

Servers Today, May 15, 2016

Imitating Abraham's Faith in God
(Romans 4:1-25)

Speaker: Andy Bestre
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva
 Invocation: Greg Kitma
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo
 Communion Text: Mark 14:21-26
 Scripture Reading: Tonton Wagang
 Prayer for the Bread: Jess Solomon
 Prayer for the Cup: Dante Baddas
 Prayer for the Giving: Sol Palaypayon
 Closing Prayer: Mar Bayating
 Announcement: Mervin Oliva
 Evening Speaker: Art Tacay
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Kheif & Macky Walang
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

Communion: Loida Baddas
 Worship Coordinator: Rod Tada | Lem Glori

How To Become a Biblical Christian

- 1). Admit 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 Christ is Lord, 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 May 22, 2016

Receiving God's Salvation in Christ
(Romans 5:1-21)

Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Jhun Bayating
 Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26
 Scripture Reading: Rodrigo Bondoc
 Prayer for the Bread: Oneil Gonzales
 Prayer for the Cup: Sam Quezada
 Prayer for the Giving: Dexter Wagang
 Closing Prayer: Abe Insas
 Announcement: Arnan Bayla
 Evening Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Tacay Family

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All ladies enjoined in devo & fellowship today

All ladies are cordially invited to attend today's ladies monthly luncheon fellowship and devotional which will be held at the assembly hall right after the morning worship assembly.

The 2nd Quarter Ladies Steering Committee composed of sisters Janet Perdigon, Carina Lacaba, Norma Aping, Clarita Cachero, Elena Caramé, Lorenza Losnong, Nelly Bayla, Amber Po, Cel Alvarez, Ruby Mclean, Corazon Ozo, Joyce Kitma, Lou Villanueva, and Denise Jane Abance, are geared up to share helpful lessons on "how to become rooted in the faith and eventually avoid the 'rocky soil' and overcome troubles and persecutions" based on Matthew 13:20-21.Ω

Friday Care Group leads Tuba thanksgiving

At the invitation of the Abance—Bayating family, the Friday Care Group and other brethren conducted a thanksgiving devotional in celebration of the coming of baby MARIL A. BAYATING III at their residence at Poblacion, Tuba, evening of the other past Saturday, May 6, 2015. Brother Arnan Bayla conveyed Midtown's jubilations and delivered a brief message on the "Lord's sovereignty over all things and man's responsibility under the Lord's control." Brother Julius Rojo served as songleader while brothers Solomon Palaypayon and Jojo Ramos led in the prayers for thanksgiving.Ω

Sister Norma back to normal soon

Brethren regularly making visits and conducting devotionals at sister Norma Aping's residence report that she is well in her way to full recovery after having suffered a stroke a couple of months ago.

Last Sunday afternoon, May 8th, spouses Julius & Fely Rojo together with sister Josie Baban served the Lord's Supper at her residence in Irisan, this city. Nearing completion of her therapy, she is now able to walk a considerable distance and may be able to serve at Midtown soon. Praise the Lord Almighty!Ω

"If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself."

READ Proverbs 4:20-27

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Hooper arrives for Isabela & Cagayan missions

Brother Mark Hooper of the Missions Resource Network (MRN) based in Bedford, Texas, USA, will be in the country this Tuesday, May 17th, to meet up with brother Jonathan "Jojo" Ramos for a mission trip to the northern provinces of Isabela and Cagayan on May 18—25, 2016.

There were a couple of times brother Hooper served in this city in the past, one was a lectureship on "The Man of Peace in Missions" at Midtown in November 2010, and the latest was the "Leadership in Missions Workshop" held at Midtown in October 2015. This time, his trip will be focused in mentoring and coaching church leaders on "Discipleship." For more details, please refer to the itinerary printed on page 2 of this bulletin.

As a culminating activity for this mission trip, a luncheon fellowship and meeting with Midtown's Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) will be held at the Family Life Center (FLC) located at the mezzanine floor of Infinitea Café, Laperal Bldg., session Rd., this city, next Wednesday, May 25, 2016.Ω

Esperanza brethren thankful of Midtown's help

Midtown brethren serving with the brethren at Esperanza, Sison, Pangasinan last Sunday, May 8th, were thankful to be of help in the edification of the saints there. Brother Art Tacay served as sermon speaker while brother Lemuel Glori served as facilitator during the Bible study hour. Sister Ruth Trinidad facilitated a study on "Spiritual Transformation" based on Galatians 5: 22-26 with the ladies' class in which 12 attended.

Spouses Dante & Loida Baddas and family, thankful of the opportunity to edify their relatives and the brethren there, hosted the Midtown brethren for a fellowship lunch at the Baddas residence.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering May 8, 2016

AM COLLECTION
P28,276.00 + 1 US\$

PM COLLECTION
P4,238.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P32,514.00 + 1 US\$

ATTENDANCE

AM
Adults -85
YP - 32
Children - 25
Guests - 0

PM
Adults - 28
YP - 18
Children - 8
Guests - 0

TOTAL - 142

TOTAL - 54

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 196

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| *Rosita Go | *Clabern Abance |
| *Mely Genato | *Jhun Bayating |
| *Amy Go | *Aracelli Pelle |
| *Feliza Go | *Lily Soriano |
| *Charity Ong | *Jun Soriano |
| *Octavio Abance | *Andy Bestre |
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Ching Chih Yang |
| *Gloria Yang | *Ed Concepcion |
| *Marina Gawé | *Charlie Alvarez |
| *Mark Poblete | *Mellina Licupa |
| *Sotero Denis | *Celia Cirilo |
| *Bernie Austria | *Angelita Enerva |
| *Norma Aping | *Mateo dela Cruz |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Luisa Aurigue & Baby |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Faith Bayating & Baby |
| *Damian Mercado | *Maribel Sunggay & Baby |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | |

SAFE PREGNANCY

- *Veronica Zamora
- *Amy Marcelo

James 5:15

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up;" NIV

SAFE TRAVEL

Mark Hooper, Jojo Ramos & Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY MEETING**— right after the AM worship assembly today.
- **ALL LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**—Today, right after the AM Worship Assembly
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** on May 17, 2016 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **VBS REGISTRATION**—Register early until May 22 only. Registration Fee: P25.00/participant
- **MEAL SPONSORS NEEDED FOR VBS WORKING CREW**—Pls. sign up on volunteer sheet on YPEEZ board.
- **SATURDAY CARE GROUP**—to meet after the AM assembly today, kindly look for brother Ernie Wagang.
- **2x2 ID PICTURES FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**—Please submit recent pictures as soon as possible.

ITINERARY
ISABELA & CAGAYAN

MISSION TRIP
MISSION RESOURCE NETWORK

Mark Hooper & Jojo Ramos
May 17—25, 2016

May 17 Tuesday

- Arrival of brother Mark Hooper @ NAIA, Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines

May 18 Wednesday

- Travel to the City of Baguio

May 19 Thursday

- Travel to Ilagan City, Isabela
- Dinner Fellowship with Ilagan brethren

May 20 Friday

- Mentoring and Coaching for “Ilagan Vision 2020” team (whole day)

May 21 Saturday

- Missions workshop for Isabela churches of Christ

- A. *Disciple—Making Movements*
- B. *Church on Missions*

- C. *Characteristics of Growing Churches*

May 22 Sunday

- AM Worship Assembly at the Manaring church of Christ
- Sermon Speaker: Brother Jojo Ramos
Topic: “*The Heart of Mission*”
- Bible Study Facilitator: Brother Mark Hooper
Topic: “*Theology of Mission*”
- PM Worship Assembly at the Tuguegarao church of Christ

May 23 Monday

- Mentoring and Coaching with Tuguegarao church leaders and with brother Dan-gil Geron

May 24 Tuesday

- Travel back to the City of Baguio

May 25 Wednesday

- Lunch Fellowship & Meeting with Midtown’s Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) at the Family Life Center, Mezzanine Floor, Infinita Café, Laperal Bldg., Session Rd., Baguio City
- Midweek Devotional

May 26 Thursday

- Brother Mark Hooper travels to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Mission

FAST AND FURIOUS

When Jehu was born, he hit the dirt running. King Jehu became a byword for recklessness and aggression. His dynasty has been called by the experts the “*Execution Dynasty*,” since they killed kings about like you’d flick flies off the kitchen table. Read his biography for yourself, you’ll see (2Kings 9:11—10:36).

Jehu drove a wild chariot and spent more time raising dust in the two—wheel wonder than he did raising money on the throne. In fact, his entire reputation revolved around his driving. On one occasion he sealed a friendship by a maddening chariot ride, during which he demonstrated his “zeal for the Lord” (2Kings 10:15-16). Earlier in 2 Kings 9:20, we can see that the national byword for “*fast and furious*” driving was “*driving like the driving of Jehu*.”

Sons and daughters of Jehu live on. Polished cedar chariots pulled by lathered-up stallions have changed into a sleek, slick, four-on-the-floor job or a neat little sports car or a handsome sedan. But there’s an amazing similarity between the drivers and their reputations. It is said that for drivers, God’s work of grace moves downward—from head to feet—and the last part of them to experience full salvation is their *right foot*, the one on the gas / accelerator—the one most engaged in selfishness on the road. So, they say, the way we act behind the wheel is far more indicative of our walk with God than the way we act praying in a pew or smiling over a well-marked Bible.

Well, why don’t you and I commit ourselves to a little less speed and (unlike Jehu) a lot less “furious” reputation. Honestly ask some, “*How’s my driving?*” And if we occasionally must speed up, maybe it would help to sing loudly:

- At 45mph... “God Will Take Care of You”
- At 55 mph... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
- At 65 mph... “Nearer My God To Thee”
- At 75 mph... “Nearer, Still Nearer”
- At 85 mph... “This World Is Not My Home”
- At 95 mph... “Lord, I’m Coming Home”
- Over 100 ... “Precious Memories”

“*Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*”

1 Peter 2:11-16

Condensed by Arnan Bayla from “*Growing Strong In The Seasons of Life*”, Multnomah Press, Portland, Oregon 97266

Up.....
coming

EVENTS

RETREATS FELLOWSHIPS CAMPS
WORKSHOPS | LECTURES SHIPS

SYMPOSIUM
ON BIBLICAL TEACHINGS ON SEXUALITY
Midtown church of Christ Assembly Hall
Sunday, May 29, 2016 @ 9:30—11 AM
Sunday School | Bible Study Hour suspended to give way for the symposium.

ISABELA & CAGAYAN MISSION TRIP
With Mark Hooper of the Mission Resource Network
May 18—25, 2016
Contact Brother Jojo Ramos for details

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2016
•Theme: STARWARS —“Light vs. Darkness”
•Key Verse: “Shine like stars in the universe” (Philippians 2:15)
•Date: May 23-27, 2016 @ 8 AM-12 PM.
•Directors: Donnel Gonzales and Ezra Valdez
•Participants: Preschool—Grade 7
•Registration Fee: P25.00

ASIA PACIFIC ELDERS, DEACONS AND SPOUSES’ CONFERENCE (APEDS)
Hatten Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia
26—28 July 2016 | USD160

ASIAN MISSION FORUM (AMF 2016)
Hatten Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia
28—31 July 2016 | USD320

NESC UPDATE

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus! God be praised!. We were able to visit 35 places so far and have baptized 71 to date, involving dozens of combined messages, lectures, Bible studies, open fora, sweat and tears. All for God’s glory!

Dodoy & Sarah Sameon
Via SMS | April 17, 2016 @ 9:25 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
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 – 7 PM Every 4 th Wed	Care Group assigned
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
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM 4th Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School Care Group @ Midtown	3 – 5 PM	Young Adults and College students
SUNDAY		
All YPeez Care Group	12 – 3 PM Fourth Sunday	YPs in charge
All Ladies Fellowship	12 – 3 PM Third Sunday	Ladies in charge: 2nd Q Steering Group
Young Adults FLC	3 – 5 PM	YAs in charge

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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