

Servers Today, April 22, 2018

**Living Godly Lives
(1 Peter 2:11-25)**

Speaker: *Jesse Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 Invocation: *Greg Kitma*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*
 Communion Text: *Galatians 3:26-29*
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Jasper Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Cup: *JJ Ramos*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sam Quezada*
 Closing Prayer: *Julius Rojo*
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Jesse Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Clarita G. Cachero*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Glori Family*

Communion: *Mahay Kitma*
 Worship Coordinator: *Tada | Glori | 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 April 29, 2018

SYMPOSIUM

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Jun Reyes*
 Invocation: *Charlie Abance*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*
 Communion Text: *Romans 8:1-4*
 Scripture Reading: *Melchi Aquino*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Richard Bestre*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Giving: *O'neil Gonzales*
 Closing Prayer: *Gaspar Baldo, Jr.*
 Announcement: *June Reyes*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Perdigon Family*

Communion: *Mahay Kitma*
 Worship Coordinator: *Tada | Glori | Tacay*

**Last Sunday's Offering
April 15, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION
P29,347.25**

**PM COLLECTION
P3,540.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P32,887.25**

MOM -\$100 US

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 112 YP - 41 Children - 38 Guests - 6	PM Adults - 12 YP - 3 Children - 2 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 197

TOTAL - 17

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 214**

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Ian Pajantoy | *Priscilla Bayasen |
| *Gloria Yang | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Marina Gawe | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Sotero Denis | *Jeremy Denis |
| *Bernie Austria | *Eduardo Ganga |
| *Norma Aping | *Linda Yaneza |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Florence Magalong |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Bernard Ignacio |
| *Robinson Palaypayan | *Shinar Ciencia |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *Dave Mcmillin |
| *Lily Soriano | *Dan Sameon |
| *Andy Bestre | *Sophia Tanicala |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Lucia Entera |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Felix & Layola Bravo |
| *Ofelia Abance | *Clabern Sharlo Abance |
| *Cecilia Alvarez | *Katrina Oliva |
| *Gaspar Nawew | *Nelly Bayla |

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

SAFE PREGNANCY

Lara Villanueva



James 5:15

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

SAFE TRAVEL

*Delegates to the NLR (Cebu City)
Sameons (Negros Mission)
Teri Denis (USA) May 9*

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— APRIL 24, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—HOST: TALAMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25— 28, 2018
- **NATIONAL SINGLES RETREAT**—ACU, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | APRIL 30—MAY 3, 2018 | RF: P850.00 FOR SINGLES 17 YEARS OLD & ABOVE.
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION FEE: P1400.00
- **VACATION BIBLE SHOOL**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL & BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER MAY 28—JUNE 1, 2018 | 8:00 AM—12:00 PM |



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INFORMER

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**Midtown PA system
duly upgraded**

Midtown's PUBLIC ADDRESS (PA) SYSTEM was duly upgraded to meet the growing requirements of the congregation. Recently purchased and installed were the following: 5 new microphones (including 4 wireless mic), 2 speakers, 1 sound mixer, and other accessories. The expenses for materials totaled P75,884.00. It is believed that the upgraded system will greatly help in the worship assemblies as well as in devotionals, youth meetings, and in the upcoming various activities to be held at the Midtown Assembly Hall. The congregation thanks brother Jun Bayating for skillfully installing the system.Ω

**30 attend ladies luncheon
fellowship & devotional**

The 2ND QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP, namely, Leah Tada, Marlene Samonte, Carina Lacaba, Juvy Mabesa, Minda Oliva, Pearly Ambog, Angela Ramos, Letty Bayating, Ruth Camora, and Janet Ramos, thank the congregation's ladies for actively participating in last Sunday's monthly LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL. After the luncheon which was shared with the YPeez and some men of the congregation, sister Denise Wagang facilitated the ladies devotional in which she discussed lessons on "BEING A PEOPLE INFLUENCER." It was concluded that disciples of the Lord are true influencers for they are to "shine like stars in the universe by being blameless and pure in a crooked and depraved generation" (Phil. 2:15).

All ladies are invited to the next ladies fellowship & devotional which will be on May 20, 2018. Ω

**Supposed stateside trip
of Ramoses put off**

The supposed three weeks mission trip of spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos to the USA was put off due to some unforeseen requirements overlooked by the US Embassy. Due to time constraints, the couple decided not to push through with the trip at this time believing "that it must not be the Lord's will for them to take the travel now if there be such trouble." Nevertheless, the couple are pleased to stay in the country and attend to their usual agenda and to the local ministries they are actively involved with.Ω

**"Always give and do
your best now for what
you plant now, you
will harvest later."**

READ 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

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**Youth minister serves
as recollection master**

Brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, Midtown's youth minister, recently served once more as RECOLLECTION MASTER for over 200 graduating High School & College students of his alma mater, STI-Baguio, last April 5, 2018. He shared to the participants Biblical insights on "THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS" based on Mark 12:30-31. For the students to easily remember the topic, brother Jesse taught them the 4-part harmony round song of the same title.

In another occasion, brother Jesse Bestre also served as RESOURCE PERSON in a LEADERSHIP SEMINAR to more than a dozen student leaders of the ADAOAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL of Kabayan, Benguet last April 11-13, 2018. The seminar was held at the MT. PULAG NATIONAL PARK RANGER STATION located in Babalak, Mt. Pulag. Here, he encouraged the students to follow the leadership style of the Lord Jesus Christ in addition to time-tested Biblical values, the importance of prayers, and seeking God's will in every endeavor.

Last Sunday, April 15th, brother Jesse Bestre and other young people, namely, O'neil Gonzales, Kana Perdigon, Jehzeel Diane, Sheema, Mary Jo, May Flor, and Diway, served in various capacities with the brethren and young people of Nangalisan.Ω

**8 Midtown ladies to
attend national retreat**

Sisters Ruth Trinidad, Lou Villanueva, Minda Oliva, Clarita Cachero, Ruth Camora, Jane Bestre, Juvy Mabesa and Marlene Samonte will be leaving the city tomorrow evening for their trip to Cebu City to attend the 43RD NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT which will be held at ALTA CEBU VILLAGE GARDEN RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER in Tugbungan, Pilipog, Cordova, Cebu. This year's theme is "Heels & Sporks" in which participants are expected to find spiritual refuge and renewal through the various lessons and activities.Ω

LIVING GODLY LIVES

The central section of Peter's letter (1 Peter 2:11-3:12) emphasizes submission in the life of a believer. Peter applied the theme of submission to the life of a believer as a citizen (1 Peter 2:11-17), a worker (1 Peter 2:18-25), a marriage partner (1 Peter 3:1-7), and a member of the Christian assembly (1 Peter 3:8-12). Submission is simply the recognition of God's authority in our lives. God has established the home, human government, and the church, and He has the right to tell us how these institutions should be run. Peter urged his readers three excellent motives for submitting to authority and thus living dedicated, obedient Christian lives.

■For the Sake of the Unsaved

(1 Peter 2:11-12) As Christians, we must constantly remind ourselves who we are; and Peter did this in 1 Peter 2:11. To begin with, we are Gods dearly beloved children. Eight times in his two epistles, Peter reminded his readers of God's love for them (1 Peter 2:11; 4:12; 2 Peter 1:7; 3:1,8,14-15,17). In ourselves, there is nothing that God can love; but He loves us because of Jesus Christ. *This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*"(2 Peter 1:17). Because of our faith in Jesus Christ, we are *accepted in the beloved*"(Eph 1:6). Our *love relationship*" to Jesus Christ ought to be motivation enough for us to live godly lives in this godless world. *If ye love Me, keep My commandments*"(John 14:15). There is something deeper than obedience because of duty, and that is obedience because of devotion. *If a man love Me, he will keep My words*"(John 14:23). If we are going to evangelize the unsaved people around us, we must live *honest* lives. This word implies much more than telling the truth and doing what is right. It carries with it the idea of beauty, comeliness, that which is admirable and honorable. We do not share the Gospel only with our lips; we must back up our *talk*" with our *walk*."There should be nothing in our conduct that will give the unsaved ammunition to attack Christ and the Gospel. Our good works must back up our good words. Jesus said this in Matt 5:16, and the entire Bible echoes this truth.

■For the Lord's Sake

(1 Peter 2:13-17) Of course, everything we do should be for the glory of the Lord and the good of His kingdom! But Peter was careful to point out that Christians in society are representatives of Jesus Christ. It is our responsibility to *advertise God's virtues*"(1 Peter 2:9, author's translation). This is especially true when it

comes to our relationship to government and people in authority. As Christian citizens, we should submit to the authority vested in human government. The word translated "ordinance" in our Authorized Version simply means "institution." It does not refer to each individual law, but to the institutions that make and enforce the laws. It is possible to submit to the institutions and still disobey the laws. For example, when Daniel and his three friends refused to obey the king's dietary regulations, they disobeyed the law; but the way that they did it proved that they honored the king and respected the authorities (Dan 1). They were not rebels; they were careful not to embarrass the official in charge or get him into trouble; and yet they stood their ground. They glorified God and, at the same time, honored the authority of the king. Two phrases are important: *the will of God*"(1 Peter 2:15) and *the servants of God*"(1 Peter 2:16). When we do something in the will of God and as the servants of God, then we are doing it *for the Lord's sake*."God has willed that we silence the critics by doing good, not by opposing the authority.

■For Our Own Sake

(1 Peter 2:18-25) Peter addressed the Christian slaves in the congregations, and again he stressed the importance of submission. Some newly converted slaves thought that their spiritual freedom also guaranteed personal and political freedom, and they created problems for themselves and the churches. Paul dealt with this problem in 1 Cor 7:20-24, and also touched on it in his letter to his friend Philemon. The Gospel eventually overthrew the Roman Empire and the terrible institution of slavery, even though the early church did not preach against either one. We are to be submissive to those who are over us, whether they are kind or unkind to us. Christian employees must never take advantage of Christian employers. Each worker should do a good day's work and honestly earn his pay. The human tendency is to fight back and to demand our rights. But that is the natural response of the unsaved person, and we must do much more than they do (Luke 6:32-34). Anybody can fight back; it takes a Spirit-filled Christian to submit and let God fight his battles (Rom 12:16-21).

We submit and obey, not only for the sake of lost souls and for the Lord's sake, but also for our own sake, that we might grow spiritually and become more like Christ. Ω

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, Tuba	6:30–8:30 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
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: 2nd 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

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SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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