

Servers Today, October 24, 2021

Holding on to the Doctrine of Christ (Romans 16:17-27)

Speaker: Andy Bestre

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Hebrews 9:11-15

Scripture Reading: TBA

To Bring the Bread: TBA

Prayer for the Cup: TBA

Prayer for the Giving: TBA

Closing Prayer: TBA

Announcement: Arnan Bayla

Afternoon Speaker: Andy Bestre

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

To Bring Flowers: Montes Family

To Bring Biscuits: Suspended

To Bring Drinks: Suspended

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Kesha Oliva

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 October 31, 2021

Acknowledging the Supremacy of God's Son (Hebrews 1:1-14)

Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Janriel Abance

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

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PM Bible Study:

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Espiritu born anew, indwelt by the Holy Spirit

Brother Felix L. Olidan Jr., former minister at Midtown who now ministers at the CHURCH OF CHRIST in Wanchai, Hong Kong, shared the good news that his father-in-law, BERNARDO ESPIRITU, was baptized into Christ last Friday, October 22, at the CALOOCAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, Caloocan City.

Sister Luz Espiritu—Olidan, spouse of brother Felix is in the country from Hong Kong to attend to her father who was admitted at St. Luke's Hospital. While there, an online Bible study was set up for brother Bernardo Espiritu with brother Felix Olidan. Assisted by sister Luz, her father confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and wanted to be baptized as soon as he gets discharged from the hospital. True to his word, as soon as he got out of the hospital, they went directly to the CALOOCAN CHURCH OF CHRIST and was assisted by brother Randy Macapagal, minister of the Caloocan congregation.

The Midtown congregation joins the ESPIRITU FAMILY in jubilations for this development. Ω

“We are secure not because we tightly hold on to Jesus but because He tightly holds us.”

READ Hebrews 13:5-6

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Virus-stricken recover, continued prayers sought

A number of Midtown brethren who were recently afflicted by the COVID19 virus were discharged from hospitalization and from isolation facilities as they are now on the road to full recovery.

Brother Dodoy Sameon was discharged from the BGHMC after over a month of confinement last Friday, October 22nd. Because of the severity of the case, brother Dodoy will continuously be oxygenated in his residence.

Brother Jun Bondoc, who was confined at the Philippine Lung Center was discharged last Friday, October 22, 2021. He says he is getting better every day. His sibling, sister Lulot Asprec will be staying at the Philippine Lung Center for a few more days.

Earlier, brother Alex Ciencia who was also admitted at the BGHMC was discharged last Thursday, October 21, 2021.

The above mentioned brethren expressed their deepest appreciation to the Midtown congregation for the unceasing prayers being offered in their behalf and for the benevolence. Midtown rejoices and praises the Almighty God for His wondrous deeds.Ω

Midtown minister officiates Aruta - Cayabyab nuptial

Brother Arnan A. Bayla, licensed SOLEMNIZING OFFICER, officiated the wedding of Mary Rose Austria Aruta of Middle Quezon Hill, this city and brother Philip Stephen Gonzales Cayabyab of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST at the facilities of MOMMY LA RESTAURANT located on Dominican Hill Road, this city, the other past Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Reception followed immediately in the same venue. Midtown brethren, namely, Mervin & Kate Oliva, Chris & Kesha Oliva, and Nelly Bayla were among the guests and well-wishers.

Brother Philip used to be an active member of the Midtown Young People in his teens before moving to the Baguio church of Christ.

Earlier, the couple completed the required sessions of PREMARITAL COUNSELING with brother Arnan Bayla on September 7—30, 2021. Midtown brethren convey congratulations and pray for the newly-wed a marriage that will truly last a lifetime!Ω

Udan goes to SWIM in Yagyagan, Tuba's COMPAC

Brother Julius Udan reported lately, that he continues to dispense his duty as official Life Coach serving the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP). The other past Saturday, October 16th, he was able to serve in the SQUAD WEEKLY INTERACTIVE MEETING (SWIM) with the personnel on duty at the COMMUNITY POLICE ASSISTANCE CENTER (COMPAC) located at Km. 10 Naguillian Road, Yagyagan, Tuba, Benguet. This is in addition to the SWIM he handles at the COMPAC in Tadiangan, Tuba every Wednesday.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

October 17, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....79

YP EEZ.....13

CHILDREN.....2

GUEST.....3

TOTAL.....97

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....4

GRADES 1-318

GRADES 4-6.....4

H.S. & COL.....6

YAs.....12

TOTAL.....44

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PpP36,835.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— OCTOBER 26, 2021 @ 12:00—2:30 PM

YOUNG PEOPLE’S VIRTUAL MEETINGS/ CARE GROUP—EVERY 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

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

• H.S. & COLLEGE CLASS @ 3:30 PMC/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351

• YAS CLASS @ 4:30 PMC/O JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

• 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 & 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

[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

*Alex Ciencia

OTHER CONCERNS

*Ella Badua-Ciencia (SafePregnancy)

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family

*Arian Kaith Igoy

*Robinson Palaypayon

*Carmen Villanueva

*Menchie Mojica

*Magdalena A. Gavino

*Teresita De Leon

*Jennilyn Villanueva

*Ron Paul Gavino

*Mary Elaine Dolteo

*Susan Forte Aballa

GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD

By: JoJo Ramos, Christian Living Series
2021.10.21

It is written:
"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You are the Potter; And all we are the work of Your hand" (Isaiah 64: 8 NKJV)
God is the Potter, and we are like clay to be molded as a fine work of art, a beautiful portrayal of God guiding His people towards His purpose as revealed by the Prophet Isaiah. Truly, we need to be molded, beaten upon to be softened, cooked well to have strength and elasticity, and likened to the original pattern, to what was intended to be. God does the same with Christians as one journey the path to righteousness. He shapes us to the pattern of His Son being tested and tried with fire (1 Peter 1:6, 7). Softening our hearts through the various trials we face in life to test our faith. These testing serve to remove impurities in our soul as we learn the path of righteousness and transformation. Just like gold purified by fire, our character is being refined and out of the fires of sufferings our soul emerges as precious as gold and as strong as steel. Overcoming our weakness and failures in life are proof of how God used them to be intended for good. Weaknesses and failures should not discourage us in pursuing our goals in life but let God mold us into what He purposed us to be. These can help us face our sufferings in the future because of the rich source of experiences, knowledge, and warnings. Although, looking back at our lives depending on how we look at it, we see marks of beating or scars of life that should make an impression of victories over trials and sufferings. This should show that God is working in and through the events that takes place in our lives. It is seen in our faith and on how we view life in general specially if we look at these sufferings in God's eyes. Remember Joseph "The Dreamer" whose life started with glory from his father Jacob, giving him a special coat of favor amongst his brothers.

Then God gave him visions & dreams that his family did not understand which stirred the ire of his brothers causing them to commit unspeakable treacherous jealous acts against the favored son. Even after being sold to slavery by his own brothers and forgotten as dead, God was still with him molding his life towards His purpose. Even as a slave, Jacob was favored by his master Potiphar in Egypt and made him head over his household, but it did not last long as he was imprisoned, falsely accused of betraying his master's trust and by Potiphar's lustful wife of sexual harassment. Even in prison, Joseph's innocence and purity kept him faithful to God's promises and hope. Again, favor and prestige were restored as God guided him back and made him Pharaoh's right hand. His story continues as God's purposed was realized when a severe famine was upon the land affecting everyone including his family, where only under his care as Egypt's second in command that the people can find relief from the famine. Then a precious time of forgiveness and reconciliation came between him and his brothers. A drama of what life should be when we stay close to God's faithfulness and hope. Even if during betrayals, sufferings, persecutions and testing in life where the odds are against us, we can still find God in all these darkness. Please read this drama in Joseph's life; **Genesis 45:1-8**.
How inspiring to see a man of God who has all the right to be angry & vengeful to his brothers for what they have done but he did not. Instead, he showed compassion & love to them, explaining that it was God's purpose. **"They intended to harm him BUT GOD intended it for good"**.
Truly, in our lives such situations of sufferings and trials comes our way like strong storms in life destroying our dreams and goals BUT at the end of a storm we can find a beautiful rainbow of hope. Brothers & sisters let us always seek a beautiful rainbow after every storm, for this is a gift from God. Meditate on these things. Glory to God.

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 :
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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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