

Servers Today, May 20, 2018

Living In The End Times
(1 Peter 4:1-11)

Speaker: Felix Olidan, Jr.
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Charlie Abance
 Intercessory Prayer: June Reyes
 Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-18
 Scripture Reading: Ira Po
 Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Cup: Richard Bestre
 Prayer for the Giving: Julius Rojo
 Closing Prayer: Abe Insas
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Felix Olidan, Jr.
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Laisha Montes
 To Bring Biscuits: Jane Abance
 To Bring Drinks: Jane Abance
 Usher/ettes: Palaypayon Family

Communion: Loida Baddas
 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 May 27, 2018

Persevering Through Persecution
(1 Peter 4:12-19)

Speaker: Andy Bestre
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Jesse Bestre
 Communion Text: Hebrews 10:1-10
 Scripture Reading: Jasper Perdigon
 Prayer for the Bread: Ezra Valdez
 Prayer for the Cup: Oneil Gonzales
 Prayer for the Giving: Dexter Wagang
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Martin
 Announcement: Mervin Oliva
 Evening Speaker: Andy Bestre
 Song Leader: Mervin Oliva
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

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Midtown welcomes her former minister today

The Midtown congregation welcomes brother Felix L. Olidan Jr., and his wife, sister Luzoila Espiritu—Olidan from Wanchai, Hong Kong. The spouses are in the country for a brief vacation and to visit their loved ones in Batchelor, Natividad, Pangasinan and in Luna, La union.

Brother Felix and his family are former members at Midtown before they moved to Hong Kong to serve with the WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST in 2008. Today, brother Felix will be serving as sermon speaker at Midtown in the morning and in the evening assemblies. Welcome!Ω

Ladies luncheon fellowship and devotional today

The 2ND QUARTER STEERING COMMITTEE of the Ladies Ministry composed of sisters Leah Tada, Marlene Samonte, Carina Lacaba, Juvy Mabesa, Minda Oliva, Pearly Ambog, Angela Ramos, Letty Bayating, Ruth Camora, and Janet Ramos, invites all the ladies of the congregation to attend today's LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL to be held at the Midtown Hall right after the morning worship assembly. Sister Janet Ramos will serve as facilitator during the devotional and will discuss "BEING A PEOPLE INFLUENCER" in relation to this quarter's theme, "Being an example of reputable family life. They have also prepared the occasion as a *bienvenida* for spouses Felix & Luz Olidan.Ω

Midtown brethren presides over thanksgiving for Wanchao

At the invitation of the management of the WANCHAO EATERY, some brethren from Midtown conducted a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in celebration of the opening of the said business establishment located across Hotel Elegant, Km 4 Marcos Hi-way last Sunday afternoon. Brother Arnan Bayla, encouraged the management and staff to take to heart THE BIBLICAL LAWS OF STEWARDSHIP based on Matthew 25:14-30 while brother Andy Bestre led the singing. Brethren Lem Glori, Ruth Trinidad, Jane Bestre, Gaspar Jr, and Virgie Baldo joined the management and staff, namely, Jane Wagayen—Ong, Ruth Demot, and Elizabeth Donato, and other guests in celebration.Ω

"Outlook determines outcome, and a believer must have the right attitude if he is to live a right life."

READ 1 Peter 4:1-11

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Tuba resident baptized into Christ Friday night

Brother Leonardo Paus Basil, a long-time resident of Bumagao, Poblacion, Tuba, was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery last Friday evening, May 18, 2018.

His decision to be baptized came about after having studied the NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN OF SALVATION. He has also been attending the Tuba Care Group meeting at the Bayating residence on Tuesdays a couple of times. He is a widower and a father to five grown up children.

Midtown warmly welcomes the new brother and prays for his continued spiritual growth and involvement in the fellowship and in the ministry. Praise the Lord!Ω

Midtown ypeez serve in BPFLC graduation

Some Midtown ypeez who happen to be alumni of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) graced the 15TH RED CARPET CEREMONY AND GRADUATION of elementary pupils of BPFLC last Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Brother Aldian Po and Mahaysha Kitma served as Master of Ceremony. In the GRADUATION BANQUET shortly following the commencement exercises, brothers JJ Ramos and Kajem Kitma entertained the graduates, parents, and guests with their original musical compositions. Meanwhile, brother Ernie Wagang, president of the Board of Trustees awarded the certificates of completion to twenty-one (21) pupils who will be moving up to High School.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as devotional facilitator during the POST-GRADUATION CAMPING AND RETREAT of the graduates Thursday evening, May 17th, in which he encouraged the graduates to endure like soldiers of Christ based on 2 Timothy 2:3-5. He further encouraged them to BRAVELY face hardships, PATIENTLY discharge duties, FAITHFULLY obey commands, LOVINGLY serve others, and to COLLABORATIVELY please the Commander.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering
May 13, 2018

AM COLLECTION
P30,212.00

PM COLLECTION
P3,630.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P33,842.00

MOM - P1000

ATTENDANCE

AM	PM
Adults - 97	Adults -20
YP - 44	YP - 8
Children - 38	Children - 2
Guests - 1	Guests - 0

TOTAL - 180

TOTAL - 30

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 210

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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

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

J. Ramos & Co. (Cag.)
 Felix & Luz Olidan
 Jun Reyes, Amber Po,
 Wynell Roncal (Bacolod)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MAY 22, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—TODAY, MAY 20, 2018 | 12:00—2:30 PM
- **VACATION BIBLE SHOOL**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL & BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER "THE GREATEST SAVIOR" | MAY 28—JUNE 1, 2018 | 8:00 AM—12:00 PM | REG. FEE: P25.00 | 5—13 Y/O
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINING WORKSHOP**—MAY 26, 2018 (SAT) 9 AM—3 PM
- **MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM) MEETING**—FLC | May 25, 2018 (FRI) | 12:00 NN
- **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 REST OF YOUR TIME

If a person really believes in eternity, then he will make the best use of time. If we are convinced that Jesus is coming, then we will want to live prepared lives. Whether Jesus comes first, or death comes first, we want to make *the rest of the time* count for eternity. And we can! Peter described four attitudes that a Christian can cultivate in his lifetime (*the rest of his time*) if he desires to make his life all that God wants it to be.

■ A MILITANT ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN (1 Peter 4:1-3)

The picture is that of a soldier who puts on his equipment and arms himself for battle. Our attitudes are weapons, and weak or wrong attitudes will lead us to defeat. Outlook determines outcome, and a believer must have the right attitudes if he is to live a right life. It is easy for Christians to get accustomed to sin. Instead of having a militant attitude that hates and opposes it, we gradually get used to sin, sometimes without even realizing it. The one thing that will destroy "the rest of our time" is sin. A believer living in sin is a terrible weapon in the hands of Satan. If we do the will of God, then we will invest "the rest of our time" in that which is lasting and satisfying; but if we give in to the world around us, we will waste "the rest of our time" and regret it when we stand before Jesus. The will of God is not a burden that the Father places on us. Rather it is the divine enjoyment and enablement that makes all burdens light.

■ A PATIENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNSAVED (1 Peter 4:4-6)

Unsaved people do not understand the radical change that their friends experience when they trust Christ and become children of God. They do not think it strange when people wreck their bodies, destroy their homes, and ruin their lives by running from one sin to another! But let a drunkard become sober, or an immoral person pure, and the family thinks he has lost his mind! Festus told Paul, *You are out of your mind!* (Acts 26:24, NASB) and people even thought the same thing of our Lord (Mark 3:21). We must be patient toward the lost even though we do not agree with their lifestyles or participate in their sins. After all, unsaved people are blind to spiritual truth (2 Cor 4:3-4) and dead to spiritual enjoyment (Eph 2:1). In fact, our contact with the lost is important to them since we are the bearers of the truth that they need. When unsaved friends attack us, this is our opportunity to witness to them.

■ AN EXPECTANT ATTITUDE TOWARD CHRIST (1 Peter 4:7)

Christians in the early church expected Jesus to return in their lifetime (Rom 13:12; 1 John 2:18). The fact that He did not return does not invalidate His promise (2 Peter 3; Rev 22:20). We must all live in expectancy. The important thing is that we shall see the Lord one day and stand before Him. This attitude of expectancy must not turn us into lazy dreamers (2 Thess 3:6 ff) or zealous fanatics. If you want to make the best use of "the rest of your time," live in the light of the return of Jesus Christ. We shall stand before the Lord! The sober-minded saint will have a purposeful life and not be drifting, and he will exercise restraint and not be impulsive. He will have "sound judgment" not only about doctrinal matters, but also about the practical affairs of life. An expectant attitude toward Christ's return involves a serious, balanced mind and an alert, awake prayer life. If our drinking and praying are right, our living should be right.

■ A FERVENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SAINTS (1 Peter 4:8-11)

If we really look forward to the return of Christ, then we shall think of others and properly relate to them. Love for the saints is important, "above [before] all things." Love is the badge of a believer in this world (John 13:34-35). Especially in times of testing and persecution, Christians need to love one another and be united in heart. This love should be "fervent." The word pictures an athlete straining to reach the goal. It speaks of eagerness and intensity. Christian love is something we have to work at, just the way an athlete works on his skills. It is not a matter of emotional feeling, though that is included, but of dedicated will. Christian love means that we treat others the way God treats us, obeying His commandments in the Word. It is even possible to love people that we do not like! Christian love must result in service. Each Christian has at least one spiritual gift that he must use to the glory of God and the building up of the church. We are stewards. God has entrusted these gifts to us that we might use them for the good of His church. He even gives us the spiritual ability to develop our gifts and be faithful servants of the church. How long is *the rest of your time*? Only God knows. Don't waste it! Invest it by doing the will of God. Ω

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•NEXT ON STAGE•

THE GREATEST SAVIOUR

VBS 2018
MAY 28-JUNE 1
TIME 8:00-12:00

FOR AGES 5-13
Reg. Fee P25



LUKE 19:10

VENUE: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST
TOP FLOOR, MARLET'S BLDG., KM 4
MARCOS HIGHWAY BAGUIO CITY

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CENTER, 3RD BASEMENT, MARLET'S
BLDG., KM 4 MARCOS HIGHWAY
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FEATURING:

WHAT'S THE GREATEST PURPOSE?
WHAT'S THE GREATEST ATTITUDE?
WHAT'S THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?
WHAT'S THE GREATEST SACRIFICE?
WHO IS THE GREATEST?

•KINDLY REGISTER EARLY•
PRE-REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



Communion - 9:00 - 9:30
Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:30
Message - 10:45 - 11:15

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly
5:30 - 6:30 PM

See schedule  

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 Aosas
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



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