

Servers Today, June 10, 2018

Keeping Ourselves From Falling
(2 Peter 1:1-11)

Speaker: Jesse Bestre
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 Invocation: Greg Kitma
 Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes
 Communion Text: Ephesians 2:4-10
 Scripture Reading: Janriel Abance
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Cup: Jasper Perdigon
 Prayer for the Giving: Carlos Gonzales
 Closing Prayer: Sol Palaypayon
 Announcement: Arnan Bayla
 Evening Speaker: Jesse Bestre
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 To Bring Flowers: Laisha Montez
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown
 Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

Communion: Tess 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 June 17, 2018

The Foundation Of Our Faith
(2 Peter 2:12-21)

Speaker: Andy Bestre
 Song Leader: June Reyes
 Invocation: Gaspar Baldo, Jr.
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva
 Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30
 Scripture Reading: Donnel Gonzales
 Prayer for the Bread: JJ Ramos
 Prayer for the Cup: Eugene Aguinaldo
 Prayer for the Giving: Jhun Bayating
 Closing Prayer: Abe Insas
 Announcement: June Reyes
 Evening Speaker: Andy Bestre
 Song Leader: June Reyes
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Drinks: Marina Gawe
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon Family

Communion: Tess Kitma
 Worship Coordinator: Tada | Glori | Tacay



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YPeez unwind right after VBS closing program

Twenty-seven VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL) STAFF led by brothers Jesse Bestre, O'neil Gonzales, Ezra Valdez, and Janriel Abance trooped to the famous Riverview Water Park in Nangalisan, Tuba afternoon of Friday, June 1, 2018 to celebrate the resounding success of the VBS concluded in the morning of that same day. Having painstakingly prepared the taxing staging of the VBS, unwinding and having a good relaxation together was a healthy way to rejuvenate tired bodies says the organizers. As the event was an overnight fellowship, they were accommodated by brother Julius Udan, minister of the Nangalisan congregation, at the NCOC chapel located within the Riverview Water Park.

After swimming and before retiring for the night, the VBS staff present made an evaluation of the 2018 VBS—sharing each other's experiences, insights, and recommendations for the next VBS. Overall, the VBS staff felt fulfilled and praises the Lord Almighty for the loving guidance as well as appreciates the usual all-out support and encouragement of the Midtown brethren.Ω

Midtown brethren join celebration at Riverview

A good number of Midtown brethren joined other well-wishers and the Bavating family in a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE AND LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP in celebration of brother Maril Podac Bayating's seventieth (70th) birth anniversary at the Riverview Water Park, Nangalisan, Tuba the other past Saturday, June 2, 2018. Brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre presided over the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in which brother Arnan Bayla delivered a fitting message on "CELEBRATING THE LORD'S GOODNESS" based on Psalm 28:6-7. He reiterated that celebrating the Lord's goodness is a testimony of answered prayers, assurance of divine assistance, and mindful trust in the Lord. He also added that simplicity, contentment, and generosity as a way of life brings unbounded joy. Well-wishers including relatives and family, former classmates, school batch mates, and business associates rendered tribute with original musical compositions and heart-warming presentations. The Bavating family thanked everyone for their support, love and prayers.Ω

"While it is wise to learn from experience, it is wiser to learn from the experiences of others."

READ Proverbs 19:1-29

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Special collection today for sister Dith Zamora

Last May 31, 2018, sister Claudette 'Dith' Zamora, a long-time active member of this congregation was confined at the BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER as per instruction of her doctors due to chronic severe migraine coupled by vomiting. She was discharged the next day with the instruction that she needs to undergo MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) to assess her condition. She is scheduled for the urgent procedure tomorrow, June 11, 2018 @ 3PM. Due to the expensive procedure costing P16,000.00, an appeal was received to help her out. So in last Tuesday's CHURCH FORUM, the body recommended that she be included in the prayer list and that a special collection be made for her medical needs.

The SPECIAL COLLECTION will be done right after the regular offering have been made today. God bless you richly for your love.Ω

Brethren inaugurate newest diner in town

At the invitation of the Nawew family, brother Arnan Bayla and other brethren officiated the inauguration of the newest diner in town, the NAINER'S DINER, located at Unit 119 E Albergo Residences Hotel, Villamor Drive, this city, late afternoon of the other past Saturday, June 2, 2018.

Brother Arnan Bayla admonished the management and staff of the said establishment with THE SEVEN LAWS OF STEWARDSHIP based on the PARABLE OF THE TALENTS. Spouses Nainer & Rica Nawew & family expressed their gratitude for the inspiration, support, and prayers.

Meanwhile, brother Nainer's father, Mr. Gaspar Nawew, who graced the occasion, expressed his appreciation for the unceasing prayers offered by the Midtown brethren in his behalf. He says he felt the prayers and has fully recovered from his recent surgery. He and his wife extends warmest regards to the Midtown congregation.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering June 3, 2018

AM COLLECTION
P33,616.00

PM COLLECTION
P2,283.50

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P35,899.50

MOM - P1000

ATTENDANCE

AM	PM
Adults - 98	Adults - 22
YP - 33	YP - 5
Children - 38	Children - 1
Guests - 0	Guests - 0
TOTAL - 169	TOTAL - 28

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 197

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Gloria Yang | *Jeremy Denis |
| *Marina Gawe | *Eduardo Ganga |
| *Sotero Denis | *Linda Yaneza |
| *Bernie Austria | *Florence Magalong |
| *Norma Aping | *Bernard Ignacio |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Shinar Ciencia |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Dave Mcmillin |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Dan Sameon |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *Sophia Tanicala |
| *Lily Soriano | *Lucia Entera |
| *Andy Bestre | *Felix & Layola Bravo |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Clabern Sharlo Abance |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Katrina Oliva |
| *Ofelia Abance | *Jane S. Abance |
| *Cecilia Alvarez | *Maky Walang |
| *Paulina A. Factora | *Octavio Abance |
| *Priscilla Bayasen | *Jonah & Cel Cirilo |
| *Rolito Tugay-an | *Dith Zamora |

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

Jun Reyes, Amber Po,
 Wynn Roncal (Bacolod)
 Sameons (Negros)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— JUNE 12, 2018 (HOLIDAY) RESUMES JUNE 19, 2018
- **7TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN ASPULAN**— BSU SECONDARY LABORATORY SCHOOL MINI GYM, KM 6 LTB | SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 | 8:00 AM—5:00 PM | REG. FEE: 13 Y/O & ABOVE—P100 | BELOW 13 Y/O—P50
- **SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER**— OUTREACH ACTIVITY TO NANGALISAN | TENTATIVE DATE: JUNE 11-13,
- **BAGUIO—BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP**—HOST: MIDTOWN YPEEZ | JUNE 23, 2018 | 1:00—5:00 PM
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION FEE: P1400.00

KNOWING & GROWING

If anybody in the early church knew the importance of being alert, it was the Apostle Peter. He had a tendency in his early years to feel overconfident when danger was near and to overlook the Master's warnings. He rushed ahead when he should have waited; he slept when he should have prayed; he talked when he should have listened. He was a courageous, but careless, Christian. But he learned his lesson, and he wants to help us learn it too. In his first epistle, Peter emphasized the grace of God (1 Peter 5:12), but in this second letter, his emphasis is on the knowledge of God. The word know or knowledge is used at least thirteen times in this short epistle. The word does not mean a mere intellectual understanding of some truth, though that is included. It means a living participation in the truth in the sense that our Lord used it in John 17:3 - *This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.* Peter opened his letter with a description of the Christian life. Before he described the counterfeits, he described the true believers. The best way to detect falsehood is to understand the characteristics of the truth. Peter made three important affirmations about the true Christian life.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE BEGINS WITH FAITH (2 Peter 1:1-4)

Peter called it *like precious faith*. "It means that our standing with the Lord today is the same as that of the Apostles centuries ago. They had no special advantage over us simply because they were privileged to walk with Christ, see Him with their own eyes, and share in His miracles. It is not necessary to see the Lord with our human eyes in order to love Him, trust Him, and share His glory (1 Peter 1:8). This faith is in a person (vv. 1-2). That Person is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour. From the very outset of his letter, Peter affirmed the deity of Jesus Christ. *God* and *our Saviour* are not two different Persons; they describe one Person, Jesus Christ. Paul used a similar expression in Titus 2:10 and Titus 3:4. When you are born into the family of God by faith in Christ, you are born complete. God gives you everything you will ever need *for life and godliness*. Nothing has to be added! *And ye are complete in Him* (Col 2:10). The false teachers claimed that they had a *special doctrine* that would add something to the lives of Peter's readers, but Peter knew that nothing could be added. Just as a normal

baby is born with all the *equipment* he needs for life and only needs to grow, so the Christian has all that is needed and only needs to grow.

FAITH RESULTS IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH (2 Peter 1:5-7)

Spiritual growth is not automatic. It requires cooperation with God and the application of spiritual diligence and discipline. *Work out your own salvation...* for it is God which worketh in you" (Phil 2:12-13). A Christian is supposed to glorify God because he has God's nature within; so, when he does this, he shows *excellence* because he is fulfilling his purpose in life. True virtue in the Christian life is not *polishing* human qualities, no matter how fine they may be, but producing divine qualities that make the person more like Jesus Christ. Godliness simply means *God-likeness*. In the original Greek, this word meant *to worship well*. It described the man who was right in his relationship with God and with his fellowmen. Perhaps the words reverence and piety come closer to defining this term. It is that quality of character that makes a person distinctive. He lives above the petty things of life, the passions and pressures that control the lives of others. He seeks to do the will of God and, as he does, he seeks the welfare of others.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH BRINGS PRACTICAL RESULTS (2 Peter 1:8-11)

Peter gave three evidences of true spiritual growth. **1. Fruitfulness (8).** Christian character is an end in itself, but it is also a means to an end. The more we become like Jesus Christ the more the Spirit can use us in witness and service. The believer who is not growing is idle (*barren*) and unfruitful. **2. Vision (9).** Nutritionists tell us that diet can certainly affect vision and this is especially true in the spiritual realm. The unsaved person is in the dark because Satan has blinded his mind. A person has to be born again before his eyes are opened and he can see the kingdom of God (John 3:3). But after our eyes are opened, it is important that we increase our vision and see all that God wants us to see. **3. Security (10-11).** If you walk around with your eyes closed, you will stumble! But the growing Christian walks with confidence because he knows he is secure in Christ. It is not our profession of faith that guarantees that we are saved; it is our progression in the faith that gives us that assurance. Know and grow! 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

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

See schedule



Worship Assembly
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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