

**Servers Today, September 10, 2017**

**Honoring Godly Elders  
(1 Timothy 5:17-24)**

Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 Invocation: Greg Kitma  
 Intercessory Prayer: Jesse Bestre  
 Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30  
 Scripture Reading: Ezra Valdez  
 Prayer for the Bread: Donnel Gonzales  
 Prayer for the Cup: Dexter Wagang  
 Prayer for the Giving: Mervin Oliva  
 Closing Prayer: Mar Bayating  
 Announcement: Andy Bestre  
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos  
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre  
 To Bring Flowers: Thirdy Bayating  
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon Family

Communion: Tess Kitma  
 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 September 17, 2017**

**Warning Against Covetousness  
(1 Timothy 6:1-10)**

Speaker: Jesse Bestre  
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva  
 Invocation: Kajem Kitma  
 Intercessory Prayer: Dexter Wagang  
 Communion Text: Romans 6:1-7  
 Scripture Reading: Ira Po  
 Prayer for the Bread: Kemuel Perdigon  
 Prayer for the Cup: JJ Ramos  
 Prayer for the Giving: O'neil Gonzales  
 Closing Prayer: Jasper Perdigon  
 Announcement: Chris Oliva  
 Evening Speaker: Jesse Bestre  
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Shema & Angelica

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



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**Submitted initial pledges for Bokod reach P70K+**

The MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) reports that as of September 3, 2017, the total amount of pledges for the salary of Bokod's evangelist—minister, brother James Biadno, has initially reached a little over Seventy Thousand Pesos. A number of pledge forms and cash that have been received lately were not yet included in the sum. MOM is very hopeful that more pledge forms will be received this week to complete the funds needed to sustain a year's wage of P130,000.00. MOM appreciates the congregation for the support and humbly asks that all pledge forms be received not later this week.

Meanwhile, brother James Biadno has formally signed an employment agreement and has started work with the Bokod congregations on September 1, 2017. He conveys his gratitude to Midtown for the encouragement, support and prayers.Ω

**25 attend joint worship assembly in Bokod**

Last Sunday's JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the Bokod congregations (Poblacion, Pito, Penged) at Poblacion, Bokod, was attended by 25 brethren including those who came from Midtown. Brother James Biadno served as the sermon speaker while brother Martin Biadno served as the song leader. The Bokod brethren expressed they are glad to have a located full-time preacher in the area.

Meanwhile, brother Greg Kitma, chairman of the MOM was in Poblacion, Bokod for the past days for the completion of the preachers' quarters.Ω

**Poblacion & Taloy Sur Tuba seniors welcome devotionals**

Over eighty senior citizens of Taloy Sur, Tuba, expressed their delight for another devotional service rendered by brothers Charlie Abance and Arnan Bayla at the Barangay Hall last Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 8:30 AM. Mr. Sibayan Juan, president of the TALOY SUR SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION has requested for another devotional in November.

Meanwhile, more than fifty seniors of the TUBA POBLACION SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION also studied Lesson #2 of the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Arnan Bayla the other past Saturday, September 2. Next devotional service will be on October 7th.Ω

**"People's mind are changed through observation and not through argument."**

**READ 1 Peter 3:1-12**

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**YAs return from Malaysia camp; to echo lessons learned**

Representing the Midtown church of Christ in the YOUNG ADULTS CAMP held at the Austin Heights at Johor Bahru, Malaysia on August 29—September 3, 2017 were Jesse Reuben Bestre, Aldian Po, Kaesha Palaypayon, Jizza Mae Aquino, Rachel Bestre, Christian Daniel Espinosa, and Gracelynn Abance. The first four have recently returned to the country and are eager to share the lessons learned during the camp very soon.

The YOUNG ADULTS convey their appreciation to Midtown and to the brethren in Pasir Panjang Singapore for the invaluable support, hospitality and generosity.Ω

**MOM's commitment in Esperanza concluded; LM to take over**

The MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) announced lately that their involvement with the Esperanza congregation was concluded last Sunday, September 3, 2017 as the ministry will be focused in the Bokod mission. However, Midtown's LADIES MINISTRY (LM) will continue to be involved in various capacities with Esperanza and the Baddas family every first Sunday.

Meanwhile, brethren Art Tacay, Dante and Loida Baddas, Cel Alvarez, Ruth Camora, together with the YOUNG ADULTS served with the Esperanza brethren last Sunday, September 3. Brother Ezra Valdez took charge of the Youth BS, O'neil Gonzales facilitated the Adult BS, Maureen Soriano took charge of the children's class. Brother Art Tacay served as sermon speaker.Ω

**Rojo is new treasurer of Benevolence & Visitation Ministry**

In a recent meeting of the BENEVOLENCE & VISITATION MINISTRY, brother Julius Rojo was elected to serve as treasurer for the said ministry as the former treasurer, sister Rosita Go, has recently relinquished her duties because of her impending absence from the Sunday assembly. This is on account of her uncertain health and her inability to commute from her residence to Midtown.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering  
September 3, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION  
P25,408.50**

**PM COLLECTION  
P5,230.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION  
P30,638.50**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM Adults - 107 YP - 28 Children - 42 Guests - 0</b>	<b>PM Adults -31 YP - 8 Children - 1 Guests - 0</b>
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**TOTAL - 177**      **TOTAL - 40**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
(AM/PM) 217**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Good Health & Fast Recovery:**

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| *Rosita Go           | *Andy Bestre         |
| *Mely Genato         | *Gil & Diana Geron   |
| *Meeling Sze         | *Rodrigo Tada        |
| *Amy Go              | *Ofelia Abance       |
| *Charity Ong         | *Lourdes Cera        |
| *Jan Pajantoy        | *Cecilia Alvarez     |
| *Gloria Yang         | *Carina Lacaba       |
| *Marina Gawe         | *Gaspar Nawew        |
| *Sotero Denis        | *Brayant Buenaflo    |
| *Bernie Austria      | *Maril Bayating Sr.  |
| *Norma Aping         | *Charlie Alvarez     |
| *Josefa Josayan      | *Priscilla Bayasen   |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Rolito Tugay-an     |
| *Damian Mercado      | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Dave McMillin       |
| *Carmen Villanueva   | *Jeremy Denis        |
| *Lily Soriano        | *Eduardo Ganga       |

*Spiritual guidance and comfort for some brethren; world, national, and local leaders.*

**SAFE PREGNANCY**

- \* Andrea Yang
- \* Denise Wagang
- \* Rachele Ozo

**James 5:15**  
*"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up; ....." NIV*

**SAFE TRAVEL**  
 CD Espinosa  
 (Singapore—Philippines)

**A N N O U N C E M E N T S !**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **MEDICAL MISSION TEAM**—MEETING AFTER THE AM WORSHIP TODAY | SEPT 10, 2017
- **INVITATION TO THE LADIES MINISTRY**—CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE RIBBON CUTTING & INAUGURATION OF THE LIVELIHOOD SERVICE CENTER OF THE FEMALE DORMITORY OF THE BAGUIO CITY JAIL | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 | 4:00 PM
- **PLEDGE FORMS FOR BOKOD'S EVANGELIST**— PLEASE SUBMIT ACCOMPLISHED FORMS TO MIDTOWN'S MINISTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU & GOD BLES YOU.

## INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ELDERS

The elders (*presbyteroi*) referred to by Paul in 1 Timothy 5:17-24, were those elders who occupy official positions of leadership in the church (cf. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 20:17-38). The task of the elders is to direct the affairs of the church. Elders have the oversight of the affairs of the congregation, with the deacons providing their helpful support wherever appropriate. Elders are to be treated in the following:

**DOUBLY HONOR THEM.** For their oversight elders received a remuneration especially those who labored in preaching and teaching. While the leadership needs of a congregation extend far beyond the preaching and teaching of the truth, these are at the core of the ministry and are perhaps most important, which should be reflected by the double value given them by the congregation. To support his point - that elders should be remunerated - Paul quoted two Scripture passages: (1) Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain (Deut 25:4; cf. also 1 Cor 9:9). (2) The worker deserves his wages probably refers to passages such as Lev 19:13 and Deut 24:15, or perhaps to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Himself (cf. Matt 10:10; Luke 10:7). Though Paul reserved the right not to receive financial support from a congregation (cf. 1 Cor 9:15-23; 1 Thess 2:9), he clearly believed and repeatedly taught that a congregation did not have the right not to offer it (cf. Gal 6:6; 1 Cor 9:14).

**PROTECT THEM.** Paul was deeply aware of opposition to the ministry. He had already spoken of the need to guard the congregation from the reproach of slanderers (cf. 3:2,7), and would do so again (6:1). Here he stipulated the procedure for separating valid accusations from false ones. It is the venerable approach of both the Old Testament (cf. Deut 19:15) and the New (cf. Matt 18:16; John 8:17; 2 Cor 13:1), wherein an accusation should be considered only if two or three witnesses swear to it. When such accusations would then prove to be true, Timothy was to rebuke the offenders publicly, that is, before the entire congregation. In this way the remaining members could take warning (lit., *have fear*). Fear of the discipline of God, in this case administered through the congregation, is a healthy thing in a Christian, especially for those in places of leadership. Modern congregations that ignore church discipline do so at the peril of both the offender and themselves. One way to avoid painful situations involving the disciplining of an elder is to be careful about who is ordained in the first place. Thus Paul counseled Timothy

to a judicious reluctance in the laying on of hands (cf. 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6).

**DO NOT HASTILY ORDAIN THEM.** The words do not share in the sins of others may be merely advice for Timothy to guard his own conduct generally (cf. 1 Tim 4:16; Acts 20:28). But more likely, in light of the context, this is a warning about the implications of hasty ordinations. **Those who take part in the premature ordination of an errant elder share some of the blame for the negative consequences to their congregation.** Whichever is the case, Timothy was to keep himself free from sin. One cannot deal with sin in another if one's own life is not pure (*hagnon*).

Verse 23 is a parenthesis. Perhaps Timothy was inclined to an asceticism which associated purity with total abstention (cf. 4:3-5), which in turn led in Timothy's case to stomach ailments and frequent illnesses, perhaps due to the poor quality of the water he drank. Paul thus qualified his exhortation to purity by encouraging Timothy to drink a little wine (*oino oligo*) for his stomach's sake, because of his *frequent illnesses*. This instruction applies only to using wine for medicinal purposes, of course, and therefore contributes little or nothing to either side of the debate over the use of wine as a beverage.

Verse 23 is a parenthesis. Thus verse 24 picks up the advice of verse 22 and carries the thought forward. All people are heading toward judgment, carrying with them either their sins or their good works. For some, their sins or good works go before them and are obvious to all observers. For others their sins or good works trail behind, hidden from view, becoming known only after the individual has passed. Thus Paul emphasized the difficulties inherent in choosing qualified candidates for the ordination. Hasty, superficial assessments, whether positive or negative, are sometimes inaccurate, leading to the enlistment of unqualified men or the overlooking of those whose fine qualities are less obvious. With time, however, a man's true colors will emerge to an astute observer. Thus the perceptive observations of verses 24-25 are designed to underline the warning of verse 22: do not rush to ordain someone as an elder. Ω

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Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL   CARE GROUPS		
VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, 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

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- LESSON NO. 1 - The Scheme of Redemption:
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- 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?

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**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





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