

**Servers Today, March 12, 2017**

**The Imperative Of Submission  
(Ephesians 5:21-33)**

Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Julius Rojo  
 Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes  
 Communion Text: Galatians 3:26-29  
 Scripture Reading: Ezra Valdez  
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre  
 Prayer for the Cup: Mark Wagang  
 Prayer for the Giving: Sol Palaypayon  
 Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Clarita G. Cashero  
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon Family

Communion: Tess Kitma  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | L.Glori | A. Tacay

**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 March 19, 2017**

**Mutual Submission In The Christian Home (Ephesians 6:1-9)**

Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva  
 Invocation: Greg Kitma  
 Intercessory Prayer: Dexter Wagang  
 Communion Text: Isaiah 53:1-6  
 Scripture Reading: Irah Po  
 Prayer for the Bread: O'neil Gonzales  
 Prayer for the Cup: JJ Ramos  
 Prayer for the Giving: Eugene Aguinaldo  
 Closing Prayer: Jojo Ramos  
 Announcement: Mervin Oliva  
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva  
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Tacay Family

Communion: Tess Kitma  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | L.Glori | A. Tacay



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**Cebu congregation solicits help for local youth camp**

A letter of solicitation was recently received by the Midtown congregation from the newly established church of Christ in sitio Badiang, Barangay Tinubdan, Daanbantayan, Northern Cebu. The church leaders requested for financial help to augment their funds to host the YOUTH SUMMER CAMP on May 16-19, 2017. Incidentally, the Sameons are invited speakers for this camp.

In response to the request, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM approved the amount of P1000.00 as donation. An amount of P1500.00 coming from voluntary contributions from the forum was added to this making a total donation of P2500.00. Said amount was sent March 9, 2017.Ω

**38 participate in BB youth joint care group & fellowship**

Midtown's young people successfully hosted the recent Baguio-Benguet Young People's Joint Care Group & Fellowship at the Midtown Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, March 4, 2017 @ 4 -7 PM with an attendance of thirty-eight. This number represented some congregations in the area.

Brother Jonathan Ramos Jr. served as facilitator in a timely discussion on "CHRISTIAN ETIQUETTE IN SOCIAL MEDIA." He also stressed that one must exercise prudence or caution before liking something posted or shared by someone in the social media. (Proverbs 13:16).Ω

**Tuguegarao congregation requests help from Midtown**

In a recent mission trip to the Cagayan province last February 22-26, 2017, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos reported that the newly established Tuguegarao congregation seeks partnership with Midtown's MOM (Mission Outreach Ministry), Young Adults, and with brother Jesse Bestre. The Pasir Panjang congregation (Singapore) youth will also be involved in church-strengthening missions this year. Spouses Dan-gil & Lala Geron who currently serves in the congregation's leadership will soon visit Midtown to officially present their plea.

Brother Jonathan 'Jojo' Ramos was invited to serve as speaker in a wedding ceremony held at the meeting place of the Tuguegarao church of Christ.Ω

**"If we would think more, we would thank more."**

**READ Ephesians 5:15-21**

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**Midtown brethren celebrate with Pito's 8th anniversary today**

A number of Midtown brethren including the Ramoses, Nawews, Baldos, and others are serving with the Bokod congregations today in celebration of Pito's eighth anniversary.

In 2009, this congregation was established in Balacbac, Pito, Bokod to accommodate the growing number of Christians in the area. With the help of MOM and other benevolent brethren, they have acquired their present meeting place along the Baguio-Aritao Rd.

Brother Brian Garnett will be serving as the occasion's guest speaker.Ω

**MOM serves in Bokod joint worship assembly**

Last Sunday, March 5, 2017, brothers Jojo Ramos, Abe Insas, and spouses Gaspar Jr. & Virgie Baldo served in the joint worship assembly of the Bokod congregations, namely, Pito, Penged, and Poblacion. Brother Gaspar Jr. facilitated the Bible study while brother Jojo delivered the sermon. As always, the Bokod brethren were very appreciative of the presence of brethren from Midtown in their assembly.

This joint assembly served as an avenue to prepare for today's celebration of the 8th anniversary of the Pito congregation.Ω

**Palaypayon family hosts Friday Care Group**

Spouses Solomon & Lailany Palaypayon and their children Kaesha and Kaelin, hosted the FRIDAY CARE GROUP at their residence on Tanganan Road, Irisan, this city, evening of March 10, 2017. Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker in which everyone was challenged to show diligence to the very end, and not to become lazy, in order to make our hope sure (Heb 6:11-12).

The brethren also relished the hospitality, warm fellowship, and celebration of sister Kaelin's birthday and above all, to praise the Creator for His wonderful deeds!Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering  
March 5, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION  
P27,077.00**

**PM COLLECTION  
P3,237.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P30,314.00**

**MOM - P500.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Adults - 102</b>	<b>Adults -18</b>
<b>YP - 40</b>	<b>YP - 4</b>
<b>Children - 30</b>	<b>Children - 3</b>
<b>Guests - 0</b>	<b>Guests - 1</b>

**TOTAL - 172**

**TOTAL - 26**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
(AM/PM) 198**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| *Rosita Go         | *Robinson Palaypayon |
| *Mely Genato       | *Rodolfo Baggao      |
| *Meeling Sze       | *Jun & Lily Soriano  |
| *Amy Go            | *Andy Bestre         |
| *Charity Ong       | *Gil & Diana Geron   |
| *Ian Pajantoy      | *Rodrigo Tada        |
| *Gloria Yang       | *Ofelia Abance       |
| *Marina Gawe       | *Lourdes Cera        |
| *Mark Poblete      | *Cecilia Alvarez     |
| *Sotero Denis      | *Carina Lacaba       |
| *Bernie Austria    | *Gaspar Nawew        |
| *Norma Aping       | *Ruth Camora         |
| *Josefa Josayan    | *Rowena Quezada      |
| *Arian Kaith Igyoy | *Maril Bayating Sr.  |
| *Damian Mercado    | *Charlie Alvarez     |

**Spiritual Guidance and Comfort  
for some brethren**

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

- \* Lorena Baban
- \* Michelle Bernadette Sze-Buenafloor

**James 5:15**

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

**SAFE TRAVEL**

Sameons & Co. (Negros)  
 Delegates to Pito, Bokod's  
 8th Anniversary  
 Delegates to Esperanza,  
 Sison, Pangasinan

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S REGULAR MEETING** — Mezzanine Floor, Right after the worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— March 14, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **ALL LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—Next Sunday, March 19, 2017 | 12—2:30 PM
- **CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL**—Midtown Hall | Wednesday, March 22, 2017 | 6—7 PM
- **PREACHERS & CHURCH LEADERS SEMINAR**—PBC Library, Rimando Rd. | Sat., March 18, 2017 | 8 AM
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—Davao City | April 26-29, 2017 | Contact: Sister Lou Villanueva
- **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2017** to Prepare Communion, bring flowers, bring drinks and biscuits for Sunday school children. Please sign up. Thanks.

# THE IMPERATIVE OF SUBMISSION

Paul applied the principle of harmony to husbands and wives (Eph 5:21-33), parents and children (Eph 6:1-4), and masters and servants (Eph 6:5-9); and he began with the admonition that each submit to the other (Eph 5:21). Does this suggest that the children tell the parents what to do, or that the masters obey the servants? Of course not! submission has nothing to do with the order of authority, but rather governs the operation of authority, how it is given and how it is received. Often Jesus tried to teach His disciples not to throw their weight around, or seek to become great at somebody else's expense. Unfortunately, they failed to learn the lesson, and even at the Last Supper they were arguing over who was the greatest (Luke 22:24-27). When Jesus washed their feet, He taught them that the greatest is the person who uses his authority to build up people and not, like the Pharisees, to build up his authority and make himself important. We are to esteem others *more important than ourselves* (Rom 12:10; Phil 2:1-4). By nature, we want to promote ourselves, but the Holy Spirit enables us to submit ourselves.

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**Wives, submit yourselves** (vv. 22-24). He gives two reasons for his command: the lordship of Christ (Eph 5:22) and the headship of the man in Christ (Eph 5:23). When the Christian wife submits herself to Christ and lets Him be the Lord of her life, she will have no difficulty submitting to her husband. This does not mean that she becomes a slave, for the husband is also to submit to Christ. And if both are living under the lordship of Christ, there can be only harmony. Headship is not dictatorship. *Each for the other, both for the Lord.* The Christian husband and wife should pray together and spend time in the Word, so that they might know God's will for their individual lives and for their home. This explains why a Christian should marry a Christian and not become *unequally yoked together* with an

unbeliever (2 Cor 6:14-18). If the Christian is submitted to Christ he will not try to establish a home that disobeys the Word of God. The Christian couple must be careful to submit to Christ's lordship even before they get married.

**Husbands, love your wives** (vv. 25-33). Paul had much more to say to the Christian husbands than to the wives. He set for them a very high standard: Love your wives *even as Christ also loved the church.* "Paul was lifting married love to the highest level possible, for he saw in the Christian home an illustration of the relationship between Christ and the church. God established marriage for many reasons. For one thing, it meets man's emotional needs. *It is not good that the man should be alone*" (Gen 2:18). Marriage also has a social purpose in the bearing of children to continue the race (Gen 1:28). Paul indicated a physical purpose for marriage - to help man and woman fulfill the normal desires given them by God (1 Cor 7:1-3). But in Eph 5, Paul indicated also a spiritual purpose in

marriage, as the husband and wife experience with each other the submission and the love of Christ (Eph 5:22-33). If the husband makes Christ's love for the church the pattern for loving his wife, then he will love her sacrificially (Eph 5:25). Christ gave Himself for the church; so the husband, in love, gives himself for his wife. Jacob so loved Rachel that he sacrificially worked fourteen years to win her. True Christian love *seeketh not her own* (1 Cor 13:5)-it is not selfish. If a husband is submitted to Christ and filled with the Spirit, his sacrificial love will willingly pay a price that she might be able to serve Christ in the home and glorify Him. But even if two Christians marry in the will of God, they must stay in God's will if their home is to be the creative fellowship God wants it to be.

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Bayating Residence Tuba	5:30-7:00 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, & 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>		
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 Enthu- siasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School -College Care Group @ FLC	5 – 7 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



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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