

**Servers Today, March 26, 2017**

**Standing Strong In The Armor Of God (Ephesians 6:10-24)**

Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Abe Insas  
 Intercessory Prayer: Noel Espinosa  
 Communion Text: Romans 8:1-4  
 Scripture Reading: Rodrigo Bondoc  
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma  
 Prayer for the Cup: Julius Rojo  
 Prayer for the Giving: Sam Quezada  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Martin  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Beth Sevilla  
 To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: Ofelia Abance  
 Usher/ettes: Gonzales 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 April 2, 2017**

**Turning Trials Into Triumph (James 1:2-4)**

Speaker: Andy Bestre  
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla  
 Invocation: Greg Kitma  
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva  
 Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26  
 Scripture Reading: Janriel Abance  
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre  
 Prayer for the Cup: Chris Oliva  
 Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin  
 Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating  
 Announcement: Arnan Bayla  
 Evening Speaker: Andy Bestre  
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla  
 To Bring Flowers: Gloria Yang  
 To Bring Biscuits: Ezra Vadez  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

Communion: Kana Perdigon  
 Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | L.Glori | A. Tacay



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**Alvarez receives negative diagnosis; thanks the Lord**

Sister Cecilia Alvarez informs the congregation that she recently went through MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) at the Notre Dame De Chartes Hospital, this city, and was found out that the growing lump on her left shoulder is a lymphoma (a tumor of lymphoid tissues) and is benign. She however will be subject to some treatment and medication to manage the enlargement.

With this negative result, sister Cel expressed her thankfulness to the Lord Almighty and her gratitude to the congregation for praying fervently for her and for helping her to be able to avail of the expensive diagnostic test. "God bless you unceasingly," she says with all her heart.Ω

**Everyone invited to peanut butter-making workshop**

A peanut butter-making workshop is scheduled to be conducted at the Midtown Assembly Hall on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 1—5PM. This livelihood project was announced earlier as spearheaded by the Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) in cooperation with the Ladies Ministry. This workshop is open to everyone (men and women) interested.

Sister Marina Gawe, certified culinary practitioner will be serving as resource person and will personally demonstrate the processing. The multi-purpose grinder recently donated by brother Dale Byrum will be used for the first time in this workshop. Other topics to be discussed include packaging and marketing the finished products.Ω

**New supplies for Sunday School purchased**

The Education Ministry informs Sunday School teachers that new educational supplies are now available for use in their respective classes. Recently purchased by brother Arnan Bayla as recommended by the teachers are cartolina in assorted colors, construction papers in assorted colors, photo papers, pencils, permanent markers, and all-purpose glue. Other recommended materials will be purchased in the next quarter.

Teachers are advised to look for the said materials and other supplies from the ministers' office or to ask for them from brother Arnan Bayla. Ω

**"A father is someone who carries photographs where his money used to be."**

**READ 2 Corinthians 12:14-16**

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**Midweek devo discuss death, burial & resurrection**

Last week's congregational midweek devotional at Midtown's assembly hall was facilitated by the Midtown Wednesday Care Group with brother Arnan Bayla as speaker. Discussions centered on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Lk 23&24).

Applications include 1. As Jesus remained in control even in death, our life will be under His control; 2. The empty tomb filled the seeker's life with abundance—no more emptiness; 3. Since the Lord is true to His word—He arose, and that should make us fully confident that we too shall live a resurrected life—even now.Ω

**Glori & Trinidad host friday care group**

Sister Ruth Trinidad and spouses Lemuel & Vangie Glori and their children Kinsha, Klarissa, and Kenzo hosted the FRIDAY CARE GROUP at their residence at Sto. Niño Subdivision, Bakakeng, this city, evening of March 24, 2017. Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker in which he reiterated that to give the Lord glory, honor, and praise, the Christian home must be composed of dutiful parents and obedient children.

The brethren also relished the hospitality, warm fellowship, and celebration of Kenzo's 3rd birthday and above all, to praise the Creator for His wonderful blessings!Ω

**Ramos participates in Asian Discipleship Forum**

Brother Jojo Ramos recently returned from a mission trip in Bangkok, Thailand. He was involved as one of the representatives of the Mission Resource Network (MRN) in the Asian Discipleship Forum held there on March 17-21, 2017. The Pasir Panjang (Singapore) congregation was also represented in the forum as co-sponsor.

There were a good number of young missionaries and missionary interns who benefitted from the discipleship forum.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering March 19, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION P33,385.00**

**PM COLLECTION P1,180.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P34,565.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults - 105 YP - 31 Children - 38 Guests - 0	<b>PM</b> Adults -17 YP - 6 Children - 1 Guests - 0
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**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   | *Brayant Buenaflo    |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Maril Bayating Sr.  |
| *Damian Mercado   | *Charlie Alvarez     |

*Spiritual Guidance and Comfort for some brethren*

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

- \* Lorena Baban
- \* Andrea Yang



**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)  
 Joey Enerva  
 (Back to the USA)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S REGULAR MEETING** — Mezzanine Floor, Right after the worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— March 28, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **WORKSHOP ON PEANUT BUTTER-MAKING**—Midtown Assembly Hall | Sat., April 8, 2017 @ 1—5 PM. Contact brother Jojo Ramos @ 09053254019 for details.
- **FIL-AM LECTURESHIP & PANAGKAKADUA**—ACU Campus, Bugallon, Pangasinan | April 12-14, 2017
- **ACU LADIES DAY**—Asian Christian University, Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan | April 15, 2017
- **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.

# YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW!

Sooner or later every believer discovers that the Christian life is a battleground, not a playground, and that he faces an enemy who is much stronger than he is - apart from the Lord. That Paul should use the military to illustrate the believer's conflict with Satan is reasonable. He himself was chained to a Roman soldier (Eph 6:20), and his readers were certainly familiar with soldiers and the equipment they used. In fact, military illustrations were favorites with Paul (2 Cor 10:4; 1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 2:3; 4:7). As Christians, we face three enemies: the world, the flesh, and the devil (Eph 2:1-3). *The world* refers to the system around us that is opposed to God, that caters to *the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life* (1 John 2:15-17). *Society apart from God* is a simple, but accurate, definition of "the world." *The flesh* is the fallen nature that started from Adam, a nature that is opposed to God

and can do nothing spiritual to please God. By His death and resurrection, Christ overcame the world (John 16:33; Gal 6:14), and the flesh (Rom 6:1-6; Gal 2:20), and the devil (Eph 1:19-23). The Spirit of God enables us, by faith, to appropriate Christ's victory for ourselves. In other words, as believers, we do not fight for victory—we fight from victory! In these closing verses of the letter, Paul discussed four topics so that his readers, by understanding and applying these truths, might walk in victory.

● **THE ENEMY** (Eph. 6:10-12)  
The intelligence corps plays a vital part in warfare because it enables the officers to know and understand the enemy. Unless we know who the enemy is, where he is, and what he can do, we have a difficult time defeating him. Not only in Eph 6, but throughout the entire Bible, God instructs us about the enemy, so there is no reason for us to be caught off guard. The enemy has many different names. Devil means *accuser*, "because he accuses God's people day and night before the throne of God (Rev 12:7-11). Satan means *adversary*, "because he is the enemy of God. He is also called the tempter (Matt 4:3), and the murderer and the liar (John 8:44). He is compared to a *lion* (1 Peter 5:8), a *serpent* (Gen 3:1; Rev 12:9), and an *angel of light* (2 Cor 11:13-15), as well as *the god of this age* (2 Cor 4:4, NIV).

● **THE EQUIPMENT** (Eph. 6:13-17)  
Since we are fighting against enemies in the spirit world, we need special equipment both

for offense and defense. God has provided the *whole armor* for us, and we dare not omit any part. Satan looks for that unguarded area where he can get a beachhead (Eph 4:27). Paul commanded his readers to put on the armor, take the weapons, and withstand Satan, all of which we do by faith. Knowing that Christ has already conquered Satan, and that the spiritual armor and weapons are available, by faith we accept what God gives us and go out to meet the foe. The day is evil, and the enemy is evil, but *If God be for us, who can be against us?* (Rom 8:31)

● **THE ENERGY** (Eph. 6:18-20)  
Prayer is the energy that enables the Christian soldier to wear the armor and wield the sword. We cannot fight the battle in our own power, no matter how strong or talented we may think we are. When Amalek attacked Israel, Moses went to the mountaintop to pray, while Joshua used the sword down in the valley (Ex 17:8-16). It took both to defeat Amalek—Moses' intercession on the mountain, and Joshua's use of the sword in the valley. Prayer is the power for victory, but not just any kind of prayer. Paul tells how to pray if we would defeat Satan.

● **THE ENCOURAGEMENT** (Eph. 6:21-24)  
We are not fighting the battle alone. There are other believers who stand with us in the light, and we ought to be careful to encourage one

another. Paul encouraged the Ephesians; Tychicus was an encouragement to Paul (Acts 20:4); and Paul was going to send Tychicus to Ephesus to be an encouragement to them. Paul was not the kind of missionary who kept his affairs to himself. He wanted the people of God to know what God was doing, how their prayers were being answered, and what Satan was doing to oppose the work. His motive was not selfish. He was not trying to get something out of them. What an encouragement it is to be a part of the family of God! Nowhere in the New Testament do we find an isolated believer. Christians are like sheep; they flock together. The church is an army and the soldiers need to stand together and fight together.

Note the words Paul uses as he closes this letter: peace-love-faith-grace! He was a prisoner of Rome, yet he was richer than the emperor. No matter what our circumstances may be, in Jesus Christ we are *blessed with all spiritual blessings*! Ω

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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- 7:30 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 Panabengá 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 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: 2ndf 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

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**MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS      SUNDAY PM WORSHIP**

See schedule  

Worship Assembly  
5:30 - 6:30 PM 

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



## April Celebrators

01 - Jon Alfred Cirilo  
01 - Leonalyn Portelo  
02 - Jolian Ibrahim  
02 - April Acop  
03 - Sheema Valdez  
04 - Lolita Abance  
05 - Letty Wagang  
05 - Herminia Acena  
05 - Jamielyn Yaneza  
05 - Leonida Umis  
06 - Eunice Cordero  
06 - Aries John Igoy  
07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay  
08 - Erika Brillantes  
09 - Gloria Yang  
09 - Noah Valdez  
13 - Ma. Rowena Cordero  
14 - Cristy Loren Austria  
14 - Kurt Austin Rimando  
14 - Michael Gorio  
21 - Frank Abraham Linggon  
21 - Sheryl Carame  
21 - Chloe Alexis Zamora  
23 - Roxanne Tacay  
24 - Leonides Ompang  
28 - Melchizedek Aquino

  
  
  


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

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