

**Servers Today, March 25, 2018**

**The Salvation of Jacob's Family**  
(Genesis 42:1-50:26)

Guest Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
 Song Leader: June Reyes  
 Invocation: Jhun Bayating  
 Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva  
 Communion Text: Romans 8:1-4  
 Scripture Reading: Ira Po  
 Prayer for the Bread: Julius Rojo  
 Prayer for the Cup: Sam Quezada  
 Prayer for the Giving: Abe Insas  
 Closing Prayer: Rolito Tugay-an  
 Announcement: Jun Reyes  
 Evening Speaker: Ernie Wagang  
 Song Leader: June Reyes  
 To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban  
 To Bring Biscuits: Josie Baban  
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown  
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

Communion: Angela Ramos  
 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 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: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed  
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed  
 Usher/ettes: Tacay Family

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



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**Midtown ypeeaz facilitate Nangalisan youth fellowship**

Eight young people from Midtown served with the Nangalisan congregation last Sunday in keeping with their commitment to serve there every third Sunday. Brother Jesse Bestre served as the sermon speaker on "LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ISAAC" during the worship assembly. Right after the fellowship meal, the youth of Midtown and Nangalisan had an afternoon of fellowship and discussions on "LEARNING PATIENCE THROUGH SUFFERINGS."

Brother O'neil Gonzales facilitated the study while sister Sheema Valdez took charge of the Icebreakers. Sisters Jehzeel Diane Martin, Mary Jo Dugaysan, May Flor Aquidadan, and brother Melchizedek Aquino assisted in the activities. There were eight young people from Nangalisan who enjoyed the warm and encouraging fellowship.

Earlier, brothers Jesse Bestre and Janriel Abance together with sisters Jehzeel Diane Martin and Amber Phoelen Po joined the ONE NIGHT ONLY RETREAT hosted by brother Jun Fuentes of the SUNSET CHURCH OF CHRIST, Lubbock, Texas, USA at the A-HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST on Parisas St., Camp 7, Kennon, this city, the other past Saturday, May 17, 2018. The retreat featured "FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, FUN, FOOD, AND FOCUS ON JESUS AT THE UPPER ROOM."Ω

**Ladies learn to effectively overcome weaknesses**

Twenty-three ladies participated in last Sunday's Ladies Devotional & Luncheon Fellowship held at Midtown's Assembly Hall at 12:00—2:30 PM. Group dynamics and role playing facilitated by sister Kesha Oliva reinforced the quarter's discussions on "OVERCOMING OUR WEAKNESSES." Sisters Pearl Bestre and Me-an Gonzales assisted in the administration of the activities. Sister Amber Phoelen Po led the community singing while sister Melina Igoy and Cecilia led in prayers.

Once more, the FIRST LADIES STEERING GROUP composed of Amber Po, Pearl Bestre, Kesha Oliva, Me-an Gonzales, Norma Aping, Cecilia Alvarez, Clarita Cachero, Sarah Sameon, Melina Igoy, Beth Sevilla, and Lou Villanueva, conveys appreciation for the usual active participation of the congregation's ladies.Ω

"What the child sees, the child does. What the child does, the child is."

**READ Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

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**Midtown sympathizes with Aurigue & Villanueva families**

Midtown conveys deepest sympathies to the Villanueva and Aurigue families for the loss of their loved one, Monica Villanueva Aurigue, born to spouses Don-don & Bambi Aurigue on November 23, 2004 and passed away due to pneumonia on March 21, 2018.

The FRIDAY CARE GROUP conducted a devotional Friday evening. Brother Arnan Bayla served as the devotional speaker in which he encouraged the family, friends and relatives "TO GLADLY TAKE ONE'S PORTION AND CUP THE LORD HAS GIVEN" based on Lamentations 3:22-24, Psalm 16:5, and the 23rd Psalm. Another devotional service was conducted Saturday evening by many members of this congregation.

As requested by sister Lou Villanueva in behalf of the bereaved, the Midtown congregation will officiate the funeral service at the St. Peter Chapels, Marcos Highway, this city, at 12:30 PM today. The committal service follows immediately at the BEYOND THE SUNSET CREMATORIUM located at Barangay Irisan, this city. Ω

**Couples care group turns trials into triumphs**

Six couples, namely, Jun & Lulu Bondoc, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Jerry & Dionesia Martin, and Noel & Cot Espinosa, gathered at the Midtown Assembly Hall, evening of the other past Saturday, March 17, 2018 for the Couples Care Group's monthly fellowship. Activities and lessons were geared towards "OVERCOMING CHALLENGES WITH CHRIST" in which the couples are encouraged to turn trials into triumphs for without these, there will be no testimonies to speak of and to share. Each couple shared some significant Bible passages that guided them in making their marriage a triumph.

God willing, the next activity will be held on the ARAW NG KAGITINGAN, April 9, 2018.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering March 18, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION**  
P38,375.75

**PM COLLECTION**  
P1,871.00

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION**  
P40,245.75

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
Adults - 111	Adults -22
YP - 42	YP - 2
Children - 38	Children - 2
Guests - 0	Guests - 4
<b>TOTAL - 191</b>	<b>TOTAL - 30</b>

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 221**

**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 |

*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**

Sameons (Negros)  
 Young People Delegates  
 (Batangas)  
 Vacationists

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MARCH 27, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM**— MIDTOWN HALL | MARCH 25, 2018 | 1:00—4:00 PM
- **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)
- **METRO-WIDE YOUTH CAMP**— SIBFK CHRISTIAN CAMP, MALVAR, BATANGAS | MARCH 28-31, 2018 | HOST: BATANGAS CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION FEE: P1100.00
- **FUNERAL SERVICE**— ST. PETER CHAPELS, MARCOS HIGHWAY, BAGUIO CITY @ 12:30 PM AND AT THE BEYOND THE SUNSET CREMATORIUM @ 2:00 PM

# LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JACOB

JACOB

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are among the most significant people in the Old Testament. It is important to realize that this significance is not based upon their personal characters, but upon the character of God. They were all men who earned the grudging respect and even fear of their peers; they were wealthy and powerful, and yet each was capable of lying, deceit, and selfishness. They were not the perfect heroes we might have expected; instead, they were just like us, trying to please God, but often falling short.

Jacob was the third link in God's plan to start a nation from Abraham. The success of that plan was more often in spite of than because of Jacob's life. Before Jacob was born, God promised that his plan would be worked out through Jacob and not his twin brother, Esau. Although Jacob's methods were not always respectable, his skill, determination, and patience have to be admired. As we follow him from birth to death, we are able to see God's work.

Jacob's life had four stages, each marked by a personal encounter with God. In the first stage, Jacob lived up to his name, which means "he grasps the heel" (figuratively, "he deceives"). He grabbed Esau's heel at birth, and by the time he fled from home, he had also grabbed his brother's birthright and blessing. During his flight, God first appeared to him. Not only did God confirm to Jacob his blessing, but he awakened in Jacob a personal knowledge of himself. In the second stage, Jacob experienced life from the other side, being manipulated and deceived by Laban. But there is a curious change: the Jacob of stage one would simply have left Laban, whereas the Jacob of stage two, after deciding to leave, waited six years for God's permission. In the third stage, Jacob was in a new role as grabber. This time, by the Jordan River, he grabbed on to God and wouldn't let go. He realized his dependence on the God who had continued to bless him. His relationship to God became essential to his life, and his name was changed to Israel, "he struggles with God." Jacob's last stage of life was to be grabbed—God achieved a firm hold on him. In responding to Joseph's invitation to come to Egypt, Jacob was clearly unwilling to make a move without God's approval.

Can you think of times when God has made himself known to you? Do you allow yourself to meet him as you study his Word? What difference have these experiences made in your life? Are you more like the young Jacob, forcing God to track you down in the desert of your own plans and mistakes? Or are you more like the Jacob who placed his desires and plans before God for his approval before taking any action?

**Strengths and accomplishments:**

- Father of the 12 tribes of Israel
- Third in the Abrahamic line of God's plan
- Determined, willing to work long and hard for what he wanted
- Good businessman

**Weaknesses and mistakes:**

- When faced with conflict, relied on his own resources rather than going to God for help
- Tended to accumulate wealth for its own sake

**Lessons from his life:**

- Security does not lie in the accumulation of goods
- All human intentions and actions—for good or evil—are woven by God into his ongoing plan

**Vital statistics:**

- Where: Canaan
- Occupation: Shepherd, livestock owner
- Relatives: Parents: Isaac and Rebekah. Brother: Esau. Father-in-law: Laban. Wives: Rachel and Leah. Twelve sons and one daughter are mentioned in the Bible

**Key verse:**

"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Genesis 28:15)

Jacob's story is told in Genesis 25—50. He is also mentioned in Hosea 12:2-5; Matthew 1:2; 22:32; Acts 3:13; 7:46; Romans 9:11-13; 11:26; Hebrews 11:9, 20, 21.

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  - B. The Fall of Man
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  - C. Jesus the Savior
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  - D. The Steps of Salvation
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  - F. Where Will Your Life End?

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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: 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

**MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS**

See schedule



**SUNDAY PM WORSHIP**

Worship Assembly  
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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