

Servers Today, December 20, 2015

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

Speaker:	Sotero Denis
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
Invocation:	Santiago Sameon II
Intercessory Prayer:	Mervin Oliva
Communion Text:	Hebrews 9:11-15
Scripture Reading:	CD Espinosa
Prayer for the Bread:	Boni Marcelo
Prayer for the Cup:	Dante Baddas
Prayer for the Giving:	Jhun Bayating
Closing Prayer:	Jojo Ramos
Announcement:	Arnan Bayla
Evening Speaker:	Santiago Sameon II
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
To Bring Flowers:	Laisha & Lara Montes
To Bring Biscuits:	Midtown
To Bring Drinks:	Midtown
Usher/ettes	Midtown YP's

Communion:	Nelly Bayla
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 December 27, 2015

Teaching & Admonishing One Another (Colossians 3:16,17)

Speaker:	Phil Dumawa
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
Invocation:	Ernie Wagang
Intercessory Prayer:	June Reyes
Communion Text:	Hebrews 10:1-10
Scripture Reading:	Kajem Kitma
Prayer for the Bread:	Sam Quezada
Prayer for the Cup:	Ryan Bestre
Prayer for the Giving:	Dexter Wagang
Closing Prayer:	Mar Bayating
Announcement:	Arnan Bayla
Evening Speaker:	Phil Dumawa
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
To Bring Flowers:	Volunteers Needed
To Bring Biscuits:	Midtown
To Bring Drinks:	Midtown
Usher/ettes	Kitma family

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Midtown celebrates 32nd anniversary in annual pasasalamat today

Midtown celebrates thirty-two years of blessed existence today with great joy and thanksgiving for the Lord Almighty’s manifold mercies! Through the years, Midtown has always been thankful of the opportunities to freely serve in aiming to give praise, glory and honor to God the Creator.

The “*Pasasalamat*” actually started as a Teachers’ Appreciation Banquet way back in the younger years of Midtown—in obedience to the Biblical injunction to honor especially those whose work is preaching teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17). Then it gradually evolved to include celebrating Midtown’s birth anniversary—actually falling on October 16th which was the first Sunday worship assembly of a number of Christians who were to be known as the Midtown church of Christ in 1983.

Midtown annually celebrates “*Pasasalamat Day*” as an avenue to express corporate gratitude to God and to also appreciate those to whom honor is due because of their faithful and exemplary contribution to the church’s mission of making disciples for Christ and for the edification of the saints.

This congregation enjoins everyone to give thanks, praise, and adoration to God as well as to consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds! (Hebrews 10:24)Ω

Staff ministers appreciate yearend love gift

Midtown’s staff ministers, namely, brothers Arnan Bayla (since 1986) and Andy Bestre (since 1994), praise and thank the Lord Almighty for Midtown’s generosity, outpouring of love, and encouraging support. A total amount of P36,138.50 was raised through a voluntary special contribution made for their yearend bonus last Nov. 29 & Dec. 6.

“Thank you all so much for sharing your blessings. May the Lord of all blessings continue to bless you very richly...and thank you for the love!” expressed the staff ministers.Ω

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, today is a gift- reason it's called 'present'."

READ Hebrews 3:12-15

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Year-end activities promote joyful & thankful hearts

Before the year 2015 comes to a close, brethren actively participating in the different care groups started wrapping up with their activities this year through so called yearenders. Special activities recounting the year’s happenings are in place in addition to the usual devotional talk, singing, praying, and group dynamics.

Last Friday, December 18th, the Friday Care Group that usually meets at the Midtown Assembly Hall weekly, gathered at the Rojo-Palaypayon residence on Tamangan Rd., Irisan, this city, for their year-end bonfire. The brethren present rekindled commitment to service, thankfulness, and joyful fellowship.

On December 29 & 30 (Tuesday & Wednesday), the YpeeZ will have their own overnight year-end activity at the Perdigon residence, Upper Kitma Village, this city. All ypeeZ are encouraged to join and share one another’s thanksgiving, says brother Jesse Bestre, Midtown’s youth minister.Ω

Midtown congratulates Riverview & Bayatings

Midtown delightfully extends jubilations, congratulations, and best wishes to the Abance—Bayating family, management and staff of the Riverview Water Park as they celebrate their 14th anniversary today, December 20, 2015. Established as a simple place for simple pleasures, the resort has become a fun and exciting destination and a wholesome and family-oriented sanctuary in this part of the cordilleras.

Incidentally, the luncheon fellowship today is sponsored by the Bayating family in joint celebration of Midtown’s Pasasalamat, Riverview’s anniversary, inauguration of the resort’s newest Top Floor Function Hall, and spouses Jhun & Faith Bayating’s 7th wedding anniversary.

All praises to the Lord of all blessings!Ω

Last Sunday's Offering
December 13, 2015

AM COLLECTION
P23,430.00

PM COLLECTION
P3,795.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P27,225.00

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 90 YP - 48 Children - 40 Guests - 0	PM Adults - 28 YP - 8 Children - 5 Guests - 0
TOTAL - 178	TOTAL - 41

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 219

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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

ACU Youth Camp
Participants

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM on December 22, 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.
- YOUNG PEOPLE’S GENERAL ASSEMBLY—After the AM assembly next Sunday, Dec 27, 2015. Free lunch.
- YOUNG PEOPLE’S YEARENDER ACTIVITY— Perdigon Residence, Kitma Village, December 29&30, 2015.
- VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS FOR LADIES CLASSES IN NANGALISAN & ESPERANZA—Please sign up.

Christians and the New Life

Thanksgiving is recognizing and thanking the one who has provided a gift. Jesus Christ is God’s indescribable gift to us. (2 Cor 9:15). We thank God that because of His indescribable gift in Jesus Christ, we are now a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). As the apostles Paul said, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”

At all times, we thank God that:

- 1. In Christ, a new spiritual life is given to us.
- 2. In Christ all of our previous sins are cancelled;
- 3. In Christ we are endowed with the Holy Spirit;
- 4. Old selfish nature is crucified with Christ
- 5. In Christ are "all spiritual blessings" (Ephesians 1:3)

In appreciation of God’s gift, we need to realize that:

First, we have a new relationship to speak of and secondly, we have new responsibilities to perform.

I. WE HAVE NEW RELATIONSHIPS

A. We have a new relationship with God

- 1. Romans 8:14-15
 - a. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are SONS of God,.
 - b. As sons or children, God becomes our FATHER.
- 2. Galatians 3:26-27
 - a. We are all sons of God through Faith in Christ Jesus.
 - b. We who were baptized in Jesus Christ were clothed with Jesus Christ.

B. We have a new relationship with the church

- 1. Ephesians 1:22-23
 - a. When we became Christians, we learned that the church is not a building.
 - b. The church is the body of Christ, a community of saved disciples.
- 2. Mark 3:35
 - a. We are brothers and sisters because we obeyed the will of God.
 - b. Jesus said, “Whoever does God’s will is my brother and my sister and my mother.”

C. We have a new relationship with the world

- 1. John 17:16
 - a. When we were converted to Christ, we remain in the world but we are no longer OF this world.
- 2. Philippians 3:20
 - a. Our citizenship is in heaven.
- 3. 1 Peter 2:11
 - a. We are pilgrims and strangers in this world.

II. WE HAVE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Our responsibilities to God

Worship Him. Honor Him. Honor His words. He gave us the Word of Life in Christ.

- 1. Matthew 4:4
 - a. Man does not live on bread alone
- 2. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - a. Honor God with our bodies
- 3. 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - a. Whatever we do, do it for the glory of God
- 4. 2 John 9
 - a. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teachings of Christ does not have God.

B. Our responsibilities to the world

- 1. Matt 5:13-16
 - a. We are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the world.
- 2. Phil 2:15
 - a. We shine like stars in the universe by our examples
- 3. 2 Corinthians 5:20
 - a. We are ambassadors of Christ
- 4. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15
 - a. We were commanded to teach the Gospel and make disciples for Christ.

C. Our responsibilities to fellow Christians

- 1. Galatians 6:2
 - a. We are to bear one another’s burdens
- 2. James 2:15
 - a. Let us put our faith into action
- 3. Galatians 6:9-10
 - a. Let us do good to everyone especially to the family of believers.

WE HAVE NEW CHALLENGES

Let us all courageously face the new challenges to remain as faithful servants of the Lord. Let us see to it that none of us has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. (Hebrews 3:12)

Sermon Outline by Brother Sotero Denis | Pasasalamat 2015

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
WEDNESDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Aman 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 / Aman 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 Care Group	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

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

See schedule



Worship Assembly
5:30 - 6:30 PM



MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST
PASASALAMAT & 32nd ANNIVERSARY
Riverview Water Park, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet
Sunday, December 20, 2014

PROGRAM

Part I - Worship Assembly [9:00—10:30 AM]

Part II - Appreciation: [10:35—11:55 AM]

- 2015 Baptisms - Andy Bestre
- Sunday School Teachers - Aman Bayla
- Intermission:

Midtown YPeez - Kadena Kuatro Video Presentation
•Various Ministries - Ernie Wagang

Part III - Fellowship Lunch: [12:00—1:00 PM]

- Sponsored by the Bayating Family
- Thanksgiving Prayer - Jesse Bestre

Part IV - Swimming: [1:00-3:00 PM]

- Departure from Riverview- [2:00-3:30 PM]

Part V - Worship Assembly at Midtown [5:30-6:30 PM]

• GUIDELINES •

- 1. Please strictly observe the resort’s rules and regulations.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Lunch will be served through controlled buffet by the catering service authorized personnel only.
- 4. In going back to Midtown or to downtown Baguio, please note that you are expected to ride the same vehicle you rode coming to Riverview. If you did not sign up to be serviced by the hired transportation, please take other PUJs plying Asin Road.
- 5. For PUJ fare refunds, please ask from brothers Sixto Aoas & Julius Rojo.
- 6. Kindly advise your guests to abide by these guidelines. THANKS.

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