

Servers Today, April 1, 2018

Praising God For A Living Hope
(1 Peter 1:3-12)

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 Invocation: *Gasper Baldo, Jr.*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Julius Rojo*
 Communion Text: *Romans 6:1-7*
 Scripture Reading: *Kemuel Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Richard Bestre*
 Prayer for the Giving: *JJ Ramos*
 Closing Prayer: *Mar Bayating*
 Announcement: *Mervin Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Mervin OLiva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Laisha Montes*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Tacay Family*

Communion: *Mahay Kitma*
 Worship Coordinator: *Tada | Glori | 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 April 8, 2018

Proper Conduct As Obedient Children
(1 Peter 1:13-21; 2:1-3)

Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Charlie Abance*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Jesse Bestre*
 Communion Text: *Hebrews 7:23-28*
 Scripture Reading: *Janriel Abance*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Jasper Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Cup: *O'neil Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Jerry Martin*
 Closing Prayer: *Jhun Bayating*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Mervin OLiva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Clarita G. Cachero*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Baddas Family*

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YPeez monthly fellowship celebrates around bonfire

Last month's YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY HOME FELLOWSHIP was hosted by the Rojo & Palaypayon families at their residence on Tamangan Road, Irisan, this city, Saturday evening of March 24th with around thirty in attendance. Brother JJ Ramos facilitated a devotional study on "THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT" based on Matthew 22:36-38. As it was a chilly night, brother Julius Rojo built a bonfire and the fellowship got warmer around it.

As the fellowship was also in celebration of the birthdays of Ira North Po, Amber Phoelen Po, and of Kenzo Glori, a number of brethren graced the occasion and conveyed jubilations for the Lord's blessings and goodness towards the celebrators. Fun & Games were facilitated by sister Kesha Oliva and Janet Ramos. The YPeez thanks the hosts for their hospitality and bigheartedness.Ω

Bayla facilitates seminar & thanksgiving devotional

At the invitation of the sister Susan Ruth A. Nisperos—Nool of the ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), brother Arnan Bayla served as Resource Person on "APPRECIATING THE VALUES OF WOMEN IN THE BIBLE AS THEY PORTRAY WOMEN EMPOWERMENT" in celebration of the NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH & INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY at the Golden Pine Hotel, Legarda Rd., this city, last March 21, 2018. Brother Arnan Bayla reiterated that what truly empowers women is a virtuous character based on Proverbs 31:10-31.

The other past Saturday, March 24, 2018, brother Arnan Bayla also served as speaker at a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE hosted by the Cirilo family at the Cooyeesan Hotel Plaza, Quirino Highway, this city, in celebration of God's gift of life and the sacred opportunity to be parents of two young sons, Uzziah Jae B. Cirilo and Nathan Zack B. Cirilo. Spouses Abram Jay & Karen Mae Cirilo expressed appreciation and praises to the Lord for the congregation's support for their family.

The family will soon return to Edmonton, Canada this week. Godspeed!Ω

"We become more like Jesus when we give. But we become best like Him when we forgive."

READ Ephesians 4:32

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Teenager baptized into Christ on 'Holy Thursday'

CRISIA MAE LAMBAYON CASTILLO, born November 2, 2002 to spouses Rolando & Jonalyn Castillo in Mission, Nagbukel, Ilocos Sur, was born again and made holy last Thursday afternoon, March 29, 2018 when she was baptized into Christ by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery. Her decision to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior came about with the help of brother Brian Garnett, an American missionary who knows how to communicate with SIGN LANGUAGE. Incidentally, brother Brian was one of the speakers at the recently concluded PANAGKAKADUA and spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla took the opportunity to invite him to study with sister Crisia Mae at her residence at Upper Poblacion, Tuba.

Sister Crisia Mae Castillo is a Grade 7 student at the Deaf & Mute Class at the Baguio City National High School. She also attends the Tuba Care Group meeting at the Bayating residence on Tuesdays.

Midtown welcomes, congratulates and rejoices with sister Crisia and prays for her spiritual growth as she serves the Lord with this congregation.Ω

Penged congregation hosts joint worship today

The Ramoses and company are in Bokod today to serve with the brethren in Penged for a joint worship assembly. Brother Jojo Ramos reports that brother Anderson Pucay was reactivated into the ministry after a previous visit with him. In effect, brother Anderson volunteered to serve as the sermon speaker today.

Earlier, spouses Greg & Tess Kitma served with the brethren in Pito, Bokod last March 18, 2018. Brother Greg Kitma emphasized in his message the importance of cooperation and of bearing with each other and forgiving each other (Colossians 3:13). Attendance is beginning to pick up in the congregation, reports brother Greg. Praise the Lord!Ω

Last Sunday's Offering March 25, 2018

AM COLLECTION
P27,671.00

PM COLLECTION
P2,120.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P29,791.00

ATTENDANCE

AM	PM
Adults - 99	Adults -16
YP - 48	YP - 5
Children - 34	Children - 2
Guests - 1	Guests - 0
TOTAL - 182	TOTAL - 23

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 205

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Ian Pajantoy | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *Gloria Yang | *Priscilla Bayasen |
| *Marina Gawie | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Sotero Denis | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Bernie Austria | *Jeremy Denis |
| *Norma Aping | *Eduardo Ganga |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Linda Yaneza |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Florence Magalong |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Bernard Ignacio |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *Shinar Ciencia |
| *Lily Soriano | *Dave Mcmillin |
| *Andy Bestre | *Dan Sameon |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Sophia Tanicala |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Lucia Entera |
| *Ofelia Abance | *Felix & Layola Bravo |
| *Cecilia Alvarez | *Clabern Sharlo Abance |

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

Ramoses & Company (Bokod)
Sameons (Negros Mission)
Cirilo Family (Canada)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— APRIL 3, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM**— MIDTOWN HALL | APRIL 8, 2018 | 1:30—4:30 PM
- **COUPLES CARE GROUP**—APRIL 9, 2018 | VENUE AND ACTIVITY TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**—MIDTOWN HALL | APRIL 15, 2018 | 12—2:30 PM
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—HOST: TALAMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25- 28, 2018
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

PRAISING GOD FOR A LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1:1-12
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- A LIVING HOPE FOR A CHOSEN PEOPLE
 - 1 Peter 1:1-5
- A LIVING HOPE FOR A FAITHFUL PEOPLE
 - 1 Peter 1: 6-9
- A LIVING HOPE FROM A PROPHESED CHRIST
 - 1 Peter 1:10-12

I. A LIVING HOPE FOR A CHOSEN PEOPLE

1 Peter 1:1-5

- NEW LORD (1-2)
 - We're chosen for God's purpose.
 - We're chosen to obey the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - We're chosen to for holy living.
- NEW LIFE (3)
 - We live because of God's great mercy.
 - We live through Christ's resurrection.
 - We live to give thanks to God.
- NEW BLESSING (4-5)
 - We're promised eternal and rich blessings.
 - We look forward to possessing it.
 - We are kept safe by being faithful.

II. A LIVING HOPE FOR A FAITHFUL PEOPLE

1 Peter 1:6-9

- NECESSARY TRIALS (6)
 - Our trials come in various forms.
 - Our trials bring momentary sadness.
 - Our trials will be replaced with gladness.
- NECESSARY PROOFS (7)
 - Our faith needs to be tested.
 - Our faith must be proven genuine.
 - Our faith must endure to receive glory, praise, and honor.
- NECESSARY ACTIONS (8-9)
 - We must love the Lord by faith.
 - We must believe the Lord by faith.
 - We must rejoice gloriously for our salvation.

III. A LIVING HOPE FROM A PROPHESED CHRIST

1 Peter 1:10-12

- FULFILLED SALVATION (10)
 - Our salvation was investigated by prophets.
 - Our salvation was foretold by prophets.
 - Our salvation is a gift from God.
- FULFILLED GIFT (11)
 - Our salvation fulfilled at the right time.
 - Our salvation fulfilled by Christ's sufferings.
 - Our salvation is Christ's glory.
- FULFILLED MESSAGE (12)
 - Prophecy is for our own benefit.
 - Prophecy is inspired by the Holy Spirit.
 - Prophecy preached as good news.

“Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.”
2 Corinthians 9:13-14

APPLICATION:

1. As a church, let us unceasingly praise God for the living hope of a new life of new blessings brought about by accepting a new Lord of our lives.
 - We praise God by the way we live and by the way we obey God's laws.
 - Because we are subjects of God's mercy, let us also show mercy by sharing the gospel to all.
 - "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. -Romans 12:10-13 NIV

APPLICATION:

2. As a church, let us willingly accept the necessary trials to test our faith and be proven genuine so that we may faithfully love the Lord.
 - We praise God by recognizing trials as necessary and beneficial to us.
 - Because our Lord endured sufferings, let us also be willing to be persecuted for His sake.
 - "Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, 3 for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete. -James 1:2-4 TLB

APPLICATION:

3. As a church, let us confidently preach the pure gospel of Jesus Christ knowing that the salvation of those who hear brings glory to Christ our Lord.
 - We praise God by preaching the Gospel and by fulfilling our purpose.
 - Because our Lord fulfilled His mission, let us also fulfill our part in the great commission.
 - "He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." -Acts 10:42-43 NIV

In what ways do we praise God for the living hope we have in us?

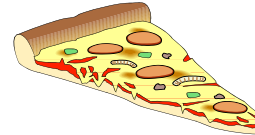
1. We praise God by the way we live and by the way we obey God's laws. So let us be merciful and kind to all for God commands us to be merciful.
2. We praise God by recognizing trials as necessary and beneficial to us. So let us be willing to be persecuted for His sake just as Christ endured suffering for our sake.
3. We praise God by preaching the Gospel and by fulfilling our purpose. So let us fulfill our part in the great commission just as Christ fulfilled His mission.

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 in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



April Celebrators

- 01 - Jon Alfred Cirilo
- 01 - Leonalyn Portelo
- 02 - Jolian Ibrahim
- 02 - April Acop
- 03 - Sheema Valdez
- 04 - Lolita Abance
- 05 - Letty Wagang
- 05 - Herminia Acena
- 05 - Jamielyn Yaneza
- 05 - Leonida Umis
- 06 - Eunice Cordero
- 06 - Aries John Igoy
- 07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay
- 08 - Erika Brillantes
- 09 - Gloria Yang
- 09 - Noah Valdez
- 12 - Susan Weng
- 13 - Ma. Rowena Cordero
- 14 - Cristy Loren Austria
- 14 - Kurt Austin Rimando
- 14 - Michael Gorio
- 21 - Frank Abraham Linggon
- 21 - Sheryl Carame
- 21 - Chloe Alexis Zamora
- 23 - Roxanne Tacay
- 24 - Leonides Ompang
- 28 - Melchizedek Aquino
- 28 - Lougai Fermin
- 29 - Elizabeth Donato



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

Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS | CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, Tuba	6:30-8:30 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
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: 2nd 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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