

Servers Today, April 8, 2018

Proper Conduct As Obedient Children
(1 Peter 1:13-21; 2:1-3)

Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Charlie Abance
 Intercessory Prayer: Jesse Bestre
 Communion Text: Hebrews 7:23-28
 Scripture Reading: Janriel Abance
 Prayer for the Bread: Jasper Perdigon
 Prayer for the Cup: O'neil Gonzales
 Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin
 Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Edgar & Rodeliza Enecillo
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown
 Usher/ettes: Baddas 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 15, 2018

Understanding The Status Of The Saints
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Speaker: Andy Bestre
 Song Leader: June Reyes
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva
 Communion Text: Colossians 3:1-5
 Scripture Reading: Rico Ramos
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Cup: Chris Oliva
 Prayer for the Giving: Lem Glori
 Closing Prayer: Abe Insas
 Announcement: June Reyes
 Evening Speaker: Andy Bestre
 Song Leader: June Reyes
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban
 To Bring Biscuits: Josie Baban
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Gonzales Family

Communion: Mahay Kitma
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7 YPeez participate in metro-wide youth camp

Seven (7) young adults and young people represented the Midtown congregation at the METRO-WIDE YOUTH CAMP hosted by the BATANGAS CHURCH OF CHRIST at the SIBFK CHRISTIAN CAMP & FARM in Malvar, Batangas last March 28-31, 2018.

Brothers Jesse Reuben Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Jasper Perdigon and Melchi Aquino together with sisters Kana Perdigon, Maureen Soriano, and Amber Po joined some four hundred participants and enjoyed the camp's theme, "THRIVE" based on Colossians 2:7. They also expressed their gratitude for the congregation's generous support in shouldering their registration fees.Ω

1400+ brethren participate in Panagakakadua 2018

More than 1,400 brethren representing over a hundred congregations in Central and Northern Luzon participated in the recently concluded Panagakakadua held at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Rd., this city, on March 28-31, 2018. Eight (8) brethren, namely, Andy Bestre, Ernie Wagang, Josie Baban, Ruth Trinidad, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, and Charis & A-mark Bayla.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as facilitator for the young people's class which explored factors in keeping church members active based on Ephesians 2:19-22. He reiterated that being actively involved in the Lord's work facilitates the GREAT COMMISSION (Matthew 28:18-20) and glorifies the Lord. The next PANAGKAKADUA will be in 2021.Ω

Ramos couple to leave for USA this week

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos are scheduled to travel to the USA for a brief visit with mission partners, namely, the SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI), MISSION RESOURCE NETWORK (MRN), and the BELTON CHURCH OF CHRIST in Texas. During their visit, the Ramoses expect to advance the partnerships in mission work in the Philippines. The couple will leave the country on April 11th and are expected to return on May 5, 2018.

In another development, the Ramoses served with the Bokod brethren in the JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the Bokod congregations in Penged last Sunday.Ω

"It is good to know the Word of God, but this should help us better know the God of the Word."

READ 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

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2 couples tie the knot last Friday & Saturday

Brother Edgar Enecillo and sister Rodeliza Quizana, both active members of this congregation, exchanged marital vows in a wedding ceremony at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 9 o'clock in the morning. A number of Midtown brethren stood as principal witnesses including spouses Wilson & Elena Caramé, Maril & Letty Bayating, and Octavio & Melecia Abance. Reception followed at the bride's residence at 134-B Teachers Village, Lower Atab, Sto. Tomas Proper, this city.

Earlier, sister Raquel Magalong exchanged wedding rings with Mr. Clifford Sagulo in simple ceremonies at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Friday, April 6, 2018 at 10 o'clock in the morning. Sister Raquel is the daughter of spouses Juanito & Florence Magalong, active members of Nangalisan and Midtown congregations respectively. Reception was held at the groom's residence at Teachers Village, this city. Spouses Maril & Letty Bayating and Meliton & Josephine Selmo were among the principal sponsors.

Both nuptials were solemnized by brother Arnan A. Bayla, a duly licensed Solemnizing Officer. The couples previously completed the required premarital counseling course, "PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY" with brother Arnan Bayla in separate occasions.

Midtown congratulates the newly weds and prays for their covenant of companionship to last a lifetime! Mabuhay!Ω

Villanueva & Aurigue families convey thanks

The bereaved loved ones, namely, Carmen and Lou Villanueva, Don-don, Bambi & Misha Aurigue, Gina & Mac, Bong & Lara, Jelo, Andaet, and Pad, of the late Monica Villanueva Aurigue who passed away recently expresses their heartfelt thanks to the Midtown congregation "for the visits, presence, sympathies, support, and unceasing prayers offered up for their sake during their times of grief. God bless you all."Ω

Last Sunday's Offering April 1, 2018

AM COLLECTION
P36,017.00

PM COLLECTION
P2,100.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P38,117.00

MOM - P500

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 90 YP - 42 Children - 32 Guests - 2	PM Adults -24 YP - 7 Children - 2 Guests - 1
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TOTAL - 166 TOTAL - 34
 TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 200

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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

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

SAFE PREGNANCY



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

SAFE TRAVEL

Art Tacay & Abe Insas (Bokod)
 Sameons (Negros Mission)
 Jojo & Janet Ramos (USA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— APRIL 10, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM FOR YPEEZ—TODAY | 1:30—4:30 PM
- COUPLES CARE GROUP—PRAYER WALK, FUN GAMES, & BREAKFAST AT BRENT SCHOOL | APRIL 9, 2018 | CALL TIME: 7:30 AM | ALL COUPLES INVITED | FOR FURTHER DETAILS: SMS 09985506690
- LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL—MIDTOWN HALL | APRIL 15, 2018 | 12—2:30 PM
- NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—HOST: TALAMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25—28, 2018
- NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

STAYING CLEAN IN A POLLUTED WORLD

In the first section of this chapter, Peter emphasized walking in hope, but now his emphasis is walking in holiness. The two go together, for "every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (1 John 3:3).

The root meaning of the word translated holy is *different*. "A holy person is not an odd person, but a different person. His life has a quality about it that is different. His present *lifestyle*" is not only different from his past way of life, but it is different from the *lifestyles* of the unbelievers around him. A Christian's life of holiness appears strange to unbelievers, but it is not strange to other believers.

However, it is not easy to live in this world and maintain a holy walk. The anti-God atmosphere around us that the Bible calls *the world* is always pressing against us, trying to force us to conform. In this paragraph, Peter presented to his readers three spiritual incentives to encourage them (and us) to maintain a different lifestyle, a holy walk in a polluted world.

The Glory of God (1 Peter 1:13)

The revelation of Jesus Christ is another expression for the *living hope* and the *appearing of Jesus Christ*. Christians live in the future tense; their present actions and decisions are governed by this future hope. Just as an engaged couple makes all their plans in the light of that future wedding, so Christians today live with the expectation of seeing Jesus Christ. Outlook determines outcome; attitude determines action. A Christian who is looking for the glory of God has a greater motivation for present obedience than a Christian who ignores the Lord's return. The contrast is illustrated in the lives of Abraham and Lot (Gen 12-13; Heb 11:8-16). Abraham had his eyes of faith on that heavenly city, so he had no interest in the world's real estate. But Lot, who had tasted the pleasures of the world in Egypt, gradually moved toward Sodom. Abraham brought blessing to his home, but Lot brought judgment. Outlook determined outcome.

The Holiness of God (1 Peter 1:14-15)

The argument here is logical and simple. Children inherit the nature of their parents. God is holy; therefore, as His children, we should live holy lives. We are *partakers of the divine nature* (2 Peter 1:4) and ought to reveal that nature in godly living. Peter reminded his readers of what they were before they trusted Christ. They had been children of disobedience

(Eph 2:1-3), but now they were to be obedient children. True salvation always results in obedience (Rom. 1:5; 1 Peter 1:2). They had also been imitators of the world, *fashioning themselves* after the standards and pleasures of the world. Rom 12:2 translates this same word as *conformed to this world*. "Unsaved people tell us that they want to be *free and different*," yet they all imitate one another!

To a dedicated believer, there is no such thing as *secular* and *sacred*. "All of life is holy as we live to glorify God. Even such ordinary activities as eating and drinking can be done to the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). If something cannot be done to the glory of God, then we can be sure it must be out of the will of God.

The Word of God (1 Peter 1:16)

It is written! is a statement that carries great authority for the believer. Our Lord used the Word of God to defeat Satan, and so may we (Matt 4:1-11; see Eph 6:17). But the Word of God is not only a sword for battle; it is also a light to guide us in this dark world (Ps 119:105), food that strengthens us (Matt 4:4; 1 Peter 2:2), and water that washes us (Eph 5:25-27). The Word of God has a sanctifying ministry in the lives of dedicated believers (John 17:17). Those who delight in God's Word, meditate on it, and seek to obey it will experience God's direction and blessing in their lives (Ps 1:1-3). The Word reveals God's mind, so we should learn it; God's heart, so we should love it; God's will, so we should live it. Our whole being - mind, will, and heart - should be controlled by the Word of God.

The first step toward keeping clean in a filthy world is to ask, *What does the Bible say?* "In the Scriptures, we will find precepts, principles, promises, and persons to guide us in today's decisions. If we are really willing to obey God, He will show us His truth (John 7:17). We do not study the Bible just to get to know the Bible. We study the Bible that we might get to know God better. It is good to know the Word of God, but this should help us better know the God of the Word. 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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