

**Servers Today, February 18, 2018**

**The Judgment of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 10:1-11:9)**

Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Jun Reyes  
 Invocation: Santiago Sameon II  
 Intercessory Prayer: Lemuel Glori  
 Communion Text: Colossians 3:1-4  
 Scripture Reading: Rico Ramos  
 Prayer for the Bread: Jasper Perdigon  
 Prayer for the Cup: Dante Baddas  
 Prayer for the Giving: Abe Insas  
 Closing Prayer: Rolito Tugay-an  
 Announcement: Jun Reyes  
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: June Reyes  
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban  
 To Bring Biscuits: Josie Baban  
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

Communion: Gonzales Family  
 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 February 25, 2018**

**The Covenant of God With Abram (Genesis 12:1-25:18)**

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang  
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva  
 Communion Text: Romans 6:1-7  
 Scripture Reading: Janriel Abance  
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma  
 Prayer for the Cup: Ira Po  
 Prayer for the Giving: Sam Quezada  
 Closing Prayer: Mar Bayating  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

Communion: Gonzales Family  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | A. Tacay



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**MOM gets raise in monthly allocation**

Midtown's MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) recently submitted to the church forum the ministry's FINANCIAL STATEMENT covering January 1—December 31, 2017. Said FS reflected the year's cash receipts and disbursements with a positive ending balance. However, due to the expanding scope and the increasing needs of the ministry this year, the MOM requested for an increase in the monthly allocation from P2000.00 to P3000.00.

The CHURCH FORUM unanimously approved the request, believing that such course of action will promote the propagation of the Word of God. The increase will take effect on March 1, 2018.Ω

**Nangalisan worker relinquishes designation**

Brother Sixto B. Aoas reported recently that one of his co-workers, brother Bonifacio Marcelo, has duly relinquished his designation as part-time personal worker of the Nangalisan congregation effective this year. Brother Boni Marcelo, however, will continue to actively serve with the said congregation in various capacities in a voluntary role. Also, the previous financial support he receives from the congregation will now be allocated as funds for the youth ministry as per congregational decision.

The NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST is presently served by brother Julius P. Udan as employed minister and evangelist and by brother Sixto B. Aoas as volunteer personal worker.Ω

**BPFLC bags gold in Baguio-Benguet Biblefest**

The BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) emerged as champion in the Bible Quiz and Memory Verse Challenge categories as well as third place in the Bible Drill category during the BAGUIO-BENGUET BIBLEFEST hosted recently by the Association of Baguio-Benguet Christian Schools Association.

Among the pupils bagging the honors for BPFLC were Laisha Montes, Josh Darius Martin, and Jacinth Perdigon—children of active members of this congregation. The contestants were trained and coached by sisters Kesha Oliva, Dith Zamora, and Nelly Bayla. Midtown joins them in jubilations. Congratulations and to God be the glory!Ω

**"Learn to listen attentively - for opportunity sometimes knocks very softly."**

**READ Proverbs 19:20-21**

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**9 attend first BB youth leaders devotional**

Nine (9) youth leaders representing their respective congregations gathered at the Family Life Center for the FIRST BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUTH LEADERS DEVOTIONAL last February 9, 2018. These include Midtown representatives—Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Sheema Valdez, Kana Perdigon; NLEX representative—Armandy Ferrer; La Trinidad representatives—R-jay Tanasa, Ezikel Banggayon; and A-Hill representatives—Julius Cabantac and Franz Imbat. The devotional included a study on THE STORY OF SAUL & DAVID: BETTER RELY ON GOD'S POWER.Ω

Meanwhile, twenty-four (24) young people including four guests attended the devotional the other past Saturday, Feb. 10th. Earlier, 13 YPeez discussed about LISTENING TO ROCK AND METAL MUSIC which was facilitated by brother O'neil Gonzales at the FLC last Feb. 8th.Ω

**Pito joins Poblacion in worship assembly**

Last Sunday's worship assembly in Poblacion, Bokod was joined by the Pito congregation. Unexpectedly, the key to the Pito assembly place was unavailable at that time. Nevertheless, the incident was providential since brother James Biadno who was to preach in Pito was reportedly badly needed back in Poblacion. Brother Abe Insas and Art Tacay served as Bible Study facilitator and sermon speaker respectively. The former facilitated a study on "NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY" based on Hebrews 10:23-27 while the latter discussed "THE SOURCE, SCOPE, AND SPHERES OF BLESSINGS" based on Ephesians 1:3-6. Brother Alfonso Malapit served as the songleader.

Earlier, brothers Jojo Ramos, Greg Kitma, Lemuel Glori, and Ernie Wagang, were in Bokod last February 10, 2018 to help address some matters needing Biblical guidance and counseling. The visitation was a fruitful one for which we praise the Lord!Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering February 11, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION P47,711.25**

**PM COLLECTION P2,960.00 + \$100 US**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P50,671.25 + \$100 US**

**MOM - P1,000**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
Adults - 106	Adults - 21
YP - 39	YP - 12
Children - 40	Children - 1
Guests - 0	Guests - 0

**TOTAL - 185**      **TOTAL - 34**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 219**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| *Ian Pajantoy        | *Cecilia Alvarez     |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Gaspar Nawew        |
| *Marina Gawie        | *Priscilla Bayasen   |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Rolito Tugay-an     |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Norma Aping         | *Jeremy Denis        |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Eduardo Ganga       |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Marichu Concepcion  |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Linda Yaneza        |
| *Carmen Villanueva   | *Florence Magalong   |
| *Lily Soriano        | *Bernard Ignacio     |
| *Andy Bestre         | *Shinar Ciencia      |
| *Gil & Diana Geron   | *Dave Mcmillin       |
| *Rodrigo Tada        | *Dan Sameon          |
| *Ruth Trinidad       | *Gavin Wagang        |
| *Ofelia Abance       | *Maky Walang         |

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



**James 5:15**  
*"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up;" NIV*

**SAFE TRAVEL**  
 Young People (Nangalisan)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— FEBRUARY 20, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL—NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018 @ 12—2:30 PM
- BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUTH JOINT CARE GROUP—SATURDAY, FEB 24, 2018 | HOST: NLEX
- FREE RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY FOR CLEFT PALATE & CLEFT LIPS— SPONSORED BY ROTARY CLUBS & HELPING CHILDREN SMILE INC. | FEB 26—MARCH 5, 2018 | CONTACT BROTHER RICARDO 'JUN' BONDOC @ 09399331763 BEFORE FEBRUARY 23, 2018 FOR INCLUSION.
- NAKRISTIANOAN A PANAG-ADAL KEN PANAGKAKADUA 2018—BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST 18 RIMANDO RD. | MARCH 28-31, 2018 | REGISTRATION: P400 (10 YEARS OLD & UP); P200 (3—9 YEARS OLD)

# BACK TO THE BASICS

Let's review some of the basics found in the Book of Genesis. An understanding of the basic truths of Genesis, especially chapters 1-11, will give you the key you need to unlock the rest of Scripture and to live to the glory of God.

**GOD IS REAL AND WE CAN TRUST HIM.** The Bible opens with a declaration that God exists: "In the beginning God" (1:1). Genesis presents no philosophical arguments to prove God's existence; it just puts Him at the beginning of everything. When you open your Bible, God is there, and He was there before the Bible was written or even the universe was created.

The God you meet in Gen 1-11 is not only eternal, but He's also wise and powerful. He is a great God, and so great is His power that He only has to speak to make things happen. And so great is His wisdom that what He creates is to be — and it works! From the tiniest one-celled animal to the biggest galaxy, in all creation God's power and wisdom are manifested. God has a plan for mankind. He promised to send a Redeemer who would conquer Satan and bring salvation for the human race (3:15). He fulfilled that promise in sending Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to die on the cross for the sins of the world.

**WE LIVE IN GOD'S CREATION**

The universe was created by God, not by chance. He made everything and He keeps everything going. The universe is not an accident. It's the incredible masterpiece of a wise and powerful God who works everything according to the counsel of His own perfect will. God generously gives to us "all things richly to enjoy" (1 Tim 6:17), and we should thank Him for His gifts and use them wisely.

**WE ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD**

Men and women are created, not evolved, and they're created in the image of God. This is a tremendous privilege and a great responsibility. Every baby that's conceived is made in God's image and has the right to live, to be in a loving family, to come to know God through Jesus Christ, and to enjoy a life that's purposeful and fulfilling. Since God has given us a mind to think with, we need to read His Word and learn His truth. He's given us a will to decide with, and we must make wise decisions that please Him. We have hearts to love Him, and we show this love by fellowshiping with Him and obeying His will. Since God made us, He knows what's best for us; and He's given us His Word as our guide-book for life—the *Manual of operations*—and we must get acquainted with it. When all else fails, read the instructions.

**OBEDIENCE IS THE KEY TO USEFULNESS, JOY, AND BLESSING**

Our first parents disobeyed God's Word and plunged the entire human race into sin. Cain disobeyed and became a wanderer. Noah obeyed and God saved him and his family from destruction and blessed them after the Flood was over. Whenever we disobey God, we break our communion with Him and lose the joy of His presence. Obedience is the key to blessing; disobedience is the way to unhappiness and chastening.

**SATAN IS REAL, BUT IS A DEFEATED ENEMY**

Satan is not eternal; he's a created being. He's not all-knowing, all-powerful, or present in all places at all times. He's limited, but he wants you to think he's as great as God and worthy of your obedience. Satan is very powerful and very subtle, and in ourselves we're no match for him. Satan wants to be god in our lives; he wants our worship and our service. He tempts us by questioning God's Word: "Has God really said?" The first step in victory over Satan is not to listen to his offers or believe his promises. We need to know and believe God's truth if we want to detect and defeat the devil's lies. Satan has been defeated by Jesus Christ, and through Christ we can claim victory (Col 2:15; Rom 16:20; 1 Cor 10:13).

**THERE IS SUCH A THING AS SIN**

The world may call it a blunder, a mistake, a weakness, or an accident, but if it's disobedience to God's will, God calls it sin. Sin is serious because it leads to death and judgment. Like any loving Father, God is grieved when His children sin, and God judges sin. But God also forgives and provides the cleansing that we need. When we sin, our tendency is to run away and try to hide, but this is the worst thing we can do. You can't hide from God. The only thing to do is to repent, confess, and claim His forgiveness. God does give us another opportunity to obey Him and be blessed.

**LIVING FOR GOD IS THE MOST REWARDING LIFE POSSIBLE**

God has a different purpose for each of us to fulfill, and He enables us to fulfill it as we trust His Word and obey His will. Whatever He calls us to do can be done to the glory of God. While there are times when it seems like the righteous are suffering and the wicked are succeeding, in the end, the righteous will get their eternal reward and the wicked their eternal punishment. The Christian life isn't always the easiest life, but it is the most satisfying and rewarding!

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**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
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
<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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