

Servers Today, 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: *Ezra Valdez*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Shema & Jizza*

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

How To Become a Biblical Christian

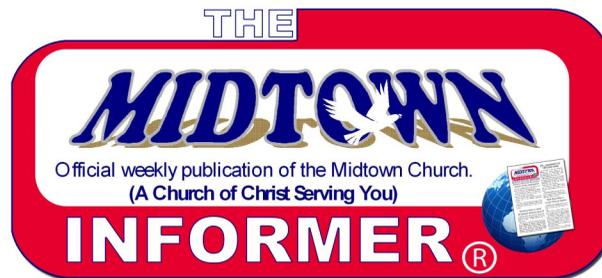
- 1). *Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.*
- 2). *Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.*
- 3). *Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24*
- 4). *Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.*
- 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 24, 2017

**Pursuing Righteousness
(1 Timothy 6:11-21)**

Speaker: *O'neil Gonzales*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Art Tacay*
 Communion Text: *Romans 8:1-4*
 Scripture Reading: *Melchi Aquino*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Sam Quezada*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Jerry Martin*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Mervin Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *O'neil Gonzales*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Martin Family*
 To Bring Drinks: *Martin Family*
 Usher/ettes: *Wagang Family*

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



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Masterton congregation started; Filipinos delighted

Spouses Harlem and Florence Patang, former members of Midtown and Nangalisan congregations who have moved to New Zealand, reported lately that a congregation was started in their community in Masterton, New Zealand. They were very thankful and praise the Lord Almighty for this development. Brother Glenn Gawe and the brethren of the Wellington congregation were instrumental in starting the SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES in Masterton. It takes about a couple of hours drive from Wellington to reach Masterton. Last Sunday, September 17th, brother Glenn Gawe and his family served with brethren there to the delight of the Filipino brethren in the area. The couple asks that prayers be offered unceasingly for the Lord's work there and that they will do the same for the continuous work at Midtown and elsewhere.Ω

Youngest Wagang leaves for Dublin, Ireland

Sister Angelica R. Wagang has left for Dublin City, Ireland last Thursday, September 14, 2017. She was admitted to a one-year MASTER'S PROGRAM in BIOPROCESSING ENGINEERING at the DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY. The young adults and young people had a *despidida* or a send off fellowship for her last Sunday, September 10th at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER, Laperal Bldg., Session Rd. She prays that she would readily find a congregation there where she can serve the Lord with. She says she will be in touch with Midtown through *facebook*.Ω

Youth ministry devotionals get varied

The past couple of weeks, the various devotional meetings of the young people and young adults engaged in a number of activities such as the celebration of the birthdays of Kat Oliva, Mahaysha Kitma, and JT Badecao; *despidida* or send off for Angelica Wagang; check-in sessions with brother Jessie Bestre; NYC update meetings; hang-out at the LOCKED-IN ADVENTURE; and dinner fellowships. Brother Jasper Perdigon served as facilitator for the first time during the THURSDAY DEVOTIONAL at the FLC last September 7th. To God be the glory!Ω

"The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out."

READ Matthew 6:1-8

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Teener baptized at Riverview last Sunday

Brother Sixto B. Aoas, volunteer worker at the Nangalisan congregation, reported lately that 14-year old Leonardo Passay of Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba, was baptized into Christ by brother Julius Udan at the Riverview Water Park on September 3, 2017. His commitment to be a disciple of the Lord came about after having studied the pure gospel of salvation with brother Julius Udan at his residence since last month. He was welcomed by the Nangalisan congregation and prays for his continued spiritual maturity and growth.Ω

Dungon to host medical mission next weekend

The MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) will be spearheading a MEDICAL-DENTAL-OPTICAL MISSION for the members of the Dungon congregation as well as to serve the surrounding community on September 23, 2017, a Saturday. In line with this, the MEDICAL MISSION TEAM is preparing for the event with brother Julius Rojo taking charge of the logistics.

Meanwhile, the Dungon brethren are also making preparations for the clinic site and the dissemination of the event in the area. Spouses Dodoy and Sarah Sameon already made arrangements with them when they served there last Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017.Ω

Midtown brethren visit the sick last Sunday

After a luncheon fellowship at sister Marina Gawe's residence last Sunday, a number of brethren visited sister Melba Licupa who was confined at the NOTRE DAME HOSPITAL, this city. Some also visited sister Elvie Sacayanan of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST. She was confined at the PINES CITY DOCTORS HOSPITAL due to her cancer. Both were lifted up in prayers with brethren Jun & Lulu Bondoc, Pearl Bestre, Cot Espinosa, Ruth Trinidad, Jovy Mabesa, Rachel Cabuenas, and Arnan & Nelly Bayla.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
September 10, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION
P30,204.00**

**PM COLLECTION
P4,455.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P34,659.00**

ATTENDANCE

AM	PM
Adults - 101	Adults -26
YP - 35	YP - 9
Children - 43	Children - 0
Guests - 2	Guests - 0

TOTAL - 181 **TOTAL - 35**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 216**

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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

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



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

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**— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**— AFTER THE AM WORSHIP TODAY | SEPT 17, 2017
- **MEDICAL MISSION TEAM**—MEETING AFTER THE AM WORSHIP TODAY | SEPT 17, 2017
- **MEDICAL-DENTAL-OPTICAL MISSION**—DUNGON, SISON, PANGASINAN | SEPT 23, 2017 | 8AM—4PM
- **PREACHERS & LEADERS SYMPOSIUM**— RESOLVING THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ISSUE | PBC AUDI 18 RIMANDO RD. | SATURDAY, SEPT 16, 2017 | 8:00—4:00 PM | REG. FEE: P75.00 (MEALS)

■ HOW TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS ■

Let me tell you an updated story. At some point in this update you will recognize the story. The road was empty. Usually it wasn't. Usually it was pretty busy but that day it wasn't. That day was empty. The traveler down that road walked briskly because it wasn't his neighborhood. He had been through there before and he knew the kind of racial encounters you could have with the locals. He'd had a few of those and they were a little frightening and so he walked hurriedly down the road. He took a moment's breather and rested beside the road under a shade tree. As he sat there he couldn't help but notice a couple of peculiar men walk by. One of them looked like a preacher. The other was dressed like some kind of church worker. And they both walked by and just ignored him. He thought that a bit strange. He decided to continue his journey and walked around a couple of bends in the road and noticed an object lying at the side of the road. As he got closer he could tell it was a person. When he got still closer he saw it was a naked man who appeared to be dead. He went still closer, close enough to see the blood oozing from his wounds, close enough to see the arm bent in the wrong direction, close enough to see the color of his skin which was not the same as his. He couldn't help but notice as he got closer to the wounded man that there were 2 sets of footprints that angled to the other side of the road. He thought to himself, "I guess those church guys didn't want to know how badly this man was hurt." Foolishly or not this man did not hesitate to help. He went directly to the wounded man without any thought of, "What if someone sees me bent over this man? Will they think I am the one who beat him?" or "What if whoever beat and robbed him is lurking nearby? Will they beat and rob me?" He bound up the man's wounds as best he could, helped the man up, and no doubt shared some of his own garments with the man to cover up his nakedness. He took him to the nearest inn, got the man a room, and paid for the next few days for the man to stay there and heal. He made arrangements with the innkeeper to look in on the man for the next few days. He then made plans to return in a few days and check on the man himself. I imagine the next morning when the innkeeper took breakfast to the wounded man the conversation might have gone something like this: "You sure have a good friend there who paid for your care. What's his name?" The wounded man would reply, "I don't know his name and I am amazed at his friendship because I am a Jew and he is a Samaritan but he is a blessing to me."

That story was Jesus' answer to "What does it mean to be a blessing? Who is my neighbor?" God wants you to live as a child of blessing which brings us to *Ephesians 4:1* – "I beg you...to live and act in a way worthy of those who have been chosen for such wonderful blessings as these." You have been chosen by God for blessing but blessing were never intended to be hoarded. They were intended by God for us to share with others. In *Ephesians 4* Paul lists 4 ways you can be a blessing to others.

■ **Be truthful.** (4:25) – "...each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

■ **Be honest and start contributing.** (4:28) – "Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need."

■ **Watch your words.** (4:29) - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

■ **Change your attitude.** (4:31-32)- "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Did you notice how in every case of sinful behavior the formula for spiritual success is "stop and start"? If you've been lying you can't just quit lying. You have to replace lying with truth telling. If you have been stealing you can't just stop stealing. You have to replace it with giving. If your words have been unwholesome you can't just stop being negative. You have to replace it with words of affirmation. If your attitude has been negative you can't just stop the anger. You have to replace it with compassion. Do you remember the story Jesus told (recorded in *Matthew 12:43-45*) about the man who swept his house to get rid of a demon but he didn't fill it up with anything positive so a whole parade of demons shouted, "Look! An empty house! Let's move in!" And the final condition of that man has become worse than the first.Ω

(Condensed by Arnan Bayla from a sermon of brother Bud Ross of Central Church of Christ, Ada, Oklahoma, USA.)

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 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 Enthusiasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care 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

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 - 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
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 - + 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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SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



**HOLY
COMMUNION**

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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