

Servers Today, January 31, 2021

Learning From Paul's Greetings & Exhortations (Col. 4:7-18)

Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)
 Intercessory Prayer: TBA
 Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26
 Scripture Reading: TBA
 Prayer for the Bread: TBA
 Prayer for the Cup: TBA
 Prayer for the Giving: TBA
 Closing Prayer: TBA
 Announcement: Arnan Bayla
 Afternoon Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
 To Bring Flowers: Frances Balangitan
 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 February 7, 2021

Qualifying for a Noble Task (Titus 1:1-9)

Speaker: Arnan A. Bayla
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)
 Intercessory Prayer: TBA
 Communion Text: Hebrews 9:11-15
 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 A. Bayla
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family
 To Bring Biscuits: Suspended
 To Bring Drinks: Suspended
 Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Jane & Rachel Bestre
 Worship Coordinator: Lem Glori | Art Tacay

PM Bible Study:



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Midtown to abide by GCQ guidelines in February

As per official announcement from the authorities released January 29, 2021, the CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CAR) including Baguio City will be put in GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) for the whole month of February, 2021. Because of this new development, the congregation shall abide by the following GCQ Guidelines:

1. Religious services and gatherings shall be allowed at a maximum of 30% of the venue's seating capacity. For Midtown, only sixty (60) persons shall be accommodated in the Worship Assembly Hall.
2. Minors under the age of 15 years old shall stay in their residences. This means that families affected by this restriction may opt to worship on line through MIDTOWN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP ON LIVE STREAM from 9:00—10:15 AM. Moreover, children are encouraged to join the VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL which is scheduled every afternoon at 3:30.
3. All persons over the age of sixty-five (65) shall stay in their residences at all times. This means families affected by this restriction may opt to worship on line through MIDTOWN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP ON LIVE STREAM FROM 9:00—10:15 AM.
4. All persons unaffected by the restrictions are encouraged to attend Midtown's Worship Assembly. COMMUNION PACKETS containing Grape Juice and Unleavened Bread may be requested by those affected by the restrictions from the Edification Ministry. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay blessed.Ω

Midtown conveys sympathies to Likigan family

The congregation conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late MR. MARIO CADENA who passed away at the age of sixty-eight (68) due to coronary heart syndrome on January 16, 2021. He was the granduncle of brother Alec Likigan.

Brother Alec Quibric Likigan personally expressed appreciation for the congregation's prayers, gestures of love, and support during their time of loss during the Friday Care Group meeting at Midtown's Hall.Ω

"It isn't a question about who will seek truth but about who will seek the seekers of truth."

READ Matthew 9:34-38

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Brethren sympathize with Bugtong family of Digidigwayan

A number of brethren from Midtown and Nangalisan conveyed sympathies to the BUGTONG FAMILY of Digidigwayan, Poblacion, Tuba, and consoled them due to the passing away of their loved one, sister JOCELYN BOLINTA BUGTONG, who succumbed to a lingering illness early morning of January 25, 2021. She was sixty-six (66) years old and is survived by a number of siblings, in-laws, and nieces including Midtown members—sisters Beverly D. Bugtong, Melita B. Cados, Jill B. Cados, Analyn B. Aronza, Imelda G. Bugtong, and Ellen B. Bugnay.

Sister Jocelyn B. Bugtong was a subject of congregational intercessory prayers for the past couple of years since she suffered a stroke. She was earlier baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ on September 4, 2019 after having heard of the pure gospel of salvation in a HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP facilitated by Midtown brethren. Because of her condition, she was unable to congregate with Midtown on Sundays. Despite her situation, she was faithful in attending the monthly devotionals held in her residence. The devotional held in her home last January 14, 2021 was her last.

Brethren Arnan Bayla, Charlie Abance, Sixto Aoas, Lemuel Glori, Julius Udan, and Ruth Trinidad conducted a devotional during the wake Tuesday afternoon of January 26th.

Brother Aman Bayla presided over the FUNERAL SERVICE together with brethren Charlie Abance, Lemuel Glori, Julius Udan, Henry Udan, and Mark Reyden Palongyas at the residence of the deceased in Sitio Digidigwayan, Poblacion, Tuba last Friday afternoon, January 29, 2021.

The BUGTONG FAMILY and relatives expressed their heartfelt thanks for Midtown's unceasing prayers, undying support, and deepest sympathies.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD JANUARY 24, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....114	PRESCHOOL.....6
YPPEEZ.....15	GRADES 1-3.....8
CHILDREN.....0	GRADES 4-6.....0
GUEST.....1	HS & COLLEGE...6
TOTAL.....130	TOTAL.....20

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PHP39,719.00

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR 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 & Dodo Sameon
 *Dih Zamora
 *Tess Kitma
 *Jun Bondoc
 *Loida Baddas
 *Marina Mabesa
 *Bernard Ignacio
 *Jonathan Enerva
 *Dick Baguioen
 *Nainer Nawew
 *Mercy Bayot
 *Sony Abance
 *Jess Perdigon
 *Nida Gabriel
 *Thaddeus Baggao

*Carlos & Rufina Murayao
 *Khen & Espie Villanueva
 *Ruth Basil
 *Bernabe Ignacio
[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 Boria
 *Brandy Bueno
 *Zion Delizo
 *Philip Badua
 *Roberto Acosta
 *Jennilyn Villanueva
 *Ron Paul Gavino
 *Elsie Ladiao
 *Rudy Diaz
 *Imelda Bueno
 *France Mendoza
 *Mary Elaine Dolteo

*Noel Madarcos
 *Rombanrick Iban Yan
[ASSEMBLY 3]
SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
 *Mark Ernest Wagang
 *Alan Patrick Akia
 *Local, National, World Leaders & Government
 *On-going Seekers Bible Study
SAFETY
Medical Frontliners:
 *Shinar Sameon—Ciencia
 *Aurma Sacayanan
 *Che Astadan
 *Lorigrace Austria
 *Rossana Andaya
 *Donnel Gonzales

OTHER CONCERNS
 *Denise Wagang (Pregnancy)
 *Angela Ramos (Travel)

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

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— FEBRUARY 2, 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 @ 3:30—4:30 AM.....C/O MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950
 - GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 AM.....C/O KANA PERDIGON—09158639845
 - H.S. & COLLEGE CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PMC/O JASPER PERDIGON—09158639845

THE MINISTRY OF SHARING BURDENS

COLOSSIANS 4:7-18

In Colossians 4:7-18, the Apostle Paul did not spell out the details of his personal situation in this letter. He left it to his two spiritual brothers, Tychicus and Onesimus, to share the burdens with the church in Colossae. This is another wonderful ministry—we can share our needs and burdens with others; then they can encourage and assist us.

When Paul left Ephesus, he was accompanied by seven other believers - among them, Tychicus (Acts 20:4). These men were helping Paul deliver the love offering from the Gentile churches to the poor saints in Judea (1 Cor 16:1; 2 Cor 8:1-9:15). It is possible that Tychicus and Trophimus were the two brethren Paul referred to in his Second Letter to the Corinthians (see 2 Cor 8:19-24).

Tychicus shared Paul's Roman imprisonment and no doubt was helpful to him in many ways. Paul chose Tychicus and Onesimus to deliver the Ephesian letter (Eph 6:21) and the Colossian letter (Col 4:7-9). Of course, they also took the personal letter to Philemon. Paul instructed Tychicus to share with the Colossian Christians all the details of his situation there in Rome.

Paul's description of Tychicus reveals what a splendid Christian Tychicus really was. He was a beloved brother, willing to stay with Paul even though the situation was difficult. How encouraging it is to have a Christian at your side when everything seems to be against you!

Tychicus was also a faithful minister. His love revealed itself in action. He ministered to Paul, and he also ministered for Paul to assist him in his many obligations. Someone has said that the greatest ability in the world is dependability, and this is true. Paul could depend on Tychicus to get the job done.

Tychicus was also Paul's fellow servant. Though he was not an apostle himself, he was assisting Paul in his apostolic ministry. Paul and Tychicus worked together in the service of the Lord. Later, Paul was able to send Tychicus to Crete (Titus 3:12), and then to Ephesus (2 Tim 4:12).

It was not easy for Tychicus to be associated with Paul, the prisoner; for Paul had many enemies. Nor was it easy for Tychicus to travel as he did, assisting Paul in his various tasks. Tychicus did not take the easy way, but rather the right way. The church today could use more members like Tychicus!

Paul also mentioned Onesimus ("one of you") who himself came from Colossae. He was the runaway slave who belonged to Philemon and who had been won to Christ through Paul's ministry in Rome. Paul sent Onesimus back to his master with a letter asking Philemon to receive him and forgive him. It is interesting to note that Paul also called Onesimus faithful and beloved. Onesimus had been a believer only a short time, and yet he had already proved himself to Paul.

He was a beloved brother, willing to stay with Paul even though the situation was difficult. How encouraging it is to have a Christian at your side when everything seems to be against you!

These two men had a dual ministry to perform: to encourage the Colossian Christians and to inform them about Paul's situation. Is it wrong for God's people to share information in this way? Of course not! Paul was not begging for money or asking for sympathy. He wanted the Colossian saints to know his situation so they could pray for him. While it is true that some Christian workers "use" circumstances selfishly to enlist support, this was not true of Paul. He simply wanted his friends in Colossae to know the facts and to support him in prayer.

A brother shared how he got into this ministry and writes: "In our home, we receive a number of missionary prayer letters. We read them and try to note the special burdens and needs. In my own private devotions, I use several prayer calendars that help me remember to pray about specific needs for different ministries. I appreciate knowing the facts so that I can intercede in a specific way. I also enjoy getting reports of how God has answered prayer, for this encourages my faith."

Sharing burdens - what a wonderful ministry! How much better it is to be involved in this ministry than to be using our tongues for gossip, malicious criticism, and other sinful purposes.

Let's make David's prayer our prayer: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips" (Ps 141:3).

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HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS DURING THE GCQ & NEW NORMAL

For the safety of everyone, the congregation is urged to cooperate and strictly follow the following HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS during the QUARANTINE and the NEW NORMAL.

1. Wear facemasks & face shields properly at all times. The only time to remove them briefly is when partaking of the Lord's Supper. After which, facemasks and face shields must be worn again all throughout.
2. Every person must submit for body THERMAL SCANNING. Anyone with a body temperature higher than 37.5 will not be admitted and be sent home.
3. Persons with coughs and colds and with underlying ILL-HEALTH CONDITIONS are advised to stay home to stay safe.
4. Every person must have his or her hands sprayed with Sanitizing Alcohol before entry.
5. Observe physical distancing. Be at a safe distance from one another at least one (1) meter radius apart.
6. No handshakes, hugs, kisses, fist bumps, or any physical contact. Greet one another verbally, bowing to each other, or waving hands to each other.
7. Observe safe foot traffic at the stairways. GIVE WAY TO EXITING PERSONS. No counter flow.
8. Every person must step on the SANITIZING FOOTBATH MAT before entry.
9. Every person must bring his or her own BALLPEN to fill in the LOGBOOK before entry.
10. The sink at the kitchen shall serve as HANDWASHING STATION. Feel free to wash hands.
11. In the observance of the LORD'S SUPPER, pick up the CUP AND UNLEAVENED BREAD without touching other cups and other pieces of bread. Both Cup & Bread trays will be held by the server and not to be handed from one person to another. Used cups must not be returned into the tray but must be placed into a separate receptacle held by the server.
12. The COLLECTION BAG shall be held by the server and not to be handed from one person to another.
13. Please use the Restrooms neatly and responsibly.
14. The SUNDAY SCHOOL remains suspended until further notice from the government authorities. This is to reduce exposure of the vulnerable age under 21.
15. Worshipers are advised to leave the Assembly Hall after an assembly to give way to the next one.
16. The premises, chairs, handrails, microphones, and restrooms to be disinfected every after each WORSHIP ASSEMBLY.Ω

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



February Celebrators

- 01 - Elizabeth A. Sevilla
- 02 - Irene B. Lagsaman
- 02 - Josiah Levi A. Calixtro
- 05 - Maryann M. Gonzales
- 07 - Frank Valdez
- 08 - Christopher G. Oliva
- 09 - Shemer M. Sameon
- 09 - Silvestre B. Andaya III
- 11 - Reeve M. Callejo
- 13 - Adrian Saingan
- 14 - Clarita Cachero
- 14 - Christian Daniel R. Espinosa
- 15 - Vernie Pucay
- 16 - Charlie B. Abance
- 17 - Jasper Edwin B. Bugnay
- 18 - Carlo Jake T. Banatao
- 20 - Roger R. Wagang
- 21 - Kana K. Perdigon
- 22 - Josias B. Aquino
- 22 - Eden Mariano
- 22 - Renilo S. Lulu
- 23 - Andy E. Bestre
- 23 - Florence B. Patang
- 24 - Judith O. Sison
- 24 - Teresita W. Kitma
- 24 - Shamae A. Ramos
- 24 - Mika Grace B. Lulu
- 25 - Jonah A. Cirilo
- 26 - Elma G. Bugtong



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

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



ASSEMBLY 1 - 9:00 - 10:15

ASSEMBLY 2 - 10:30 - 11:45

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

SUSPENDED



SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

ASSEMBLY 3: 12:45 - 2:00



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