

**Servers Today, August 5, 2018**

**The Letter 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: Lara Montes  
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon Family

Communion: Keshia Oliva  
 Worship Coordinator: Lem Glori | Art 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 12, 2018**

**The Letter to Church in Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17)**

Speaker: Greg Kitma  
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva  
 Invocation: Jesse Bestre  
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo  
 Communion Text: Ephesians 2:5-10  
 Scripture Reading: Rico Ramos  
 Prayer for the Bread: Janriel Abance  
 Prayer for the Cup: Kajem Kitma  
 Prayer for the Giving: Dexter Wagang  
 Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating  
 Announcement: Chris Oliva  
 Evening Speaker: Greg Kitma  
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

Communion: Keshia Oliva  
 Worship Coordinator: Lem Glori | Art Tacay



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**YPeez monthly home fellowship held in Irisan**

The YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY HOME FELLOWSHIP was hosted by the Rojo & Palaypayon family at their residence on Tamangan Road, Irisan, this city, the other past Saturday evening, July 28, 2018. Fifteen (15) participated in the fellowship and devotional, namely, Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Janriel Abance, JJ & Angela Ramos, Jasper & Kana Perdigon, Ira & Amber Po, Mau Soriano, Khryz Gomowang, Kaelin & Kaesha Palaypayon, Mahaysha Kitma, and Melchi Aquino. Brother Jesse Bestre facilitated discussions on "BEING A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD," in which the young people are encouraged to serve others with love, and to be transformed by the renewing of minds (Romans 12:2).

Last Sunday, July 29th, thirteen (13) young people, namely, Jesse, Ezra, Janriel, JJ, Kana, Amber, Angela, Khryz, Gian, Ira, Sean, Rico, and Melchi, had an OVERNIGHT FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL at the Ramos residence at San Luis Village, this city. Sisters Janet & Angela Ramos facilitated activities after the devotional. Brother Jesse Bestre facilitated the devotional with discussions on "UNITY & WORKING TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST" (1 Corinthians 12:12-31). The YPeez convey their heartfelt gratitude to the Rojos, Palaypayons, and the Ramoses for their hospitality and generosity.Ω

**Brethren celebrate with happy seniors on two occasions**

Midtown brethren, family, and friends celebrated with sister Leticia Nancy Aoas—Bayla in a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL on her 80th birthday at the Nainer's Diner, Albergo Hotel, Villamor Drive, this city, evening of the other past Saturday, July 28th. Last Monday, July 30th, sister Ruth Leano—Trinidad was also joined by her family, friends, and brethren in celebrating her 70th birth anniversary at the Prince Plaza Hotel, Legarda Rd., this city.

Brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre presided over the thanksgiving devotionals on both occasions. Brother Arnan Bayla delivered a message on "CELEBRATING GOD'S GOODNESS" underscoring that the "key" that opens the door to blessedness is simple: obey God's commandments, walk in His ways, and reverence Him." (Deuteronomy 8:6-20).

Both seniors were very happy for the chance to enjoy all their countless blessings. Praises to God! Ω

**"The battle against evil is difficult, not so much because of the action required, but because of the endurance necessary to achieve victory."**

**READ Mark 13:5-13**

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**25 solar audio players distributed in Mindanao**

Twenty-five (25) solar audio players known as the "PAPYRUS," a tool for equipping the saints through its content including Bible Study courses, were distributed to church leaders by brother Jonathan Ramos during a lectureship hosted by the BANNAWAG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Pres. Quirino, Sultan Kudarat, Mindanao last July 26—31, 2018. A number of books including "Islam in Christ's Eyes" were also distributed. Brother Jojo Ramos reports that over fifty (50) church ministers and other brethren attended the two-day lectureship he facilitated including a symposium on "Making Disciples," "Who is a Disciple" and "Characteristics of a Growing Church." He was accompanied and assisted by brothers Sol Pagulayan and Jonathan Idelfonso of the TUGUEGARAO CHURCH OF CHRIST (Cagayan).

The mission team was hosted by spouses Joseph & Cherry Bravo—Dagaang and the brethren in Bannawag including brother Gabriel Bravo, and their preacher, brother Oscar Manangan. Brother Oscar used to be one of the preachers in Tuao, Cagayan and has returned to his hometown in Sultan Kudarat. Most members of the congregations there are migrant Ilocanos during the Marcos regime. The brethren in Mindanao expressed their appreciation for the visit, edification, and fellowship. Glory to God!Ω

**CD Espinosa to serve in Jakarta, Indonesia**

Brother Christian Daniel "CD" Espinosa will travel to Jakarta, Indonesia on Tuesday, August 7th to commence his three-year college scholarship studies, Bachelor in Secondary English Education at the INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS COLLEGE (PELITA HARAPAN UNIVERISTY). While there, he will be serving with the TARA-ABANG CHURCH OF CHRIST in North Jakarta Pluit Mas.

Midtown praises the Lord Almighty and prays for brother CD's endeavors even as he labors in the vineyard of the Lord. Bon voyage! The Lord bless you and keep you!Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering July 29, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION**  
**P32,407.00**

**PM COLLECTION**  
**P2,900.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION**  
**P35,307.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Adults - 112</b>	<b>Adults - 21</b>
<b>YP - 38</b>	<b>YP - 7</b>
<b>Children - 40</b>	<b>Children - 2</b>
<b>Guests - 3</b>	<b>Guests - 0</b>
<b>TOTAL - 193</b>	<b>TOTAL - 30</b>

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 223**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *Ian Pajantoy        | *Eduardo Ganga         |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Linda Yaneza          |
| *Marina Gawie        | *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 Villanueva   | *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     | *Dith Zamora           |
| *Paulina A. Factora  | *Cory Baggao           |
| *Priscilla Bayasan   | *Nelly Bayla           |
| *Roliio 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**

*CD Espinosa (Jakarta)  
 Greg Kitma & Co. (Bokod)*

**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**—ON AUGUST 7, 2018 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **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
- **NYC FUNDS UPDATE:** P59,000.00 RAISED FROM PLEDGES AND SAVINGS SINCE JUNE, 2018
- **REMAINING NYC FUNDS TO RAISE:** P100,585.00

# TODAY'S SERMON OUTLINE

## LETTER TO SMYRNA, THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

(Rev.2:8-11)  
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II: B.Th.; Ed. D.

### PROLOGUE:

Pliny, a feared Roman governor, terrifyingly persecuted a Christian by saying, "I will slay you, to stop you from propagating Christianity"... but the quick response from the threatened was, "No you cannot slay me, for my life is hid with Christ in God..."(Adapted from SOT # 4313, p. 993)

### #1 EPISTLE OF COMFORT TO THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH

- |  |   |         |
|--|---|---------|
| 1. Letter is coursed to the church leader    | - "And to the angel of Smyrna write,..."                        | Rev.2:8 |
| 2. Matters are discussed in the letter       | - "These things..."   | Rev.2:8 |
| 3. Sender is the beginning and end of things | - "says the First and the Last..." Ps.90:2                      | Rev.2:8 |
| 4. Jesus who died and resurrected            | - "who was <u>dead</u> and <u>came to life</u> ..." ICOR.15:1-4 | Rev.2:8 |

### #2 JESUS KNOWS THE TRIALS OF THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH

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|---|---|---------|
| 1. Known deeds and material destitute   | - "I know your works, tribulation and poverty..."   | Rev.2:9 |
| 2. Spiritually rich but materially poor | - "(but you are rich); and I know..."               | Rev.2:9 |
| 3. Profanity of fake Jews               | - "the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews..." | Rev.2:9 |
| 4. Fake Jews is a devilish synagogue    | - "and are not, but a synagogue of Satan."          | Rev.2:9 |

### #3 JESUS FOREWARNED THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH

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|--|---|----------|
| 1. Charged to be brave                   | - "Do not fear any of those things ..."           | Rev.2:10 |
| 2. Nearing pain to endure                | - "which you are about to suffer."                | Rev.2:10 |
| 3. Certainty of trial from the fiend     | - "Indeed, the devil..."                          | Rev.2:10 |
| 4. Imprisonment soon to experience       | - "is about to throw some of you into prison,..." | Rev.2:10 |
| 5. Trial to undergo                      | - "that you may be tested,..." Rev.2:10           | Rev.2:10 |
| 6. Soon trouble to endure                | - "and you will have tribulation ten days."       | Rev.2:10 |
| 7. Charge to remain true till life's end | - "Be faithful until death,..."                   | Rev.2:10 |
| 8. Promised tiara of life                | - "and I will give you the crown of life."        | Rev.2:10 |

### #4 JESUS CHALLENGED AND OFFERED A CONDITIONAL REWARD TO THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH

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| 1. Charge to all with ears    | - "He who has an ear, let him hear..."     | Rev.2:11 |
| 2. Charge to hear the Spirit  | - "what the Spirit says to the churches."  | Rev.2:11 |
| 3. Offer to those who triumph | - "He who overcomes..."                    | Rev.2:11 |
| 4. Shall not suffer in hell   | - "shall not be hurt by the second death." | Rev.2:11 |
- (Rev.20:14)

### EPILOGUE:

IN OUR STUDY WE LEARNED THAT:

1. AN EPISTLE OF COMFORT WAS WRITTEN TO THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH. Believe?
2. JESUS KNOWS THE TRIALS OF THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH. Accept?
3. JESUS FORWARNED AND CHARGED THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH. Agree?
4. JESUS CHALLENGED AND OFFERED A CONDITIONAL REWARD TO THE SMYRNIAN CHURCH. Amen?

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



## August Celebrators

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre

03 - Pia Guelles

04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa

04 - Kendall Alvarez

07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.

08 - Melina Igoy

08 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.

10 - Sarah M. Sameon

10 - Janet K. Perdigon

11 - Manolo A. Bayla

12 - Fely R. Rojo

15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin

16 - Llona Baddas-Manalo

20 - Norma B. Abance

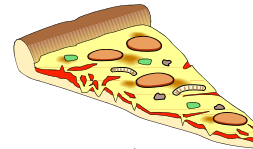
20 - Renian Keith Nawew

23 - Anthony R. Wagang

26 - Keshia Kitma—Oliva

28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang

31 - Rodeliza Q. Encillo



Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list.  
Thank You.

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
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
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Young People Family Life Center	5:30-7:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales, et. al.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7-9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7-9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
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
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
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

See schedule



### SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly  
5:30 - 6:30 PM



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