

Servers Today, January 21, 2018

**The Fall Of Man
(Genesis 3:1-24)**

Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva
 Invocation: Julius Rojo
 Intercessory Prayer: Dexter Wagang
 Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26
 Scripture Reading: Jasper Perdigon
 Prayer for the Bread: Ezra Valdez
 Prayer for the Cup: Jesse Bestre
 Prayer for the Giving: O'niel Gonzales
 Closing Prayer: Abe Insas
 Announcement: Chris Oliva
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva
 To Bring Flowers: Laisha Montes
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown
 Usher/ettes: Bestre Family

Communion: Sarah Sameon
 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 January 28, 2018

**Conflicting Family Lines
(Genesis 4:1-5:32)**

Speaker: Arnan Bayla
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes
 Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
 Scripture Reading: Melchi Aquino
 Prayer for the Bread: JJ Ramos
 Prayer for the Cup: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin
 Closing Prayer: Mar Bayating
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

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Brethren appreciate intercessory prayers

Spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon conveyed their countless thanks to the congregation for fervently praying for their loved ones. News coming in lately, informs us that sister Sharon McMillin was tested negative for breast cancer while brother Joseph Roncal has recuperated and is now back to work. Sister Shinar is in better condition now after having taken nutritive supplementation. Also, brother Dan Sameon's condition is okay now except for his kidneys. Please continue praying about this.

Meanwhile, brother Anthony James Flores has also recuperated and is now back to work. The family thanks the congregation for the love and prayers.Ω

Young couple ties the knot in Daclan chapel

Brother Asher D. Alidong of Namudan, Daclan, Tublay, Benguet tied the knot with sister Mae-ann T. Lepago of Long-long, Puguis, La Trinidad at the chapel of the Daclan church of Christ located at Namudan, Daclan, Tublay, Benguet last Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9:00 in the morning. Brother Arnan Bayla, licensed solemnizing officer, officiated the wedding ceremony.

Earlier, the couple completed the required sessions of pre-marital counseling using the course "PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY" with brother Arnan Bayla.

Reception followed immediately at the groom's residence which was nearby. Brethren from other churches of Christ, family, relatives, and other guests rejoiced with the newly wedded couple.Ω

Tacay & Insas serve in Pito, Bokod congregation

Brothers Arturo Tacay and Abe Insas, scheduled earlier to serve in Bokod by the MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM), served with the brethren in PITO, Bokod last Sunday, January 14, 2018. Said brothers left the city early morning last Sunday to meet the Pito brethren for worship and fellowship.

Brother Art Tacay served as sermon speaker and discussed "LIVING A RIGHTEOUS LIFE" based on Titus 2:11-12. Brother Abe Insas handled the Bible Study Hour and discussed "EXAMINING OURSELVES" based on 2 Corinthians 13:5.Ω

"A temptation is an opportunity to accomplish a good thing in a bad way."

READ Genesis 3:1-24

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Engaged couple baptized into Christ last week

Brother EDGAR A. ENECILLO, resident of Poblacion, Tuba, and sister RODELIZA N. QUIZANA, resident of Teachers Village, this city, were baptized into Christ for the remission of sins by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery last Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5:30 in the afternoon. The occasion was facilitated by brother Andy Bestre and was attended by brother Edgar's housemates, relatives, and neighbors. Sister Rodeliza's close friends and their family also came to witness the baptism.

Their decision to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior came about after having studied the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Arnan Bayla. Brother Edgar also attends the TUBA CARE GROUP Tuesday evenings. The couple is also completing a course on PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING and is engaged to get married on April 7 this year.

Midtown congratulates and welcomes the newly baptized believers and also prays for their continued spiritual growth. Praise the Lord Almighty for His wonderful deeds!Ω

Midtown brethren console Aoas family in Irisan

Midtown brethren conducted nightly vigil services to console the bereaved family of the late Mr. Juanito B. Aoas at the family's residence at Km. 7 Irisan, this city. The Irisan Care Group led by bothers Andy Bestre & Sixto Aoas spearheaded the devotionals while brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker last Wednesday and Thursday. The Friday Care Group took charge of the devotionals last Friday evening with brother Jojo Ramos serving as speaker.

The deceased was the brother of sisters Nancy Bayla and Linda Yaneza, and brother Sixto Aoas. Interment will be spearheaded by Midtown in Tamangan, Tadiangan, Tuba on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at 1:00 PM.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
January 14, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION
P26,818.50**

**PM COLLECTION
P5,050.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P31,908.50**

MOM - P1,000

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 108 YP - 28 Children - 36 Guests - 1	PM Adults -30 YP - 11 Children - 3 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 172

TOTAL - 44

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 217**

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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

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

Sameons and Company
(Dungon Church)
Midtown YP's (Nangalisan Church)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—JANUARY 23, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 @ 12—2:30 PM
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—TALAMBAN, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25—28, 2018 | REG. FEE: P3,300.00 DEADLINE FOR BOOKING—FEBRUARY 15, 2018.
- **MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY**—MEETING ON JANUARY 28, 2018.
- **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018**—TO PREPARE THE COMMUNION TABLE, BRING FLOWERS, BRING DRINKS AND BISCUITS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN. PLEASE SIGN UP. THANKS.

BE WARNED OF SATAN'S STRATEGY

A temptation is an opportunity to accomplish a good thing in a bad way. It's a good thing to pass a school examination but a bad thing to do it by cheating. It's a good thing to pay your bills but a bad thing to steal the money for the payments. In essence, Satan said to Eve: *I can give you something that you need and want. You can have it now and enjoy it; and best of all, there won't be any painful consequences. What an opportunity!* Note the stages in Satan's tempting of Eve.

SATAN DISGUISED HIMSELF (v. 1 a). Satan isn't an originator; he's a clever imitator who disguises his true character. If necessary, he can even masquerade as an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14). When he came into the Garden, Satan used the body of a serpent, one of God's creatures that He had pronounced "good" (Gen 1:31). Eve didn't seem disturbed by the serpent's presence or its speech, so we assume that she saw nothing threatening about the encounter. Satan still works today as the great impersonator. He has produced a counterfeit righteousness apart from the righteousness that comes only by faith in the Savior (Rom 9:30-10:13). Satan has false ministers (2 Cor 11:13-16) who preach a false gospel (Gal 1:6-10), and he has false brothers (and sisters) who oppose the true Gospel (2 Cor 11:26). The devil has gathered his counterfeit Christians into false churches that God calls "synagogues of Satan" (Rev 2:9); and in these assemblies, Satan's "deep secrets" are taught (v. 24).

SATAN QUESTIONED GOD'S WORD (v. 1 b). 2 Cor 11:3 makes it clear that Satan's target was Eve's mind and that his weapon was deception. By questioning what God said, Satan raised doubts in Eve's mind concerning the truthfulness of God's Word and the goodness of God's heart. *Do you really mean that you can't eat from every tree?* was the import of the subtle question. *If God really loved you, He would be much more generous. He's holding out on you!* Satan wanted Eve to forget that God had told Adam (who had told her) that they could eat freely of the trees of the Garden. For their own good, there was a prohibition: they didn't dare eat from the forbidden tree in the middle of the Garden (Gen 2:15-17).

Eve's reply showed that she was following Satan's example and altering the very Word of God. Compare 3:2-3 with 2:16-17 and you'll see that she omitted the word *freely*, added the phrase *for shall you touch it* (NKJV), and failed to say that God *commanded* them to

obey. Note too that Eve said *lest you die*— a possibility — instead of *You shall surely die* an actuality. So, she took from God's Word, added to God's Word, and changed God's Word, which are serious offenses indeed (Deut 4:2; 12:32; Prov 30:6; Rev 22:19). She was starting to doubt God's goodness and truthfulness. **SATAN DENIED GOD'S WORD** (v. 4). *You will not surely die* (NIV) is a direct contradiction of God's *You will surely die* (2:17, NIV). But Satan is a liar (John 8:44) and God is the God of truth (Deut 32:4), and our response to what God says should be, *Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right* (Ps 119:127). At this point, Eve should have reminded herself of God's Word, believed it, left the serpent, and found her husband. It's when we linger at the place of temptation that we get into trouble, especially when we know what we're thinking is contrary to God's truth. God's truth is our shield and armor (Ps 91:4; Eph 6:16), but it protects us only if we take it by faith and use it.

Satan substituted his own lie (Gen 3:5). *You will be like God* is a promise that would get anybody's attention. *Glory to man in the highest!* has always been the rallying cry of those who reject the biblical revelation, whether they espouse godless humanism, materialism, or the so-called New Age religion. (Actually, the philosophy of the New Agers isn't new at all. It's as old as Gen 3!)

Romans 1:18-32 describes how Gentile civilization from the time of Cain rejected the truth of God and turned to foolishness and lies. They *exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator* (v. 25, NKJV). Speaking about Satan, Jesus said *for he is a liar and the father of it* (John 8:44). In defiance of God, humans exchanged God's truth for *the lie* (note the singular), and followed Satan who is the father of *it* (note the singular again).

What is *the lie* (singular) that has ruled civilization since the fall of man? It's the belief that men and women can be their own god and live for the creation and not the Creator and not suffer any consequences. Believing this, they refuse to submit to God's truth but prefer to believe Satan's lies and follow his diabolical plan for their destruction. They don't realize that Satan is their master (Eph 2:1-3) and the lake of fire is their destiny (Matt 7:13-23; Rev 20:10-15).

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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact:
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Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS | CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
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
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



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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