$10 US**

**PM COLLECTION
P4,390.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P35,933.25 + \$10 US**

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 85 YP - 31 Children - 30 Guests - 3	PM Adults -17 YP - 10 Children - 4 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 149

TOTAL - 31

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 180**

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Ofelia Abance |
| *Gloria Yang | *Lourdes Cera |
| *Marina Gawe | *Cecilia Alvarez |
| *Sotero Denis | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *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 |
| *Andy Bestre | *David Paca |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Anthony Flores |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Elvie Sacayanan |
| *Ruth Trinidad | *Marichu Concepcion |

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

Midtown YPeez to & from Nangalisan, Tuba



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**— NOVEMBER 21, 2017 | 12:00—2:30
- **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL**— WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017 | 6:00—7:00 PM
- **BAGUIO-BENGUET LADIES FELLOWSHIP**— BAGUIO CHURCH | NOVEMBER 30, 2017 | 8 AM—5 PM
- **BAGUIO—BENGUET INTERCONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**— ALBIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DACLAN, TUBLAY, BENGUET | DECEMBER 2, 2017 | 8:00 AM—4:00 PM | FREE REGISTRATION | SIGN UP ASAP
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**— TO BE HOSTED BY THE TALAMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, TALAMBAN, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25– 28, 2018 | REGISTRATION FEE: P3,300.00

GOD RESISTS THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

King Nebuchadnezzar proudly said, *Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?* (Daniel 4:30)

Nebuchadnezzar was probably walking on the flat roof of his palace, looking out over the great city when he spoke those fateful words recorded in Dan 4:30. One thing is sure: he was walking in pride (v. 37), and pride is one of the sins that God hates (Prov 6:16 ff). *When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom* (11:2, NKJV). *God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble* (James 4:6, NKJV; Prov 3:34; 1 Peter 5:5). It was pride that transformed the angel Lucifer into the devil (Isa 14:12-15), and it was pride that brought about the downfall of King Uzziah (2 Chron 26:16-21).

A solemn voice from heaven interrupted the king's egotistical meditations and announced that the time of probation had ended and judgment was about to fall. We never know when God's voice will speak or His hand touch our lives. Whether it's the call of Moses in Midian (Ex 3), the drafting of Gideon to lead the army (Judg 6), the opportunity of David to defeat a giant (1 Sam 17), the summons to the four fishermen to leave all and follow Christ (Matt 4:18-22), or the warning that life has come to an end (Luke 12:16-21). God has every right to break into our lives and speak to us. What the king had learned from Daniel's interpretation of the dream, he now heard from heaven! "No man knows when his hour will come" (Eccl 9:12, NIV).

God is long-suffering with sinners, but when the time comes for Him to act, there is no delay. The words were still on Nebuchadnezzar's lips when everything began to change. His heart became like that of an animal (Dan 4:16) and he was driven from the royal palace to live in the fields with the beasts. Since the man was beastly at heart. God allowed his brutish nature to be revealed openly. It's likely that Daniel and the other officers managed the affairs of the kingdom during the king's seven years of discipline, so that when the king returned to the throne, he found everything in good order. That in itself was a strong witness to Nebuchadnezzar of God's grace and Daniel's faithfulness.

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The grand lesson God wanted the king to learn – and that we must learn today is that God alone is sovereign and will not permit mortals to usurp His throne or take credit for His works. We are but creatures, and God is the Creator; we are only subjects, but He is the King of kings. When men and women refuse to submit themselves to God as creatures made in His image, they are in grave danger of descending to the level of animals. It's worth noting that God used animals when He wanted to describe the great empires of history (Dan 7), and that the last great world dictator is called *the beast* (Rev 11:7; 13:1 ff; 14:9,11).

Men and women are made in the image of God, but when they leave God out of their lives and resist His will, they can descend to the level of animals. *Do not be like the horse or like the mule*, warns King David, who was guilty of acting like both (Ps 32:9, NKJV). Like the impulsive horse, he rushed into sin when he committed adultery with Bathsheba, and then like the stubborn mule, he delayed confessing his sins and repenting (2 Sam 11-12). When the Lord arrested Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road, He compared the pious rabbi to a stubborn ox when He said, *It is hard for you to kick against the goads* (Acts 9:5, NKJV).

At the end of the seven years, as God had promised, Nebuchadnezzar was delivered from his affliction and restored to sanity and normal human life. It began with the king lifting his eyes to God, which suggests both faith and submission. *I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.* (Ps 123:1, NIV). The Lord says, *Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth!* (Isa 45:22, NKJV). The king acknowledged the sovereignty of God (Dan 4:35b), which was the main lesson God wanted him to learn through this difficult experience (vv. 17, 25, 32). An understanding of God's sovereignty brings the believer assurance, strength, comfort, and the kind of surrender that produces faith and freedom. What was the result of this "conversion" experience? God not only restored the king's reason and removed the beastly heart and mind, but He also graciously restored the king's honor and splendor and gave him back his throne! He testified that he *became even greater than before* (Dan 4:36).

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Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS CARE GROUPS		
VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, Tuba	5:30- 7:30 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
College & Young Adults @ Family Life Center	6 – 7:30 PM	Ezra Valdez
WEDNESDAY		
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
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 4th 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: 4th Q Steering Group
Young Adults @ Family Life Center	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

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

See schedule 

Worship Assembly
5:30 - 6:30 PM 

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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