

**Servers Today, May 8, 2016**

**Obtaining Righteousness Through Faith  
In Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:19-31)**

Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Dexter Wagang  
 Intercessory Prayer: June Reyes  
 Communion Text: Hebrews 10:1-10  
 Scripture Reading: Rodrigo Bondoc  
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre  
 Prayer for the Cup: Chris Oliva  
 Prayer for the Giving: Abe Insas  
 Closing Prayer: Charlie Abance  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Martin Family  
 To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon 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 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  
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**Ladies urged to give  
best to Almighty God**

Midtown recently received a *Plaque of Gratitude* from the organizers of the 41st National Ladies Retreat (NLR) held at the Boso-boso Highland Resort and Convention Center located in Antipolo City, Rizal last April 26—29, 2016. The ladies of the Muntinlupa church of Christ was this year's host—organizers. There were 215 delegates representing 53 congregations around the country. Five ladies, namely, sisters Ruth Trinidad, Jane Bestre, Minda Oliva, Ruth Camora, and Josie Baban, represented Midtown and received the plaque. *More on page 2.*

**NYC preliminary planning  
on election day**

Taking the opportunity of the availability of the young adults in time with the May 9 election day in which work is suspended, there will be a preliminary planning session for the National Youth Camp that this congregation will be hosting in 2019. Brother Ryan Anthony Bestre, nominated director for the NYC 2019 will be in the city from Manila for the meeting. All young adults are advised to vote early to make time for the meet up later that day. Because of the national scope of the event, and it being held every three years only, and because this time, the event is to be held in the city of Baguio—summer capital of the Philippines, much is to be expected that demands a huge lot of preparation. In this regard, groundwork preparation, prayers, and foresight need to be done the soonest. Time and venue of meeting will be passed through a text message later today.Ω

**Baby girl born to  
Sunggays May 5th**

Midtown congratulates and rejoices with the Sunggay family for the birth of their third child, baby girl MARY MONIQUE J. SUNGGAY, delivered by cesarean section at the Baguio General Hospital & Medical Center last Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7 PM. Baby "Nica" is a well baby weighing 2.6 kg at birth. Spouses Henry & Maribel Josayan—Sunggay including big sister, Maria Alexis, convey to the Midtown brethren deepest gratitude for the prayers ceaselessly being offered in their behalf.Ω

**"The trouble with most of us  
is that we would rather be ruined  
by praise than saved by criticism."**

**READ Proverbs 15:31-32**

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**Tuba resident born  
anew last Wednesday**

Midtown congratulates and welcomes brother RANDOLF DEAN GUYANG TUGAY-AN who was recently baptized into Christ by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery last Wednesday evening, May 4, 2016. Brother Randolph, single, 25 years old, son of brother Rolito Tugay-an of 0047 Upper Poblacion, Tuba, decided to put on Christ in baptism as soon as he completed the Seekers' Lessons Series. Actually, he had also been attending the worship assemblies at Midtown with his father for the past couple of months. Welcome to the family!Ω

**Baby boy born to  
Bayatings May 4th**

Midtown praises the Lord and celebrates with spouses Maril "Jhun" and Faith Bayating with the birth of their firstborn child, MARIL A. BAYATING III, Baby "Thirty" was born by cesarean section at the Notre Dame de Chartes Hospital, this city, last Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:20 AM. He is a well baby boy weighing 3.3 kg at birth. The other Thursday, April 28th, sister Pearl Bestre beautifully arranged a "baby shower" at the Midtown assembly hall in which a number of brethren, family and friends expressed jubilation, wishes, thanksgiving, and prayers in expectation for Thirty's birth, saying, "Indeed, every good and perfect gift comes from above." (James 1:17). The Abances and Bayatings conveyed heartfelt appreciation for the wishes and prayers unceasingly offered in their behalf.Ω

**Potluck meeting for medical  
mission staff this Saturday**

In preparation for the proposed medical-dental mission to be held soon at Midtown as spearheaded by the Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM), a potluck lunch meeting will be held at the Midtown Assembly Hall this Saturday, May 14, 2016. Everyone interested to take part in said ministry are encouraged to attend this meeting.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering  
May 1, 2016**

**AM COLLECTION  
P26,608.00**

**PM COLLECTION  
P3,120.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P29,728.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

**AM  
Adults -92  
YP - 38  
Children - 24  
Guests - 0**

**PM  
Adults - 21  
YP - 15  
Children - 1  
Guests - 0**

**TOTAL - 154**

**TOTAL - 37**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| *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 Gawe         | *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**

*Esperanza outreach  
delegates*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY MEETING**— right after the AM worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** on May 10, 2016 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **VBS REGISTRATION**—Register early until May 22 only. Registration Fee: P25.00/participant
- **PROPOSED MEDICAL-DENTAL MISSION STAFF**—Potluck Lunch Meeting @ Midtown on May 14, 2016.
- **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.

**JOY**

We can honor our parents through L.O.V.E.

**L**isten to them

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 23:22



**O**bey them

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Eph 6:1-3



**V**olunteer to help

"A wise son brings joy to his father but a foolish son grief to his mother." Proverbs 10:1



**E**njoy being with them

"May your father and mother be glad..." Proverbs 23:25



**Let's Review**

**L**isten to them  
**O**bey them  
**V**olunteer to help  
**E**njoy being with them

**Ladies urged to give best to Almighty God**

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The retreat participants came to learn practical lessons on "Giving Our Best to Our Almighty God" as discussed by four seasoned speakers. Some of the lessons include developing self-discipline to become productive, developing Christ-like attitudes from which children can learn from, laying up treasures in heaven by doing good works in a quiet spirit, and not getting weary of doing good and of using one's talents, spiritual gifts, and treasures.

Three congregations in Davao City will team up to host and organize next year's NLR. Interested Midtown ladies are encouraged to prepare early for next year's retreat.Ω

**Prosperity in good deeds discussed in midweek devo**

Twenty-five (25) brethren attended last week's monthly midweek devotional at Midtown's Assembly Hall. The Irian Care Group took their turn in facilitating the devotional in which brother Sixto Aoas served as songleader while brother Andy Bestre served as Bible study facilitator. Discussions revolved around the first Psalm in which disciples are urged to delight in the law of the Lord and not to walk in the counsel of the wicked. Also, it was emphasized that Christians who continue to meditate on God's word will surely prosper in good deeds.

The next monthly devotional will be facilitated by the Saturday Care Group on May 25.Ω

**Bicol Youth Encounter solicits help**

The church forum meeting last Tuesday, May 3rd, unanimously approved that an amount of P1500.00 be sent to the Bicol church of Christ meeting in Naga City in response to their request for help in raising funds for the 9th Bicol Youth Encounter which will be held on May 16—21, 2016. Brother Red Fuentes, their youth minister, acknowledged receipt of said amount and conveyed appreciation via text message with sister Amber Po who was tasked to send the help through a bank service.Ω

**Midtown brethren serve in Esperanza today**

Brothers Dante Baddas, Art Tacay, Lemuel Glori, sisters Loida Baddas and Ruth Trinidad are to serve at the Esperanza congregation today, May 8th. In keeping with the commitment of Midtown to help in the Lord's work in Esperanza, the Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) has taken the responsibility of spearheading Midtown's involvement there.Ω

**Up..... coming**

**EVENTS**

RETREATS FELLOWSHIPS CAMPS WORKSHOPS | LECTURESHIPS

**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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
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 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Care Group assigned
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
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.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 – 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
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
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
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**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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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