

**Servers Today, May 28, 2017**

**Understanding the Two Kinds of Wisdom (James 3:13-18)**

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*  
 Invocation: *Ernesto Wagang*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *CD Espinosa*  
 Communion Text: *Hebrews 9:11-14*  
 Scripture Reading: *Kajem Kitma*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *O'neil Gonzales*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *Jasper Perdigon*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sol Palaypayon*  
 Closing Prayer: *Greg Kitma*  
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*  
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*  
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Irene Lagsaman*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Tobby & Asia*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Tobby & Asia*  
 Usher/ettes: *Gonzales Family*

Communion: *Angela Ramos*  
 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 June 4, 2017**

**Struggling for Control (James 4:1-12)**

Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*  
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*  
 Invocation: *Jesse Bestre*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *Julius Rojo*  
 Communion Text: *Acts 2:22-24*  
 Scripture Reading: *Kemuel Perdigon*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *Ira North Po*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *Maril Bayating Jr.*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *Art Tacay*  
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*  
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*  
 Evening Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*  
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Clarita Cachero*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers needed*  
 Usher/ettes: *Tacay Family*

Communion: *Kesha Oliva*  
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | A. Tacay*



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**Abances of Tuba baptized into Christ**

Three familiar residents of Poblacion, Tuba were baptized by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery evening of the other past Saturday, May 20, 2017. Spouses NOVELITO & JOCELYN KITMA—ABANCE together with NORMA B. ABANCE decided to be baptized during a recent Care Group meeting at the Bayating residence. They have been consistent participants in said care group and in the Sunday assemblies of Midtown for sometime now. Brother Lito is a younger sibling of brother Charlie Abance and sister Letty Bayating. Sisters Josie and Norma are their sisters in law. Midtown congratulates, rejoices, and welcomes the new brethren!Ω

**FCG meets with cancer patient for devotionals**

The FRIDAY CARE GROUP (FCG) usually meeting at the assembly hall of Midtown conducted a devotional at the Licupa residence the other past Saturday, May 19th, to edify the Licupa family especially sister Mellina Licupa—Dsouza who is currently in the country from the USA for some therapy for her cancer. The past two Sundays, the Bayla family together with a number of brethren conducted a special worship assembly at the Licupa residence at Forestry Compound. They expressed appreciation for the visits, prayers, and support.Ω

**112 participants receive awards in various adventures**

One Hundred Twelve (112) children from preschool up to incoming Grade 7 emerged as victorious sojourners in their adventures in the recently concluded VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL which culminated in a recognition program at the Midtown Assembly Hall last Friday, May 26, 2017 @ 8:30—11:30 in the morning. Continued on page 3.

**NESC concludes campaign; yields 68 baptisms**

Midtown welcomes back spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Shemer Sameon, and John Mark Callao from their recent evangelistic campaign in Negros which yielded sixty-eight (68) baptisms so far as a number of contacts are left with local preachers and brethren to follow up on. Continued on page 3.

**"Fear is the agitated state of mind that cripples us from looking any further than the hardship itself."**

**READ Matthew 10:26-42**

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**Ladies Ministry receives certificate from warden**

Midtown's Ladies Ministry received a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION from the warden, J/SINSP April Rose Wayangwa, of the FEMALE DORMITORY OF THE BAGUIO CITY JAIL the other past Saturday, May 20, 2017 after having conducted a seminar on the "EFFECTS OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL & SMOKING. Sister Lorigrace Bayla—Austria, Municipal Health Officer of Tuba, facilitated the seminar together with other eighteen ladies.

The ladies, namely, Pearl Bestre, Janet Perdigon, Jane Abance, Marlene Samonte, Nelly Bayla, Janet Ramos, Fely Rojo, Clarita Cachero, Minda Oliva, Norma Aping, Ofelia Abance, Josephine Selmo, Melina Igo, Denise Wagang, Nancy Bayla, Ruth Trinidad, Me-an Gonzales, and Elizabeth Sevilla, served pre-packed refreshments, gave one roll of fabric, and conveyed to the inmates (also known as PDL'S OR PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY) gestures of love, acceptance, and care.Ω

**Baban family welcomes newborn baby girl**

Midtown congratulates and rejoices with the Baban family for the birth of their third child, baby girl LYRA JOYCE ARISTON BABAN, delivered at the Benguet General Hospital, La Trinidad, Benguet last Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 11:07 PM. Baby "Lyra" is a well baby weighing 2.45 kg at birth.

Spouses Justin & Rina Ariston—Baban & family convey to the Midtown brethren their deepest gratitude for the prayers ceaselessly offered in their behalf.Ω

**Cancer patient appeals for financial help & prayers**

Cancer-stricken sister MARIA ELENA R. LACHICA of PONGPONG (LA UNION) CHURCH OF CHRIST humbly appeals for financial help for her to undergo chemotherapy. Kindly course your help through brother Andy Bestre today or anytime this week. Also, please include her in your prayers. God bless you richly.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering May 21, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION P32,610.00 + 100 US \$**

**PM COLLECTION P4,505.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P37,115.00 + 100 US \$**

**MOM - P1,000.00 (May 14)**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b> Adults - 97 YP - 41 Children - 24 Guests - 2	<b>PM</b> Adults -20 YP - 11 Children - 3 Guests - 0
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**TOTAL - 164**

**TOTAL - 34**

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

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| *Rosita Go           | *Jun & Lily Soriano    |
| *Mely Genato         | *Andy Bestre           |
| *Meeling Sze         | *Gil & Diana Geron     |
| *Amy Go              | *Rodrigo Tada          |
| *Charity Ong         | *Ofelia Abance         |
| *Ian Pajantoy        | *Lourdes Cera          |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Cecilia Alvarez       |
| *Marina Gawe         | *Carina Lacaba         |
| *Mark Poblete        | *Gaspar Nawew          |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Tess & Mahaysha Kitma |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Brayant Buenaflo      |
| *Norma Aping         | *Maril Bayating Sr.    |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Charlie Alvarez       |
| *Arian Kaith Igo     | *Priscilla Bayasen     |
| *Damian Mercado      | *Rolito Tugay-an       |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Mellina Licupa-Dsouza |
| *Rodolfo Baggao      | *Maria Elena Lachica   |

*Spiritual guidance and comfort for some brethren.*

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

\* 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**

Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, (Tuguegarao)  
 Bayating & Montes Family (Singapore)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MAY 30, 2017 (AS AGREED, NO FORUM ON 5TH TUESDAYS)
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**— JUNE 18, 2017 | 12—2:30 PM
- **SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER**— VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER | JUNE 1-3, 2017
- **6TH ASPULAN** — BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY GYM, LA TRINIDAD | JUNE 24, 2017 | 8AM—5 PM
- **7TH ANNUAL RESCUE BIBLE CAMP** — INSTITUTE OF HIGHLAND FARMING SYSTEMS & AGRO-FORESTRY, LA TRINIDAD | MAY 30—JUNE 2, 2017 | REGISTRATION FEE: P500.00

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



Month of June Celebrators

- 01 - Jonimar Domasig
- 01 - Lois June Fermin
- 02 - Claudette Zamora
- 02 - Maril P. Bayating
- 04 - Katrina M. Viduya
- 04 - Aaron Carlos Cordero
- 05 - Mary Jane S. Abance
- 05 - Sonia Insas
- 08 - Jerico Ramos
- 10 - Jhovell Sison
- 12 - Andrena S. Balang
- 13 - Mervin G. Oliva
- 13 - Jonee C. Baddas
- 14 - Corine B. Mabesa
- 18 - Jimmy June Reyes
- 18 - Rutchie R. Rebuca
- 19 - Erwin Oliva
- 19 - Kaisha Lagsaman
- 19 - Shauli W. Kitma
- 20 - Flora Campoas
- 21 - Ezra A. Valdez
- 21 - Lulu Bondoc
- 25 - Julius Rojo
- 25 - Anthony James Flores
- 26 - Rafael C. Ozo
- 27 - Luz Olidan
- 27 - Lala Geron
- 28 - Lou Villanueva



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

"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity." Proverbs 3:1-2

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • ADVENTURES IN GOSPEL TREASURES "LET GOD LEAD THE WAY"

MANY THANKS to the following and to those who may have been inadvertently missed in this list for their invaluable contribution leading to the successful and blessed staging of the 2017 VBS. God bless you all very richly!

**VBS TEACHERS—FACILITATORS:** **MUSIC & GAMES:** Rod Bondoc, Amber Phoenen Po, Aaron Cordero, Gabriel Aspreo, CD Espinosa, Kirsten Sabarre; **BIBLE APPLICATION:** Maureen Soriano, Kesha Oliva; **BIBLE STORY:** Kana & Kemuel Perdigon; **CHEERING:** Dith Zamora; **ARTS & CRAFTS:** Ira North Po, Kaesha Palaypayon, Lady Angela Ramos, Kaisha Lagsaman; **SNACKS & LUNCH:** Cristy Tacay, Rowena Quezada, Pearl Bestre, Elizabeth Navarro, Tess Kitma, Leonila Edhiz; **GRADE 7 & Up—**Jasper Perdigon, Jesse Bestre, Arnan Bayla.  
**VBS COUNSELORS:** **PRESCHOOL—**Kaelin Palaypayon, Kate Dereje, Kyla Tacay, Melchi Aquino, Fransley Mae Ampalayo; **GRADES 1&2—**Jeadi Jewel Igoy; Chloe Zamora, Danielle Gale Matubis; **GRADES 3&4—**Sean Bestre, Klarissa Glori, JT Badecao, Euan Clyde Aguinaldo, Alexa Senesan; **GRADES 5 & 6—**Khryz Gomowang, Jerico Ramos, Gian Zharlo Gomowang; **REGISTRATION & STAFF:** Donnel Gonzales, Ezra Valdez, O'neil Gonzales, Me-an Gonzales, Jesse Bestre, Janriel Abance, Kesha Oliva, Nelly Bayla, Lani Laquipo. **DOCUMENTATION:** Luke Cabuenas, A-mark Bayla. **REINFORCEMENTS:** Aldian Po, Jizza Aquino, JJ Ramos, Louise Bawas, Angelica Wagang, Dexter Wagang, Abigail Kitma, Denise Wagang, Alec Likigan, Mahaysha Kitma, Gracelyn Abance, Charis Bayla, Merv Oliva, Graciela Badua, Christy Austria.  
**RATION PROVIDERS:** Bayating Family, Gonzales Family, Bayla Family, Espinosa Family, Wagang Family, Trinidad Family, Ramos Family, Chris Oliva Family, Rojo & Palaypayon Family, Greg Kitma Family, Pat & Joyce Kitma Family, Nawew Family, Jamie Yaneza, Rosita Go, Josephine Selmo, Glen Gawe, Melba Licupa, Gloria Yang and some generous anonymous donors.Ω

SUMMARY OF VBS 2017 ENROLMENT

LEVEL	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
Preschoolers	38
Grades 1 and 2	21
Grades 3 and 4	31
Grades 5 and 6	12
Grades 7 and up	10
Total	112
ENROLMENT COMPOSITION:	
Midtown	19
BPFLC	61
Guests	32

News Bits

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NESC concludes campaign; yields 68 baptisms

The campaign from March 9—May 19, 2017 included 55 congregations and places visited; 25 Bible studies; 21 open fora; 56 messages delivered which includes pulpit, devotional, thanksgiving, vigil, baptismal, evangelistic, and wedding; 29 lectures; 15 home visits; 2 counseling sessions; 5 ministries organized; 2 children's classes by sister Sarah; 1 ladies class participated, 5 organized, 5 lectures by sister Sarah. They also served as speakers in a Summer Meeting Fellowship in Dagbasan, Singles Retreat in Bacolod, Youth Camp in Tinubdan, Cebu; Assisted some congregations in building chapels (4), baptisteries (2); Gave away communion cups to 41 congregations; Gave away Midtown calendars to 49 congregations. The Negros Evangelistic Summer Campaign (NESC) Team thanks the Midtown congregation for having unceasingly offered prayers in their behalf. To God be the glory!Ω

112 participants receive awards in various adventures

Adventurers received various awards for having successfully realized the VBS's aim to encourage participants to "LET GOD LEAD THE WAY" by having learned four core values, namely, to EXPLORE GOSPEL TREASURES by SEARCHING, KNOWING, EMBRACING, & SHARING THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL. Traits like being persistent, inquisitive, joyful, and being a peacemaker were also highlighted in the various activity centers.

The congregation praises the Lord Almighty and congratulates the Young People for again having effectively spearheaded this year's VBS. The YPeez, together with brothers Kajem W. Kitma and Jasper K. Perdigon, VBS 2017 DIRECTORS, expressed appreciation, satisfaction and delight for the usual all-out and cheerful support from the brethren. See related article on page 2. Praise the Lord!Ω

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 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
<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



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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