

Servers Today, 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
Announcement: Andy Bestre
Afternoon Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre
Song Leader: Janriel Abance
To Bring Flowers: Bayating 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, 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 November 7, 2021

Paying Attention to Our Salvation (Hebrews 2:1-9)

Speaker: Jojo Ramos
Song Leader: Andy Bestre
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
Closing Prayer: TBA
Announcement: Andy Bestre
Afternoon Speaker: Jojo Ramos
Song Leader: Andy Bestre
To Bring Flowers: Montes Family
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To Bring Drinks: Suspended
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PM Bible Study:



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Kitma Village care group resumes after 2 years

After two years since the restrictions imposed by the authorities, the KITMA FRIDAY CARE GROUP has resumed with their in-person fellowship a couple of Fridays ago, October 15, 2021.

Abiding by the minimum HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS, and with almost everyone duly vaccinated, the brethren at Kitma Village, this city are now able to meet for devotionals and fellowships every Friday at 6:30—8:30 PM. As usual, hosting of the CARE GROUP rotates among the families around the village.

Last Friday, October 29th, the CARE GROUP was hosted by sister Mia Kitma—Acena. The group currently studies the BOOK OF COLOSSIANS being facilitated on rotation among the men. Attendance is usually around twenty persons.Ω

Sister Mercy passes on to Abraham's bosom

Sister MERCY BALTAZAR LEAÑO—BAYOT, one of Midtown's subject of congregational prayers for a couple of years, passed on to Abraham's bosom by God's favorable mercy, after battling with cancer for a number of years. Last Monday, October 25, 2021, she succumbed to a terminal stage of Thyroid Cancer at the VICTORIANO LUNA MEDICAL CENTER in Quezon City. She was sixty-nine years old.

The FUNERAL SERVICE was officiated in a memorial park in the Municipality of Amadeo, Cavite by brother Charles Bautista, minister of the TALON CHURCH OF CHRIST.

She is survived by her husband, brother Eduardo V. Bayot, two sons, Mark Eduard (married to Janice) and Marlon, and two grandchildren, Martyn and Jansen. The deceased was the younger sibling of sister Ruth Baltazar Leaño—Trinidad. Spouses Lemuel & Vangie Glori and sister Ruth Trinidad travelled to Amadeo, Cavite to grieve with the family and to convey Midtown's sympathies.

The bereaved family expressed appreciation to the Midtown congregation for the love, support, and unceasing prayers offered in their behalf.Ω

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."

READ Galatians 3:26-29

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Young people's in-person care group on Nov. 6th

It was announced by the YOUTH MINISTRY in last TUESDAY'S CHURCH FORUM that the YOUTH'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP will resume and will be held every first Saturday of the month. The group will meet on November 6, 2021 at 3:00—5:00 PM.

For the maximum safety of everyone, the youth minister and other youth leaders shall implement and be guided by the following in addition to prevailing HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- 1. Young people below the age of 18 will not be allowed yet.
2. Meetings shall be held at Midtown's Assembly Hall or outdoors and open spaces.
3. For now, attendance shall be limited to Midtown's young people until everyone gets vaccinated.
4. Attendance shall not exceed the allowable 30% of the venue.
5. Activities that allow close contact with others shall be deferred.Ω

Midtown opens official G-Cash account for offerings

By virtue of the increasing requests from participants of MIDTOWN'S LIVE STREAM WORSHIP that a system of sending their offerings be put in place, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has approved the opening of an official G-CASH ACCOUNT for use by Midtown brethren. Beginning today, October 31st, brethren who opt to give their offerings through G-CASH may use this account: ANDRES BESTRE G-CASH ACCOUNT @ 0916—343—8539.

It was noted in the CHURCH FORUM that there is an average of Twenty (20) viewers of Midtown's Sunday Live Stream Worship. If taken to account that one view registered may possibly be used by more than one user, there could be a lot more viewers or worshippers using the LIVE STREAM.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD October 24, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Table with 2 columns: REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY and VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL. Rows include ADULTS, YPEEZ, CHILDREN, GUEST, and TOTAL.

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP33,236.00

PRAYER LIST

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 & Dody 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
*Ruby Mclean
*Ariés John Igoy & Family
*Maryann Valdez
*Cesar Acosta
*Navew Family
*Geron Family
*Asprec & Bondoc Family
*Xelli Oea Emperador
*Valdez Family
*Jostie Yapyapen

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

- *Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family
*Arian Kaith Igoy
*Robinson Palaypayon
*Carmen Villanueva
*Menchie Mojica
*Magdalena A. Gavino
*Terésita De Leon
*Jennilyn Villanueva
*Ron Paul Gavino
*Mary Elaine Dolteo
*Susan Forte Aballa
*Vina Emperador
*Melanio Carreon

[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)

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— NOVEMBER 2, 2021 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIRTUAL MEETINGS/ CARE GROUP—EVERY THURS & SAT @ 5-6 PM
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP—SAT URDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 @ 3—5PM
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 PM.....C/O MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950
GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PM.....C/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

A HOPE WHEN FACING THE UNCERTAINTIES

By: JoJo Ramos, Christian Living Series

All of us living in this world, whether rich or poor, young or old will face life with the certainty of death. Whether we like it or not, all will die either voluntary or unexpected, now or later.

This is an unpleasant fact of life. The reality of life—physical life, that is. Truly, we do not know what will happen in the future.

With this fear of death; which is certain, many will attempt to “make certain... the uncertain”. Men and science will try to elucidate what will happen in the future. Science even attempts to prolong life through any means beyond the extreme restrictions of humanity and morality. Most men will try to offer a better explanation of what will happen outside the boundaries of death and sell them to believers convincing them of its viewpoint or giving rise to a new religion or faith. These are dangerous times to believe these men having no proof, no evidence, no testimonies, no verifications, no attestations, no corroborations or no justifications, all trying to answer the QUESTIONS OF LIFE AND DEATH AND WHAT LIES AHEAD. A blind hope for the future for those who uses their minds and not their heart and soul. For our mere human mind cannot comprehend the answers to these questions, but will continuously lead us to more subsequent questions. Also, a confusing hope for the future for those who uses their minds and heart only without the soul. All physical feelings, lacking spiritual truth. Letting their feelings overwhelm the truthfulness of the biblical knowledge of God and His desires of worship and ways of life. Playing with their human senses, feeble minded about the truth in the Gospel. Easy prey for hungry wolves who uses this bait to lure men to their trap. Dangerous zeal shown by mere hearts.

However, there is a true hope, a Christian Hope. The hope spoken by God's Word. Only in the Bible can we find this hope. Although written by men but we will find a unity of thought that indicates that one Mind inspired the writing and compilation. The Bible bears the mark of its Author... God. Here all the proofs, evidences, testimonies, to humanities quest for hope. For here is not an account of human efforts to find God, but rather

an account of God's effort to reveal Himself to humanity. Here is God's own record of His dealings with humanity in His unfolding revelation of Himself to us that we may have hope for our future.

For it is written: “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

Truly reading and understanding the Bible gives us confidence and trust in the only knowledge of the truthfulness of God and in the hope He reveals to us. As it is written: “... the faith and love that spring from the hope, that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the Word of Truth, the Gospel that has come to you.” (Colossians 1:5-6). And the apostle John inspires us saying “everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself just as He is pure” (1John 3:3).

What then is this HOPE? This Christian Hope, which answers the mysteries of life and death, and what will become of us when we die.

Thus, for it is written: “...we wait for the BLESSED HOPE--- the GLORIOUS APPEARING of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own” (Titus 2:13-14).

The first appearance of Christ gave us HOPE that we can live a stronger, secured and guided life through all this sufferings, trials, pain, despair, heartsick, sadness, loneliness, wickedness or worldly life, imperfections of humanity. He truly was our HOPE in this present age. A “Present Hope” for a “Glorious Hope in the future”.

WHY? Because the Bible speaks of a SECOND APPEARANCE of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to judge all the living and the dead and gather His elect to bring to His Father according to the promise of everlasting life, the True HOPE found only in the Bible. The Bible was written that people might believe, understand, know, love, obey and follow Jesus personally. The whole Bible is built around this beautiful story of Jesus and around His promise of eternal life to those who accepts Him according to the Biblical Pattern revealed.

This is the Christian Hope that we can meditate upon in this trying times.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. 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

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
MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS	SUNDAY PM WORSHIP
SUSPENDED 	ASSEMBLY 3: 1:00 - 2:00 

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