

Servers Today, 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

Closing Prayer: TBA

Announcement: Andy Bestre

Afternoon Speaker: Janriel S. Abance

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

To Bring Flowers: Bayating 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, I 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 26, 2021

Being Strong in the Faith (Romans 14:1-23)

Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Hebrews 10:1-10

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: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

To Bring Flowers: Montes Family

To Bring Biscuits: Suspended

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PM Bible Study:

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Ezra Valdez is Midtown's new youth minister

Brother EZRA ANGCAWAY VALDEZ, lone applicant for the position, was officially appointed as YOUTH MINISTER for the MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST effective September 15, 2021. Brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, former YOUTH MINISTER has, in effect, become one of Midtown’s EVANGELIST—MINISTER.

Brother Ezra, Filipino, single, 25 years old, and a resident of Amistad Road, Camp 7, Baguio City, having qualified as an applicant, was interviewed and his credentials deliberated during the past two meetings of the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM.

Prior to his completion of his Bachelor’s degree in Biblical Studies at the SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI) in Singapore on May 30, 2021, brother Ezra graduated as Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Major in Operations Management at the University of Baguio in 2019. He was recognized with a LEADERSHIP AWARD by SIBI-Singapore. For his internship for BSBA, he worked with the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) of the Social Security System-CAR.

In his younger years, he has as work experiences being a waiter for a catering service in Oriental Mindoro and as Operations Manager and Tour Guide for a Travel & Tours agency in Boracay.

He believes he has been called into the ministry after having been actively involved in numerous congregational activities in and out of Midtown, in and out of the city of Baguio. He has also experienced serving in various ministries and has thereby discovered that his spiritual gifts are in serving, encouraging, and leadership.

With the given opportunity of serving the congregation as YOUTH MINISTER, he prays that he can also continue to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The congregation will financially support brother Ezra Valdez with a starting Monthly Salary of PhP13,000.00 and with a monthly Transportation Allowance of PhP3,000.00, Rice Allowance of PhP1,000.00, and Cell Phone Load of PhP300.00.

The congregation praise the Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for this development and prays for brother Ezra’s successful ministry.Ω

“A person's most beautiful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, ears ready to listen, and hands willing to help others.”

READ Romans 13:8-14

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Book authored by Sameon for distribution today

The book, “MAN-MADE DOCTRINES VERSUS THE WORD OF GOD” has freshly came out of the printing press and is ready for distribution to members of the Midtown congregation. Brother SANTIAGO “DODOY” B. SAMEON II, the author of the said book came up with this material in order to help students of the Word, church leaders, preachers, and interested seekers who may have encountered questions similar with those contained in the said book. The author, together with his wife, sister Serafia “Sarah” M. Sameon, says that the book is dedicated to those who lay their allegiance not on men but value the approval of God (Acts 5:29).

Being proven essential in the ministry, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has approved the printing of One Hundred Fifty (150) copies at the cost of PhP221.00/copy. The cost, having been shouldered by Midtown, will be made available for FREE to members of the congregation. One (1) copy is allotted to each family at Midtown.

It is the prayer of the servant-leaders of the congregation that this material will be freely used for group and personal studies.Ω

16 attend monthly ladies devotional & fellowship

The MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP on September 18th, was attended by sixteen (16) ladies who actively participated in discussions on the Prophet Jonah’s “RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD” as facilitated by sister Nelly Bayla. It was a lesson to courageously face and obey God’s directives and not to run away from it.

Those who attended were sisters Maureen Soriano, Norma Aping, Josie Baban, Lily Soriano, Clarita Cachero, Loida Baddas, Lorenza Losnong, Beth Sevilla, Lou Villanueva, Amber Po, Cot Espinosa, Maribel Sunggay, Bing Buendia, Jovencia Mabesa, Ruth Trinidad, and Nelly Bayla.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
September 12, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....80

YP EEZ.....8

CHILDREN.....2

GUEST.....2

TOTAL.....92

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....6

GRADES 1-3 .....19

GRADES 4-6.....4

HIGH SCH.....7

COL/YAs.....17

TOTAL.....53

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP28,250.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— SEPTEMBER 21, 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

• CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE— FB LIVE WITH BROTHER JESSE BESTRE | SUNDAYS @ 7:30 –8:30 PM

• VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE— PLEASE COORDINATE WITH TEACHERS.

• PRESCHOOL CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PM .....C/o KESHA OLIVA—09955633844

• GRADES 1-3 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PM.....C/o MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950

• GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PM.....C/o KANA PERDIGON—09158639845

• HIGH SCHOOL CLASS @ 3:30 PM .....C/o ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351

• COLLEGE/YAS CLASS @ 4:30 PM .....C/o JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

• 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 Mcmillin

\*Dan & Dodo y 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 Bayot

\*Ruby Mclean

\*Aries John Igoy & Family

\*Maryann Valdez

\*De Castro Family

\*Cesar Acosta

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family

\*Arian Kaith Igoy

\*Robinson Palaypayon

\*Carmen Villanueva

\*Menchie Mojica

\*Magdalena A. Gavino

\*Teresito 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)

# I Don't Know About Tomorrow

Christian Living Series | By Jojo A. Ramos

## I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Song by Larry Ford

I don't know about tomorrow  
I just live from day to day  
I don't borrow from its sunshine  
For its skies may turn to grey

I don't worry o'er the future  
For I know what Jesus said  
And today I'll walk beside Him  
For He knows what is ahead

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand

I don't know about tomorrow  
It may bring me poverty  
But the one who feeds the  
sparrow  
Is the one who stands by me

And the path that is my portion  
May be through the flame or flood  
But His presence goes before me  
And I'm covered with His blood

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand

Every step is getting brighter  
As the golden stairs I climb  
Every burden's getting lighter  
Every cloud is silver-lined

There the sun is always shining  
There no tear will dim the eye  
At the ending of the rainbow  
Where the mountain touch the sky

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand



**A**ng buhay natin ngayon ay ibang-iba. Di katulad noong simula ng taong 2019 na malaya pa ang lahat sa maraming gawain, masaganang kasama ang pamilya at kaibigan, nakahahalubilo natin ang maraming tao, nakapapasyal tayo na walang pangamba, walang pagaalala na magkakasakit o mahahawaan tayo ng Covid 19. Ngayong taong 2021, kahit na nakapagpabakuna na tayo, kailangan pa ring mag-facemask, mag-face shield, mag-hugas ng kamay, mag-alcohol at sumunod sa mga Pandemic Protocols dahil mayroon pa ring pangambang mahawaan at makahawa ng Covid 19 Delta Variant. Kaya ingat pa rin tayo mga minamahal na kapatid.

Nowadays, since the early months of 2020 when the pandemic started, anxiety and worry grew a hundredfold within men. No one expected this nor has anyone prophesied about this particular pandemic happening in the world. *Dito natin makikita na walang sinoman ang makahuhula ng mangyayari sa hinaharap.* It would always feel like tomorrow is an uncertainty. It was like time was literally stopped, but the days continue into a blank stare outside our window—never knowing what tomorrow will bring but just hoping, praying, and waiting...

Jesus invites us all: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." **Matthew 11:28 NIV** Such comforting words from our Savior, a promise that we should put to heart and to always remember that our Lord Jesus is always there for us. We may not see His physical presence, but we can feel His warmth and comfort through the words and promises He has spoken. We can also be aware of the assurances of His guidance through the stories and experiences of men written for us to be blessed, inspired, and warned.

One of my inspirations in missions is our brother Paul, an "expert" in sufferings and trials, suffered in many ways and yet did not lose heart. God kept strengthening him day by day as he always looked forward to his eternal reward. He said in **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NIV** "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Let me share to you the song "I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW." How I wish we could sing it together but by just reading the lyrics comforts us in many ways especially as we enter this new season of life. We may not know nor understand what tomorrow may bring. We may be suffering, undergoing many trials today as we all experience the effects of this pandemic season, we may have lost possessions, jobs, income, and many things but we should NEVER lose FAITH, HOPE and especially LOVE (**1Corinthians 13**) for we are God's possessions (**Ephesians 1:14**) belonging to Him (**1Peter 2:9-10**).

Just as Jesus came to the eleven disciples and said: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (**Matthew 28:20 NIV**), so our Lord Jesus will always be with us until the very end. What an assurance from our Faithful God who is truly faithful in His promises!

Therefore beloved brothers and sisters, as we live through this pandemic season of life, let us sing..."Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand!"Ω

## 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

SUSPENDED



## SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

ASSEMBLY 3:  
1:00 - 2:00



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