

Servers Today, May 7, 2017

Fulfilling the Royal Law of Love (James 2:1-13)

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 Invocation: *Abe Insas*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Julius Rojo*
 Communion Text: *Matthew 26:26-30*
 Scripture Reading: *Rodrigo Bondoc*
 Prayer for the Bread: *JJ Ramos*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Art Tacay*
 Closing Prayer: *Mar Bayating*
 Announcement: *Mervin Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Martin's Family*
 To Bring Drinks: *Martin's Family*
 Usher/ettes: *Bestre Family*

Communion: *Angela Ramos*
 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 May 14, 2017

Showing A Living Faith (James 2:14-26)

Speaker: *Greg Kitma*
 Song Leader: *Jun Reyes*
 Invocation: *Jojo Ramos*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 11:17-26*
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Kajem Kitma*
 Prayer for the Cup: *O'neil Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Jerry Martin*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Jun Reyes*
 Evening Speaker: *Greg Kitma*
 Song Leader: *Jun Reyes*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Bayla Family*

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Irisan senior citizen baptized into Christ

RAFAEL CABAUTAN OZO, spouse of sister Corazon Ozo of Purok 4, Irisan, this city, was baptized into Christ Jesus by brother Andy Bestre at Midtown's baptistery last Sunday, April 30, 2017. He studied the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES at his residence with brother Andy Bestre the week before. Brother Rafael who just turned senior citizen last year works as a professional driver. Midtown praises the Lord Almighty as well as congratulates, welcomes, and rejoices with brother Rafael!Ω

Midtown brethren congratulates new lawyer

Midtown rejoices with the family of sister Denise Jane Abance—Wagang who successfully passed the recent bar examinations given by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP). The list of successful examinees was released last Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Sister Denise graduated Bachelor of Laws at the Saint Louis University. She conveys her appreciation to the brethren who unflinchingly kept her in fervent prayers. To God be the glory!Ω

Brethren celebrate with Sunggays and Bayatings

A number of brethren attended the first birth anniversaries of Mary Monique Josayan Sunggay and Maril Abance Bayating III in two separate occasions last week. Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker in the celebrations—encouraging the parents to direct their children in the way of the Lord, to devote themselves as examples in loving the Lord, and to depend on God's commands to raise God-fearing children.

Mary Monique or Nica's celebration was held at the Baguio Palace Hotel last Friday, May 5th while Maril III or Thirday's celebration was held at their residence in Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet last Saturday, May 6, 2017. Praise God!Ω

Baldo couple serves with Pito Bokod congregation

Spouses Gaspar Jr. and Virgie Baldo served with the brethren meeting in Pito, Bokod last Sunday, April 30, 2017. Brother Gaspar reports that constant visitation from Midtown brethren are much needed to edify the brethren there. Brother Gaspar Jr. having committed to visit Pito every 5th Sunday, facilitated the studies.Ω

"A king's invitation is never to be answered but to be obeyed."

READ Matthew 7:21-28

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351 delegates participate in Nat'l Ladies Retreat

Three Hundred Fifty One (351) delegates representing seventy-five congregations from all over the country participated in the recent National Ladies Retreat held at the Melgrande Resort in Talunan, Davao City on April 26-29, 2017. Speakers include sisters Leomeda Saturno of Salawag, Helen Carranza of Cavite, Gemma Avisado of Davao, and Jemima Daboo of Digos City. They discussed "Journey to Deliverance," "Journey to Forgiveness," "Journey to Joy," and "Journey to Hope," respectively.

Next year's NLR will be in Talamban, Cebu City, on April 25-28, 2018. Registration was pegged at P3,300.00. Interested ladies are encouraged to prepare early for the next retreat.Ω

Cagayan brethren visit Midtown; attend forum

Nine (9) gentlemen from the Tuguegarao and Mungo congregations in Cagayan, namely, Solomon Pagulayan, Nicánor Alejandro, Felicísimo Alejandro, Alex Joaquin, Tadeo Floho, Jonathan Ildefonso, Bryan Narag, Jose Gonzales, and Dan-gil Geron, attended the church forum last Tuesday, May 2, 2017, with the desire to learn of the "best practices" at work at Midtown. They were accompanied by their spouses and some members of their congregation. They were very appreciative of the things they learned and for the opportunity. Praise the Lord!Ω

Bestre couple to attend son's graduation at SIBI

Spouses Andy Jane Bestre will be travelling to Singapore this weekend to attend the graduation of their son, Jesse Reuben Bestre, at the SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI) located at the facilities of the Pasir Panjang congregation. Midtown congratulates brother Jesse for having successfully completed his Advanced Biblical Studies with highest honors and at the top of the graduating class. Glory to God!Ω

Last Sunday's Offering April 30, 2017

AM COLLECTION P31,416.00

PM COLLECTION P7,027.50

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P38,443.50

ATTENDANCE

AM	PM
Adults - 91	Adults -20
YP - 29	YP - 16
Children - 46	Children - 4
Guests - 6	Guests - 1
TOTAL - 172	TOTAL - 41

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 213

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 Buenafior |
| *Norma Aping | *Maril Bayating Sr. |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Charlie Alvarez |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Priscilla Bayasen |
| *Damian Mercado | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Mellina Licupa-Dsouza |
| *Rodolfo Baggao | |

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) Vacationists



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S REGULAR MEETING** — Mezzanine Floor, Right after the worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— May 9, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—“Adventures in Gospel Treasures” | Midtown Hall & BPFLC Facilities | May 22—26, 2017 | 8:00 AM —12:00 PM | Registration Fee: P25.00
- **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS PROPS PREPARATION**— MIDTOWN HALL | EVERYDAY | 1—5 PM
- **NEED MEAL/REFRESHMENT SPONSORS FOR VBS WORKING CREW**—KINDLY SIGN-UP AT THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BULLETIN CORNER.
- **VOLUNTEERS TO BRING FLOWERS, SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS**—STILL NEEDED.

FULFILLING THE ROYAL LAW OF LOVE

James 2:1-13
 Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | May 7, 2017

FULFILLING THE ROYAL LAW OF LOVE

James 2:1-13

- BEING COURTEOUS TO ALL
 - James 2:1-4
- BEING COMPASSIONATE TO ALL
 - James 2:5-9
- BEING CONSISTENT IN ALL
 - James 2:10-13

I. BEING COURTEOUS TO ALL

James 2:1-4

- TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT (1)
 - Every soul is precious in God's sight
 - Our attitude must be Christ-like
- TREAT EVERYONE WITHOUT PARTIALITY (2-3)
 - Economic status is of no relevance
 - Our status is based on Christ's value
- TREAT EVERYONE WITH PURE MOTIVES (4)
 - Deal with each other purely
 - Our motives show in our judgments

APPLICATION:

1. We fulfill the Royal Law of Love when we unconditionally accept one another as brothers.
 - Seek to express brotherly love, concern, and affection.
 - "1 Keep on loving each other as brothers. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Heb 13:1-3 NIV

II. BEING COMPASSIONATE TO ALL

James 2:5-9

- REALIZE THE LORD'S STYLE (5-7)
 - Lord's method are opposite the world's
 - Take good care of the poor
- REALIZE THE LORD'S RULE (8)
 - Lord's rule is simply loving others
 - Take to heart loving everyone
- REALIZE THE LORD'S VALUES (9)
 - Lord values obedience to His law
 - Take good care of the Lord's people

APPLICATION:

2. We fulfill the Royal Law of Love when we take to heart all that the Lord values.
 - Trust in the Lord's style, method, and directions.
 - "1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Phil 2:1-4 NIV

III. BEING CONSISTENT IN ALL

James 2:10-13

- OUR ACTIONS WILL BE JUDGED (10)
 - Do all things without neglecting some
 - Act with judgment in mind
- OUR DEEDS & WORDS WILL BE JUDGED (11-12)
 - Do and say all things with love
 - Act with judgment in mind
- OUR ATTITUDES WILL BE JUDGED (13)
 - Do all things with kindness
 - Show mercy with judgment in mind

APPLICATION:

3. We fulfill the Royal Law of Love when our actions are consistent with the Lord's will.
 - Make faith consistent with words, actions, and attitudes.
 - "20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend." James 2:20-24 NIV

How do we fulfill the Royal Law of Love?

“ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18 NIV ”

1. We fulfill the Royal Law of Love when we unconditionally accept one another as brothers.
2. We fulfill the Royal Law of Love when we take to heart all that the Lord values.
3. We fulfill the Royal Law of Love when our actions are consistent with the Lord's will.

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES Midtown Church of Christ

A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 – Introduction to the Bible
- LESSON NO. 3 – How We Got the Bible
- LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - A. God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
 - + Becoming Christians Only
 - + Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving to God
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL | CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence 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 th 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 Enthu- siasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Group	5 – 7 PM 4 th 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

See schedule



SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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