

Servers Today, September 9, 2018

The Letter to Church in Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22)

Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *Abe Insas*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Julius Rojo*
 Communion Text: *Hebrews 10:1-10*
 Scripture Reading: *Rico Ramos*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Jasper Perdogon*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Dante Baddas*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sam Quezada*
 Closing Prayer: *Charlie Abance*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Evening Speaker: *Santiago Sameon II*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Laisha Montes*
 To Bring Biscuits: *c/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Gonzales Family*

Communion: *Loida Baddas*
 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 September 16, 2018

The Throne in Heaven (Rev. 4:1-11)

Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Jun Reyes*
 Communion Text: *Ephesians 2:5-10*
 Scripture Reading: *Kemuel Perdigon*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Ezra Valdez*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Donnel Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Sol Palaypayon*
 Closing Prayer: *Jhun Bayating*
 Announcement: *Chris Oliva*
 Evening Speaker: *Andy Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Chris Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Kitma Family*

Communion: *Loida Baddas*
 Worship Coordinator: *Lem Glori | Art Tacay*

Last Sunday's Offering September 2, 2018

AM COLLECTION
P30,521.00

PM COLLECTION
P2,040.00

AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P32,561.00

ATTENDANCE

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| AM Adults - 123 YP - 44 Children - 37 Guests - 2 | PM Adults - 17 YP - 6 Children - 0 Guests - 0 |
| TOTAL - 206 | TOTAL - 23 |

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (AM/PM) 229

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Recovery:

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

Pray for on-going Seekers' Bible Studies.



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

SAFE PREGNANCY

Rodeliza Enecillo
Lera G. Rematico

SAFE TRAVEL

Bayla Family & Company
(Quezon City)



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Midtown's minister officiates BFAR-CAR's thanksgiving

At the invitation of sister Lois June Balagtey—Fermin, Assistant Regional Director of the BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES—CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (BFAR CAR), brother Arnan Bayla served as the devotional speaker during the Thanksgiving Devotional Service in celebration of the 55TH FISH CONSERVATION MONTH (FISH-CON) and in appreciation for the acquisition of a new vehicle for use of the BFAR-CAR last Monday, September 3, 2018 at 9—10 o'clock in the morning.

Brother Arnan Bayla reiterated in his message the SEVEN BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP based on Matthew 25:14-30. This encompasses trusteeship, contentment, management, accountability, productivity, faithfulness, and taking warnings seriously. In his examples, he mentioned that things entrusted to one is meant to be cared for and be ready to share it when the Lord needs it to help others as demonstrated by the willing boy who shared his five small barley loaves and two small fish which fed the five thousand (John 6:5-12). After speaking, brother Arnan Bayla led in prayers of thanksgiving and blessing. The devotional service was attended by BFAR-CAR's regional director, staff, and guests from allied government agencies.Ω

Ramoses revisit evangelism with Benguet capital

Spouses Jojo and Janet Ramos served with the brethren in Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet, the other past Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 9AM—12PM. The brethren in the capital town of Benguet appreciate the lectures of brother Jojo Ramos on "REVISITING EVANGELISM" in which he underscored the perpetual need of sowing the pure word of God, and that congregations must consciously avoid and never to become complacent about the mission of the Lord's church to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He also emphasized that since making disciples for Christ is the great commission, all Christians are commanded to exercise their God-given spiritual gifts such that the body of Christ known as the church, or a congregation of disciples, becomes a truly functional evangelistic tool.Ω

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. The same is true with his stops."

READ Psalm 46:10

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Special contribution for benevolence yields 50K

Last Sunday's special contribution to help raise funds for the upcoming OPEN HEART SURGERY (SINGLE MECHANICAL MITRAL VALVE REPLACEMENT) of sister Leonila 'Nelly' Bayla at the Philippine Heart Center, yielded a generous sum of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Pesos (P50,220.00). Some brethren gave their personal benevolent help other days before and after the Sunday special collection. This congregational assistance greatly contributed to the relief in the financial requirement of the surgery.

Sister Nelly Bayla will be brought to the PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER, East Avenue, Quezon City, right after the Worship Assembly today. Lord willing, the surgery will successfully push through on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The Baylas are expected to return in the city next week.

The Dumawa—Bayla family ceaselessly expresses appreciation for the unceasing prayers, undying love, and unending support. God bless you all wonderfully.Ω

Administrative Ministry improves hall amenities

The ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY served by brothers Ernesto Wagang, Maril Bayating Sr., and Andres Bestre, made a couple of improvements recently in the restrooms found at Midtown's Assembly Hall. Because of the lack of ventilation, an exhaust fan was installed in the Male restroom. On the other hand, because of some irreplaceable and defective parts, the toilet bowl in the Female restroom was changed with a brand-new one that is also water-efficient.

Again, the congregation thanks the ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE MINISTRY for the improvements which is timely with the increasing frequency of the use of these amenities not only on Sundays but more so during other days.Ω

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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—MIDTOWN HALL | NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 2018 | 12—2:30 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
- **NYC FUNDS UPDATE:** P59,000.00 RAISED FROM PLEDGES AND SAVINGS SINCE JUNE, 2018
- **REMAINING NYC FUNDS TO RAISE:** P88,585.00

EPISTLE TO THE LUKEWARM CHURCH IN LAODICEA

Rev.3:14-22

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II: B.Th; Ed.D.

INTRODUCTION

Nestled by the bank of Lycus river, in the Roman Province of Phrygia, in Asia Minor, Laodicea was founded in 250 B.C, by Antiochus II, who named Laodicea after his wife.

The city attracted Jews who were promised free citizenship, and they brought their money-making skills with them. Laodicea became very wealthy and influential through their highly excellent, black wool textile industry and renowned banking.

On top of that, their very renowned Medical School in Ophthalmology, that produced the concoction "Phrygian Powder" from spice nard, for ears and their famed eye salve, was an effective lotion to alleviate failing eyesight.

Laodicea however, had its share of weakness in insufficiency of water supply, so much so that water had to be stone-piped, six miles north of Denizli, Turkey and by the time it reaches Laodicea, the volcan-heated water becomes lukewarm". <Holman Bible Dict.,1994,"Laodicea">

#1 ENCOURAGING MESSAGE TO THE LAODICEANS TO PURSUE WARMNESS

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| 1. Letter sent through the church leader | - "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write," | Rev.3:14 |
| 2. Sender is Reliable and Trusted | - "These things says the Amen, the faithful and True Witness,..." | Rev.3:14 |
| 3. Preeminent of God's creation | - "the beginning of the creation of God:..." | Rev.3:14 |
| 4. Lukewarm Laodicea in their endeavors | - " I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot." | Rev.3:15 |
| 5. God desired for her not to be lukewarm | - I couldwish you were hot or cold." | Rev.3:15 |
| 6. Therefore, since you are lukewarm | - "So then because you are lukewarm,..." | Rev.3:16 |
| 7. Between cold and hot condition | - "and neither cold nor hot,..." | Rev.3:16 |
| 8. Discharge out of God's oral cavity | - "I will spew you out of My mouth." | Rev.3:16 |

#2 LAODICEANS PITIABLE SPIRITUAL CONDITION AND REMEDY DISCUSSED

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| 1. Bragging of affluence | - "Because you say, 'I am rich,..." | Rev.3:17 |
| 2. Gained prosperity and sufficiency | - "have become wealthy, and have need of nothing-..." | Rev.3:17 |
| 3. Laodiceans were spiritually pitiable | - "and do not know that you are wretched,..." | Rev.3:17 |
| 4. Spiritually deprived, sightless and nude | - "poor, blind and naked -..." | Rev.3:17 |
| 5. Advised to acquire from God | - "counsel you to buy from Me..." | Rev.3:18 |
| 6. Superior gold to attain wealth | - "gold refined in fire, that you may be rich:..." | Rev.3:18 |
| 7. Put on spiritual holiness as garments | - "and white garments, that you may be clothe,..." | Rev.3:18 |
| 8. To dispel dishonor of spiritual nude | - "that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed." | Rev.3:18 |
| 9. Spiritual medication for their eyes | - "and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see." | Rev.3:18 |

#3 LAODICEANS MANDATED TO REPENTAND CHANGE

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| 1. God reproves and chastise those He Whom loved | - "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." | Rev.3:19 |
| 2. Charged to change andbe enthusiastic | - "Therefore be zealous and repent." | Rev.3:19 |
| 3. See, I am positioned at your heart and tap | - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." | Rev.3:20 |
| 4. Everybody who listen and open their hearts | - "If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,..." | Rev.3:20 |
| 5. God will enter in and dine in fellowship | - "I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me." | Rev.3:20 |

#4 PROMISE OF REWARDS TO VICTORIOUS LAODICEANS

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| 1. The victorious will be awarded | - "To him who overcomes I will grant..." | Rev.3:21 |
| 2. To rule with Christ on His throne | - "to sit with Me on My throne,..." | Rev.3:21 |
| 3. Just like Christ who was seated | - "as I also overcame and sat down..." | Rev.3:21 |
| 4. Enthroned with the Father God | - "with My Father on His throne." | Rev.3:21 |
| 5. All with ears are charged to listen | - "He who has an ear, let him hear..." | Rev.3:22 |
| 6. Listen to the teachings of the Spirit | - "what the Spirit says to the churches." | Rev.3:22 |

EPILOGUE

WE LEARNED FROM OUR STUDY ABOUT:

1. ENCOURAGING EPISTLE SENT TO THE LAODICEANS TO STOP THEM FROM BEINGLUKEWARM,
2. THE LAODICEANS PITIABLE SPIRITUAL CONDITION AND ITS REMEDY DISCUSSED,
3. THE LAODICEANS WERE MANDATED TO REPENT AND CHANGE AND,
4. THE PROMISEOFREWARD TO VICTORIOUS LAODICEANS, amen?

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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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