

Servers Today, January 28, 2018

Persistence of God's Plan Throughout Generations (Gen 4:1-5:32)

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Jun Reyes*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 15:1-18*
 Scripture Reading: *Melchi Aquino*
 Prayer for the Bread: *JJ Ramos*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Kajem Kitma*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Jerry Martin*
 Closing Prayer: *Mar Bayating*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Thirday Bayating*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Baddas Family*

Communion: *Sarah Sameon*
 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 February 4, 2018

The Judgment of the Flood (Genesis 6:1-8:19)

Speaker: *Greg Kitma*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 10:1-12*
 Scripture Reading: *Kemuel Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Art Tacay*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sam Quezada*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Mervin Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Greg Kitma*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Bayla Family*

Communion: *Gonzales Family*
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | A. Tacay*



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Ladies luncheon fellowship & devotional today

The monthly LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL will be conducted right after the morning worship assembly today as announced by the FIRST QUARTER STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Amber Po, Pearl Bestre, Kesha Oliva, Norma Aping, Cecilia Alvarez, Sarah Sameon, Clarita Cachero, Mae-ann Gonzales, Lou Villanueva, and Melina Igoy. This quarter's theme is "OVERCOMING OUR WEAKNESSES" which is in support of this year's overall theme, "EMULATING THE QUALITIES OF A VIRTUOUS WOMAN" based on Prov. 31:10-31.

Today's devotional is geared towards "identifying and addressing one's weaknesses."Ω

Wagangs and Abances welcome well baby boy

The Wagang and Abance families welcomes GAVIN ABANCE WAGANG, a well baby boy born to spouses Dexter & Denise Wagang last Thursday evening, January 25, 2018 at the Pines City Doctors Hospital, this city. Baby Gavin weighed 2.95 kg at birth. He was delivered by normal birth and was brought home Saturday, January 27, 2018.

Midtown brethren congratulates the proud parents and prays for their continued good health. Spouses Dexter & Denise expressed their indescribable joy, thanks, and praises to the Lord Almighty for the wonderful gift as well as for the unceasing prayers and support of the congregation. Praise the Lord!Ω

Dungon congregation in need of SS teachers

Spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon together with brother John Mark Callao served with the brethren in Dungon, Camp One, Rosario, La Union last Sunday, January 21, 2018. Brother Dodoy facilitated the Adult Bible Class. It was known that classes for children were not available due to the lack of trained Sunday School (SS) teachers. Because of this, it was requested that some training for Sunday School teachers be undertaken the soonest possible time.

In last Tuesday's forum, it was decided that some ladies of Midtown will be spearheading the training of some prospective Sunday School teachers among the Dungon ladies.Ω

"To prevent a tragic ending, let God write the script, choose the cast, and direct the action."

READ Genesis 4:1-24

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Midtown YPeez hosts BB joint young people's CG

Midtown YPeez hosted this year's first JOINT BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUNG PEOPLE'S CARE GROUP at the Assembly Hall of Midtown with the other past Saturday afternoon, January 20, 2018. Fifty (50) young people represented Midtown, La Trinidad, NLEX, A-Hill, Nangalisan, and City Camp congregations. There were also three (3) guests who participated in the monthly event.

Brother O'neil Gonzales facilitated lessons on "NEW BEGINNINGS" in which he emphasized that "because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-24).

In another development, brother Jesse Bestre facilitated a lesson on "WHY MEN MUST DIE" during the Tuesday Devotional of the Young Adults at the Family Life Center last January 16th. He also discussed about "PLANNING" during the devotional at the Geron residence last January 17th. Brother O'neil Gonzales discussed "FRIENDSHIP AND LOYALTY" during the Thursday Devotional last January 18th. Attendance was mostly composed of young adults.Ω

Asos family thanks Midtown for sympathies

Mr. Juanito Baban Asos, the deceased sibling of sisters Nancy Bayla, Linda Yaneza, and brother Sixto Asos, was laid to rest at the family's private graveyard at Tamangan, Tadiangan, Tuba, last Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Midtown brethren led by brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre officiated the funeral service. Earlier, brothers Greg Kitma, Jojo Ramos and Dodoy Sameon served as speakers in the nightly devotionals.

Family, relatives, and friends of the deceased express deepest gratitude for the caring sympathies, undying support, and ceaseless prayers during their time of bereavement. God bless you all!Ω

Last Sunday's Offering January 21, 2018

AM COLLECTION P30,945.00

PM COLLECTION P3,620.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P34,565.00

MOM - P1,000

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 112 YP - 43 Children - 39 Guests - 0	PM Adults -26 YP - 9 Children - 1 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 194

TOTAL - 36

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 230

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Ian Pajantoy | *Ofelia Abance |
| *Gloria Yang | *Cecilia Alvarez |
| *Marina Gawwe | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *Sotero Denis | *Priscilla Bayasen |
| *Bernie Austria | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Norma Aping | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Jeramy Denis |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Eduardo Ganga |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Marichu Concepcion |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *Linda Yaneza |
| *Lily Soriano | *Florence Magalong |
| *Andy Bestre | *Bernard Ignacio |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Shinar Ciencia |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Dave Mcmillin |
| *Ruth Trinidad | *Dan Sameon |

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



James 5:15

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up;" NIV

SAFE TRAVEL



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— ON JANUARY 30, 2018 (5TH TUESDAYS FOR MINISTRY LEVEL MEETINGS). RESUMES FEBRUARY 6, 2018.
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—TODAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 @ 12—2:30 PM
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—TALAMBAN, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25— 28, 2018 | REG. FEE: P3,300.00 DEADLINE FOR BOOKING—FEBRUARY 15, 2018.
- **MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY**—MEETING ON JANUARY 28, 2018.
- **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018**—TO PREPARE THE COMMUNION TABLE, BRING FLOWERS, BRING DRINKS AND BISCUITS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN. PLEASE SIGN UP. THANKS.

HOPING IN THE PERSISTENCE OF GOD'S PLAN THROUGHOUT GENERATIONS

Genesis 4:1-5:32
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | January 28, 2018

I. THERE IS HOPE DESPITE THE ADVANCEMENT OF CAIN'S WAY

CAIN & ABEL
Genesis 4:1-24

- **CAIN'S WAY UNFOLDS WITH ANGER**
 - Man's anger brings about unrighteousness, susceptibility to temptations, disobedience.
 - God warns about sin 'crouching at the door'.
- **CAIN'S WAY ADVANCES TO MURDER**
 - Man's hatred brings about murderous acts, lies, and denial of responsibility.
 - God punishes evil acts against 'Abel's'.
- **CAIN'S WAY CAN BE PREVENTED**
 - Man's anger can be prevented by doing what is right, quick to listen, and slow to speak.
 - God shows how to 'master temptations'.

II. THERE IS HOPE BECAUSE OF THE PERSISTENCE OF GOD'S WAY

SETH & ENOSH
Genesis 4:25-5:20

- **GOD IS SOVEREIGN IN ALL THINGS**
 - Man's foolish ways cannot frustrate God's wonderful plans.
 - God restores the way through Seth's line.
- **GOD GRANTS NEW BEGINNINGS**
 - Man's righteous ways finds a new beginning in Seth ('granted, provided').
 - God uses new generations to promote his will.
- **GOD'S WAYS ENDURES**
 - Man's worshipful character practiced at the time of Enosh ('frail man').
 - God & His ways will always be proclaimed.

III. THERE IS HOPE IN THE EXPECTATION OF GOD'S SALVATION

ENOCH & NOAH
Genesis 5:21-32

- **SALVATION OF MAN FROM DEATH**
 - Walking with God brings salvation from punishment and from death.
 - Faith practiced by Enoch by pleasing God.
- **SALVATION OF MAN VS. JUDGMENT**
 - Walking with God is by faith and involves the proclamation of the Lord's judgment.
 - Faith practiced by Enoch in a perverse generation.
- **SALVATION OF MAN IS COMFORTING**
 - Walking with God is encouraged by the rest and comfort it is expected to bring.
 - Faith practiced by Noah by being blameless.

“Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

HOPING IN THE PERSISTENCE OF GOD'S PLAN THROUGHOUT GENERATIONS

Genesis 4:1-5:32

- **THERE IS HOPE DESPITE THE ADVANCEMENT OF CAIN'S WAY**
 - GENERATION OF CAIN & ABEL | Genesis 4:1-24
- **THERE IS HOPE BECAUSE OF THE PERSISTENCE OF GOD'S WAY**
 - GENERATION OF SETH & ENOSH | Genesis 4:25-5:20
- **THERE IS HOPE IN THE EXPECTATION OF GOD'S SALVATION**
 - GENERATION OF ENOCH & NOAH | Genesis 5:21-32

APPLICATION:

1. As disciples of Christ, let us not lose hope in the betterment of our generation's conditions despite the advancement of evil.
 - Selfishness and an unforgiving spirit hinders worship and destroys our fellowship with God and God's people.
 - For our worship to be acceptable, it's best that we reconcile with a brother before we come for worship.
 - For a good self-examination, the question is not so much, "What did you do?" but "What did you want to do?"
 - "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him." 1 John 3:14-15 NIV

APPLICATION:

2. As disciples of Christ, let us not lose hope in the proclamation of the Gospel despite evil generations.
 - Calling on the name of the Lord and identifying ourselves with the Lord's name unites believers in fellowship and in the truth.
 - For our worship to be acceptable, it's best to always invoke the Lord's authority and proclaim His divine character.
 - For a good self-examination, the question is not so much, "Will the gospel be proclaimed in the next generations?" but "What could I do now to proclaim the Gospel in my generation?"
 - "...for as part of God's sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning to be his, and all things happen just as he decided long ago. God's purpose in this was that we should praise God and give glory to him..." Eph 1:11-12 TLB

APPLICATION:

3. As disciples of Christ, let us not lose hope in the expectation of the salvation of many in the succeeding generations.
 - Walking with God and living to please the Lord is comforting and encourages others to do the same.
 - For our worship to be acceptable, it's best to always practice the faith we profess and to focus on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
 - For a good self-examination, the question is not so much, "What can I expect God my Savior to do for me?" but "What does God my Savior expect of me?"
 - "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life..." Phil 2:14-16 NIV

How do we hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess?

1. By not losing hope in the betterment of our generation's conditions despite the advancement of evil knowing that resisting selfishness and an unforgiving spirit promotes true worship and enhances our fellowship with God and God's people.
2. By not losing hope in the proclamation of the Gospel despite evil generations knowing that calling on the name of the Lord and identifying ourselves with the Lord's name unites believers in fellowship and in the truth.
3. By not losing hope in the expectation of the salvation of many in the succeeding generations knowing that walking with God and living to please the Lord is comforting and encourages others to do the same.

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

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- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption: A. God's Plan for Man
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- 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
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- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
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- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enroll in any of the lessons, feel free to contact:
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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
College & Young Adults @ Family Life Center	6 – 7:30 PM	Ezra Valdez
WEDNESDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, & Yang residences)	7 – 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoas
Geron Residence @ Queen of Peace Road	5 – 6:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 – 7 PM Every 4th Wednesday	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 4th 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: 4th Q Steering Group
Young Adults @ Family Life Center	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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