

**Servers Today, May 13, 2018**

**Preparing For Persecution  
(1 Peter 3:13-22)**

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*  
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*  
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 11:17-26*  
 Scripture Reading: *Kemuel Perdigon*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *Ezra Valdez*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *JJ Ramos*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sam Quezada*  
 Closing Prayer: *Rolito Tugay-an*  
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*  
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Laisha & Lara Montes*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Martin Family*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Jamie & Jeremie Craig*  
 Usher/ettes: *Gonzales Family*

Communion: *Loida Baddas*  
 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 May 20, 2018**

**Living In The End Times  
(1 Peter 4:1-11)**

Speaker: *Felix Olidan, Jr.*  
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*  
 Invocation: *Charlie Abance*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *June Reyes*  
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*  
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *Kajem Kitma*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *Richard Bestre*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *Julius Rojo*  
 Closing Prayer: *Abe Insas*  
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*  
 Evening Speaker: *Felix Olidan, Jr.*  
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Jane Abance*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Jane Abance*  
 Usher/ettes: *Palaypayon Family*

Communion: *Loida Baddas*  
 Worship Coordinator: *Tada | Glori | Tacay*



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**Bro. Felix Olidan Jr. to speak at Midtown next Sunday**

Brother Felix L. Olidan Jr., former minister at Midtown and now a minister serving at the WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST in Wanchai, Hong Kong will be in the country next week for a brief vacation and to visit his loved ones in his hometown in Batchelor, Natividad, Pangasinan. He will also be visiting loved ones in his wife's hometown in Luna, La Union. It is not known as of this writing if his wife, sister Luzoila Espiritu—Olidan, or any of his children will be travelling with him.

While in the country, he would want to visit with the brethren at Midtown whom he had missed so dearly. He is scheduled to serve as sermon speaker at Midtown next Sunday, May 20, 2018.Ω

**Ramos & Hooper to serve in northeastern provinces**

Brothers Jojo Ramos and his partner missions worker, brother Mark Hooper, of the MISSION RESOURCE NETWORK based in Dallas, Texas, USA will be doing a CHURCH—STRENGTHENING MINISTRY in the northeastern provinces of Cagayan, Kalinga, and Isabela. In fact, the mission trip started last Thursday, May 10, 2018 and will run until May 21, 2018. In visiting a number of congregations in the area, they expect to be able to mentor a number of young preachers and ministers who in turn will be able to coach younger generations of church leaders.

The brothers have included in their itinerary a visit with brother Dan-gil Geron and his family in Tuguegarao, Cagayan. The young Geron are former members at Midtown, and are now actively serving with the congregation in Tuguegarao.Ω

**Nangalisan to host BB joint YP caregroup**

The NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST meeting at the facilities of the Riverview Water Park, Nangalisan, Tuba will be this month's host of the monthly BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUNG PEOPLE'S JOINT CARE GROUP this coming Saturday, May 19, 2018. Program starts at 8:00 AM and expected to wrap up at 3:00 PM. Nangalisan's minister, brother Julius Udan, together with the congregation's young people are eager to welcome other young people from other congregations in the Baguio—Benguet area.Ω

**"No Christian should ever suffer because of evildoing, and no Christian should ever be surprised if he suffers for welldoing."**

**READ 1 Peter 3:13-22**

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**SS teachers training workshop coming up**

Sunday School teachers currently serving at Midtown's Sunday School together with prospective teachers from Midtown, Bokod, Nangalisan, and Dungon congregations will be undergoing a TEACHERS TRAINING WORKSHOP at the Midtown Assembly Hall on May 26, 2018 ( Saturday) at 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. Brother Arnan Bayla, chairman of the Education Ministry together with other teachers will be facilitating the workshop in a bid to help the smaller congregations to start up their own Sunday School.Ω

**Bokod worship assembly visitation getting frequent**

In the past two months, the Bokod brethren were delighted to have been joined more frequently by Midtown brethren in their worship assemblies. The Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) made it a point that they will be frequenting the Bokod congregations to help them and edify them. The Ramoses are to visit them on First Sundays, brothers Art Tacay & Abe Insas are to visit them on Second Sundays, brother Greg Kitma & Co. are to visit them on Third Sundays, and brother Gaspar Baldo Jr. to serve with them on Fifth Sundays. So far, the schedules have been up to date and carried out dutifully. Thanks to MOM and praise the Lord.Ω

**Good stewardship reflected in 2018 first quarter FS**

The 2018 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT of the congregation was released recently by the FINANCE MINISTRY served by brothers Maril P. Bayating, Andy E. Bestre, Ernie B. Wagang, and Rod Tada. It was duly audited by the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM that met last May 8, 2018. Said FS is printed on page three (3) of this bulletin for the congregation's perusal. As it is, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM opines that the financial management of the congregation reflects good stewardship and transparency. Praises to the Lord!Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering  
May 6, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION  
P33,694.30**

**PM COLLECTION  
P2,390.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P36,084.30**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Adults - 103</b>	<b>Adults -16</b>
<b>YP - 45</b>	<b>YP - 2</b>
<b>Children - 39</b>	<b>Children - 0</b>
<b>Guests - 0</b>	<b>Guests - 0</b>

**TOTAL - 187**

**TOTAL - 18**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
(AM/PM) 205**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *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 Palaypayon | *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           |
| *Paulina A. Factora  | *Jane S. Abance        |
|                      | *Maky Walang           |

*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**

*Art Tacay & Abe Insas  
(Bokod); Sameon(Negros );  
J. Ramos & Co. (Cag.);  
Angela Wagang (Ireland)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MAY 15, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **VACATION BIBLE SHOOL**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL & BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER "THE GREATEST SAVIOR" | MAY 28—JUNE 1, 2018 | 8:00 AM—12:00 PM | REG. FEE: P25.00 | 5—13 Y/O VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SPONSORING SNACKS & MEALS FOR THE WORKING CREW
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINING WORKSHOP**—MAY 26, 2018 (SAT) 9 AM—3 PM
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—MAY 20, 2018 | 12:00—2:30 PM
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION FEE: P1400.00

**PREPARING FOR PERSECUTION**

1 Peter 3:13-22  
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**PREPARING FOR PERSECUTION**

- **PREPARE BY SUBMITTING TO CHRIST'S LORDSHIP**  
▪ 1 Peter 3:13-15
- **PREPARE BY MAINTAINING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE**  
▪ 1 Peter 3:16-17
- **PREPARE BY RELATING WITH CHRIST'S VICTORY**  
▪ 1 Peter 3:18-22

1 Peter 3:13-22

**I. PREPARE BY SUBMITTING TO CHRIST'S LORDSHIP**

1 Peter 3:13-15

- **PERSIST IN DOING WHAT IS GODLY**
  - Devoting our lives in doing good
  - Prepares us to suffer for well doing
- **PERSIST IN SERVING THE LORD**
  - Dedicating our lives to the Lord
  - Prepares us to suffer for obeying His will
- **PERSIST IN TRUSTING THE LORD**
  - Defending our confidence in God
  - Prepares us to give anyone an answer

**APPLICATION:**

1. Let us persist to do good, despite persecution, by readily submitting to Christ's Lordship.
  - When faced with crises, and are tempted to give in to our fears, avoid making the wrong decisions by trusting the Lord, His teachings, and His leading.
  - Instead of experiencing fear as we face the enemy, we can experience blessing, if Jesus is Lord in our hearts.
  - "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. But you, O God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of corruption; bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live out half their days. But as for me, I trust in you." Psalm 55:22,23 NIV

**II. PREPARE BY MAINTAINING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE**

1 Peter 3:16-17

- **FORTIFIES US WITH COURAGE**
  - Upholding the right thing to do
  - Enables one to stand strong
- **FORTIFIES US WITH PEACE**
  - Upholding our relationship with the Lord
  - Enables one to face battles
- **FORTIFIES US AGAINST THREATS**
  - Upholding right living
  - Enables one to be secure

**APPLICATION:**

2. Let us persist to live right, despite persecution, by steadily maintaining a clear conscience.
  - When faced with the enemy, and are tempted to give in to our fears, avoid compromising truth by yielding to one's good conscience.
  - Instead of experiencing fear as we face the enemy, we can experience blessing, for we know fully well that we are right with God and men.
  - "18 Pray for us. We have no doubts about what we're doing or why, but it's hard going and we need your prayers. All we care about is living well before God." Hebrews 13:18-19 MSG

**III. PREPARE BY RELATING TO CHRIST'S VICTORY**

1 Peter 3:18-22

- **REMEMBER CHRIST'S SUFFERING**
  - Thinking about the Lord's sacrifices
  - Strengthens us to face persecution
- **REMEMBER CHRIST'S VICTORY**
  - Thinking about the Lord's triumph
  - Strengthens us to never give up
- **REMEMBER ONE'S BAPTISM IN CHRIST**
  - Thinking about our salvation in Christ
  - Strengthens us to preach Christ

**APPLICATION:**

3. Let us persist to proclaim Christ, despite persecution, by constantly remembering Christ's victory.
  - When faced with the uncertainties, and are tempted to give in to our fears, avoid quitting by thinking about our Lord's triumph.
  - Instead of experiencing fear as we face the enemy, we can experience blessing, for we are conquerors.
  - "35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:35,37 NIV

“ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. I speak the truth in Christ — I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit...  
Romans 8:38-9:1 NIV ”

**How do we face the persecution of the enemy, crises, and uncertainties?**

1. When faced with crises, and are tempted to give in to our fears, avoid making the wrong decisions by trusting the Lord, His teachings, and not to trust in ourselves.
2. When faced with the enemy, and are tempted to give in to our fears, avoid compromising truth by yielding to one's good conscience, serving God in faith, and not to trust in results.
3. When faced with uncertainties, and are tempted to give in to our fears, avoid quitting by thinking about our Lord's triumph, our Lord's commission, and not to trust in our own strengths.

**MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursement  
For the Month of January, February & March 2018

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

	January	February	March	Total
a.m.	118,127.50	120,632.25	129,687.25	
p.m.	16,005.00	16,799.00	9,484.00	
<b>Total Contributions:</b>	<b>134,132.50</b>	<b>137,431.25</b>	<b>139,171.25</b>	<b>410,735.00</b>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	
Salaries and Wages	38,995.00	38,995.00	38,995.00	
Transportaion Expense	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	
Rice Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
SSS - Employer's Share	2,829.30	2,829.30	2,829.30	
HDMF (PAG-ibig) Employer's Share	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Philhealth - Employer's Share	330.00	330.00	330.00	
Communication Expense	450.00	450.00	450.00	
Mission Outreach Ministry Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	
Nangalisan Church Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Youth Ministry (Metro Wide Youth Camp)	3,000.00	3,000.00	13,000.00	
Education Ministry (Bibles & etc.)	10,062.00		2,400.00	
Benevolence and Visitation	8,000.00	11,500.00	3,500.00	
Food Expense -Tuesday Forum	2,303.70	6,284.65	6,332.00	
Sunday School Snacks	2,756.00	2,430.00	2,098.00	
Midtown Informer Expense (photocopy)	900.00	800.00	1,000.00	
Lord Supper Expense	1,792.00	1,316.00	658.00	
Kitchen and Utensils Expense	985.00	2,220.00	1,253.00	
Electric Power Expense (BENECO)	1,336.00	1,578.00	1,572.00	
Water Supply Expense	380.00	380.00	514.00	
Repair & Maintenance-Water Pump & etc.		9,680.00	8,880.00	
Office Supplies / Computer Accessories	2,473.00	4,740.00	3,370.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	117.15	362.00	1,253.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>95,009.15</b>	<b>105,194.95</b>	<b>107,734.30</b>	<b>307,938.40</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>39,123.35</b>	<b>32,236.30</b>	<b>31,436.95</b>	<b>102,796.60</b>
Add Beginning Balance January 1, 2018				<b>1,557,567.79</b>
<b>Total Cash Balance (as of March 31, 2018)</b>			<b>P</b>	<b>1,660,364.39</b>

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**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY**



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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