

Servers Today, June 19, 2016

**Achieving God's Promises in Christ
(Romans 8:28-39)**

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*
 Invocation: *Greg Kitma*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*
 Communion Text: *Mark 14:22-26*
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Jasper Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Art Tacay*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Arnan Bayla*
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Dexter Wagang*
 To Bring Drinks: *Dexter Wagang*
 Usher/ettes: *Tacay Family*

Communion: *Cot & CD Espinosa*
 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 June 26, 2016

**Pursuing God's Righteousness
(Romans 9:1-33)**

Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*
 Communion Text: *Galatians 3:23-29*
 Scripture Reading: *Donnel Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Richard Bestre*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Sam Quezada*
 Prayer for the Giving: *June Reyes*
 Closing Prayer: *CD Espinosa*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Baddas Family*

Communion: *Cot & CD Espinosa*
 Worship Coordinator: *Rod Tada | Lem Glori*



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32 Gift Bibles purchased for the newly baptized

As recommended by the Education Ministry chaired by brother Arnan Bayla, thirty-two pieces of Bibles were purchased recently to replenish the stock of Bibles purposely given as gifts or tokens to newly baptized believers at Midtown.

The inventory of Bibles purchased at the amount of PhP12,049.00 from the general fund are as follows: NIV Leather-look Maroon -6; NIV Leather-look Black -4; NIV Soft-cover Blue -5; NIV Soft-cover Black -5; GNV Ilocano Hardbound Black -5; GNV Tagalog Hardbound Black -6; GNV Ilocano Paperback -1.Ω

30+ enjoy God's creation in Baler ladies outing

The recent outing of the ladies to Baler, Aurora on June 15-16 which was sponsored by sister Lou Villanueva was enjoyed by more than 30 brethren, namely, Rosita Go, Serafia Sameon, Nancy Bayla, Josie Baban, Clarita Cachero, Lorenza Losnong, Carina Lacaba, Leah Tada, Cot Espinosa, Minda Oliva, Joyce Kitma, Ruth Trinidad, Amber Po, Marlene Samonte, Denise Abance, Fely Rojo, Ruth Camora, Letty Bayating, Josie Abance, Melecia Abance, Sonia Abance, Lolit Abance, Loida Baddas, Arlene Rimando, Keshia Oliva, Kaiah Albay, Nelly Bayla, Jane Bestre, Vangie Glori, Charis Bayla, Kenzo, Klarissa & Kinsha Glori, and Riyu & Zaena Albay. Some men, namely, brothers Julius Rojo, Lemuel Glori, Arnan Bayla, CD Espinosa, and A-mark Bayla were also with the group who served on the side in various capacities.Ω

VBS financial statement ends positive

Sister Angelica Wagang, this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) fund manager, has submitted a detailed Financial Statement of Receipts & Disbursements. Said FS ended with a positive balance of P1717.00. Below is a summary of the financial statement:

Beginning Balance:	Expenses:
Midtown Fund.....25,000.00	Materials.....17926.21
Registration Fee.....3,000.00	Snacks: Enrolees.....10000.00
Meal Sponsors.....27,400.00	Meals.....25756.79
TOTAL.....55,400.00	TOTAL.....53683.00

"Life was a lot simpler when we honored father and mother rather than all the major credit cards."

READ Ephesians 6:1-3

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Bestre home for ypeez general assembly today

Brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, Midtown's youth minister, is in the country from Singapore for a brief semestral break. He has recently finished the first year of his 2-year Advanced Course in Biblical Studies at the Sunset International Bible Institutes (SIBI) in Pasir Panjang, Singapore. He will be returning to SIBI next month.

While home, he will be facilitating the Young People's General Assembly today at Midtown's Assembly Hall at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He will also be meeting with the young men for lunch today. Ω

B&V seeks to help needy HS students

The Benevolence & Visitation Ministry chaired by brother Rod Tada reports that they are seeking for needy High School students to become beneficiaries of a one-school-year transportation fare assistance. Previous beneficiaries may also re-apply.

Incidentally, said ministry will be having a meeting right after the morning worship assembly today to discuss other matters that pertains to this project. Ministry members and those who newly signed up to serve in the ministry are very much encouraged to stay for the meeting. Kindly look for brother Rod Tada.Ω

Esperanza ladies enjoy discussions on perseverance

Sisters Marina Gawe, Jovy Mabesa, and Loida Baddas took their turn in serving with the Esperanza congregation in Sison, Pangasinan last Sunday, June 12th. Said ladies, previously scheduled to facilitate a seminar-workshop on livelihood projects, however, did not push through with the plan. Instead, sister Marina Gawe discussed with nineteen Esperanza ladies lessons on "Glorying in Sufferings" based on 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. The lessons were also reinforced with personal testimonies.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
June 12, 2016**

**AM COLLECTION
P27,702.10**

**PM COLLECTION
P2,520.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P28,222.10**

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults -73 YP - 56 Children - 31 Guests - 0	PM Adults - 21 YP - 9 Children - 1 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 160

TOTAL - 31

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM)191**

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 |
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Andy Bestre |
| *Gloria Yang | *Ching Chih Yang |
| *Marina Gawe | *Ed Concepcion |
| *Mark Poblete | *Charlie Alvarez |
| *Sotero Denis | *Mellina Licupa |
| *Bernie Austria | *Celia Cirilo |
| *Norma Aping | *Angelita Enerva |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Mateo dela Cruz |
| *Arian Kaith Igyo | *Flordeline Abance |
| *Damian Mercado | *Luisa Aurigue & 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

Jojo Ramos & company at Bokod

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY MEETING**— right after the AM worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—June 21, 2016 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL**—Wednesday, June 22, 2016 @ 6—7 PM
- **THIRTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD**—June 6—July 5, 2016
- **BENEVOLENCE & VISITATION MINISTRY**— Meeting today, June 19, 2016.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**—Today, June 19, 2016 @ 12—2:30 PM
- **5th ASPULAN**—Benguet Sports Center, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, July 2, 2016 @ 8:00 AM—5 PM

Freedom from Discouragement: No Frustration

Paul in this section of Romans 8:18-30, dealt with the very real problem of suffering and pain. Perhaps the best way to understand this section is to note the three "groans" that are discussed.

CREATION GROANS (vv. 18-22). When God finished His Creation, it was a good Creation (Gen 1:31); but today it is a groaning Creation. There is suffering and death; there is pain, all of which is, of course, the result of Adam's sin. It is not the fault of creation. Note the words that Paul used to describe, the plight of creation: suffering (Rom 8:18), vanity (Rom 8:20), bondage (Rom 8:21), decay (Rom 8:21), and pain (Rom 8:22). However, this groaning is not a useless thing - Paul compared it to a woman in travail. There is pain, but the pain will end when the child is delivered. One day creation will be delivered, and the groaning creation will become a glorious creation! The believer does not focus on today's sufferings; he looks forward to tomorrow's glory (Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:15-18). Today's groaning bondage will be exchanged for tomorrow's glorious liberty!

WE BELIEVERS GROAN (vv 23-25) The reason we groan is because we have experienced *the first-fruits of the Spirit*, "a foretaste of the glory to come just as the nation of Israel tasted the first-fruits of Canaan when the spies returned (Num 13:23-27), so we Christians have tasted of the blessings of heaven through the ministry of the Spirit. This makes us want to see the Lord, receive a new body, and live with Him and serve Him forever. We are waiting for *the adoption*," which is the redemption of the body when Christ returns (Phil 3:20-21). This is the thrilling climax to *the adoption* "that took place at conversion when *the Spirit of adoption*" gave us an adult standing in God's family. When Christ returns, we shall enter into our full inheritance.

Meanwhile, we wait and hope. *For we are saved by that hope*" (Rom 8:24, literal translation). What hope? *That blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*" (Titus 2:13). The best is yet to come! The believer does not get frustrated as he sees and experiences suffering and

pain in this world. He knows that the temporary suffering will one day give way to eternal glory. (Romans 8:1-4)

THE HOLY SPIRIT GROANS (vv. 25-30) God is concerned about the trials of His people. When He was ministering on earth, Jesus groaned when He saw what sin was doing to mankind (Mark 7:34; John 11:33,38). Today the Holy Spirit groans with us and feels the burdens of our weaknesses and suffering. But the Spirit does more than groan. He prays for us in His groaning so that we might be led into the will of God. We do not always know God's will. We do not always know how to pray, but the Spirit intercedes so that we might live in the will of God in spite of suffering. The Spirit *shares the burden.*"

The believer never need faint in times of suffering and trial because he knows that God is at work in the world (Rom 8:28), and that He has a perfect plan (Rom 8:29). God has two purposes in that plan: our good and His glory. Ultimately, He will make us like Jesus Christ! Best of all, God's plan is going to succeed!

It started in eternity past when He chose us in Christ (Eph 1:4-5). He predetermined that one day we would be like His Son. Predestination applies only to saved people. Nowhere are we taught that God predestines people to be eternally condemned. If they are condemned, it is because of their refusal to trust Christ (John 3:18-21). Those whom He chose, He called (see 2 Thess 2:13-14); when they responded to His call, He justified them, and He also glorified them. This means that the believer has already been glorified in Christ (John 17:22); the revelation of this glory awaits the coming of the Lord (Rom 8:21-23).

How can we Christians ever be discouraged and frustrated when we already share the glory of God? **Our suffering today only guarantees that much more glory when Jesus Christ returns!**

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Up..... coming

EVENTS

RETREATS FELLOWSHIPS CAMPS WORKSHOPS | LECTURESHIPS

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World
June 6—July 5, 2016

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<http://www.twitter.com/MWPrayerMvement>
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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

FREE MEDICAL—DENTAL MISSION
Midtown Church of Christ Assembly Hall
Top Floor, Marlett's Building
Km 4 Marcos Highway, Baguio City
July 16, 2016 | 8:00 AM—4:00 PM
FREE medical & dental check-up and treatment
FREE medicines, laboratory procedures, therapy, and prayer & counseling

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

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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