

Servers Today, May 6, 2018

Performing Christian Duties To Each Other (1 Pe. 3:1-12)

Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo
 Communion Text: Romans 6:1-7
 Scripture Reading: Donnel Gonzales
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Cup: Jasper Perdigon
 Prayer for the Giving: Eugene Aguinaldo
 Closing Prayer: Mar Bayating
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban
 To Bring Biscuits: Josie Baban
 To Bring Drinks: Martin Family
 Usher/ettes: Tacay 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 13, 2018

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

Speaker: Arnan Bayla
 Song Leader: Mervin 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: Mervin Oliva
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Martin Family
 To Bring Drinks: Jamie & Jeremie Craig
 Usher/ettes: Gonzales Family

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INFORMER

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428 delegates participate in Nat'l Ladies Retreat

Four Hundred Twenty Eight ladies (428) representing forty-two (42) congregations around the country actively participated in the 43RD NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT held at ALTA CEBU VILLAGE GARDEN RESORT & CONVENTION PLAZA in Tugbungan, Pilipog, Cordova, Cebu last April 25—28, 2018. Eight (8) from Midtown, namely, sisters Ruth Trinidad, Lou Villanueva, Minda Oliva, Clarita Cachero, Ruth Camora, Jane Bestre, Juvy Mabesa and Marlene Samonte enjoyed the retreat with excellent accommodation, food, and time-tested lessons in which they learned that “women are to exhibit behavior fitting for those who are holy, not slandering, not slaves to excessive drinking, but teaching what is good. In this way they will train the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, pure, fulfilling their duties at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the message of God may not be discredited.” Titus 2:3-6

Next year's host will be the NAGA CHURCH OF CHRIST, Naga City, Bicol.Ω

Midtown YPeez serve in Isabela summer youth camp

A number of Midtown young adults were invited Resource Persons at the recent ISABELA SUMMER YOUTH CAMP hosted by the MANARING CHURCH OF CHRIST last April 30—May 1, 2018. Brothers Jesse Bestre and O'neil Gonzales served as devotional speakers on “BEARING ONE'S CROSS” and “BEING PRAYERFUL” respectively. Brother Janriel Abance and Angela Ramos facilitated ice breakers, energizers, and team-building activities. There were around seventy (70) campers representing seven (7) congregations in the area.Ω

9 attend Harper's lecture on crisis management at FLC

Nine (9) church leaders from seven congregations including Midtown, Nangalisan, La Trinidad, Bokod, Mangaldan, Mactan, and Santiago were thankful of brother Scott Harper's lectures on “CRISIS MANAGEMENT” at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER the other past Saturday, April 28, 2018. The one-day lectureship was brought to the city by brother Jojo Ramos, director of the Family Life Center.Ω

"Let the husband be the thermostat and let the wife be the thermometer."

READ 1 Peter 3:1-7

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Tuba resident baptized into Christ on labor day

Brother MARIO CAMILO NAGEN, a resident of Badiwan, Tuba, was baptized into Christ at Midtown's baptistry by brother Josias Aquino on Labor Day, May 1, 2018. Brother Mario has been studying the Bible with the latter and has also been attending Midtown's worship assemblies a number of times.

He is engaged to sister Jazen Aquino and will soon be married on June 16, 2018.

Midtown brethren praise the Lord for this development and congratulate as well as welcome the new brother in Christ.Ω

Midtown's minister speaks in seminar for barangay officials

At the invitation of sister Mary Jane S. Abance, Local Government Operations Officer VI of the DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), brother Arnan Bayla served as Resource Speaker for a seminar on VALUES FORMATION & TEAM BUILDING for twenty-four (24) Barangay Officials of Peñarubbia, Abra. The seminar was held at the Function Hall of the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK HOTEL, Nangalisan, Tuba, last Thursday, May 3, 2018. Brother Arnan reiterated in the discussion that since Barangay officials have taken over the traditional role of community elders, the same must emulate the qualities of “elders” based on Titus 1:6-9 to effectively promote godly values in the community.Ω

Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) organizers spearheaded by the YOUNG PEOPLE with brothers Ezra Valdez, Janriel Abance, and O'neil Gonzales as overall coordinators, appeal to the congregation for help in the manpower for preparing props and for sponsoring the snacks and meals for the working crew. Kindly find the SIGN-UP SHEETS on the bulletin board or personally contact the organizers. Thank you and God bless you richly!Ω

Last Sunday's Offering April 29, 2018

AM COLLECTION P27,929.00

PM COLLECTION P6,847.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P34,776.00

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 94 YP - 32 Children - 39 Guests - 0	PM Adults -31 YP - 12 Children - 3 Guests - 0
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 211

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 Kaiih 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 |

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)
 Sameons (Negros Mission)
 Teri Denis (USA) May 9

A N N O U N C E M E N T S !

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— RESUMES MAY 8, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **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 “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 (SATURDAY) | 9:00 AM—3:00 PM FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS FROM MIDTOWN, BOKOD, NANGALISAN, AND DUNCONG CONGREGATIONS

WEDLOCK OR DEADLOCK?

A strange situation exists in society today. We have more readily available information about sexuality and marriage than ever before; yet we have more marital problems and divorces. Obviously something is wrong. It is not sufficient to say that God is needed in these homes, because even many Christian marriages are falling apart. The fact that a man and a woman are both saved is no guarantee that their marriage will succeed. Marriage is something that we have to work at; success is not automatic. And when one marriage partner is not god-fearing, that can make matters even more difficult. Peter addressed this section of his letter (1 Peter 3:1-7) to Christian wives who had unsaved husbands, telling them how to win their mates to Christ. Then he added some important admonitions for Christian husbands. No matter what your marital status may be, you can learn from Peter the essentials for a happy and successful marriage.

■LIVE FROM EXAMPLE

The phrases "in the same manner" and "in like manner" refer us back to Peter's discussion of the example of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:21-25). just as Jesus was submissive and obedient to God's will, so a Christian husband and wife should follow His example. Much of our learning in life comes by way of imitation. If we imitate the best models, we will become better people and better achievers; but if we imitate the wrong models, it will cripple our lives and possibly ruin our characters. The "role models" that we follow influence us in every area of life. When Christian couples try to imitate the world and get their standards from Hollywood instead of from heaven, there will be trouble in the home. But if both partners will imitate Jesus Christ in His submission and obedience, and His desire to serve others, then there will be triumph and joy in the home.

■LIVE IN SUBMISSION

Twice in this paragraph Peter reminded Christian wives that they were to be submissive to their husbands (1 Peter 3:1,5). The word translated "subjection" is a military term that means "to place under rank." God has a place for everything, He has ordained various levels of authority (see 1 Peter 2:13-14). He has ordained that the husband be the head of the home (Eph 5:21 ff) and that, as he submits to Christ, his wife should submit to him. Headship is not dictatorship, but the loving exercise of divine authority under the lordship of Jesus Christ. Peter gave three reasons why a the wife

should submit to her husband, even if the husband (as in this case) is not saved.

1. Submission is an obligation (v. 1 a). God has commanded it because, in His wisdom, He knows that this is the best arrangement for a happy, fulfilling marriage. Subjection does not mean that the wife is inferior to the husband. In fact, in 1 Peter 3:7, Peter made it clear that the husband and wife are "heirs together."

2. Submission is an opportunity (vv. 1-2). An opportunity for what? To win an unsaved husband to Christ. God not only commands submission, but He uses it as a powerful spiritual influence in a home. It is the character and conduct of the wife that will win the lost husband - not arguments, but such attitudes as submission, understanding, love, kindness, patience. These qualities are the fruit of the Spirit that come when we are submitted to Christ and to one another.

3. Submission is an ornament (vv. 3-6). The word translated *adorning* is "*kosmos*" in the Greek, and gives us our English words *kosmos* (the ordered universe) and *cosmetic*. It is the opposite of chaos. Peter warned the Christian wife not to major on external decorations but on internal character. A Christian woman who cultivates the beauty of the inner person will not have to depend on cheap externals. God is concerned about values, not prices. Peter closed this section by pointing to Sarah as an example of a godly, submissive wife.

■LIVE WITH CONSIDERATION

As Peter wrote to the Christian husbands, he reminded them to be considerate in four areas of responsibility in their relationship with their mates.

1. Physical - *dwell with them.*"
 2. Intellectual - *according to knowledge.*"
 3. Emotional - *giving honor unto the wife.*"
 4. Spiritual - *that your prayers be not hindered.*"
- Marriage is fundamentally a physical relationship: *The two shall be one flesh*" (Eph 5:31). A truly spiritual husband will fulfill his marital duties and love his wife. The husband must be the *thermostat* in the home, setting the emotional and spiritual temperature. The wife often is the *thermometer*, "letting him know what that temperature is! Both are necessary. The husband who is sensitive to his wife's feelings will not only make her happy, but will also grow himself and help his children live in a home that honors God.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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