

Servers Today, October 25, 2015

Necessity Strengthening Our Faith (1 Thessalonians 3:1-13)	
Speaker:	Santiago Sameon II
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
Invocation:	Jhun Bayating
Intercessory Prayer:	Mervin Oliva
Communion Text:	Romans 8:1-4
Scripture Reading:	Rodrigo Bondoc
Prayer for the Bread:	Kajem Kitma
Prayer for the Cup:	Julius Rojo
Prayer for the Giving:	Jun Reyes
Closing Prayer:	Charlie Abance
Announcement:	Arnan Bayla
Evening Speaker:	Santiago Sameon II
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
To Bring Flowers:	Norma Aping
To Bring Biscuits:	Midtown
To Bring Drinks:	Midtown
Usher/ettes	Austria Family
Communion: Lerma Logro	
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 1, 2015

Living a Holy Life (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)	
Speaker:	Bernie Austria
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
Invocation:	Greg Kitma
Intercessory Prayer:	Dexter Wagang
Communion Text:	Galatians 5:1-6
Scripture Reading:	Tonton Wagang
Prayer for the Bread:	Dante Baddas
Prayer for the Cup:	Richard Bestre
Prayer for the Giving:	Sol Palaypayon
Closing Prayer:	Abe Insas
Announcement:	Andy Bestre
Evening Speaker:	Bernie Austria
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
To Bring Flowers:	Nancy Bayla
To Bring Biscuits:	Midtown
To Bring Drinks:	Midtown
Usher/ettes	Tacay Family
Communion: Tess Kitma	
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Midtown invited to BB intercon fellowship

Midtown recently received an invitation to the Baguio-Benguet Inter—congregational Fellowship (BBIF) which is to be held at the Auditorium of the Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) on December 5, 2015 (Saturday) from 8 AM to 5 PM. The invitation, dated October 10, 2015, came from the Centrepoint church of Christ—Baguio that meets at the 2nd Basement Hall of the BBCCC Building, Assumption Road, this city. Said sister congregation plays this year’s host congregation for the said annual activity with the theme “*The Solid Rock on the Higher Ground.*”

Midtown brethren are encouraged to register early by filling out the pre-registration form posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the assembly hall on or before November 15, 2015. Individual registration is free. Midtown will handle the congregational registration fee which will partly cover lunch and two snacks. Kindly register as soon as possible!Ω

Ramoses serve in various congregations

Spouses Jojo and Janet Ramos served at the Tuao (Cagayan) congregation last October 11, and at the NLEX congregation meeting at the St. Luke’s Foundation Bldg., Leonard Wood Road, this city last Sunday, October 18, reason they were out of sight at Midtown’s worship assemblies lately.

They were also present at the acquaintance program of the University Christian Ministry (UCM) at the Benguet State University (BSU) the other Saturday, October 17th. The couple serve as advisers of the said campus ministry.

Today, they are to serve at the Nangalisan congregation meeting at the Riverview Water Park, Nangalisan, Tuba, as sister Janet Ramos is scheduled to facilitate the monthly Ladies Class & Fellowship of the said congregation. She will be speaking on “*Beautiful in God’s Eyes*” (Proverbs 31) together with daughter Lady Angela.

Brother Jojo, on the other hand, will be serving as sermon speaker. He is to discuss edifying lessons on “*Growing in Christ (2Peter 3:18).*”Ω

"Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that matter."

READ Ephesians 4:15

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Typhoon Lando fails to hamper church activities

Despite the widespread calamity brought about by *Typhoon Lando (dubbed Yolando)* in the city of Baguio and other regions over the other weekend and lasting until last week, church activities continued to be observed faithfully as usual. Most brethren were still able to gather for worship and fellowship in the morning and in the evening last Sunday.

Last Tuesday’s church forum also moved on with six men and two women in attendance. Most of the weekly care groups were able to meet although with a little less attendance than usual. Praise God!Ω

16 participate in all-ypeeZ care group

In spite of stormy weather, sixteen (16) young people, namely, Dexter, Donnel, Chris, Aldian, O’neil, CD, A-mark, Alec, Melchi, Angelica, Grace, Louise, Charis, Kate, Ariadne, and Jizza enjoyed an afternoon of group discussions, singing, prayers, and Bible study on “*Character Development*” (Romans 5:3-5) in a Care Group meeting at the Midtown Assembly Hall last Sunday.

Brother Dexter Wagang served as facilitator and helped the ypeeZ realize that “*God uses circumstances in our lives as ways to form His character in us for our strength will diminish, our beauty will fade, our skills will decline, but our character will remain.*”Ω

MOM to visit Bokod brethren before anniversary

Some members of the Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) are up to make a visit to the brethren in Bokod, Benguet as soon as the Baguio-Aritao Road opens and soon before the celebration of the 7th anniversary of the Poblacion, Bokod congregation on November 8, 2015. It is MOM’s goal to restore a number of brethren in the area who have lost zeal due to persecutions and varied reasons.

Meanwhile, the congregation is requested to pray fervently about this matter.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering October 18, 2015		PRAYER LIST	
AM COLLECTION P20,981.25		Good Health & Fast Recovery:	
PM COLLECTION P2,239.00		*Rosita Go	*Robinson Palaypayon
AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P23,220.25		*Leah Tada	*Santiago (Dan) Sameon VI
ATTENDANCE		*Charity Ong	*Bernie Austria
AM Adults - 65 YP - 34 Children - 13 Guests - 0	PM Adults - 12 YP - 7 Children - 0 Guests - 0	*Octavio Abance	*Clavern Abance
TOTAL - 112	TOTAL - 19	*Bernabe Abance	*Jhun Bayating
TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 131		*Ian Pajantoy	*Florence Magalong
ANNOUNCEMENTS!		*Gloria Yang	*Aracelli Pelle
• YOUNG PEOPLE’S MEETING—Mezzanine floor; after the AM worship assembly today.		*Marina Gawe	*Lily Soriano
• ALL LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP—Today, October 25, 2015 @ 12—2:30 PM Topic: “Natural Detoxification & Spiritual Cleansing”		*Fernanda Ringor	*Andy Bestre
• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM on October 27, 2015 @ 12—2:30 PM		*Mark Poblete	*Ching Chih Yang
• BENEVOLENCE & VISITATION MINISTRY MEETING—TODAY, Oct. 25 @ 11:30 AM		*Rocelyn Rimando	*Ed Concepcion
• BAGUIO-BENGUET INTERCONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP—BCNHS Auditorium, December 5, 2015 @ 8 AM—5 PM. Individual registration is free.		*Sotero Denis	*Charlie Alvarez
		*Ed Lauder	*Mellina Licupa
		*Lulu Bondoc	
		*Josefa Josayan	

NECESSITY OF STRENGTHENING FAITH

<I Thess.3:1-13>

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II: BTh; Ed.D.

Introduction: Missionary Hudson Taylor was stalled on a windless ship drifting shoreward to a cannibal island. Gongs were getting louder expecting a rich feast of humans. The Captain was alarmed and pleaded with Taylor to pray, the missionary responded, “I will, if you will adjust your sails!” At first the Capt. declined, but Hudson would not pray, then he acceded and Taylor kneeled. Shortly thereafter, the Captain came back and said, “Please, stop praying, we have more winds than we can handle!” <Adapted from SOT, pp.403,404>

NECESSITY OF SENDING A MESSENGER TO ENCOURAGE FAITH

1. Resolution Effected

2. Decision to remain in Athens

3. Decision in sending Timothy

4. Co-laborer in the gospel

5. Ascertain and strengthen
- “Therefore, when we could no longer endure it,...”

- “we thought it good to be left in Athens alone.”

- “and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God,...”

- “and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ,...”

- “to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,...”
- 1 Thes.3:1

1 Thes.3:1

1 Thes.3:2

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TRIBULATIONS SHAKENS FAITH THAT NECESSITATES ENCOURAGEMENT

1. Tribulation Shakens Faith

2. We are not Immune to Sufferings

3. Prior Information Done

4. Troubles are Expected

5. Experienced Transpired
- “that no one should be shaken by these afflictions;...”

- “for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.”

- “For,in fact, we told you before when we were with you...”

- “that we would suffer tribulation,...”

- “just as it happened , and you know.”
- I Thess.3:3

I Thess.3:3

I Thess.3:4

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CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF FAITH IN OTHERS NECESSITATES ACTION

1. Rationale of action

2. Timothy Dispatched

3. Dread of Beguiler

4. Futility of effort

5. Return of Timothy

6. Encouraging News of Faith

7. Good Memories Help

8. Desire to See Encourages

9. Good Memories Help

10. Desire to See
- “For this reason when I could no longer endure it,...”

- “I sent to know your faith, lest by some means...”

- “the tempter had tempted you, ...”

- “and our labor might be vain.”

- “But now that Timothy has come to us from you,...”

- “and brought us good news of your faith and love,...”

- “And that you always have good remembrance of us,...”

- “greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you-...”

- “And that you always have good remembrance of us,...”

- “greatly desiring tosee us, as we also to see you...”
- I Thess.3:5

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THOSE CONCERNED FOR THE WELFARE OF FAITH IN OTHERS ARE ENCOURAGED

1. Despite troubles and anguish

2. Encouraged by their faith

3. Exist by their faithfulness

4. Grateful to God for their faithfulness

5. Cheers for deep happiness

6. Joy on their behalf

7. Fervent prayer all day long

8. Supply what was lacking of their faith
- “therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress

- “we were comforted concerning you by your faith.”

- “For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.”

- “For what thanks can we render to God for you,...”

- “for all the joy with which we rejoice ...”

- “for your sake before our God.”

- “night and day praying exceedingly that we may see ...”

- “your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?”
- I Thess.3:7

I Thess.3:7

I Thess.3:8

I Thess.3:9

I Thess.3:9

I Thess.3:9

I Thess.3:10

I Thess.3:10

PRAYER FOR DIRECTION AND INCREASE OF FAITH IN LOVE AND HOLINESS

1. Supplication to Father God

2. Trust in Jesus Christ

3. Prayer for amplification of love

4. Mutual love to all

5. Create hearts of spotless piety

6. In the presence of the Father

7. The advent of Jesus Christ
- “Now may our God and Father Himself,...”

- “and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.”

- “And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love...”

- “to one another and to all, just as we do to you...”

- “so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness...”

- “before our God and Father at the coming...”

- “of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”
- I Thess.3:11

I Thess.3:11

I Thess.3:12

I Thess.3:12

I Thess.3:13

I Thess.3:13

I Thess.3:13

Conclusion: BRETHREN WE LEARNED FROM OUR STUDY: 1. NECESSITY OF SENDING A MESSENGER TO ENCOURAGE FAITH; 2. TRIBULATIONS SHAKENS FAITH THAT NECESSITATES ENCOURAGEMENT; 3. CONCERN IN THE WELFARE OF OTHERS NECESSITATES ACTION; 4. THOSE CONCERNED IN THE WELFARE OF FAITH IN OTHERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND; 5. PRAYER FOR DIRECTION AND INCREASE OF FAITH IN LOVE AND HOLINESS.

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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



Midtown Church of Christ
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



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