

Servers Today, July 29, 2018

Symposium on Varied Queries on Diverse Issues Related to Worship

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: C.D. Espinosa
 Invocation: Abe Insas
 Intercessory Prayer: June Reyes
 Communion Text: Galatians 3:26-29
 Scripture Reading: Kemuel Perdigon
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre
 Prayer for the Cup: Eugene Aquinaldo
 Prayer for the Giving: Sam Quezada
 Closing Prayer: Mar Bayating
 Announcement: C.D. Espinosa
 Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: C.D. Espinosa
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban
 To Bring Biscuits: Josie Baban
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown
 Usher/ettes: Gonzales Family

Communion: Cot Espinosa
 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 August 5, 2018

The Letters to Church in Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11)

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva
 Communion Text: Colossians 3:1-4
 Scripture Reading: Melchi Aquino
 Prayer for the Bread: JJ Ramos
 Prayer for the Cup: Alec Likigan
 Prayer for the Giving: O'neil Gonzales
 Closing Prayer: Gaspar Baldo, Jr.
 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: Perdigon Family

Communion: Keshia Oliva
 Worship Coordinator: Tada | Glori | Tacay



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Sunday school supplies purchased recently

Attention Sunday School teachers! New supplies have been purchased recently at the cost of P4211.25 to replenish Midtown's Sunday School educational materials. The following items are now available from the ministers' office: 100 Specialty Color Papers, 10 sheets Manila Paper, 10 1/4 Illustration Boards, 5 sheets Craft Cartolina, 17 Permanent Ink Markers, 13 Whiteboard Markers, 1 roll Packaging Tape, 5 rolls Masking Tape, 5 rolls Scotch Tape, 3 dozens Monggol Pencils, 5 Elmers Glue, 2 Cutting Knives, and 5 pairs scissors.

The chairman of the Education Ministry, brother Arnan Bayla, requests that teachers return unused supplies to the ministers' office every after class session for safekeeping. Thank you! Ω

YPeez to write feature articles for MI soon

Midtown's youth minister, brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, announced lately that the young people will soon be writing feature articles which may be worthy for inclusion in future issues of the MIDTOWN INFORMER (MI). The editorial staff of the Midtown Informer readily welcomes this development, saying that, "it is about time the younger generation take the move to not only write feature articles but also to serve as news writers for Midtown's church bulletin."

Interested parties are requested to submit articles in soft copies to the MI staff earlier than Thursdays if the said article is intended to be included in the coming Sunday's issue. Otherwise, it will be included in later issues.

Initial guidelines for writers include the following: All articles are subject to editing by the editorial staff to ensure that the message is in keeping with the Holy Scriptures and for the edification of the readers.

Due to the limited space of the church bulletin, articles must be concise. Otherwise, articles will be condensed by the editorial staff.

If quoting passages from the Scripture, the version must be indicated for the guidance of the editors. Ω

"Anybody can be a heart specialist. The only requirement is the ability to love."

READ 1 John 2:9-14

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Symposium today; Sunday School suspended

Today's SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY HOUR will be suspended to give way to the symposium on "VARIED QUERIES ON DIVERSE ISSUES RELATED TO WORSHIP." As such, everyone is expected to participate in the discussions that "everyone may be equipped for every good work" 2 Timothy 3:17.

Questions that were earlier submitted for inclusion in the discussions today are included in the questions printed on page 2 and 3 of this bulletin. The same will be thoroughly discussed during the symposium. Other questions that may come up during the open forum will be addressed by the speaker and other members of the panel as needed.

All questions are welcome and will be adequately addressed as time permits. If not addressed at this time, the speaker and the ministers can accommodate them at other times or in their respective classes. Ω

Stathopulos to visit

Midtown before yearend

Spouses David and Sandi Stathopulo, American missionaries who worked with this congregation in its early years from 1983—1987, plan to visit Midtown before the year ends. Brother David conveyed this information to brother Arnan Bayla lately.

Earlier, the couple planned to take a side trip to Baguio from China enroute to Thailand to attend the Asian Mission Forum this July. But because of some changes in schedules and because their children, Michael and John, who also want to visit Midtown are not available this time, the trip is postponed for December. If things work out as planned, brother David may be serving as speaker for Midtown's Pasasalamat on December 16th.

The Stathopulos wrote, "we would love to see you all and to catch up with the good things happening in your lives." The congregation is requested to pray for this development. Ω

Last Sunday's Offering July 22, 2018

AM COLLECTION P30,019.00

PM COLLECTION P2,517.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P32,536.00

ATTENDANCE

AM	PM
Adults - 111	Adults - 19
YP - 36	YP - 8
Children - 22	Children - 4
Guests - 0	Guests - 0
TOTAL - 169	TOTAL - 31

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 200

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Eduardo Ganga |
| *Gloria Yang | *Linda Yaneza |
| *Marina Gawe | *Florence Magalong |
| *Sotero Denis | *Bernard Ignacio |
| *Bernie Austria | *Dave Mcmillin |
| *Norma Aping | *Dan Sameon |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Sophia Tanicala |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Lucia Entera |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Felix & Layola Bravo |
| *Carmen Villamueva | *Clabern Sharlo Abance |
| *Lily Soriano | *Katrina Oliva |
| *Andy Bestre | *Jane S. Abance |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Maky Walang |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Octavio Abance |
| *Ofelia Abance | *Jonah & Cel Cirilo |
| *Cecilia Alvarez | *Diith Zamora |
| *Paulina A. Factora | *Cory Baggao |
| *Priscilla Bayasan | *Nelly Bayla |
| *Rolito Tugay-an | *Ernie Wagang |
| *Maria Elena Lachica | *Estela Florendo |
| *Jeremy Denis | *Justine Baban, Jr. |

Pray for on-going Seekers' Bible Studies.



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

Jojo Ramos & Co. (Mindanao)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—ON JULY 31, 2018 | AS AGREED, NO MEETINGS ON 5TH TUESDAYS.
- **SYMPOSIUM ON VARIOUS QUERIES ON DIVERSE ISSUES RELATED TO WORSHIP**—MIDTOWN HALL | JULY 29, 2018 | 9:45—11:00 AM
- **MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY MEETING**—FAMILY LIFE CENTER | AUGUST 4, 2018 | 12:00—3:00 PM
- **BAGUIO—BENGUET LADIES FELLOWSHIP**—HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | NOV. 30, 2018
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION FEE: P1400.00

VARIED QUERIES OF DIVERSE ISSUES IN WORSHIP

(Jn.4:23; Rev.22:9; Ac.2:42; I Cor.14:15; Ac.20:7; I Cor.16:1,2)
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, B.Th; Ed.D.

There are Biblical matters that are settled, like the steps to undergo prior baptism, but there are unsettled issues such as "IS THERE A BIBLICAL ORDINAL PATTERN OR SEQUENCE IN THE ITINERARIES OF WORSHIP?" which we need to shortly resolve.

I had been confronted a number of times during my 19 years preaching in Negros and in my missions, at various places, over the years which were adequately answered but remained undocumented. Today, we will address the problem, which I hope, will be answered once and for all, not only today, but also for future generations on the issues.

Frankly, let me straightforwardly state, that THERE IS NO FIXED DETAILED BIBLICAL ORDINAL PATTERN OR SEQUENCE IN THE ITINERARIES OF WORSHIP IN VARIED OCCASIONS OR SETTINGS.

On a Sunday worship assembly, the prayers, songs, communion or breaking of bread, Bible study, offering of resources and messages (I Cor.14:27), are the parts of worship (Rev.22:9; Ac.2:42, 47; Ac.20:7; I Cor.16:11,2; I Cor.14:35). As to its sequence or ordinal procedure, there is no recorded Bible pattern. The complete parts of worship can be interchangeably arranged. But we need to bear in mind that in pursuing them, let us be guided by the principle, "Let all things be done decently and in order." (I Cor.14:40).

The communion, offering, and Bible studies are omitted or sometimes messages are done away with, and the Bible study put in place on non-Sunday gatherings like: thanksgivings/birthdays, weddings, funerals, and other occasions.

With regards to the manner of singing, some object to the humming on some of the lyrics of the song by a designated group of singers like: sopranos, altos, tenors and bass, arguing that humming is not singing. However, the WEBSTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIC UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, P.691, defines hum (V.I.), "to sing with closed lips without articulating words." The RANDOM HOUSE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, also adheres to it, and so does most, if not all known dictionaries.

The introduction of BEATBOX MUSIC came about in the late 70's when a group of singers from the United States of America vocally presented songs simulating trumpets, bugles and drums and other instruments at the Philippine Bible College worship hall, through the manipulations of the mouths, lips, throats, hands, fingers and feet. The responses were varied—the youth appreciated them, but the

elderly negatively reacted, for the reason that it was a distraction! Also it is a precursor to artificial instruments! It encourages the use of artificial or mechanical instruments. Proof of this is a church of Christ in Cebu, which introduced the clapping of hands, beatbox music, and now they are using artificial or mechanical instrumental music in their worship assemblies!

There are those among us who throw insults to fellow brethren, when they address their prayer to the Almighty Father. I heard of a preacher who was ridiculed by another preacher of the churches of Christ, when the brother addressed his prayer to the Eternal Father, he was asked, "Do you believe in trinity?", to whom he strongly responded, "Yes! I believe!". That ridiculing preacher may have been beaten by a "oneness" preacher in a discussion and thus he became one!

Jesus Himself taught his disciples, in Matt.6:9, "In this manner, therefore pray: Our Father in heaven..." (also Lk.11:2). Jesus not only taught them to whom the prayer is to be addressed, but by example expressly said in John 17:1, "Father, the hour has come. ... 5 And now, o Father glorify Me together with Yourself... 24 Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am,... 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known you,..."

By inspiration, apostle Paul also concurred, that addresses be accorded to the Father when he stressed, "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."- Eph.5:20. Further on, Paul strongly charged, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"- Col.3:17.

SEEMINGLY DIFFICULT QUERIES ON VARIOUS BIBLICAL ISSUES:

1. Since we believe that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are Gods, does it not follow that we have three Gods?
2. What is the strongest text in the Scriptures that we can use, to prove that Jesus Christ is God?
3. God is immortal, but Christ died, is he God?
4. What is the strongest text that we can cite, to prove the three distinct personalities of the Godhead?
5. It has been said that God knows all things (Omniscience), but Christ Jesus does not know about the day of his second coming, is he God?

6. When Christ returns, it has been said that all eyes will see Him. But the earth is round, will all people who are at the top, bottom and all sides of the earth see Him?

7. Christ said, "I and my Father are one", does this not prove that both are one and the same person?

8. Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father", does this not prove that they are one and the same person?

9. God the Father and God the Son claimed, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, does this not prove that they are one and the same person?"

10. Matt 1:18 tells us that Mary was found with a child of the Holy Spirit, but God the Father claimed Jesus as His Son, does this prove that both the Father and the Holy Spirit are one?

11. In baptism command of Matt.28:19, three persons are mentioned, but in Acts 2:38, only one is mentioned in baptism, does this mean they are one and the same person?

12. Is it right to baptize in the name of Jesus only based on Acts 2:38?

13. Sabbath keeping is a perpetual covenant, does this tell us that it is the worship day for us all?

14. Adventists claim that Sabbath worship was changed to Sunday worship by men, is this true?

15. Sabbatharians boast that there is no text proving the removal of the Ten commandment and the Sabbath, is this true?

16. Jesus and apostle Paul keep the Sabbath as a day of worship, are Christians to keep it also?

17. There is no text that show that Sunday is a day of rest and a day of worship, is this true?

18. Are there Christian/saints now in the third heaven as others believe?

19. As Christians, is it okay to pierce or wear tattoos just like others are sporting?

20. Is same sex marriage holy and approved by God?

21. What about transgender, is it Scriptural?

22. Will we not be accountable to God if we practice euthanasia?

23. Are soldiers and policemen accountable to God for killing terrorists/criminals who disobey the law?

24. Will the three composite of man be judged during the final judgment? Ω

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



**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 

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