

**Servers Today, 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: Lara Montes  
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown  
 To Bring Drinks: Marina Gawe  
 Usher/ettes: Perdigon 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 24, 2018**

**Warning Against False Teachers**  
(2 Peter 2:1-22)

Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva  
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang  
 Intercessory Prayer: Jesse Bestre  
 Communion Text: Romans 6:1-7  
 Scripture Reading: Ira Po  
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre  
 Prayer for the Cup: Sam Quezada  
 Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin  
 Closing Prayer: Charlie Abance  
 Announcement: Chris Oliva  
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla  
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva  
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Gonzales Family

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**Last Sunday's Offering June 10, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION**  
P33,325.00

**PM COLLECTION**  
P4,294.00

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION**  
P37,619.00

**MOM - P500**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
Adults - 95	Adults - 31
YP - 32	YP - 7
Children - 35	Children - 2
Guests - 0	Guests - 0

**TOTAL - 162**

**TOTAL - 40**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 202**

**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      | *Dave Mcmillin         |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy    | *Dan Sameon            |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Sophia Tanicala       |
| *Carmen Villanueva   | *Lucia Entera          |
| *Lily Soriano        | *Felix & Layola Bravo  |
| *Andy Bestre         | *Clabern Sharlo Abance |
| *Gil & Diana Geron   | *Katrina Oliva         |
| *Rodrigo Tada        | *Jane S. Abance        |
| *Ofelia Abance       | *Maky Walang           |
| *Cecilia Alvarez     | *Octavio Abance        |
| *Paulina A. Factora  | *Jonah & Cel Cirilo    |
| *Priscilla Bayasen   | *Diith Zamora          |
| *Rolito Tugay-an     |                        |

*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**

Bondocs (Canada)  
 Ramoses (HongKong)  
 Baylas & Co (Cabanatuan)



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**Summer Bible Encounter turns rainy in Nangalisan**

This year's SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER (SBE) held at Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet last June 11-12, 2018 had a number of twists to it. One is it took an "outreach outfit" instead of the usual camping style. Second, it was renamed RAINY BIBLE ENCOUNTER (RBE) for it was held past the summer months and at the onset of the official rainy season. Third, other young people from sister congregations such as Nangalisan and Hydro got involved in the two-day RBE. The outreach was held in Nangalisan with the first day spent in hiking, singspiration, and preparation for the mini-VBS to be conducted the next day. On the second day, the planned mini-VBS was realized at NANGALISAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. There were at least thirty-five (35) children of various ages who actively participated in the mini-VBS (Vacation Bible School). In the afternoon of the same day, the young people volunteered to transfer volumes of books to a safer and drier location in the campus.

YPeez from Midtown, namely, JJ Ramos, Kemuel & Kana Perdigon, Ezra Valdez, Jesse Bestre, Jehzeel Diane Martin, Grace Abance, Maureen Soriano, Amber Po, and Abi Kitma were joined by Julius & Henry Udan, James Biadno, Leonard, Lester, & Jona Passay, Jeun Ebanio, and Bethany Ramirez of the Nangalisan congregation and by Jhondy Cristobal, Dhemar & Mardlyn Mendoza of the Hydro congregation.Ω

**Mario Nagen ties the knot with Jazen Aquino at BCOC**

Brother MARIO CAMILO NAGEN and sister JAZEN ABAPO AQUINO, both active members of the Midtown congregation were wedded at the auditorium of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Ramando Rd. last Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 10 o'clock in the morning. Brother Arnan Bayla, licensed solemnizing officer, officiated the wedding ceremony. The couple previously completed the required premarital counseling course, "PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY" with brother Arnan Bayla.

Midtown brethren join the couple in jubilations and congratulate them as well as pray for a truly successful marriage that would bring glory, praise, and honor to the Lord Almighty.Ω

**"Human minds have the tendency to forget what ought to be remembered and remember what ought to be forgotten."**

**READ Ecclesiastes 11&12**

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**Ladies devotional and luncheon fellowship today**

All ladies are invited to attend today's LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP to be held at the Midtown Assembly Hall right after the morning worship assembly. Today's devotional topic, "A PERSON OF INFLUENCE ENLARGES PEOPLE," will be discussed by sister Minda G. Oliva. As usual, there will be meaningful social interaction and the customary exchanges of pleasantries during the luncheon fellowship.

The 2nd Steering Committee composed of sisters Letty Bayating, Jovy Mabesa, Janet Ramos, Angela Ramos, Ruth Camora, Marlene Samonte, Minda Oliva, and Carina Lacaba, convey their appreciation for the active participation and involvement of the ladies in the devotionals for this quarter.Ω

**'Elderlies' serve with Bokod brethren in joint assembly**

In response to the request of the Bokod brethren, a number of brothers considered as "advancing in age and maturity" served in the recent joint worship assembly of the Bokod congregations, namely, Pito, Penged, and Poblacion. Brothers Ernie Wagang, Greg Kitma, and Jojo Ramos served in various capacities there last June 3, 2018. Brother Ernie Wagang discussed in his sermon, "TRANSFORMATION, BRIDLING THE TONGUE, AND OBEDIENT FAITH" based on Romans 12 and James 3.Ω

**Ramoses serve in Wanchai's spiritual enrichment encounter**

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos together with two of their children, Angela and Rico, are currently serving in various capacities with the brethren in Wanchai, Hong Kong. The WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST with which brother Felix Olidan Jr. serves as minister, is conducting a "SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT ENCOUNTER" beginning today and will run until Monday, June 18, 2018. More details of this in the next issue of this bulletin.Ω

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—TODAY, JUNE 17, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—MIDTOWN HALL | JUNE 19, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **CABANATUAN CHURCH OF CHRIST'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY**—TODAY, JUNE 17, 2018 | 9:00 AM—3 PM
- **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

# The Dependable & Durable Word

The best defense against false teaching is true living. A church filled with growing Christians, vibrant in their faith, is not likely to fall prey to apostates with their counterfeit Christianity. But this Christian living must be based on the authoritative Word of God. False teachers find it easy to seduce people who do not know their Bible but who are desirous of *Experiences* with the Lord. It is a dangerous thing to build on subjective experience alone and ignore objective revelation. Peter's purpose is to show the importance of knowing God's Word and relying on it completely. The Christian who knows what he believes and why he believes it will rarely be seduced by the false teachers and their devious doctrines. Peter underscores the dependability and durability of the Word of God by contrasting Scripture with men, experiences, and the world.

## MEN DIE, BUT THE WORD LIVES

(2 Peter 1:12-15)  
Through their preaching and teaching, the Apostles laid the foundation of the church (Eph 2:20) and we in later generations are building on that foundation. However, the men were not the foundation; Jesus Christ is the Foundation (1 Cor 3:11). He is also the chief Cornerstone that ties the building together (Eph 2:20). If the church is to last, it cannot be built on mere men. It must be built on the Son of God. What was it that Peter wanted to accomplish? The answer is found in the word that is repeated in 2 Peter 1:12-13 and 15 - *remembrance*. Peter wanted to impress his readers' minds with the Word of God so that they would never forget it! *I think it meet ... to stir you up by putting you in remembrance* (2 Peter 1:13). The verb "stir you up" means *to awaken, to arouse*. Peter knew that our minds have a tendency to get accustomed to truth and then to take it for granted. We forget what we ought to remember, and we remember what we ought to forget! We do not depend on the traditions of dead men; we depend on the truth of the living Word. Men die, but the Word lives forever. Fortunately, we can depend on the written Word of God. *It is written* and it stands written forever. We can be saved through this living Word, nurtured by it, and guided and protected as we trust and obey.

## EXPERIENCES FADE, BUT THE WORD REMAINS

(2 Peter 1:16-18)  
The focus in this paragraph is on the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. The experience

is recorded by Matthew (17:1 ff), Mark (9:2-8), and Luke (9:28-36); yet none of those writers actually participated in it! Peter was there when it happened! In fact, the very words that he used in this section (2 Peter 1:12-18) remind us of his experience on the Mount of Transfiguration. He used the word *tabernacle* twice (2 Peter 1:13-14), and this suggests Peter's words, *Let us make here three tabernacles* (Matt 17:4). Now we can understand why Peter used this event in His letter: he was refuting the false teachings of the apostates that the kingdom of God would never come (2 Peter 3:ff). These false teachers denied the promise of Christ's coming! In the place of God's promises, these counterfeits put *unningly devised fables* (2 Peter 1:16) that robbed the believers of their blessed hope. You and I were not eyewitnesses of the Transfiguration. Peter was there, and he faithfully recorded his experience for us in the letter that he wrote, inspired by the Spirit of God. Experiences fade, but the Word of God remains! Experiences are subjective, but the Word of God is objective. Experiences may be interpreted in different ways by different participants, but the Word of God gives one clear message. What we remember about our experiences can be unconsciously distorted, but the Word of God remains the same and abides forever.

## THE WORLD DARKENS, BUT THE WORD SHINES

(2 Peter 1:19-21)  
In some respects, the world is getting better. Thank God for the advances in medicine, transportation, and communication. But the human heart is still wicked. And Peter did not see this world as a Garden of Eden, neither should we. Before the day dawns, the *day star* (or morning star) shines brightly as the herald of the dawn. To the church, Jesus Christ is *the Bright and Morning Star* (Rev 22:16). The promise of His coming shines brightly, no matter how dark the day may be (see Num 24:17). He is also the *Sun of Righteousness*, who will bring healing to believers but judgment to unbelievers (Mal 4:1-2). How thankful we ought to be for God's sure and shining Word, and how we ought to heed it in these dark days! Until the day dawns, we must be sure that the love for His coming is like a shining star in our hearts (2 Peter 1:19). Unless we love His appearing, we will not look for His appearing, and it is the Word that keeps that expectation bright. Ω

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

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
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
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Young People Family Life Center	5:30 – 7:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales, et. al.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 – 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
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
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
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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