

Servers Today, 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

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 29, 2015

Symposium on Holy Spirit Baptism

Speaker:	Santiago Sameon II
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
Invocation:	Jojo Ramos
Intercessory Prayer:	Dexter Wagang
Communion Text:	Romans 6:1-7
Scripture Reading:	Ira Po
Prayer for the Bread:	Sam Quezada
Prayer for the Cup:	Dante Baddas
Prayer for the Giving:	Julius Rojo
Closing Prayer:	Jun Bondoc
Announcement:	Andy Bestre
Evening Speaker:	Santiago Sameon II
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
To Bring Flowers:	Norma Aping
To Bring Biscuits:	Me-An Gonzales
To Bring Drinks:	Midtown
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Pasasalamat day & 32nd anniversary set December 20

As the year 2015 approaches its close, Midtown brethren eagerly await for her annual *Pasasalamat and Thanksgiving Day*—usually held on the second Sunday of December but this time to be held a week later which would fall on December 20. Said date will coincide with the expected opening of an additional function hall facility at the Riverview Water Park and with the resort’s thanksgiving celebration. The *Pasasalamat and Midtown’s 32nd anniversary* celebration will be held at this new facility of Riverview located in Nangalisan, Tuba.

This early, the brethren are encouraged to make the necessary adjustments in their schedules and make the said event a top priority. Further details will soon be published for guidance. Ω

Midtown thankfully receives balikbayan boxes

Midtown recently received a number of *balikbayan* boxes from Canada and USA. The boxes from Canada contained used clothes and assorted apparel, books, Sunday School materials, and used communion cups. Thanks to sister Elsie B. Velasco of the congregation in Strathmore, Ontario, Canada for sending the package. Some of the clothes were given away earlier and the rest will be brought to Bokod while the used communion cups will be shared to the Negros Mission Campaigns c/o brother Dodoy Sameon. Also, many thanks to sister Ruby Mclean of Montana, USA for donating one thousand brand new communion cups and a grape juice dispenser for use at Midtown.

Midtown says “*thanks and praise the Lord!*”Ω

Balakbak congregation celebrates anniversary

A number of new disciples and the Bokilis family (former members of the La Trinidad congregation) of Balakbak, Kapangan, Benguet welcomed the presence of Midtown brethren, namely, spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon and Jun Reyes, during their 2nd anniversary celebration at their meeting place last Sunday, November 15, 2015.

Brothers Dodoy and Shemer Sameon served as speakers and encouraged the brethren “*to be joyful and to give thanks in all circumstances*” (1 Thess 5:18). Ω

"History is His story."

READ Acts 17:24-28

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Last Sunday's Offering November 15, 2015

AM COLLECTION P23,725.50	
PM COLLECTION P4,682.00	
AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P28,407.50	
MOM - P1,000.00	

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 91 YP - 21 Children - 47 Guests - 0	PM Adults - 23 YP - 8 Children - 5 Guests - 0
TOTAL - 159	TOTAL - 36

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 195

PRAYER LIST

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
	*Celia 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

Weekend Vacationists

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE’S MEETING**—Mezzanine floor; after the AM worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** on November 24, 2015 @ 12—2:30 PM
- **BAGUIO-BENGUET INTER-CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**—BCNHS Auditorium, Saturday, 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
- **PASASALAMAT & 32nd ANNIVERSARY**—Riverview Water Park, December 20, 2015 @9AM
- **SPECIAL COLLECTION** for Midtown’s Staff Yearend Bonus on Nov. 29 and December 6, 2015.

Symposium next Sunday; Sunday school suspended

Some matters of concern about “*Holy Spirit Baptism*” will be discussed in a symposium on Sunday, November 29, 2015 which will take the Sunday School Hour and Sermon period @ 9:30—11:15 AM. Brother Santiago Sameon II is tasked to make the presentation while brother Ernie Wagang will serve as moderator during the open forum.

The symposium is believed to shed light on some confusions brought about by some erroneous teachings about the matter. The brethren are encouraged to prepare queries that may be addressed in the open forum. All Sunday School teachers are expected to attend, thus the suspension of the classes.Ω

Special collection for staff's bonus set Nov 29 & Dec 6

As the usual practice of the Midtown congregation, yearend bonuses for the full-time ministers, Arnan Bayla (1986—present) and Andy Bestre (1994—present), will be raised through a special collection on November 29 and December 6, 2015.

The brethren are encouraged to prayerfully prepare for this worthy undertaking in keeping with the Scripture’s injunction to doubly honor those who direct the affairs of the church and whose work is preaching and teaching (1 Timothy 5:18).Ω

47 thankful ladies enjoy 'pagbibigay' day

Last Sunday’s All—Ladies Fellowship, highlighted by review games and give-aways, was actively participated in by 47 ladies who went home fulfilled, pleased, and happy—more so because they gave away more than they received. The *Pagbibigay* steering committee composed of sisters Ruth Trinidad, Letty Bayating, Clarita Cachero, Joi Gamboa, Princess Gamboa, Fernanda Ringor, Carina Lacaba, Cot Espinosa, Arlene Rimando, Rosita Go, Angela Ramos, Rochelle Callao, Marina Gawe, Loida Baddas, Sonia Insas, Marlene Samonte, Louise Bawas, and Cristy Tacay thank everyone for cooperating. Ω

Preparing for the Second Coming of Christ
(I Thess.5:1-11)
Santiago B. Sameon II, Ed.D.

Introduction:

A Boeing 707 plane circles Omaha around the clock, through the years, carrying a general whose job means life or death for millions. It is an aerial command post of Strategic Air Command, a flying trigger that could send nuclear missiles into action if a sneak attack wipes out the United States SAC's subterranean control centers. This SAC flying aircraft is **ever always prepared**, to retaliate in any eventuality to protect America and her allies, against unexpected enemy attacks.

Be Prepared for the Coming of Christ

- 1.The day and season of coming

2.The non-necessity of information

3.They have complete knowledge

4.The day of the Lord likened unto a thief

5.The false assurance of peace and safety

6.The sudden destruction overtakes them

7.The surety of labor pains

8.The non-escape of the unprepared
- “But concerning the times and the seasons,...”

- “brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.”

- “For you yourselves know perfectly...”

- “that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night”.

- “For when they say, ‘peace and safety’ ...”

- “then sudden destruction comes upon them,...”

- “as labor pains upon a pregnant woman.”

- “And they shall not escape.”
- I Thess.5:1

I Thess.5:1

I Thess.5:2

I Thess.5:2

I Thess.5:3

I Thess.5:3

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Be Children of Light by Being Watchful and Sober

- 1.The children of light are not in darkness

2.The children of light will not be overtaken

3.The brethren are children of day

4.The children of light are not of darkness

5.The children of light are charged not to sleep

6.The children of light are charged to be watchful

7.The not sober are sleepers of the night

8.The drunkard are as drunk in darkness
- “But you, brethren, are not in darkness,...”

- “so that this day should overtake you as a thief.”

- “You are all sons of the day.”

- “We are not of the night nor of darkness.”

- “Therefore let us not sleep, as others do,...”

- “but let us watch and be sober.”

- “For those who sleep, sleep at night,...”

- “and those who get drunk are drunk at night
- I Thess.5:4

I Thess.5:4

I Thess.5:5

I Thess.5:5

I Thess.5:6

I Thess.5:6

I Thess.5:7

I Thess.5:7

Buckle on God’s Armor of Salvation

- 1.The children of God are charged to be sober

2.The children of God are charged to buckle up

3.The children f God are charged to put on hope

4.The children of God are not appointed to wrath

5.The children of God are appointed to salvation

6.The alive or dead children of God

7.The children of God are to live with the Lord
- “But let us who are of the day be sober

- “putting on the breastplate of faith and love,...”

- “and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”

- “For God did not appoint us to wrath,...”

- “but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,.”

- “who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep...”

- “we should live together with Him.”
- I Thess.5:8

I Thess.5:8

I Thess.5:8

I Thess.5:9

I Thess.5:9

I Thess.5:10

I Thess.5:10

Comforting and Helping One Another

- 1.The children of God are charged to comfort

2.The children of God are charged to strengthen

3.The children of God are charged to continue
- “Therefore comfort each other

- “and edify one another,...”

- “just as you also are doing
- I Thess.5:11

I Thess.5:11

I Thess.5:11

Conclusion:

In our study we learned that we, as children of God are to **Be Prepared for the Coming of Christ**,do we believe this? We further are made aware to **Be Children of Light by Being Watchful and Sober**, do we uphold this? Still further on, we gleaned that we are to **Buckle on God’s Armor of Salvation**, do we affirm this? Finally, we learned of **Comforting and Helping One Another**, among others, in order to be prepared for the Coming of our Lord Jesus, amen? Brethren, from the depth of my heart, thank you so much for giving me your most precious time!
(SBSII, /6.13.07-Wed)

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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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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		
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
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
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 Group	Care 12 – 3 PM Fourth Sunday	YPs in charge
All Ladies Fellowship	12 – 3 PM Third Sunday	Ladies in charge: Pagbibigay Group