

Servers Today, August 12, 2018

The Letter to Church in Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17)

Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva
 Invocation: Jesse Bestre
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo
 Communion Text: Ephesians 2:5-10
 Scripture Reading: Rico Ramos
 Prayer for the Bread: Janriel Abance
 Prayer for the Cup: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Giving: Dexter Wagang
 Closing Prayer: Jhun Bayating
 Announcement: Chris Oliva
 Evening Speaker: Greg Kitma
 Song Leader: Chris Oliva
 To Bring Flowers: Laisha Montes
 To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown
 To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown
 Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

Communion: Keshia Oliva
 Worship Coordinator: Lem Glori | Art 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 August 19, 2018

The Letter to Church in Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29)

Speaker: Arnan Bayla
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Santiago Sameon II
 Intercessory Prayer: Jun Reyes
 Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30
 Scripture Reading: Kemuel Perdigon
 Prayer for the Bread: Sam Quezada
 Prayer for the Cup: Dante Baddas
 Prayer for the Giving: Abe Insas
 Closing Prayer: Jojo Ramos
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Arnan Bayla
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Martin's Family
 To Bring Drinks: Martin's Family
 Usher/ettes: Kitma Family

Communion: Keshia Oliva
 Worship Coordinator: Lem Glori | Art Tacay



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Midtown young people to host Baguio-Benguet joint care group

This Saturday, August 18, 2018, Midtown's young people will take their turn to host the monthly BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUNG PEOPLE'S JOINT CARE GROUP at Midtown's Assembly Hall at 1—5 PM.

In line with this, all young people and young adults are encouraged to plan and to take the time to actively participate as host of the event, reminds brother Jesse Bestre. The program of activities will be one of the agenda in today's Young People's regular meeting at the mezzanine floor right after today's morning worship assembly. Once ironed out today, information details will be sent out through text messages, via messenger, or on facebook.

Ladies luncheon fellowship & devotional next Sunday

All ladies are cordially invited to participate in next Sunday's LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL which will be held at Midtown's Assembly Hall right after the morning worship assembly. Discussions and activities will focus on "EMULATING THE QUALITIES OF A VIRTUOUS WOMAN" based on Proverbs 31. Specifically, this quarter's topic is geared towards "BEING AN EXAMPLE OF PERSONAL BLAMELESSNESS" in which ladies are enjoined in "BECOMING TEMPERATE." The 3rd Quarter Steering Group believes that these studies are needful reminders to remain as the best persons God wants His children to be.Ω

Heritage Bible College opens doors for graduate studies

It was announced recently that the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE based at the Albergo Residences Hotel, Villamor Drive, this city, has opened its doors to students for graduate courses in Biblical Studies this August. In-campus classroom instruction, Off-campus programs, as well as On-line instruction are made available to all interested parties. Scholarships are also made available.

Meanwhile, brother Santiago B. Sameon II serves as one of the instructors in MISSIONS through the in-campus classroom instruction. The first batch of enrollees would have completed the subject offerings by the end of October, 2018. Ω

"Christ is not valued at all unless He is valued above all."

READ Philippians 2:1-11

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YPeez release NYC fund raising update

Midtown's young people announced lately that Fifty-nine Thousand Pesos (P59,000.00) was raised through pledges, savings, and the "alkansiya" from June, 2018 to date. This means that One Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five Pesos (P100,585.00) remains to be raised up before the staging of the NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP which will be held on May 28-31, 2019. With this update, the YPeez thank the brethren for supporting the upcoming NYC. They also pray that since there are barely nine (9) months left before the NYC, Midtown brethren will continue to set aside some more amount for the completion of the remaining targeted budget. Pledge forms are available by the hall entrance and the same should be submitted to brother Jesse Bestre or brother Dexter Wagang. Thank you!Ω

Tuba seniors celebrate 8th anniversary with devo

More or less a hundred senior citizens together with a number of barangay officials celebrated the 8th foundation anniversary of the TUBA POBLACION SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION through a DEVOTIONAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE at the Poblacion Barangay Hall, Tuba, Benguet last August 4, 2018 at 8—9 o'clock in the morning. Brother Arnan Bayla facilitated the devotional and encouraged the seniors to continue to "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." - (Romans 12:10-13)

The association led by its president, brother Charlie Abance, conveyed their appreciation for the continued devotionals being conducted every meeting, believing that the same helps them promote their spiritual welfare.Ω

Last Sunday's Offering August 5, 2018

AM COLLECTION P37,986.00

PM COLLECTION P1,750.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION P39,736.00

MOM - P500

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 111	PM Adults - 21
YP - 34	YP - 8
Children - 30	Children - 2
Guests - 0	Guests - 0
TOTAL - 175	TOTAL - 31

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 206

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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

Pray for on-going Seekers' Bible Studies.



Spiritual guidance and comfort for some brethren; local, national, and world leaders.

James 5:15

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up;" NIV

SAFE TRAVEL



A N N O U N C E M E N T S !

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—ON AUGUST 14, 2018 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUNG PEOPLE'S JOINT CARE GROUP**—MIDTOWN HALL | AUG. 18, 2018 | 2—5 PM
- **LADIES LUNCHEON & DEVOTIONAL**—MIDTOWN HALL | AUGUST 19, 2018 | 12:00—3:00 PM
- **BAGUIO—BENGUET LADIES FELLOWSHIP**—HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | NOV. 30, 2018
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | MAY 28—31, 2019 | HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION FEE: P1400.00
- **NYC FUNDS UPDATE:** P59,000.00 RAISED FROM PLEDGES AND SAVINGS SINCE JUNE, 2018
- **REMAINING NYC FUNDS TO RAISE:** P100,585.00

THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM

(Revelation 2:12-17)

1. DESTINATION (2:12)

The third church was in Pergamum or Pergamos, about 20 miles inland from Smyrna. Like Ephesus and Smyrna it was a wealthy city, but it was wicked. People in its pagan cults worshiped Athena, Asclepius, Dionysus, and Zeus. Pergamum was famous for its university with a library of about 200,000 volumes, and for manufacturing parchment resulting in a paper called Pergamena. The atmosphere of this city was adverse to any effective Christian life and testimony. Anticipating Christ's rebuke for their being tolerant of evil and immorality, John described Him as the One who has the sharp, double-edged sword (also mentioned in 1:16; 2:16; 19:15,21). The sword is a symbolic representation of the Word of God's twofold ability to separate believers from the world and to condemn the world for its sin. It was the sword of salvation as well as the sword of death.

2. COMMENDATION (2:13)

Following the same order as in the two preceding letters, commendation is given first. Christ recognized the difficulty of their situation. They lived where Satan has his throne. This may refer to the great temple of Asclepius, a pagan god of healing represented in the form of a serpent. Further recognition of Satan is indicated at the close of the verse. Pergamum was where Satan lives. The saints there were commended for being true, even when Antipas (which means "against all") was martyred. Nothing is known of this incident. The Christians at Pergamum had been true to God under severe testing but had compromised their testimony in other ways, as seen in the next two verses.

3. REBUKE (2:14-15)

They had been guilty of severe compromise by holding the teaching of Balaam and the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Balaam had been guilty of counseling King Balak to cause Israel to sin through intermarriage with heathen women and through idol-worship (cf. Num 22-25; 31:15-16). Intermarriage with heathen women was a problem in Pergamum where any social contact with the world also involved worship of idols. They were also condemned for following the Nicolaitans' teaching. Earlier the Ephesian church had been commended for rejecting what appears to be a moral departure (cf. Rev 2:6).

Compromise with worldly morality and pagan doctrine was prevalent in the church, especially in the third century when Christianity became popular. So compromise with pagan morality and departure from biblical faith soon corrupted the church.

4. EXHORTATION (2:16)

Christ sharply rebuked the church with the abrupt command, Repent therefore! They were warned. Otherwise, "I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth." He promised that the judgment would come "soon" (*tachys*) which also means "suddenly" (cf. 1:1; 22:7,12,20). Christ would contend with them, using the sword of His mouth (cf. 1:16; 2:12; 19:15,21). This again is the Word of God sharply judging all compromise and sin.

5. PROMISE (2:17)

The final exhortation to individuals, as in the messages to other churches, is again addressed to those who are willing to hear. Overcomers are promised hidden manna and a white stone with a new name written on it. The "hidden manna" may refer to Christ as the *Bread from Heaven*, the unseen source of the believer's nourishment and strength. Whereas Israel received physical food, manna, the church receives spiritual food (John 6:48-51).

Scholars differ as to the meaning of the "white stone." Alford is probably right in saying that the important point is the stone's inscription which gives the believer "a new name," indicating acceptance by God and his title to glory (The Greek Testament, 4:572). This may be an allusion to the Old Testament practice of the high priest wearing 12 stones on his breastplate with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel inscribed on it. **THOUGH BELIEVERS AT PERGAMUM MAY NOT HAVE HAD PRECIOUS STONES OR GEMS OF THIS WORLD, THEY HAD WHAT IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT—ACCEPTANCE BY CHRIST HIMSELF AND THE ASSURANCE OF INFINITE BLESSINGS TO COME. TAKEN AS A WHOLE, THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM IS A WARNING AGAINST COMPROMISE IN MORALS OR TEACHING AND AGAINST DEVIATING FROM THE PURITY OF DOCTRINE REQUIRED OF CHRISTIANS. 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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