

Servers Today, October 29, 2017

Becoming Useful For The Master
(2 Timothy 2:14-26)

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Jesse Bestre*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 11:17-26*
 Scripture Reading: *Rodrigo Bondoc*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Kajem Kitma*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Jasper Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Mervin Oliva*
 Closing Prayer: *Sol Palaypayon*
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Laisha Montes*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Tacay Family*

Communion: *Loida Baddas*
 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 November 5, 2017

Identifying Men Of Corrupt Minds
(2 Timothy 3:1-9)

Speaker: *Ernie Wagang*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*
 Communion Text: *Ephesians 2:5-10*
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Oneil Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Cup: *JJ Ramos*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sam Quezada*
 Closing Prayer: *Jun Bondoc*
 Announcement: *Mervin Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Ernie Wagang*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Baddas Family*

Communion: *Kyla Sue Tacay*
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | A. Tacay*



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SIBI hopeful for solar audio player distribution in PH

Official representatives from the SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI) based in Lubbock, Texas, USA were recently in the city to interview a number of individuals previously given a SOLAR AUDIO PLAYER in 2013. The interview was for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of the said off-campus equipping tool which contains all the course curriculum of SIBI, NIV Audio Bible, WBS Audio Lessons, A'capella Audio Spiritual Songs, and other miscellaneous audio lessons.

The representatives, brothers Brian Garnett, Richard Bagett, and Eric, pray that because of the initial positive feedback of the interviewees, Phase IV distribution of it in the Philippines will be realized in the near future.

Brother Jonathan "Jojo" Ramos accompanied the representatives to interview previous recipients in Bokod last Tuesday & Wednesday, October 17&18. While there, they had a short evening devotional with the brethren in Pito, Bokod.Ω

Midtown YPeez participate in joint yp care group

Thirty-five young people representing a number of congregations in the Baguio-Benguet area, namely, Midtown, Nangalisan, A-Hill, City Camp, and the host— NLEX, gathered for an afternoon of fellowship at the Luke's Foundation Bldg., No. 90 Leonard Wood Rd., this city, the other past Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 1:00—5:00 PM. Participants from Midtown include Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Janriel Abance, Kaesha & Kaelin Palaypayon, Angela Ramos, Amber Po, and Novan (Kaelin's friend).

Meanwhile, fourteen young people gathered for a youth fellowship in Nangalisan last Sunday, October 22, 2017. Six represented the Nangalisan COC, four represented the Hydro Nangalisan COC, and four came from Midtown, namely, Jesse Bestre, Kana Perdigon, Maureen Soriano, and Melchi Aquino. Brother Jesse facilitated the Bible Study, while sisters Kana and Maureen facilitated the Ice Breakers.Ω

"It is sad when Christians have no appetite for God's Word, and choose to be fed with religious entertainment instead."

READ 1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3

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Saturday Mobile CG meets at Upper Quezon Hill

Sister Marina Gawe hosted the SATURDAY MOBILE CARE GROUP at her residence at Upper Quezon Hill, this city, the other past Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 3—5 PM. A number of senior citizens from her neighborhood were present and joined the devotional facilitated by brother Dodoy Sameon. In the Bible study discussion, brother Dodoy reiterated that disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ must "TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN" (ACTS 17:6) by persistently, persuasively, and personally preaching the pure gospel.

Brethren Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Rod & Leah Tada, Minda Oliva, Jovy Mabesa, and Melba Licupa were among those who were challenged to support the church's mission to persistently, persuasively, and personally preach the pure gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Sister Marina praises the Lord Almighty that she is up and about despite her illness and was appreciative of the unceasing prayers of the brethren. She just celebrated her birth anniversary and will be leaving the country very soon for a brief tour in Australia.Ω

Bayla is invited speaker at Manila School of Evangelism

Brother Arnan Bayla is out of town October 27—November 2, 2016 as he is slated as one of the regular speakers at the PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION SEMINAR hosted annually at this time of the year by the MANILA SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM located on Instruccion St., Sampaloc, City of Manila. He will also be out of town for the holidays.

This year's theme, "Spiritual Leadership" covers virtues and qualities that make up a servant—leader. Participants come mostly from the National Capital Region (NCR), Central Luzon, and the Southern Tagalog Provinces. In his absence, brother Andy Bestre will take over in facilitating the ADULT CLASS (ACTS OF THE APOSTLES) meeting at the Assembly Hall today.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering October 22, 2017

AM COLLECTION
P24,938.00

PM COLLECTION
P4,135.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P29,073.00

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 93 YP - 24 Children - 32 Guests - 0	PM Adults -21 YP - 10 Children - 2 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 149

TOTAL - 33

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 182

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Rosita Go | *Gil & Diana Geron |
| *Mely Genato | *Rodrigo Tada |
| *Amy Go | *Ofelia Abance |
| *Charity Ong | *Lourdes Cera |
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Cecilia Alvarez |
| *Gloria Yang | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *Marina Gawe | *Charlie Alvarez |
| *Sotero Denis | *Priscilla Bayasen |
| *Bernie Austria | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Norma Aping | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Dave McMillin |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Jeremy Denis |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Eduardo Ganga |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *David Paca |
| *Lily Soriano | *Anthony Flores |
| *Andy Bestre | *Elvie Sacayanan |
| *Ruth Trinidad | *Jess Perdigon |

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

SAFE PREGNANCY

- * Andrea Yang
- * Denise Wagang



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 (USA)
- Marina Gawe (AUS)
- Bayla Family (MLA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.
- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— OCTOBER 31, 2017 | AS AGREED NO FORUM ON 5TH TUESDAYS | RESUMES NOVEMBER 7, 2017 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **BAGUIO-BENGUET LADIES FELLOWSHIP**— BAGUIO CHURCH | NOVEMBER 30, 2017 | 8 AM—5 PM
- **BAGUIO—BENGUET INTERCONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**— ALBIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ACOP, TUBLAY, BENGUET | DECEMBER 2, 2017 | 8:00 AM—4:00 PM | FREE REGISTRATION | SIGN UP ASAP
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**— TO BE HOSTED BY THE TALAMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, TALAMBAN, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25—28, 2018 | REGISTRATION FEE: P3,300.00

WHO ARE SAINTS?

These days, so many talk about "All Saints Day" as still many celebrate this so-called "Day of the Dead" - making many think that to be a saint, one must physically die first. This is just one of many thoughts being espoused by the celebration of this event. But as one looks closer to the meaning of the word "saint" in the Holy Scriptures, one would think otherwise. Take for instance, how the apostle writes and greets the Ephesian Christians... "1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:1-2)

Are you surprised to find Paul addressing his letter to saints? After all, saints are dead people who have achieved such spiritual eminence that they have been given that special title, saints. Or are they?

No word in the New Testament has suffered more than this word saint. Even the dictionary defines a saint as a *person officially recognized for holiness of life.* Who makes this official recognition? Usually some religious body, and the process by which a person becomes a "saint" is technically known as "canonization." The deceased person's life is examined carefully to see whether he qualifies for sainthood. If the candidate's character and conduct are found to be above reproach, if he has been responsible for working at least two miracles, then he is qualified to be made a "saint."

As interesting as this procedure is, we do not find it authorized in the Bible. Nine times in this brief letter, Paul addresses his readers as saints (Eph 1:1,15,18; 2:19; 3:8,18; 4:12; 5:3; 6:18). These saints were alive, not dead, though once they had been "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph 2:1-3). And it is clear that they had never performed any miracles, though they had experienced a miracle by trusting Christ as Savior (Eph 2:4-10). The word saint is simply one of the many terms used in the New Testament to describe "one who has trusted Jesus Christ as Savior." The person is "alive," not only physically, but also spiritually

(Eph 2:1). You will find Christians called disciples (Acts 9:1,10,19,25-26,36,38), people of the Way (Acts 9:2) and saints (Acts 9:13,32,41).

The word saint means *one who has been set apart.* It is related to the word sanctified, which means *set apart.* "When the sinner trusts Christ as his Savior, he is taken out of the world" and placed *in Christ.* The believer is in the world physically, but not of the world spiritually (John 17:14-16). Like a scuba diver, he exists in an alien environment because he possesses special equipment - in this case, the indwelling Holy Spirit of God. Every true believer possesses the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 6:19-20), and it is through the Spirit's power that the Christian is able to function in the world.

Now for the important question: How did these people at Ephesus become saints? The answer is found in two words: "faithful" and "grace" (Eph 1:1-2). When Paul addresses his letter to the saints... and faithful in Christ Jesus" he is not addressing two different groups of people. The word faithful carries the meaning of

believers in Christ Jesus. "These people were not saved by living faithful lives; rather they put their faith in Christ and were saved. This is clear from Eph 1:12-14,19.

Being called or addressed as "saints" reminded them that God had made them His own; that they were *holy* because they belonged to Him.

Meanwhile, according to Peter's conception, the church in which every Christian or saint is a part of is... "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9 NIV

The Christian is one whom God has set apart for Himself. The act of consecration is God's act, not ours. We believe by faith that it is so.Ω

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Midtown Church of Christ		
SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS 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

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

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"



November Celebrators

- 02 - Lydia Tada
- 05 - Shinar S. Ciencia
- 06 - Neko James Austria
- 06 - Marian Cheska E. Denis
- 07 - Ruth Camora
- 08 - Dionesia Martin
- 10 - Felix L. Olidan, Jr.
- 11 - Darrylle Jane A. Walang
- 11 - Jasper K. Perdigon
- 11 - Ariadne L. Cadias
- 13 - Sean Nove Isaac Bestre
- 13 - Cristy Tacay
- 14 - Ian Xavier B. Colcol
- 15 - Ma. Cecilia B. Colcol
- 15 - Lily Soriano
- 18 - Kristalyn Saingan
- 21 - Sharon S. McMillin
- 21 - Rhona Barad
- 21 - Marjorie Solomon
- 21 - Kristine M. Denis
- 21 - Novelito B. Abance
- 23 - Minda G. Oliva
- 23 - Lorigrace Bayla-Austria
- 24 - Ma. Lourdes Cera
- 27 - Bernie Austria
- 29 - Brigida Mandapat





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

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