

Servers Today, December 27, 2020

**Staying Focused on Jesus Christ
(Col. 2:16-23)**

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Jojo Ramos*
 Invocation: *To Be Assigned (TBA)*
 Intercessory Prayer: *TBA*
 Communion Text: *Romans 6:1-7*
 Scripture Reading: *TBA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *TBA*
 Prayer for the Cup: *TBA*
 Prayer for the Giving: *TBA*
 Closing Prayer: *TBA*
 Announcement: *Andy Bestre*
 Afternoon Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Jojo Ramos*
 To Bring Flowers: *Martin Family*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Suspended*
 To Bring Drinks: *Suspended*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

Communion: *Charis Bayla*
 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 January 3, 2021

**Living as Disciples of Christ
(Col. 3:1-11)**

Speaker: *Jesse Reuben Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Aldian Po*
 Invocation: *To Be Assigned (TBA)*
 Intercessory Prayer: *TBA*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*
 Scripture Reading: *TBA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *TBA*
 Prayer for the Cup: *TBA*
 Prayer for the Giving: *TBA*
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**JJ Ramos and Mahaysha
Kitma tie the knot**

Brother Arnan A. Bayla, licensed Solemnizing Officer, officiated the wedding of brother JONATHAN BAGGAO RAMOS JR., son of spouses Jonathan Sr. and Lady Janet Ramos, and sister MAHAYSHA WONG KITMA, daughter of spouses Gregory & Teresita Kitma, at the Forbes Ballroom, Baguio Country Club last Monday, December 21, 2020 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Reception followed immediately at the same venue where brethren, family, and guests congratulated the newlyweds. A number of brethren stood as principal witnesses including spouses Paterson & Joyce Kitma, Lemuel & Vangie Glori, Solomon & Lailany Palaypayon, and Maril & Letty Bayating. Sister Jamie Yaneza served as Master of Ceremonies in the reception.

Midtown brethren congratulates the newlyweds and prays for their marriage to last a lifetime!Ω

**BPFLC share-a-joy program
serves Baguio & Tuba frontliners**

The annual SHARE-A-JOY PROGRAM of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) has chosen to serve Baguio and Tuba's FRONTLINERS in the fight against the Covid 19 pandemic.

The BPFLC school community raised funds from among themselves to produce One Hundred Ten (110) Grocery/Food Gift Packs which were given to frontliners (nurses, medical laboratory technologists, and other triage personnel) at the Teachers Camp Triage & Isolation Unit, Notre Dame Hospital, and the Tuba Municipal Health Services Office.

BPFLC pupils also made "GET WELL SOON CARDS" that were distributed to Covid 19 patients confined at Teacher's Camp, Notre Dame Hospital, and at the Sto. Niño Hospital Isolation Unit.

Recipients were overjoyed with the gesture of love and benevolence. Dr. Rowena P. Galpo, City Health Officer sent a letter to BPFLC expressing her office's appreciation for the program. BPFLC administration, faculty, staff, parents, and pupils, on the other hand, thank everyone for the work of faith, labor of love, and the endurance inspired by hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. All praises to Him alone!Ω

**"A new chapter unfolds,
a new story to be told,
we say hello to the new,
we say goodbye to the old."**

READ 2 Corinthians 5:17

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**Midtown Friday care group
to resume January 8, 2021**

The FRIDAY CARE GROUP that meets at the Assembly Hall of the MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST Friday evenings has taken a break for the holiday season and will resume, Lord willing, on January 8, 2021.

Earlier, said care group had a YEARENDER ACTIVITY last December 18th, after the usual devotionals and a message by brother Arnan Bayla based on 1 Thessalonians 1:3. He reiterated in the message that as disciples of Jesus Christ, each one should continue to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world" by working by faith, laboring in love, and enduring in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Right after the fellowship meals, sisters Janef Ramos and Dith Zamora facilitated a number of fun and games in which adults and kids alike enjoyed filling up the atmosphere with laughter, love, and life.

Everyone was thankful that God has given precious opportunities for His children to shine and be examples of contentment even in the midst of uncertainties in these times.Ω

**Tuesday church forum
resumes January 5, 2021**

THE CHURCH FORUM meeting every Tuesday afternoon will not meet this week. As per agreement, there will be no meetings on 5th Tuesdays. The CHURCH FORUM will resume, Lord willing, on January 5, 2021.

Brethren regularly attending the forum are grateful for the opportunities to coordinate the work of the congregation even in the midst of the pandemic.

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM also thank spouses Lem & Vangie Glori for tirelessly preparing the food for the luncheon meeting. Moreover, the forum expresses gratefulness for the generosity of the Sameon family for sponsoring the meals last December 15, 2020 and for the opportunity to celebrate with brother Dodoy's 77th birth anniversary as well as for Alex & Ella Ciencia's nuptial.Ω

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
DECEMBER 20, 2020**

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....118	PRESCHOOL.....6
YPEEZ.....21	GRADES 1-38
CHILDREN.....7	GRADES 4-6.....2
GUEST.....2	HS & COLLEGE...8
TOTAL..... 148	TOTAL.....24

OFFERING

**AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP43,355.00**

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY

[ASSEMBLY 1]
BRETHREN:
*Gloria Yang
*Bernie Austria
*Josefa Josayan
*Gil, Diana, Donna Geron
*Ofelia Abance
*Andy Bestre
*Priscilla Bayasen
*Rolito & Pina Tugay-an
*Dave & Sharon Mcmillin
*Dan & Dodoy Sameon
*Dith Zamora
*Tess Kitma
*Jun Bondoc
*Loida Baddas
*Marina Mabesa
*Bernard Ignacio
*Florence Magalong
*Jonathan Enerva
*Jocelyn Bugtong
*Dick Baguioen
*Nainer Nawew
*Mercy Bayot

*Sony Abance
*Jess Perdigon
*Ruth Patricia
*Nida Gabriel
*Thaddeus Baggao

[ASSEMBLY 2]
REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:
*Ian Pajantoy
*Arian Kaith Igoy
*Robinson Palaypayon
*Carmen Villanueva
*Menchie Mojica
*Magdalena A. Gavino
*Marjorie C. Credo
*Ricardo Malapit
*Teresita De Leon
*Melody Borja
*Brandy Bueno
*Zion Delizo
*Philip Badua
*Roberto Acosta
*Jennilyn Villanueva

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

[ASSEMBLY 3]
*Mark Ernest Wagang
*Alan Patrick Akia
*Local, National, World Leaders.
*On-going Seekers' Bible Study

SAFETY

[ASSEMBLY 3]
*Frontliners
*Shinar Sameon—Ciencia
*Aurma Sacayanan
*Che Astadan
*Denise Wagang (Pregnancy)

RECOVERY

[ASSEMBLY 3]
*Khen & Espie Villanueva
*Mary Elaine Dolteo

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

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— JANUARY 5, 2021 | 12:00—2:30 PM.
- YOUNG PEOPLES VIRTUAL MEETINGS/ CARE GROUP—EVERY TUES & THURS @ 5-6 PM
- YOUNG ADULTS VIRTUAL MEETING — EVERY SUNDAY @ 4:30 PM C/O BRO. JESSE BESTRE
- VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE— PLEASE COORDINATE WITH TEACHERS.
 - PRESCHOOL CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PMC/O KESHA OLIVA—09955633844
 - GRADES 1-3 CLASS @ 10:30—11:30 AM.....C/O MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950
 - GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 10:30—11:30 AM.....C/O KANA PERDIGON—09158639845
 - H.S. & COLLEGE CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PMC/O JASPER PERDIGON—09158639845

STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST

Colossians 2:16-23
 Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | December 27, 2020

STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST

- BEWARE OF TEACHINGS FOCUSED ON THE MOSAIC LAW
 - Colossians 2:16-17
- BEWARE OF TEACHINGS FOCUSED ON EXPERIENCES
 - Colossians 2:18-19
- BEWARE OF TEACHINGS FOCUSED ON LEGALISM
 - Colossians 2:20-23

Col. 2:16-23

I. BEWARE OF TEACHINGS FOCUSED ON MOSAIC LAW

- BEWARE OF TEACHINGS ON DIET, FESTIVALS, CELEBRATIONS, & SABBATH
 - The Old Law of Moses for Israelites only.
 - Christ has fulfilled the Law of Moses.
- BEWARE OF TEACHERS MAKING JUDGEMENTS BASED ON MOSAIC LAW
 - The Mosaic Law is a shadow of the reality.
 - Christ's word is the basis of judgment.
- BEWARE OF TEACHINGS THAT GOES AGAINST CHRIST'S REDEMPITIVE WORK
 - The Mosaic Law, in itself, cannot save.
 - Christ is the cause of our salvation.

Col. 2:16-17

II. BEWARE OF TEACHINGS FOCUSED ON EXPERIENCES

- BEWARE OF EXPERIENCES BASED ON FALSE HUMILITY, ANGEL WORSHIP, & VISIONS
 - Causes worldly thoughts and notions.
 - Christ is the revelation of God.
- BEWARE OF ANYONE WHO DELIGHTS AND IS PUFFED UP IN PERSONAL VISIONS
 - Causes one to be conceited or proud.
 - Christ's humility is our example.
- BEWARE OF EXPERIENCES THAT MAKES A SUBSTITUTE OF JESUS CHRIST
 - Causes one to be disconnected from Christ.
 - Christ is the author and perfecter of our faith.

Col. 2:18-19

III. BEWARE OF TEACHINGS FOCUSED ON LEGALISM

- BEWARE OF THE WORLD'S IDEAS OF HOW TO BE SAVED THROUGH MAN-MADE RULES
 - Do not give in or concede to them.
 - Christ is the way, the truth, the life.
- BEWARE OF RULES FOUNDED ON HUMAN COMMANDS AND TEACHINGS
 - Do not be bound or enslaved by them.
 - Christ's commands are sufficient.
- BEWARE OF TEACHINGS THAT HAVE AN APPEARANCE OF WISDOM BUT IS FUTILE
 - Do not be swayed or tricked by them.
 - Christ's cross is God's wisdom and power.

Col. 2:20-23

“ Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV ”

APPLICATION:

1. STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST BY RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.
 - Since Jesus Christ has already fulfilled the Old Law of Moses, it no longer applies to us Christians.
 - The New Law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) applies to Christians in which we are not bound to follow the Law of Moses.
 - This means we as Christians should not go back to the Old Law of Moses and observe rules and regulations on diet, festivals, new moon celebrations, Sabbath keeping, and the like. (Eph. 2:13-15)
 - “Let no one judge you by these...” (Col. 2:16)

APPLICATION:

2. STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST BY NOT GOING BEYOND THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD.
 - Be content with the written word of God or the Scriptures as God's Word or revelation.
 - Do your best to know the Scriptures and thereby avoiding errors as well as able in readily identifying false teachings (Matt 22:29).
 - It should be enough for us to acknowledge the teachings of Christ instead of seeking out visions, “knowledge,” “secrets,” or “ways” to God.
 - “Let no one disqualify you for the prize...(Col. 2:18)

APPLICATION:

3. STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST BY RESISTING RULES BASED ON HUMAN TRADITIONS.
 - Be content with the Lord's redemptive work on the cross for there is no other way of salvation.
 - Be careful of making rules in addition to Christ's rules and imposing them on others.
 - Be discriminating or practice discernment in identifying wisdom for we may choose one with no true value which, in reality, result in fleshly indulgence.
 - “Let no one be bound by such rules... (Col. 2:20)

How can Christians stay focused on the Lord Jesus Christ?

1. STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST BY RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. Christians should not go back to the Old Law of Moses and observe its rules and regulations.
2. STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST BY NOT GOING BEYOND THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD. Be content with the written word of God or the Scriptures as God's Word or revelation.
3. STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS CHRIST BY RESISTING RULES BASED ON HUMAN TRADITIONS. Be careful of making rules in addition to Christ's rules and imposing them on others.

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1

January Celebrators







02 - Kevin Dennis
 02 - Jocelyn K. Abance
 02 - Priscilla Bayasen
 04 - Pearl C. Bestre
 05 - Leah V. Tada
 05 - Khryz Xyryll B. Gomowang
 08 - Jarialle Taltala
 09 - Jane U. Donato
 09 - Romelyn E. Wagang
 10 - Sean R. Viduya
 10 - Ernesto Orduña, Jr.
 10 - Henrietta R. Espinosa
 12 - Dionesia Gorio
 14 - Anastacia S. Palaoag
 15 - Jan Arthur Tacay
 15 - Ronnilie Corisay
 18 - Macrina Espiritu
 20 - Cindy K. Abance
 22 - Antonita Orduña
 23 - Dexter R. Wagang
 23 - Lorna B. Montes
 23 - Vangie C. Glori
 26 - Richard Montes
 26 - Christian Paulo T. Cordero
 27 - Loida C. Baddas
 27 - Rachel Ann R. Torres
 28 - Ernesto B. Wagang
 28 - Myra O. Manansala
 29 - Charis Grace D. Bayla
 30 - Marie Joy Lacambra
 31 - Abigail A. Kitma

Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list.
 Thank You.


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 - LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
 - LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament
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 Andy Bestre @ 0916-343-8539

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



ASSEMBLY 1 - 9:00 - 10:15
 ASSEMBLY 2 - 10:30 - 11:45

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS **SUNDAY PM WORSHIP**

SUSPENDED   ASSEMBLY 3: 12:45 - 2:00 

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