

Servers Today, 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

Usher/ettes: Bayla 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 December 6, 2015

Pursuing What is Good (1 Thess 5:12-15)

Speaker: Andy Bestre

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

Invocation: Jhun Bayating

Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva

Communion Text: Romans 6:8-14

Scripture Reading: Kajem Kitma

Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre

Prayer for the Cup: Oneil Gonzales

Prayer for the Giving: Mark Wagang

Closing Prayer: Jerry Martin

Announcement: Arnan Bayla

Evening Speaker: Andy Bestre

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban

To Bring Biscuits: Midtown

To Bring Drinks: Midtown

Usher/ettes: Tacay Family

Communion: Nelly Bayla

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Baguio-Benguet intercon fellowship @ BCNHS this Saturday

The Centrepoint church of Christ meeting at the BBCCC Basement Hall, Assumption Rd, this city, will be hosting the annual Baguio-Benguet Inter-congregational Fellowship at the auditorium of the Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) located at Gov. Pack Road this Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 7 AM—5 PM. Brother Jonathan Palitayan, former preacher of the Wanchai (HK) congregation and now a minister of the Solano (NV) congregation, is slated to facilitate a team building exercise and to speak on “*The Solid Rock on Higher Ground.*”

So far, more than twenty Midtown brethren have registered. The brethren are encouraged to catch up with the free registration today.Ω

Various ministries to meet for yearly evaluation reports

As agreed recently in the Tuesday church forum, all ministries at Midtown are encouraged to meet for evaluation and make recommendations as soon as possible to be prepared for the scheduled presentation of evaluation reports every Tuesday next month as follows:

December 1 – Edification & Education

December 8 – Evangelism & Ladies

December 15 – Youth, Benevolence & Visitation, Guidance, Counseling & Prayer

December 22 - MOM, Nangalisan, NESC, Administrative & Finance

Kindly attend evaluation meetings of the various ministries to be called by the chairpersons one of these days. Please be guided accordingly.Ω

Senior citizens attend youth training program

Three senior citizens, namely spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon and sister Ruth Trinidad were privileged to have attended a youth training program known as “*Lads to Leaders*” by brother Don Walker at the Philippine Bible College, 18 Rimando Rd., this city, last Monday, November 23, 2015.

Another training will be held on April 29—May 1, 2016. Meanwhile interested brethren may log on to www. L2L.com for free training materials.Ω

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

READ Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

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Sign-up for Pasasalamat free transpo starts today

Free PUJ transportation from Midtown to Riverview and vice versa and another from BDO Legarda (near City Hall) to Riverview and vice versa will be provided for those who will register and avail of the said service on December 20, 2015, Midtown’s Pasasalamat & 32nd Anniversary celebration at the Riverview Water Park, Nangalisan, Tuba.

SIGN-UP sheets are now posted at the hall entrance ready for signing until December 13, 2015 only. Kindly write individual names including names of children and guests on the preferred route.Ω

Baby girls youngest in Yang and Albay families

The congregation rejoices with spouses Michael and Margaret Yang for the safe delivery of their first-born child, Margaux Michaela, born at the Pines City Doctors’ Hospital, this city, the other Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 4:30 in the morning. Baby girl Margaux Michaela, born by caesarean section, was 3.1 kg. at birth.

Meanwhile, the congregation also delights with the safe and normal delivery of baby girl Zayna Areth, second child born to spouses Jeffrey and Kaiah Albay at the Benguet General Hospital, La Trinidad, Benguet in the afternoon of November 25, 2015.

Spouses Michael and Margaret Yang and spouses Jeffrey and Kaiah Albay express their thanks for the unceasing prayers offered by the congregation in their behalf and the visit by the ladies represented by sisters Ruth Trinidad and Sarah Sameon.Ω

BB YP joint care group attendance dwindles

Only two from Midtown, namely, Sheema Valdez and Amber Po, were able to attend the joint care group fellowship hosted by the La Trinidad ypee last November 21, 2015. Overall attendance was at 33. Despite the low turnout, the event was edifying with brother Dakila Padua’s discussion of Job 28:28.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering November 22, 2015

AM COLLECTION P26,058.25

PM COLLECTION P4,680.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P30,738.25

MOM - P500.00

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 85 YP - 25 Children - 45 Guests - 0

PM Adults - 28 YP - 4 Children - 4 Guests - 1

TOTAL - 155 TOTAL - 37

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

*Ed Lauder

*Lulu Bondoc

*Josefa Josayan

*Robinson Palaypayon

*Santiago (Dan) Sameon VI

*Bernie Austria

*Clabern Abance

*Jhun Bayating

*Florence Magalong

*Aracelli Pelle

*Lily Soriano

*Andy Bestre

*Ching Chih Yang

*Ed Concepcion

*Charlie Alvarez

*Mellina Licupa

*O’neil Gonzales

*Celia Cirilo

*Margaret & Margaux Yang

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

Jun Reyes & Co. (Vietnam)

Michelle Yang (S. Korea)

Wagang Family (Manila)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- YOUNG PEOPLE’S MEETING—Mezzanine floor; after the AM worship assembly today.
- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM on December 1, 2015 @ 12—2:30 PM
- BB INTERCON FELLOWSHIP—BCNHS Auditorium, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 @ 7 AM—5 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
- SPECIAL COLLECTION for Midtown’s Staff Yearend Bonus today and on December 6, 2015.
- BENEVOLENCE & VISITATION MINISTRY MEETING—after AM assembly today.
- EDUCATION MINISTRY & SS TEACHERS—Meeting right after the AM assembly today.
- LADIES MINISTRY MEETING—Midtown Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 @ 2PM

IS IT TRUE, THAT WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM IN JOHN 3:5, ARE ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY, TO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE INDWELLING SPIRIT?

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

A few years back, proponents surfaced who proselyted preachers and churches on the issue of doubleadministeringofbaptism: inwater and intheSpirit, to receive the gift of the indwelling Spirit, based on John 3:5, which is a twisted interpretation of the text, then “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and theSpirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’”

Excerpt from the book, Except One Be Born From Above, pp., 159-162 expressed, “this confirms the claim that we have made that the Samaritans did not enter the kingdom until they received the Holy Spirit. They couldn’t enter until Peter arrived, and it was following his arrival, following his sermon (???), following the prayer, and following his and John’s layingofhands, that the Spirit arrived! <indwelling?>

The book says, “Notice the following: 1. If (1) Peter alone (???) had the keys of the kingdom, and (2) both Peter and John came to Samaria, and if (3) both Peter and John prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and if (4) both Peter and John preached, and if (5) both Peter and John laid hands on the water baptized disciples, (6) and if Peter is distinguished from John only in Peter’s rebuke of Simon after water baptism and after the coming of the Holy Spirit, then Peter alone preached one sermon before the Samaritans entered the kingdom.” (??? – an assumption)

“Remember that on Pentecost of Acts 2, Peter and the rest of the apostles all spoke the mighty works of God –Acts 2:11, before Peter spoke alone - Acts 2:14. Evidently in Samaria both Peter and John Spoke - Acts 8:25, but at least one presentation was by Peter alone.” <???- anassumption, no text>

Book analysis:

Acts 2 – During Pentecost, water baptism was already done -Acts 1:5, “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” - so water was not needed anymore, but only Holy Spirit baptism, thus - Acts 2:1-4 - <*But Acts 2:38 – Acts 10:47,48 has water and Holy Spirit components- thus the water theory in Acts 1:5 is wrong!>

Acts 10 - Holy Spirit baptism - Acts 10:44 <But Acts 10:47,48 - has water and Spirit components based on Acts 2:38, so the theory that Holy Spirit baptism is sufficient collapses!>

Acts 8:16 – Water baptism only to Samaritan disciples, thus Holy Spirit baptism after Peter’s “key” sermon (???) after the laying of hands” they were baptized in the Spirit.”

<Double reception?: Answer: Acts 10:44-48; Acts 4:41; Jn.20:22>

<Double water?: Acts 1:5; Acts 2:38; Acts 19:3,5>

Matt.16:19,8: “I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...”, is strongly emphasized by the writer, missing the continuing passage “and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” This same provision of “binding and loosing” was likewise given to the other apostles, John 20:23, and also to the church, Matt.18:18. He said that Philip baptized the Samaritans in the name of the Lord Jesus, Acts 8:16, But he did not have the key, thus Peter and John were dispatched to open the kingdom in Samaria.

<Disproved by Acts 8:26-38 on the allegation that Philip did not have the key, prior the Gentile conversions in Cornelius home> While it is true that there are two elements involved in Acts 2:38, namely: water and the Spirit, but it does not mention of two baptisms separately administered. Both however, are done, by just one action. To prove the point, during the day of Pentecost, the repentant crowd who were responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus, when they inquired, in Acts 2:37, “What shall we do?”

Was responded by Peter, ‘Repent, and let everyoneof you be baptized in the name of JesusChrist for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the HolySpirit.’ The immersionin water was followed by the receivingoftheHolySpirit.

Notice: that in Acts 2:38, the baptism in the name of Jesus Christ involved water based on Acts 10:47, “Can anyone forbid water, that theseshouldnotbebaptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” Acts10:48, “And he commanded them to be baptizedinthenameoftheLord. ”

<Double recpient of H.S?- Acts 10:44,48; Acts 2:4,38 – Jn.20:23; Acts 4:31>

Acts2:39, “For the promise is to you and to your children, and toallwho areafaroff, as many as the Lord will call.”

<In keeping with: Jn.4:14; Jn.7:37,38; Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32>

Reminder: the baptism in the name of JesusChrist or baptism in the name of the Lord involved water in Acts 10:47,48, “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.” Thus in Acts 2:38 water was involved in that baptism and consequently the gift of the Holy Spirit <“dorea” – indwelling Spirit – Gal.4:6> were received by those who were baptized. *(To be continued next Sunday)*

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1

December Celebrators

- 01 - Denise Abance
02 - Linda Yaneza
02 - Janet Ramos
02 - Ma. Alexis Sunggay
04 - Erika Abijar
05 - Daisy Calzo
08 - Josephine Baban
09 - Gracelynn Abance
09 - Marilyn Joy B. Gamboa
11 - Jovita Bondoc
14 - Santiago B. Sameon II
17 - Jane Bestre
20 - Gaspar Baldo, Jr.
20 - Jess Perdigon
21 - Sotero Denis
21 - Kinsha Glori
22 - Jess Solomon
23 - Rosita Go
23 - Sherman Bestre
24 - Noel Espinosa
26 - Arlene Rimando
26 - Kaesha Palaypayon
26 - Sharon Kosgey
29 - Aldian Po

Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list.
Thank You.

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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