

Servers Today, February 25, 2018

God's Covenant With Abram
(Genesis 12:1-25:18)

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

Invocation: Ernie Wagang

Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva

Communion Text: Romans 6:1-7

Scripture Reading: Janriel Abance

Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma

Prayer for the Cup: Ira Po

Prayer for the Giving: Sam Quezada

Closing Prayer: Maril Bayating Sr.

Announcement: Andy Bestre

Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

To Bring Flowers: Laisha Montes

To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown

Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

Communion: Gonzales Family

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 March 4, 2018

The Life Of Isaac
(Genesis 25:19-26:35)

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II

Song Leader: Chris Oliva

Invocation: Charlie Abance

Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes

Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30

Scripture Reading: Melchi Aquino

Prayer for the Bread: O'neil Gonzales

Prayer for the Cup: Mervin Oliva

Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin

Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating

Announcement: Chris Oliva

Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II

Song Leader: Chris Oliva

To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed

To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed

To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed

Usher/ettes: Bestre Family

Communion: Angela Ramos

Worship Coordinator: R.Tada | A. Tacay

THE **MIDTOWN** INFORMER

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Midtown officiates funeral service at Baguio church

At the request of the bereaved family of the late sister Lorna T. Leonen, Midtown brethren officiated the funeral service last Thursday, February 22, 2018. The devotional started at 9:00 AM at the auditorium of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Rd., followed by the committal service at the grave at the BAGUIO CITY PUBLIC CEMETERY, Quirino Highway. Brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre presided over the service. Spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon and sister Nelly Bayla were also there to convey sympathies in behalf of the Midtown congregation.

The deceased passed away at the age of 71 and is survived by her husband, brother Leo Leonen Sr., presently serving as one of the deacons of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, four children, and nine grandchildren. The family and relatives conveyed their deepest gratitude for the comforting messages, visits, support, and prayers.Ω

23 ypeeZ attend sleepover fellowship and study

Twenty-three young people were accommodated by the Ramos family at their residence at San Luis Village, this city, the other past Thursday, February 15th for a sleepover fellowship and Bible study. Brother Jesse Bestre, Midtown's youth minister, assigned brother O'neil Gonzales to facilitate discussions on THE ISSUES ON DRINKING ALCOHOL. It was concluded that it is specifically *drunkenness* that is condemned in Scriptures and *drinking per se* is not. However, a Christian's action should be guided by the Scriptural principle that says *"Everything is permissible"but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible"but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others."* 1 Cor 10:23-24 NIV and *"Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak."* 1 Corinthians 8:9 NIV. The other participants were Ezra Valdez, Janriel Abance, Ira Po, Khryz Gomowang, Jasper Perdigon, Alec Likigan, JJ, Angela & Rico Ramos, Michael Loyal, Kris Salem, Amber Po, Val Gabrielle, Kana Perdigon, Charis Bayla, Kinsha Glori, Mary Jo Dugaysan, May Flor Acquiadan, Mahaysha Kitma, and Kate & Allen Arban from the CAVITE CHURCH OF CHRIST.Ω

"The noblest art of all is the art of making others happy."

READ 2 Corinthians 7:13-16

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Couples care group hosted February dinner fellowship

Last February 17th, the COUPLES CARE GROUP had a break from their usual monthly Bible study. Couple Noel & Cot Espinosa, who volunteered to facilitate this month, geared the activity towards "FELLOWSHIP, FUN AND FOOD." They wish to thank spouses: Jun & Lulu Bondoc, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Rod & Leah Tada, Jerry & Dionesia Martin, Gil & Diana Geron, and Chris & Kesha Oliva for their warm fellowship and sportsmanship during the activity held at the Midtown Assembly Hall that Saturday evening.

The activity was not limited to couples; other guests from Brent School helped grace the occasion namely, Margie Nell Sameon & Jennie Umaging, who assisted with the food and set up preparations while Sheila Taylor & Nelly Ann Doliente serenaded the group with an OPM love song over dinner. It was an evening of feeling young at heart with the games, laughter, and photo-booth, whilst promoting camaraderie with fellow brethren and new friends.

For our upcoming monthly activities, more couples are welcome to join. You can also visit the "MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST COUPLES CARE GROUP" on FB for updates and photos. Once again, our appreciation to all who joined in spreading the love especially to our first time guests. Most of all, praises to God for allowing this event to take place. (by Cot Espinosa)Ω

Sameons getting ready for annual Negros mission

Spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon are busy preparing to leave for the Negros island for their ANNUAL EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN AND MISSION WORK come March 7, 2018. They are expected to be back in the city of Baguio on June 8th. The congregation is requested to unceasingly pray for this endeavor.

Meanwhile, the congregation thanks sister Sarah for donating the newly tailored table cloth over the baptismery. God bless you!Ω

Last Sunday's Offering
February 18, 2018

AM COLLECTION
P28,969.00

PM COLLECTION
P5, 208.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P34,177.00

MOM - P1,000

ATTENDANCE

AM
Adults - 122
YP - 32
Children - 45
Guests - 2

PM
Adults -25
YP - 11
Children - 3
Guests - 0

TOTAL - 201

TOTAL - 39

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 240

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

*Ian Pajantoy

*Gloria Yang

*Marina Gawie

*Sotero Denis

*Bernie Austria

*Norma Aping

*Josefa Josayan

*Arian Kaith Igoy

*Robinson Palaypayon

*Carmen Villanueva

*Lily Soriano

*Andy Bestre

*Gil & Diana Geron

*Rodrigo Tada

*Ofelia Abance

*Cecilia Alvarez

*Gaspar Nawew

*Priscilla Bayasen

*Rolito Tugay-an

*Maria Elena Lachica

*Jeremy Denis

*Eduardo Ganga

*Linda Yaneza

*Florence Magalong

*Bernard Ignacio

*Shinar Ciencia

*Dave Mcmillin

*Dan Sameon


*Sophia Tanicala

*Nica Aurigue

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

SAFE PREGNANCY

Lara Villanueva




James 5:15

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

SAFE TRAVEL

Lou Villanueva & Company (Batanes)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— FEBRUARY 27, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

• LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL—TODAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018 @ 12—2:30 PM. TOPIC: "BIBLICAL SOLUTIONS TO PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND WEAKNESSES"

• NAKRISTIANOAN A PANAG-ADAL KEN PANAGKAKADUA 2018—BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST 18 RIMANDO RD. | MARCH 28-31, 2018 | REGISTRATION: P400 (10 YEARS OLD & UP); P200 (3—9 YEARS OLD)

• ANNUAL NEGROS EVANGELISTIC SUSTAINED CAMPAIGNS (NESC)—MARCH 7—JUNE 8, 2018

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All l luncheon

GOD’S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

<Gen.12:1-9; Gen.17:1-10>
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, Ed.D.

INTRODUCTION:

Abram is a Hebrew baby name, which means high or exalted father. The name Abram was changed to Abraham in Gen.17:5, when the Almighty God made a covenant with Abraham and revealed to him that he will be the father of many nations of the Hebrew race. The term Hebrew was first attached to Abraham in Gen.14:13, which may have originated from Abram; Abar; Eber, which means country beyond; and Eber the Patriarch, Lk.3:34. <Smith’s Bible Dictionary, p.1.25>

#1 DIVINE COMMAND AND PROMISE OF THE LORD GOD TO ABRAM

1. God charged Abram to depart

2. Charged to depart family and kindred

3. Depart to a nameless destination

4. Promise of a great nation and personal blessing

5. Promise of universal blessing pronounced
- “Now the Lord God said to Abram, ‘Get out of your country,...”

- “From your family and from your father’s house,...”

- “To a land that I will show you.”

- “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you,”

- “And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
- Gen.12:1

Gen.12:1

Gen.12:1

Gen.12:2

Gen.12:3

#2 ABRAM JOURNEYED FROM HARAN TO THE LAND OF PROMISE

- 1.Unconditional obedience

2. Obedience despite late age

3. Sarai, Lot and entire holdings taken

4. All possessions and servants taken
- “So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him.”

- “And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.”

- “Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son and all their possessions...”

- ‘that they had gathered, and the people they had acquired in Haran,...”
- Gen.12:4

Gen.12:4

Gen.12:5

Gen.12:5

#3 GOD APPEARED AND REPEATED HIS PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

1. Continuing journey through Shechem

2. Extent of temporary cessation of trip

3. Abram offered in to God
- “Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem,...”

- God the Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’

- “And there he built an altar to the Lord, who appeared to him.”
- Gen.12:6

Gen.12:7

Gen.12:7

#4 RESUMPTION OF ABRAM’S JOURNEY TO BETHEL

1. Recommence of trip

2. Temporary settling in Bethel

3. Built altar and worship

4. Continued journey to the south
- “And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel,...”

- “and he pitched his with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east;...”

- “there he built an altar to the Lord and called the name of the Lord.”

- “So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.”
- Gen.12:8

Gen.12:8

Gen.12:8

Gen.12:9

#5 THE ALMIGHTY GOD’S CHARGE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

1. Later appearance of God to Abram

2. Almighty’s charge to Abram

3. Creation of agreement

4. Promise of extreme reproduction

5. Abram submitted to God in worship

6. God expressed his covenant

7. Change of Abram’s name

8. Reason of name change
- “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram...”

- “and said to him, ‘I am Almighty God ; walk before me and be blameless.”

- “And I will make My covenant between Me and you...”

- “and will multiply you exceedingly,’ ”

- “Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:...”

- “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you,...”

- “No longer shall you name be called Abram but your name shall be Abraham,”

- “for I have made you a a father of many nations.”
- Gen.17:1

Gen.17:1

Gen.17:2

Gen.17:2

Gen.17:3

Gen.17:4

Gen.17:5

Gen.17:5

#6 THE ALMIGHTY GOD’S REITERATED PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

1. Promise of great population increased

2. Promise of abounding tribes

3. Institution of covenant

4. Everlasting covenant

5. God of Abraham and descendants

6. Land to Abraham and descendants

7. Forever possession and their God
- “I will make you exceedingly fruitful; ...”

- “and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.”

- “And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants...”

- “after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, ...”

- “to be God to you and to your descendants after you. “

- “Also I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land...”

- “as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”
- Gen.17:6

Gen.17:6

Gen.17:7

Gen.17:7

Gen.17:7

Gen.17:8

Gen.17:8

#7 THE ALMIGHTY GOD’S SIGN OF COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

1. God’s charge to Abraham

2. Charge to Abraham and posterities

3. Agreement instituted

4. Circumcision of male child

5. Removal of the prepuce

6. Sign of the covenant
- “God said to Abraham: ‘As for you, you shall keep my covenant,...”

- “you and your descendants... throughout their generations.”

- “...covenant which you shall keep between me and your descendants...”

- “Every male child among you shall be circumcised:’

- “and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins...”

- “and it will be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.”
- Gen.17:9

Gen.17:9

Gen.17:10

Gen.17:10

Gen.17:11

Gen.17:11

CONCLUSION:

We learned all the seven points discussed in connection with God’s covenant with Abraham, amen to all of these? Brethren, with all of my heart, thank you so much! <SBSII: 1.29.18-Tues.>

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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	Annan Bayla & Andy Bestre
College & Young Adults @ Family Life Center	6 – 7:30 PM	Ezra Valdez
WEDNESDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Annan 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
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 / Annan 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

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SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly
5:30 - 6:30 PM



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