

Servers Today, July 9, 2017

<b>Holding On To The Faith</b> (1 Timothy 1:12-20)	
Speaker:	Jesse Bestre
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
Invocation:	Ernie Wagang
Intercessory Prayer:	Jun Reyes
Communion Text:	Romans 6:1-7
Scripture Reading:	Ira North Po
Prayer for the Bread:	Richard Bestre
Prayer for the Cup:	Sol Palaypayon
Prayer for the Giving:	Jerry Martin
Closing Prayer:	Rolito Tugay-an
Announcement:	Arnan Bayla
Evening Speaker:	Ezra Valdez
Song Leader:	Arnan Bayla
To Bring Flowers:	Clarita G. Cachero
To Bring Biscuits:	C/o Midtown
To Bring Drinks:	C/o Midtown
Usher/ettes	Tacay Family
Communion:	Kana Perdigon
Worship Coordinator:	R.Tada   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 July 16, 2017

<b>Praying For Those In Authority</b> (1 Timothy 2:1-8)	
Speaker:	Arnan Bayla
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
Invocation:	Dexter Wagang
Intercessory Prayer:	Mervin Oliva
Communion Text:	Ephesians 2:3-10
Scripture Reading:	Rodrigo Bondoc
Prayer for the Bread:	Kajem Kitma
Prayer for the Cup:	Donnel Gonzales
Prayer for the Giving:	Julius Rojo
Closing Prayer:	Mar Bayating
Announcement:	Andy Bestre
Evening Speaker:	Arnan Bayla
Song Leader:	Andy Bestre
To Bring Flowers:	Volunteers Needed
To Bring Biscuits:	Volunteers Needed
To Bring Drinks:	Volunteers Needed
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PPP to assemble for joint worship next Sunday

Brother Jojo Ramos announced lately that the Bokod congregations, namely, Poblacion, Pito, and Pened, will be converging for a JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AND LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP at Poblacion, Bokod next Sunday, July 16, 2017. Said assembly would help strengthen the congregations there, said brother Jojo who will also be serving as sermon speaker on said occasion.

Plans to welcome brother James Biadno as full-time worker in the area will be discussed with the three congregations during that time. Brother James Biadno is about to graduate from the Asian Christian University this July and is eyeing on working in the Lord’s vineyard in Bokod. Lordwilling, plans will materialize as envisioned by the MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM).Ω

**Greek class opens at the Family Life Center**

Brother Jesse Bestre announced recently that he will be opening a class on the Greek language at the Family Life Center located at the mezzanine floor of the Infinita Café, Laperal Bldg., Session Road. Preliminary lessons started last Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at 3:30—5:00 PM. Initial enrollees are a number of young people, namely, Christy, Zyneth, Khryz, Kaisha, Kinsha, Kaesha, Kaelin, Shauli, JJ, Mahay, Jasper, Ezra, Amber, Kana, and Kate.

The succeeding schedule will be Tuesdays @ 3:30-5:00 PM, Thursdays & Saturdays @ 1:30-3:00 PM. The course will be completed by the last week of this month. It is believed that those who complete the course will have a good grasp of the Greek language as used in the New Testament scriptures.Ω

**Tuba seniors learn to align actions with God's will**

Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker for the devotional period during the monthly meeting of the TUBA POBLACION SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION held at the Poblacion Barangay Hall the other past Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 8–9 AM. Brother Arnan Bayla together with brothers Rolito Tugay-an and Charlie Abance encouraged around eighty seniors to make use of every God-given opportunity to serve and to align one’s actions with the Lord’s will as well as to trust in the Lord’s viewpoint and direction.Ω

**"It is always too soon to quit for quitters never win."**

**READ 2 Timothy 2:1-13**

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Over 40 brethren participate in youth general assembly

Last Sunday’s YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY was attended by forty-two young people and parents at the Midtown Assembly Hall at 1:00—5:00 PM. Brother Jesse Bestre, Midtown’s youth minister facilitated the event that led to a greater awareness of the objectives, mission, and aspirations of the youth ministry. Present were Rod, JJ, Chris, Kate, Zyneth, Christy, Kana, Mahay, Kesha, Jasper, Kemuel, Donnel, A-mark, Abe, Kyle, Aaron, Ezra, Kinsha, Demi, Kaelin, O’neil, Shauli, Khryz, Kaisha, Kaesha, Charis, Rico, Amber, Abi, Melchi, Jizza, Aldian, Rachel, Angelica, and Ira. Parent participation included sisters Pearl Bestre, Janet Perdigon, Me-an Gonzales, Cot Espinosa, and spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla.

Concerns and suggestions raised during the open forum will be appropriately addressed by a team of servants who committed to work closely with brother Jesse Bestre. A special meeting for this matter was held at the FLC last Saturday, July 8, 2017.Ω

**Midtown brethren serve with sister congregations**

Last Sunday, July 1, 2017, brethren Dante Baddas, Art Tacay, Loida Baddas, Marina Gawe, Jovy Mabesa, and Cecilia Alvarez, served with the Esperanza congregation in Sison, Pangasinan. Brother Dante served as the sermon speaker with the topic, “PERSEVERING UNDER TRIALS” (James 1:12) while brother Art facilitated the Bible study on “THE GOSPEL CALL” (2Thess 2:14). Sister Marina Gawe facilitated a discussion on the “MODEL PRAYER” (Matthew 6: 5-18) during the Ladies Devotional while sister Cecilia Alvarez took charge of the children’s class.

Meanwhile, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos and Lady Angela served with the brethren in Reyna Mercedes, Cauayan, Isabela last June 30—July 2, 2017. They served in various capacities in addition to serving as resource speakers during a livelihood seminar sponsored by the congregation.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering**  
**July 2, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION**  
**P34,075.00**

**PM COLLECTION**  
**P6,512.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION**  
**P40,587.00**

**MOM - P1,000.00**

**ATTENDANCE**

**AM**  
**Adults - 95**  
**YP - 32**  
**Children - 32**  
**Guests - 0**




**PM**  
**Adults -24**  
**YP - 12**  
**Children - 3**  
**Guests - 0**

**TOTAL - 159**      **TOTAL - 39**

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

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**  
\*Rosita Go  
\*Mely Genato  
\*Meeling Sze  
\*Amy Go  
\*Charity Ong  
\*Ian Pajantoy  
\*Gloria Yang  
\*Marina Gawe  
\*Sotero Denis  
\*Bernie Austria  
\*Norma Aping  
\*Josefa Josayan  
\*Arian Kaith Igoy  
\*Damian Mercado  
\*Robinson Palaypayon  
\*Carmen Villanueva  
\*Janet Ramos  
\*Rowena Cordero  
\*Jun & Lily Soriano  
\*Andy Bestre  
\*Gil & Diana Geron  
\*Rodrigo Tada  
\*Ofelia Abance  
\*Lourdes Cera  
\*Cecilia Alvarez  
\*Carina Lacaba  
\*Gaspar Nawew  
\*Tess & Mahaysha Kitma  
\*Brayant Buenaflor  
\*Maril Bayating Sr.  
\*Charlie Alvarez  
\*Priscilla Bayasen  
\*Rolito Tugay-an  
\*Mellina Licupa-Dsouza  
\*Maria Elena Lachica  
\*Dave McMillin

**SAFE PREGNANCY**  
\* Andrea Yang  
\* Denise Wagang  
  
**SURGICAL OPERATION**  
Sotero Denis for his upcoming eye surgery.  
  
**SAFE TRAVEL**  
Rachel Bestre (Jakarta)  


**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE’S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | JULY 11, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM | C/O THE THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP
- **SATURDAY MOBILE CARE GROUP**— AQUINO RESIDENCE, BENGAO | JULY 18, 2017 | 3:00—5:00 PM.
- **GREEK CLASS** — FAMILY LIFE CENTER, SESSION ROAD | TUE @ 3:30—5:00 PM | THU & SAT @ 3—5 PM
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**— KINDLY SIGN-UP TO BRING FLOWERS, SNACKS/DRINKS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Stay on and finish the task...

■GOD ENTRUSTS YOU WITH A MINISTRY (1:1-11)

Timothy was not at Ephesus because Paul put him there. It was God who entrusted him with ministry in that important city. Just as God had committed a ministry to Paul's trust (1:11), He had given Timothy a special stewardship, and He expected him to be faithful. The false teachers at Ephesus were ministering their own program, not a stewardship that God had given them. A steward's first responsibility is to be faithful to his master (1 Cor 4:1-7). There were false teachers at Ephesus who were trying to make a name for themselves as teachers of the Law but who did not know what they were talking about. They had turned away from the truth of the Word and were listening to fables (myths, v. 4) and endless genealogies, raising more questions than they could answer. Their "ministries" do not build up Christians or the local church, but instead foster arguments and divisions.

Paul explains to Timothy the significance of the Law. "God did not give the Law to save people," he points out, "but to show people how much they need to be saved." There must be a lawful use of the Law (see Rom 7:16). In vv. 9-10, Paul lists the sinners who are convicted and condemned by the Law. God had entrusted Paul and Timothy with a glorious Gospel, not a system of laws (2 Cor 3-4). "Sound doctrine" (v. 10) literally means "healthy teaching," that is, teaching that promotes spiritual health. In 2 Tim 2:17, Paul warns that false teachings eat "as a gangrene."

■GOD ENABLES YOU TO DO YOUR WORK (1:12-17)

Paul refers to himself as an example of one whom God enabled, by grace, to serve effectively. The word "ministry" in v. 12 is diakonia in the Gk. from which we get our English word "deacon," meaning "a servant."

Timothy was disturbed because he thought he was too young and lacked the necessary qualifications for the ministry. "Look at me!" says the apostle. "I was a blasphemer and murderer before God saved me! If the grace of God can make a missionary out of a murderer, then it can make a success out of you!" Paul was always careful to give God the glory

for his life and ministry (1 Cor 15:10). Anyone who serves the Lord (and all believers ought to be servants) needs to depend on the grace of God. We are saved by grace (Eph 2:8-9), but we also serve through grace (Rom 12:3-6). In v. 14, Paul lists the three motivating forces in his life: grace, faith, and love. His love for Christ and for lost sinners constrained him to labor (2 Cor 5:14 ff); his faith in Christ empowered him (Eph 1:19); and the grace of God worked in his life, enabling him to serve God (Heb 12:28).

■GOD EQUIPS YOU FOR BATTLE (1:18-20)

The Christian life is not a playground; it is a battleground. Timothy had been enlisted by God as a Christian soldier (2 Tim 2:3-4). Paul reminds the young pastor of his ordination years ago. Apparently some of the prophets in the local church had been

instructed by the Spirit to single Timothy out and ordain him for special service (see Acts 13:1-3; 1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6). "God would not call you without first equipping you!" encourages

Paul. "The fact that His Spirit set His seal upon you is proof that God will see you through the battles ahead." See Phil 1:6. He was to use the Word of God as a sharp two-edged sword to overcome Satan (Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12).

It is not enough, however, to have correct doctrine; the Christian soldier must also have correct living ("faith and a good conscience," v. 19). Paul mentions the conscience several times in his pastoral letters to Timothy and Titus (see 1 Tim 1:5,19; 3:9; 4:2; 2 Tim 1:3; Titus 1:15). The word "conscience" has a Latin origin and means "to know with." Conscience is that inward judge that bears witness of our actions (see Rom 2:15). It is possible for a believer to maintain orthodox doctrine while living in hidden sin; and this is the way to spiritual shipwreck. To "thrust away" conscience is to open the door to sin and Satan. A "pure conscience" becomes a "defiled conscience" and ultimately could become a "seared conscience" without spiritual sensitivity at all!Ω

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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact : Arnan Bayla @ 09473-423-673 Andy Bestre @ 0916-425-0138

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, Tuba	5:30- 7:30 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
WEDNESDAY		
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
THURSDAY		
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 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Jun Bondoc/ Lemuel Glori
High School -College Care Group @ FLC	5 – 7 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: 2ndf 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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