

Servers Today, April 15, 2018

Understanding The Status Of The Saints
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*
 Communion Text: *Colossians 3:1-5*
 Scripture Reading: *Rico Ramos*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Kajem Kitma*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Chris Oliva*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Lem Glori*
 Closing Prayer: *Abe Insas*
 Announcement: *June Reyes*
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Drinks: *Jamielyn Yaneza*
 Usher/ettes: *Gonzales 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 22, 2018

Living Godly Lives
(1 Peter 2:11-25)

Speaker: *Bernie Austria*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 Invocation: *Greg Kitma*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Dexter Wagang*
 Communion Text: *Galatians 3:26-29*
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Jasper Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Cup: *JJ Ramos*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sam Quezada*
 Closing Prayer: *Julius Rojo*
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Jesse Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Clarita G. Cachero*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Volunteers Needed*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Glori Family*

Communion: *Mahay Kitma*
 Worship Coordinator: *Tada | Glori | Tacay*



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40 participate in latest LCM symposium

Forty (40) participants benefitted from a seminar on LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE at the Midtown Hall, last Sunday afternoon. Brother Arnan Bayla, who served as the facilitator, underscored being first guided by BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE. In this way, one would find the choosing of a future spouse trouble-free or uncomplicated. They were also challenged to make a commitment to be sexually abstinent until the day they enter a Biblical marriage relationship. He further reiterated that as disciples of Christ, one should deliberately put oneself in situations where the Lord and His church will be honored, praised, and glorified.Ω

Monthly YP home fellowship goes overnight

This month's MONTHLY HOME FELLOWSHIP for the young people was moved earlier and was held overnight at the Ramos residence, San Luis Village, this city, last April 8&9, 2018. Taking advantage of the public holiday, twenty-three YPeez, namely, Jesse, Aldian, O'neil, Donnel, Janriel, Khryz, Gian, Jasper, Kajem, Sean, Euan, Melchi, Alec, Ezra, Abe, Kaesha, Maureen, Kana, Louise, Jehzeel Diane, Amber, Mary Jo, and Mahaysha profited from the warm, friendly, and hospitable atmosphere.

The YPeez thank the Ramos family for the meals and the accommodation in addition to the wonderful opportunity to CARE—CONTACTING, ASSISTING, RELATING, AND ENCOURAGING one another.Ω

Love & suffering delivered to Pito, Bokod

Brothers Abe Insas and Art Tacay continue to keep their commitment to help in the ministry in Bokod. They are scheduled to serve there every 2nd Sunday of the month. Last Sunday, they served in the worship assembly of the Pito, Bokod congregation. The former handled the BIBLE STUDY in which he stressed that "LOVE IS THE GREATEST" and is to be exercised especially in times of trials (1 Cor. 13:1-7). The latter discussed in his sermon "SUFFERING FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN" (1 Peter 4:12-19) to encourage them that despite trials that trouble them, everyone should continue to do good and to love each other, even to love enemies.Ω

"The Word reveals God's mind, so we should learn it; God's heart, so we should love it; God's will, so we should live it."

READ 2 Timothy 3:10-17

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Couples care group goes outdoors on heroes day

Six couples gathered at the grounds of BRENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL—BAGUIO, courtesy of sister Cot Espinosa, last Monday, April 9, 2018. It was a national public holiday celebrating heroism of bygone Filipino soldiers. Spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa, Lem & Vangie Glori, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Jun & Lulu Bondoc, and Eric & Jing Sacayanan enjoyed the company with prayers, picnic breakfast, games, picture taking, and a "prayer hike" through scenic eco trails. Their prayers include "enduring like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:3,4) in which the couples are encouraged to be heroic in marriage by being self-sacrificing in order to please the Commander.Ω

Symposium topics to be solicited from congregation

The CHURCH FORUM meeting every Tuesday would want to solicit from the congregation recommendations for TOPICS that may be appropriate for discussions in a symposium. As previously agreed at Midtown, the fifth (5th) Sundays will be devoted to symposiums instead of the usual Bible Study Hour and Sermon. In line with this, kindly submit in writing any proposed topic that may be considered for a symposium on or before April 22, 2018. Ω

Benevolence & MOM to meet briefly today

The Benevolence Ministry and the Mission Outreach Ministry (MOM) together with the medical team will be meeting briefly after the worship assembly today with brother Julius Rojo for an urgent matter, i.e., for a PROPOSED MEDICAL & DENTAL MISSION.

Meanwhile, brother Jun Bondoc solicits the congregation to help in disseminating the schedule of medical missions sponsored by the ROTARY CLUB OF BAGUIO and HEDCOR as follows: April 19—Alno, La Trinidad; April 27—Alapang, La Trinidad. Thank you.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering April 8, 2018

AM COLLECTION
P33,421.00

PM COLLECTION
P3,000.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P36,421.00

MOM - P1000

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 94 YP - 45 Children - 34 Guests - 1	PM Adults -18 YP - 8 Children - 1 Guests - 0
TOTAL - 174	TOTAL - 27

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 201

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *Gloria Yang | *Priscilla Bayasen |
| *Marina Gawwe | *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 Palaypayan | *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 |
| | *Katrina Oliva |

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

Greg & Tess Kitma (Bokod)
Sameons (Negros Mission)
Jojo & Janet Ramos (USA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— APRIL 17, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**—MIDTOWN HALL | APRIL 15, 2018 | 12—2:30 PM
- **ACU LADIES DAY**—ACU, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | APRIL 21, 2018 | 8:00 AM—5:00 PM | RF: P75.00
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—HOST: TALAMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CEBU CITY | APRIL 25—28, 2018
- **NATIONAL SINGLES RETREAT**—ACU, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | APRIL 30—MAY 3, 2018 | RF: P850.00 FOR SINGLES 17 YEARS OLD & ABOVE.
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION FEE: P1400.00

WE ARE CHILDREN IN THE SAME FAMILY

When we consider the implications of the fact that Christians are in the same family, we will be encouraged to build and maintain unity among God's people. Consider the following;

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED THE SAME BIRTH (1 Peter 1:23-25). The only way to enter God's spiritual family is by a spiritual birth, through faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:1-16). Just as there are two parents in physical birth, so there are two parents in spiritual birth: the Spirit of God (John 3:5-6) and the Word of God (1 Peter 1:23). The new birth gives to us a new nature (2 Peter 1:4) as well as a new and living hope (1 Peter 1:3).

Our first birth was a birth of "flesh," and the flesh is corruptible. Whatever is born of flesh is destined to die and decay. This explains why mankind cannot hold civilization together. It is all based on human flesh and is destined to fall apart. Like the beautiful flowers of spring, man's works look successful for a time, but then they start to decay and die. All the way from the Tower of Babel in Gen 11, to "Babylon the Great" in Rev 17-18, man's great attempts at unity are destined to fail.

If we try to build unity in the church on the basis of our first birth, we will fail; but if we build unity on the basis of the new birth, it will succeed. Each believer has the same Holy Spirit dwelling within (Rom 8:9). We call on the same Father (1 Peter 1:17) and share His divine nature. We trust the same Word, and that Word will never decay or disappear. We have trusted the same Gospel and have been born of the same Spirit. The externals of the flesh that could divide us mean nothing when compared with the eternals of the Spirit that unite us.

WE EXPRESS THE SAME LOVE (1 Peter 1:22). Peter used two different words for love: *philadelphia* which is "brotherly love," and *agape*, which is *godlike sacrificial love*. It is important that we share both kinds of love. We share brotherly love because we are brothers and sisters in Christ and have likenesses. We share *agape* love because we belong to God and therefore can overlook differences.

By nature, all of us are selfish; so it took a miracle of God to give us this love. Because we *obeyed the truth through the Spirit*, "God purified our souls and poured His love into our hearts (Rom 5:5). Love for the brethren is an evidence that we truly have been born of God (1 John 4:7-21). Now we are *obedient children*" (1 Peter 1:14) who no longer want to live in the selfish desires of the old life.

It is tragic when people try to *manufacture* love, because the product is obviously cheap and artificial. *The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords*" (Ps 55:21). The love that we share with each other, and with a lost world, must be generated by the Spirit of God. It is a constant power in our lives, and not something that we turn on and off like a radio. We have two wonderful *assistants* to help us: the Word of God and the Spirit of God. The same truth that we trusted and obeyed to become God's children also nurtures and empowers us. It is impossible to love the truth and hate the brethren. The Spirit of God produces the *fruit of the Spirit* in our lives, and the first of these is love (Gal 5:22-23). If we are filled with the Word of God (Col 3:16 ff) and the Spirit of God (Eph 5:18 ff), we will manifest the love of God in our daily experiences.

WE ENJOY THE SAME NOURISHMENT (1 Peter 2:1-3). God's Word has life, gives life, and nourishes life. We should have appetites for the Word just like hungry newborn babes! We should want the pure Word, unadulterated, because this alone can help us grow. It is sad when Christians have no appetite for God's Word, but must be *fed* religious entertainment instead. As we grow, we discover that the Word is milk for babes, but also meat for the mature (1 Cor 3:1-4; Heb 5:11-14). It is also bread (Matt 4:4) and honey (Ps 119:103). Sometimes children have no appetite because they have been eating the wrong things. Peter warned his readers to *lay aside* certain wrong attitudes of heart that would hinder their appetite and spiritual growth. *Malice* means wickedness in general. *Guile* is craftiness, using devious words and actions to get what we want. Of course, if we are guilty of malice and guile, we will try to hide it; and this produces *hypocrisies*. Often the cause of ill will is envy, and one result of envy is evil speaking, conversation that tears the other person down. If these attitudes and actions are in our lives, we will lose our appetite for the pure word of God. If we stop feeding on the Word, we stop growing, and we stop enjoying (*tasting*) the grace that we find in the Lord. **When Christians are growing in the Word, they are peacemakers, not troublemakers, and they promote the unity of the church. Ω**

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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

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SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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