

Servers Today, September 12, 2021

Submitting to Governing Authorities (Romans 13:1-7)

Speaker: *Alton Mark D. Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Jesse Reuben Bestre*
 Invocation: *To Be Assigned (TBA)*
 Intercessory Prayer: *TBA*
 Communion Text: *Colossians 3:1-4*
 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: *Alton Mark D. Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Jesse Reuben Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Montes Family*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Suspended*
 To Bring Drinks: *Suspended*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

Communion: *Lady Angela Ramos*
 Worship Coordinator: *Lem Glori | Art Tacay*

How To Become a Biblical Christian

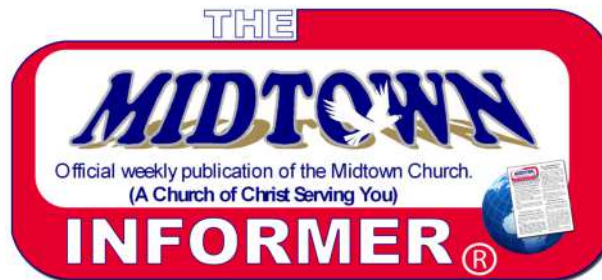
- 1). *Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.*
- 2). *Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.*
- 3). *Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24*
- 4). *Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.*
- 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 19, 2021

Continuing to Love One Another (Romans 13:8-14)

Speaker: *Janriel S. Abance*
 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*
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Bible transliterators in Baybayin needed

Brother Jonathan “Joey” R. Enerva, former member of the Midtown congregation, announced lately that he is currently involved with an organization known as “BAYBAYIN BUHAYIN.” This organization has delved into a transliteration project of the Bible into Baybayin, the pre-colonial writing script that existed in pre-colonial Philippines. The project aims to revive the ancient writing as an indispensable part of the country’s cultural heritage as well as to have the Holy Scriptures be made available in the Baybayin script.

Brother Joey Enerva is tasked to transliterate the LETTERS OF JOHN (1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN) AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION. In line with this enormous task, brother Joey is soliciting help from members of the CHURCHES OF CHRIST to take part in this endeavor. He is seeking brethren who can devote their time in the actual transliteration project. He is also encouraging other able brethren to sponsor or financially contribute to the project.

Interested brethren may contact brother Jonathan Enerva through his EMAIL ADDRESS: jrenerva@aol.com or through his MESSENGER ACCOUNT NAME: Jonathan R. Enerva.Ω

Young Bestre speaks for Ugnayang Ebanghelyo

At the invitation of the organizers of the UGNAYANG EBANGHELIO: THE GOSPEL CONNECTION, an FB Page “dedicated to connect the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the rest of the world” based at the MANILA CHURCH OF CHRIST, 31 Samar Avenue, Quezon City, brother Jesse Bestre served as one of the presenters of the Gospel last September 24, 2021 @ 9:00—10:00 in the morning. The discussion revolved on the good news that “*Si Hesus Ang Ating Tagapagligtas.*”

Last month, brother Janriel Abance and Lady Angela Ramos served as facilitators for the YOUTH FELLOWSHIP at the AMBIONG CHURCH OF CHRIST, La Trinidad, Benguet. Brother James Briadno, minister of the Ambiong congregation, expressed appreciation for the moral support.Ω

“Our ability to resist temptation is directly proportionate to our submission to God.”

READ Hebrews 5:7-9

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Virtual sunday school moving-up today

In line with the official opening of classes in public schools nationwide for School Year 2021-2022, Midtown’s SUNDAY SCHOOL will also be promoting learners to their respective Grade Levels, thus the MOVING UP ACTIVITY today, September 12, 2021 @ 3:30 in the afternoon.

Those presently in Kindergarten in the PRESCHOOL CLASS being handled by Teacher Kesha Oliva may move up to the GRADES 1—3 CLASS being handled by Teacher Maureen Soriano. Those presently in Grade Three may move up to the GRADES 4—6 CLASS being handled by Teacher Kana Perdigon while those who are presently in Grade 6 may move up to the HIGH SCHOOL CLASS being handled by Teacher Alton Mark Bayla. Senior High School graduates may move up to the COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS CLASS being handled by Teacher Jesse Reuben Bestre.

The EDUCATION MINISTRY chaired by brother Arnan Bayla congratulates the teachers and learners alike for the undying desire to teach and learn God’s Living Word respectively.Ω

Monthly ladies devo & fellowship this weekend

In line with this Saturday’s MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP on September 18th, the ladies are encouraged to write endearing and encouraging letters, notes, and cards to other ladies who are unable to attend the fellowship and the worship assemblies in person.

Ladies may also give groceries, goodies, or any token to be given alongside the letters when it gets to be delivered to the concerned ladies. All these may be submitted on Saturday, September 18, 2021.Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD
September 5, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....107	PRESCHOOL.....5
YPEEZ.....12	GRADES 1-316
CHILDREN.....6	GRADES 4-6.....3
GUEST.....1	HIGH SCH.....3
	COL/YAs.....17
TOTAL.....126	TOTAL.....44

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP34,867.00

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY [ASSEMBLY 1] BRETHREN:

- *Gloria Yang
- *Josefa Josayan
- *Gil, Diana, Donna Geron
- *Andy & Jane Bestre
- *Priscilla Bayasen
- *Rolito & Pina Tugay-an
- *Dave & Sharon Memillin
- *Dan & Dodoy Sameon
- *Dith Zamora
- *Tess Kitma
- *Jun Bondoc
- *Loida Baddas
- *Marina Mabesa
- *Bernard Ignacio
- *Jonathan Enerva
- *Dick Baguioen
- *Nainer Nawew
- *Sony Abance
- *Nida Gabriel
- *Thaddeus Baggao
- *Bernabe Ignacio
- *Alan Patrick Akia

- *Melba & Jerry Licupa
- *Primitiva Ridon
- *Mercy Bayon
- *Ruby Mclean
- *Aries John Igoy & Family
- *Maryann Valdez
- *De Castro Family

- [ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:**
- *Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family
 - *Arian Kaith Igoy
 - *Robinson Palaypayon
 - *Carmen Villanueva
 - *Menchie Mojica
 - *Magdalena A. Gavino
 - *Teresita De Leon
 - *Zion Delizo
 - *Philip Badua
 - *Roberto Acosta
 - *Jennilyn Villanueva
 - *Ron Paul Gavino
 - *Mary Elaine Dolteo
 - *Josephine Abril
 - *Susan Porte Aballa
 - *Martha Sunggay
 - *Cesar Baddas

[ASSEMBLY 3] SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

- *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
 - *Jess Perdigon

OTHER CONCERNS

- *Ella Badua-Ciencia (SafePregnancy)

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

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- YOUNG PEOPLE’S VIRTUAL MEETINGS/ CARE GROUP—EVERY TUES & THURS & SAT @ 5-6 PM
- MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL @ MIDTOWN—WEDNESDAYS @ 6-8 PM | FRIDAY CARE GROUP—@ 6-8 PM
- DAILY RS (READING, REFLECTION, AND RESPONSE) — ON FACEBOOK LIVE EVERYDAY @ 9:00 PM
- MONTHLY LADIES DEVO & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 @ 11:30 AM
- 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 PMC/O MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950
 - GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PMC/O KANA PERDIGON—09158639845
 - HIGH SCHOOL CLASS @ 3:30 PMC/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351
 - COLLEGE/YAS CLASS @ 4:30 PMC/O JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

Why Not Rather Be Wronged? Why Not Rather Be Cheated?

By: JoJo Ramos, Christian Living Series 2021.09.06

Madalling sabihin na: "Kristyano ako" pero sa reliadad mahirap maging Kristyano sa mundong lulong sa kasalanan."

It may seem so easy to proclaim; "We are Christians, we follow Christ" but in reality the difficulty of becoming His disciples with brokenness within due to unhealed grievances, an influential sinful nature & living in this world of unrighteous influences & temptations creates a false sense of christian identity that is just surface deep. A real battlefield of the mind, body & soul that when our emotion gets in the way—we explode, releasing the beast within. Mawawala na ang ating pagkakristyano.

I don't know about you —but for me, sometimes I relapse back with evil thoughts of revenge or retaliation for the wrong done to me. Seemingly, I seek justice, fairness or even self-defense but the temptation to wildly hurt the person who had done me wrong is so overpowering that the satisfaction of seeking vengeance would make me want to see the person to suffer the way I have suffered or even greater. But I know it is wrong, it should be wrong to even just entertain this vengeful thought in my mind because this is not God's will... (1 John 3:15; 4:20, Ephesians 5:22)

God said through Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 that we must not be vengeful through law suits against our brothers & sisters in Christ but instead seek peace at all times (Romans 12:17-18) & accept the injustice done to us. Paul telling us in verse 6: "Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?". A hard pill to swallow, ang hirap lunokin. And what about those outside our faith who had done us wrong? Can we rationalize that we can file suit to these people or should we show the Christ-like attitude of forgiveness & kindness to them as well? Perhaps, that is why God instituted human authorities to govern peace & order, provide remedies from the law & champion justice through the courts. But again, this is a fallen world where God desires us to be the light (Ephesians 5:8-14) & champion not justice but righteousness; what is right with God, & be instruments of peace & of the saving gospel of Christ to those whom God draws near to Him (John 6:44-47).

I still struggle with this but I try my very best in many ways possible to overcome knowing that God would not want me to take matters in my own hands but "Let Go & Let God"; an overused cliché, but a powerful solution in many circumstances.

God said in Romans 12:19-21: "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Jesus teaches us firmly in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:39-40 "...If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well." And verses 43-45 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Now here lies the test of spiritual maturity—shown & measured upon obedience & faithfulness to God's will. And the test of faith is upon us whether to obey & become like Christ or not.

And perhaps, a deeper understanding, meditation & practice of the Agape love should help.

Always remember & be aware of who you are, as spoken by Paul in our passage: 1 Corinthians 6:11 "...you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Therefore brothers & sisters let us fulfill this purpose... "Why Not Rather Be Wronged? Why Not rather be cheated?"

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 (face-to-face) remains suspended until further notice from the government authorities. This is to reduce exposure of the vulnerable age under 21.
15. Worshippers 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

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES

[VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 – Introduction to the Bible
- LESSON NO. 3 – How We Got the Bible
- LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - A. God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement:
 - Becoming Christians Only
 - Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
 Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470
 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:
1:00 - 2:00



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