

Servers Today, November 15, 2015

Comforting One Another  
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
Invocation: Jhun Bayating  
Intercessory Prayer: Dexter Wagang  
Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26  
Scripture Reading: CD Espinosa  
Prayer for the Bread: Ric Bondoc III  
Prayer for the Cup: JJ Ramos  
Prayer for the Giving: Cris Oliva  
Closing Prayer: Jojo Ramos  
Announcement: Andy Bestre  
Evening Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
To Bring Flowers: Clarita G. Cachero  
To Bring Biscuits: Midtown  
To Bring Drinks: Midtown  
Usher/ettes: Austria Family

Communion: Tess Kitma  
Worship Coordinator: Rod Tada | Lem Glori

How To Become a  
Biblical Christian

- 1). *Accept 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 is the Christ, 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 November 22, 2015

Preparing for the Day of  
the Lord (1 Thes. 5:1-11)

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
Song Leader: Mervin Oliva  
Invocation: Ernie Wagang  
Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes  
Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-6  
Scripture Reading: Kemuel Perdigon  
Prayer for the Bread: Mark Wagang  
Prayer for the Cup: Art Tacay  
Prayer for the Giving: Bernie Austria  
Closing Prayer: Sol Palaypayon  
Announcement: Mervin Oliva  
Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II  
Song Leader: Mervin Oliva  
To Bring Flowers: Nancy Bayla  
To Bring Biscuits: Mervz & Kat Oliva  
To Bring Drinks: Midtown  
Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

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Midtown helps Dungeon  
acquire electric fans

In benevolent response to an earnest request for help from the Dungeon congregation (Camp 1, Tuba) through her minister, brother Jeffrey Martin, the Finance Ministry of Midtown readily released the amount of Five Thousand Pesos from the missions fund. Said amount will be used for the purchase of three electric fans for chapel use.

It should be recalled that the Sameons were requested to take part in the first worship assembly of the said congregation last year, and since then, made occasional visits to edify the brethren there. On November 29, the Dungeon brethren will be celebrating their first anniversary.

Brother Jeffrey Martin expressed delightful appreciation for the kindly assistance. Ω

68 mutually edified by Bokod  
7th anniversary assembly

Sixty-eight brethren from the Bokod congregations and Midtown were mutually edified with last Sunday's worship assembly and fellowship in celebration of the 7th anniversary of the Poblacion (Bokod) congregation. The Bokod brethren thank the presence of brethren Jojo, Janet & Angela Ramos; Lemuel, Vangie & Kenzo Glori; Gaspar Jr. & Virgie Baldo; Art & Cristy Tacay; Mommy Rose Go, Ruth Camora, and Dith Zamora who were in turn edified by the persevering spirit of the Bokod Christians. They also thanked brother Art Tacay for the sermon, brother Gaspar Baldo Jr. for facilitating the Bible study, and for sisters Ruth Camora and Mommy Rose Go for their goodwill, benevolence and thoughtfulness.Ω

WCG hosts dinner for  
Garnett, Wilkey and company

The Wednesday Care Group (WCG) that meets at the Midtown Assembly Hall was blessed to have hosted brothers Brian Garnett, Ken Wilkey, and company for a dinner fellowship last week. Brother Ken enthusiastically facilitated a study on the Book of James in which the brethren were challenged to be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

Moreover, the Sameons hosted them for dinner at their Kitma residence last Thursday evening.Ω

"Death is not an accident.  
It is an appointment."

READ Hebrews 9:27

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Baddas family grieves;  
Midtown conducts vigil service

On Friday the 13th of November, Midtown brethren, namely Gaspar Jr. & Virgie Baldo, Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Maril & Letty Bayating, Charlie & Sonia Abance, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Lemuel Glori, Jun Reyes, and Nancy Bayla travelled to Esperanza, Sison, Pangasinan, to console the bereaved family of the late Dominador L. Baddas Sr., deceased father of brother Dante Baddas. A devotional ensued immediately with brothers Jun songleading, Arnan speaking, Dodoy and Charlie leading prayers.

Spouses Dante & Loida Baddas expressed their gratitude for the sympathy in behalf of the Baddas family.Ω

40 attend FLC lecture;

7 congregations represented

Brothers Brian Garnett and Ken Wilkey, lecturers from the Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, Texas USA, were the resource speakers on "Two Covenants" at the Family Life Center, Infinitea Café, Session Rd., last Nov. 11&12 @ 9—4 pm.

Forty attended representing 9 congregations in Luzon. Participants from Midtown include brethren Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Andy Bestre, Charlie Abance, Me-an Gonzales, Rosita Go, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Gaspar Baldo Jr., Ruth Trinidad, Leah Tada, Norma Aping, Lou Villanueva, and Bernie Austria.Ω

All ladies fellowship  
and pagbibigay today

The 4th Quarter Ladies Steering Committee, also known as "Pagbibigay Group" are enjoying all ladies to participate in today's Ladies Fellowship & Pagbibigay Day. Numerous items for give-away are awaiting those who need them. The "Pagbibigay" activity today, is an application of the lessons on "sharing" they have been discussing in past devotionals—"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share..." 1 Tim 6:18.Ω

P R A Y E R   L I S T

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

*Rosita Go	*Robinson Palaypayon
*Leah Tada	*Santiago (Dan) Sameon VI
*Charity Ong	*Bernie Austria
*Octavio Abance	*Clabern Abance
*Ian Pajantoy	*Jhun Bayating
*Gloria Yang	*Florence Magalong
*Marina Gawe	*Aracelli Pelle
*Fernanda Ringor	*Lily Soriano
*Mark Poblete	*Andy Bestre
*Rocelyn Rimando	*Ching Chih Yang
*Sotero Denis	*Ed Concepcion
*Ed Lauder	*Charlie Alvarez
*Lulu Bondoc	*Mellina Licupa
*Josefa Josayan	*O'neil Gonzales
	*Cel Cirilo

SAFE PREGNANCY

\*Margaret Suanding-Yang  
\*Kaiah Kitma-Albay  
\*Faith Abance-Bayating  
\*Luisa Aurigue

James 5:15

"And the prayer of  
faith will save the sick,  
and the Lord will raise  
him up. . . ."

SAFE TRAVEL

Ofelia Abance (HK)

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

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING**—Mezzanine floor; after the AM worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** on November 18, 2015 @ 12—2:30 PM
- **LADIES MINISTRY MEETING**—Midtown, Wednesday, November 11, 2015 @ 2:00 PM
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & PAGBIBIGAY DAY**— Today, Nov. 15, 2015
- **BAGUIO-BENGUET INTER-CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**—BCNHS Auditorium, December 5, 2015 @ 8 AM—5 PM. Individual registration is free.
- **ACU REGIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—Asian Christian University, #159 Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan on December 20—23, 2015. Registration Fee: P250.00

THE COMFORT OF THE LORD’S COMING

The pagan world in Paul's day had no hope of life after death. A typical inscription on a grave demonstrates this fact: *"I was not, I became, I am not, I care not."* While some of the philosophers, such as Socrates, sought to prove happiness after death, the pagan world had no word of assurance.

The believers in Thessalonica were concerned about their loved ones who had died. What if the Lord should return? Will those who are alive at His coming have an advantage over the believers who have died? In this paragraph, Paul answered their questions. He based His encouragement and comfort on the following fundamental facts.

**•Revelation: We Have God's Truth**  
(1 Thes. 4:13, 15 a)

How can mortal man penetrate beyond the grave and find assurance and peace for his own heart? From Old Testament days till the present, mankind has tried to solve the riddle of death and the afterlife. Philosophers have wrestled with the question of immortality. Spiritists have tried to communicate with those who have gone beyond. But Paul solved the problem when he wrote, *For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord*"(1 Thess 4:15). We Christians need not wonder about death or life after death, for we have a revelation from God in His Word. Why substitute human speculation for divine revelation?

God gave Paul a special revelation concerning the resurrection and the return of Christ (see 1 Cor 15:51-54). What Paul taught agreed with what Jesus taught (John 5:24-29; 11:21-27). And God's revelation is based on the historic fact of Christ's resurrection. Since our Saviour has conquered death, we need not fear death nor the future (1 Cor 15:12 ff). The authority of God's Word gives us the assurance and comfort we need.

**•Return: Christ Is Coming Again**  
(1 Thes. 4:14-15)

In this paragraph, he related it to sorrow, and he showed how the doctrine of Christ's return can comfort the brokenhearted. Paul applied the word 'sleep' to those believers who died. Jesus used the same expression (John 11:11-13). Paul was careful to state that Jesus died; the word 'sleep' is not applied to His experience. It is because He died that we need not fear death.

The fact of our Lord's return is comfort to us in bereavement, because we know that He will bring with Him His people who have *lied in the Lord.*"

**•Resurrection: The Christian Dead Will Rise**  
(1 Thes. 4:15-16)

When Paul preached the doctrine of the resurrection to the Athenian philosophers, most of them mocked him (Acts 17:32). To the Greeks, being rid of the body was their great hope. Why would any man want to have his body resurrected? Furthermore, how could His body be resurrected, when the elements of the body would decay and become a part of the earth? To them, the doctrine of resurrection was foolish and impossible.

The Biblical doctrine of resurrection assures us that death is not the end. The grave is not the end. The body goes to sleep, but the soul goes to be with the Lord (Phil 1:20-24). When the Lord returns, He will bring the soul with Him, will raise the body in glory, and will unite body and soul into one being to share His glory forever.

**•Reunion: Christians Forever with the Lord**  
(1 Thess 4:17-18)

You and I shall meet the Lord in the air, in person, when He comes for us. The Greek word translated *meet* carries the idea of meeting a royal person or an important person. We have walked with Christ by faith here on earth, but in the air we shall *see Him as He is* and become like Him (1 John 3:1-2). What a meeting that will be! It will be a glorious meeting, because we shall have glorified bodies. When He was here on earth, Jesus prayed that we might one day see His glory and share in it (John 17:22-24). The suffering that we endure today will be transformed into glory when He returns (Rom 8:17-19; 2 Cor 4:17-18).

Death is a fact of life. The only way we can escape death is to be alive when the Lord Jesus Christ returns. Death is not an accident; it is an appointment: *It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*"(Heb 9:27). If you should die today, where would your soul go?

There is a quaint inscription on a gravestone in an old British cemetery not far from Windsor Castle. It read: **Pause, my friend, as you walk by; As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so you will be. Prepare, my friend, to follow me!** A visitor who must have read that epitaph added these lines: **To follow you is not my intent, Until I know which way you went!**

We Christians have wonderful assurance and hope, because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and His promised return. Do you have that hope today? Which way are you going?Ω

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SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



- Communion - 9 : 00 - 9:30  
Bible Classes - 9: 30 - 10:30  
Message - 10: 45 - 11:15

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SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY  
DEVOTIONAL / CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
WEDNESDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, Austria, Yang residences)	7 – 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoas
THURSDAY		
Mobile: Lower Kitma, Dangwa, Cabinet Hill	3 – 5 PM	Dodoy Sameon / Ernie Wagang / Rod Tada
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM (On Hold)	Andy Bestre
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
Young Adults Family Life Center	5 – 7 PM	Dexter Wagang / O'neil Gonzales
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM Fourth Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
SUNDAY		
All YPeez Care Group	12 – 3 PM Fourth Sunday	YPs in charge
All Ladies Fellowship	12 – 3 PM Third Sunday	Ladies in charge: Pagbibigay Group