

Servers Today, January 7, 2018

**Believing in the Creator
(Gen 1:1-2:3)**

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*
 Intercessory Prayer: *June Reyes*
 Communion Text: *Matthew 26:26-30*
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Julius Rojo*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Lemuel Glori*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sol Palaypayon*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Laisha Montev*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Gonzales 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 January 14, 2018

**The Creation of Man
(Genesis 2:4-25)**

Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 Invocation: *Greg Kitma*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*
 Communion Text: *Isaiah 53:1-5*
 Scripture Reading: *Janriel Abance*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Kajem Kitma*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Richard Bestre*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sam Quezada*
 Closing Prayer: *Rolito Tugay-an*
 Announcement: *June Reyes*
 Evening Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 To Bring Flowers: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Perdigon Family*

Communion: *Sarah Sameon*
 Worship Coordinator: *R.Tada | A. Tacay*



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INFORMER

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Midtown ypeez take advantage of holidays for meet ups

Taking advantage of the holiday season, the young people of Midtown met for fellowship, devotionals, and ministry meetings. Last December, the Young Adults came together with brother Ryan Anthony Bestre to refine their plans for the NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP that this congregation will be hosting in 2019. More details of this will be published soon.

Brother Jesse Bestre, Midtown's youth minister, reported that everyday last week, various activities were conducted to keep the "fire burning" and for them to encourage one another and build one another up (1 Thessalonians 5:11). So on New Year's eve, some joined the fellowship at the Baguio church of Christ. On Monday, January 1, some met for Dinner, on Tuesday, eleven met at the Gonzales residence at Suello Village for an overnight fellowship and movie-watching. On Wednesday, the young men and the young ladies had a separate meeting and dinner. On Thursday, they had a "tea time" for sister Gracelyn Abance before she left for SIBI (Sunset International Bible Institute) Singapore. On Friday, they had a celebration for brother Khryz Gomowang's birthday.

During the week, a number of the YPeez joined in the nightly devotionals at the wake of the late sister Elvira Sacayanan at the auditorium of the Baguio church of Christ.Ω

Gonzales family hosts youth overnight fellowship

The Gonzales family hosted an overnight fellowship for the young people at their residence located at Terry Court, Suello Village, this city last Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Eleven young people, namely, Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Janriel Abance, JJ Ramos, Jasper Perdigon, Grace Abance, Louise Bawas, Kana perdigon, Mahaysha Kitma, Angela Ramos, and Amber Po, enjoyed the hospitality and the generosity of the Gonzaleses.

The Young People convey their appreciation for the homey atmosphere, support, and encouragement which reflects what Paul wrote, "*whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy.*"(Rom 16:23)Ω

"Hope is something no one can ever take from you. Only you can send it away, but that's not wise to do."

READ Romans 15:13

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Eight youth represent Midtown in regional camp

Eight young people from Midtown actively represented the congregation in the recent Regional Youth Camp held at the Asian Christian University (ACU) located at Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan on December 20-23, 2017. The participants were Ezra Valdez, Janriel Abance, Jasper & Kana Perdigon, Jefferson Insas, Amber Po, Gracelynn Abance, and Jesse Bestre.

"ISSUES CONFRONTING THE YOUTH" based on Ecclesiastes 11:9 was the main point of discussion. The youth were edified to be proactive in living their God-given lives with the Judgment Day in mind. The participants had been echoing the same to the Midtown YPeez during their meet-ups.Ω

Elvira Sacayanan laid to rest at the Pyramid

Sister Elvira Buna—Sacayanan, born January 25, 1938, succumbed to a lingering illness at her residence early morning of December 28, 2017. She was one of the subject of intercessory prayers at Midtown for sometime. Her remains was interred at the Pyramid Memorial Park located at Kias, this city last Saturday afternoon, January 6, 2018. Brother Emilio Panday, former minister of the said congregation, officiated the funeral services. Christians and relatives from all over the world conveyed their sympathies during the wake and in the funeral. Members of the Midtown congregation also condoled with the bereaved with brothers Dodoy Sameon and Arnan Bayla serving as speakers in the nightly devotionals. Brother Andy Bestre led in the community singing.

She is survived by her husband, brother Cristino C. Sacayanan, seven children, namely, Ruel, Mags, & Rimuel Sameon, Aurma, Eric, Jenny Ramos, and Christine Rios, twelve grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
December 31, 2017**

**AM COLLECTION
P47,275.00**

**PM COLLECTION
P820.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P48,095.00**

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 104 YP - 38 Children - 34 Guests - 2	PM Adults -14 YP - 7 Children - 0 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 178

TOTAL - 21

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 199**

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Ian Pajantoy | *Ofelia Abance |
| *Gloria Yang | *Cecilia Alvarez |
| *Marina Gawew | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *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 | *Anthony Flores |
| *Lily Soriano | *Marichu Concepcion |
| *Andy Bestre | *Linda Yaneza |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Florence Magalong |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Bernard Ignacio |
| *Ruth Trinidad | *Shinar Ciencia |

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

SAFE PREGNANCY

*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

CD Espinosa & Gracelyn Abance (Back to Singapore)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—Resumes January 9, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL MEETING AT MIDTOWN** (Wednesday | 7—9 PM) resumes January 10, 2018
- **FRIDAY CARE GROUP MEETING AT MIDTOWN** (Friday | 7—9 PM) resumes January 12, 2018
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—TALAMBAN, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25—28, 2018 | REG. FEE: P3,300.00
- **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018**— to prepare the communion table, bring flowers, bring drinks and biscuits for Sunday school children. Please sign up. Thanks.
- **CONDOLENCES TO THE ALVAREZ FAMILY**—for the passing away of Mr. Charlie Alvarez on January 4.

BELIEVING IN THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD

Genesis 1:1-2:3
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | January 7, 2018

BELIEVING IN THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD

Genesis 1:1-2:3

- BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS THE POWER TO CREATE
 - Genesis 1:1-2
- BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS THE POWER TO FORM
 - Genesis 1:3-13
- BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS THE POWER TO FILL
 - Genesis 1:14-2:3

I. BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS THE POWER TO CREATE

Genesis 1:1-2

- GOD IS THE CAUSE OF EVERYTHING
 - "In the beginning" - the first, in place, in time, in order or rank
 - Time, force, work, space, matter
- GOD IS THE ORIGIN OF CREATION
 - "God created the heavens and the earth" - generated, prepared, founded, fashioned
 - The universe, cosmos, world, life
- GOD IS THE POWER OVER CREATION
 - "Spirit of God was hovering" - supreme rational being
 - Control, authority, domination, sovereign

APPLICATION:

1. As disciples of Christ, let us advocate Creation as the most rational or intelligent explanation of the existence of what exists, of the origin of life, and of knowing God.
 - As created beings, be submissive to the Creator and to the Creator's will and design.
 - "19 They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. 20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God." Romans 1:19-20

II. BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS THE POWER TO FORM

Genesis 1:3-13

- GOD FORMS PATTERNS
 - The First Day up to the Seventh Day
 - Formation of first things first which involved the principle of peace and order.
- GOD FORMS SPHERES
 - The Skies, the Seas, the Lands
 - Formation of "spaces" which involved the principle of separation and gathering.
- GOD FORMS LIFE FORMS
 - The Vegetation - the plants and the trees
 - Formation of things according to kinds which involved the principle of reproduction.

APPLICATION:

2. As disciples of Christ, let us advocate the Creation as the most rational or intelligent explanation of the intelligent design, the harmony, and the diversity of life forms.
 - As created beings, be in agreement with the pattern or blueprint of how to live as provided for by the Creator.
 - "17 Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. 18 For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 They are headed for destruction. Phil 3:17-19 NLT

III. BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS THE POWER TO FILL

Genesis 1:14-2:3

- GOD FILLS THE SKIES
 - Sun, Moon, Stars - Light had already appeared on the first day, but now it was concentrated in these heavenly bodies.
- GOD FILLS THE SEAS
 - Birds and Fishes - God's blessing enabled the creatures to reproduce abundantly according to their kinds.
- GOD FILLS THE LANDS
 - Animals and Man - Creation reaches its climax when He filled the land with animal life and then created the first humans.

APPLICATION:

3. As disciples of Christ, let us advocate Creation as the most rational or intelligent explanation of the reason life on earth continues to exist to this day.
 - As created beings, be ready to receive what the Lord would assign us to serve in any sphere.
 - "15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Genesis 1:31 ¶

How do we become advocates of the Creation and the Creator?

1. As created beings, be submissive to the Creator and to the Creator's will and design since only God has the power to create the best design for us.
2. As created beings, be in agreement with the pattern of how to live as provided for by the Creator since only God has the power to form the best in us.
3. As created beings, be ready to receive what the Lord would assign us to serve in any sphere since only God has the power to fill our lives with the best.

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Midtown Church of Christ

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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 4 th 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 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: 4 th 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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