

Servers Today, December 13, 2015

Rejoicing & Giving Thanks to God (1Thess. 5:16-22)

Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Evening Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

Arnan Bayla

Jesse Bestre

Jun Reyes

Dexter Wagang

Matthew 26:26-30

Rodrigo Bondoc

Art Tacay

Julius Rojo

Sol Palaypayon

Abe Insas

Jesse Bestre

Arnan Bayla

Jesse Bestre

Nancy Bayla

Midtown

Midtown

Bestre Family

Communion:

Worship Coordinator:

Nelly Bayla

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 December 20, 2015

AM: Thanksgiving Message
PM: Keeping Ourselves Blameless (1 Thess 5:23-28)

Speaker:

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Usher/ettes

Sotero Denis

Andy Bestre

Santiago Sameon II

Mervin Oliva

Hebrews 9:11-15

CD Espinosa

Boni Marcelo

Dante Baddas

Jhun Bayating

Jojo Ramos

Arnan Bayla

Santiago Sameon II

Andy Bestre

Laisha & Lara Montes

Midtown

Midtown

Midtown YP's

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City Mayor enjoins church support for "CHARACTER CITY"

The Midtown church of Christ recently received a letter from the Office of the City Mayor enjoining the congregation “to support City Resolution No. 107, series of 2003 which designates the City of Baguio as a “CHARACTER CITY” and further launches a citywide initiative to encourage character building in community groups and encourages the leaders of each jurisdiction to support and contribute to this worthy endeavor” the letter reads.

In line with this, the Midtown congregation, through her ministers Arnan Bayla and Andres Bestre, signified her commitment in contributing to the making and promotion of Baguio as “Character City.” As such, all members of this congregation are enjoined, encouraged, and urged to heighten personal awareness of this matter and to consciously continue to exhibit Christ-like attitudes at home, in the workplace, in school, in recreational activities, and in public places. As the Scriptures say, “*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt...*” (Colossians 4:5-6)

Extensive dissemination of this matter through Care Group meetings, devotionals, and Bible Study Groups is encouraged.Ω

Midtown brethren attend BB intercon fellowship

A handful of Midtown brethren, namely, Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Andy & Jane Bestre, Ernie Wagang, Josie Baban, Carina Lacaba, Lorenza Losnong, Nancy Bayla, Lorie Austria, Lerma Logro, Minda Oliva, Bernie Austria, Mellina Igoy, Ma. Corazon Ozo, Loida Baddas and Cristina Tacay, attended the Baguio-Benguet Inter-congregational Fellowship held at the Baguio City National High School auditorium the other Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 7 AM—5 PM. There was a total attendance of 370 representing 17 congregations in the area.

Due to some oversight observed in the occasion, a symposium on the matter will soon be tackled.Ω

" 'Apt to teach' requires that we be 'apt to learn'."

READ 1 Timothy 4:6-12

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Brethren encouraged to prepare for Pasasalamat

In anticipation of the fast approaching celebration of the congregation's Pasasalamat & 32nd Anniversary on Sunday, December 20, the Edification Ministry released some important guidelines for an orderly and hassle-free conduct of the said event. The brethren are urged to read the guidelines and be well-informed of this matter. Please find said guidelines on page 3.

Baby boy youngest in Denis family

Midtown congratulates and rejoices with the Denises for the newest addition of a healthy baby boy born into their family on December 5, 2015. Baby boy Vonheim Denis is the second child born to spouses Gilford and Jem Denis.

Brother Sotero ‘Teri’ Denis, timely to be in the country for a brief vacation from Nevada, USA, happily announced this joyous occasion as a delighted grandfather. This is his third grandchild. He requests that intercessory prayers be offered for the fast recovery of his daughter in law and continued good health for baby Vonheim.Ω

BPFLC shares joy to Tuba, thanks donors

The Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty & Staff, parents, and pupils of the Baguio Pines Family Learning Center (BPFLC) thank members of the Midtown congregation who generously contributed to the school’s annual “Share-A-Joy” project. More than two hundred elementary pupils of the Yagyagan Elementary School located at Upper Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet cheerfully received the donated items including school kits, toys, clothes, a home entertainment system, tables, chairs, and other educational implements last Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015.

BPFLC faculty & staff and intermediate pupils personally delivered the goods and conveyed a message of love, goodwill, servant hood, and benevolence (Gal 6:10).Ω

Last Sunday's Offering December 6, 2015

AM COLLECTION P19,101.00

PM COLLECTION P4,517.10

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P23,618.10

MOM - P200

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 84 YP - 36 Children - 30 Guests - 0

PM Adults - 25 YP - 12 Children - 5 Guests - 0

TOTAL - 150

TOTAL - 42

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 192

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

*Rosita Go

*Leah Tada

*Charity Ong

*Octavio Abance

*Ian Pajantoy

*Gloria Yang

*Marina Gawe

*Fernanda Ringor

*Mark Poblete

*Rocelyn Rimando

*Sotero Denis

*Bernie Austria

*Lulu Bondoc

*Ed Lauder

*Josefa Josayan

*Robinson Palaypayon

*Florence Magalong

*Santiago (Dan) Sameon VI

*Clabern Abance

*Jhun Bayating

*Aracelli Pelle

*Lily Soriano

*Andy Bestre

*Ching Chih Yang

*Ed Concepcion

*Charlie Alvarez

*Mellina Licupa

*O'neil Gonzales

*Celia Cirilo

*Margaret & Margaux Yang

*Nathan & Jaden Literato

*Josilyn Gaybon

*Norma Aping

*Jem & Vonheim Denis

SAFE PREGNANCY

*Faith Bayating

*Luisa Aurigue

*Maribel Sunggay

James 5:15

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

SAFE TRAVEL

Michelle Yang (S. Korea)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- YOUNG PEOPLE’S MEETING—Mezzanine floor; after the AM worship assembly today.
- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM on December 15, 2015 @ 12—2:30 PM
- ACU REGIONAL YOUTH CAMP—Bugallon, Pangasinan on Dec 20—23, 2015. Reg. Fee: P250.00
- PASASALAMAT & 32nd ANNIVERSARY—Riverview Water Park, December 20, 2015 @9AM
- SAFE BAGUIO MANIFESTO—Please support “SAFE BAGUIO” Campaign by affixing your name and signature on the “Manifesto” form on the bulletin board near Midtown Hall entrance.
- FRIDAY CARE GROUP YEARENDER—Rojo-Palaypayon Residence, Tamangan Rd., Irisan, Naguilian Rd., on December 18, 2015 @ 6:30 PM. Potluck Dinner. Bring tokens worth P150 for usual games.

REJOICING
AND
GIVING THANKS
TO GOD

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | December 6, 2015

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-22
16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire; 20 do not treat prophecies with contempt. 21 Test everything. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil. NIV

I.
BE
JOYFUL
ALWAYS

- This is how God wants us Christians to live
- Be cheerful no matter what
- Pray all the time
- Thank God no matter what happens

1 Thess 5:16-18

II.
QUENCH
NOT THE
SPIRIT

- Don't suppress or subdue the Holy Spirit's leading
- Don't depreciate prophetic revelations (Bible)
- Don't despise inspired instruction, exhortation (invitation), or warning

1 Thess 5:19-20

III.
PROVE
ALL
THINGS

- Don't be gullible
- Test and prove all things
- Check out everything, and keep only what's good
- Throw out anything tainted with evil.

1 Thess 5:21-22

How can we be joyful and be thankful to God?

REJOICING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

THIS IS HOW WE OUGHT TO LIVE.

- 1. Be joyful always. Pray continually. Give thanks no matter what. (vv16-18)
- 2. Quench not the Holy Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt. (vv19-20)
- 3. Prove all things. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil. (vv21-22)

CHALLENGES FROM THIS PORTION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS:

1. "The Christian who remains in sadness and depression really breaks a commandment: in some direction or the other he mistrusts God - His power, providence, forgiveness."

- Are we guilty of this?
- Are we going to keep complaining or are we going to change and be more joyful and thankful?

CHALLENGES FROM THIS PORTION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS:

2. The Bible is God's written word and revelation to us. Worship that ignores the Bible is not spiritual. There may be emotion and even commotion - but unless there is Scriptural truth, the Holy Spirit is not at work.

- So as not to quench the Spirit, do we content ourselves with what is Scriptural and thus subscribe to the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written"?

CHALLENGES FROM THIS PORTION OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS:

3. We must test and prove all things. To discard reason is to discard faith which is built upon it. We ought to have a reason for what we believe.

- Are we easily fooled by every cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming?
- To avoid wickedness, have we developed the skill to discern every appearance of evil?

GUIDELINES FOR 2015 PASASALAMAT & 32nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION


As a brotherly reminder for everyone for the orderly conduct and optimum enjoyment of the Pasasalamat & 32nd Anniversary Celebration on December 20, 2015, the congregation is enjoined to abide by the following guidelines:

1. Keep in mind that Midtown's Pasasalamat to be held at the new Function Hall at the Top Floor of the Riverview Water Park Hotel is **primarily a fellowship and a worship assembly** and not an outing.
2. As such, please come in proper attire and disposition.
3. The assembly shall start at exactly 9 o'clock in the morning, so please **be at the venue before 9 AM**. Travel time from downtown Baguio to Riverview usually takes thirty (30) minutes.
4. Transportation will be provided for free from Midtown via circumferential road to Riverview and vice versa. Hired jeepneys (PUJ) will leave Midtown at **exactly 8 AM**. The same will leave Riverview at **3:30 PM**. Please note that you are expected to ride the same jeepney going back to Midtown. PLEASE SIGN UP NOT LATER THAN **DECEMBER 13** IF YOU WILL TAKE THIS OPTION. Please find the SIGN UP sheets on one of the bulletin boards.
5. If coming from downtown Baguio, free PUJ transportation will also be provided from BDO Legarda (near City Hall) to take you to Riverview at **exactly 8 AM**. If you take this option, you are expected to take the same jeepney to transport you back to town. The same will leave Riverview at **3:30 PM**. PLEASE SIGN UP NOT LATER THAN **DECEMBER 13** IF YOU WILL TAKE THIS OPTION. Please find the SIGN UP sheets on one of the bulletin boards.
6. Once at the venue, kindly follow the directions of the designated ushers/usherettes.
7. Lunch will be served through controlled buffet by the catering service authorized personnel only.
8. Strictly no swimming before the designated time of swimming which is at one o'clock (1PM). Parents and guardians shall take full responsibility of watching over their children's safety.
9. Please strictly observe the resort's rules and regulations. Wear proper swimming attire.
10. Kindly advise your guests to abide by the guidelines.

MANY THANKS. — The Edification Ministry



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		
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

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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