

Servers Today, November 21, 2021

Exhorting One Another Daily (Hebrews 3:7-19)

Speaker: Janriel S. Abance
Song Leader: Christopher Oliva
Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)
Intercessory Prayer: TBA
Communion Text: Isaiah 53:1-5
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: Janriel S. Abance
Song Leader: Christopher Oliva
To Bring Flowers: Montes Family
To Bring Biscuits: Suspended
To Bring Drinks: Suspended
Usher/ettes: Volunteers
Communion: Alton Mark 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, 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 November 28, 2021

Holding On to the Promised Rest (Hebrews 4:1-13)

Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre
Song Leader: June Reyes
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: Charles Quilondrino
Song Leader: June Reyes
To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family
To Bring Biscuits: Suspended
To Bring Drinks: Suspended
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PM Bible Study:



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Ministers' yearend bonus up for special collection

In appreciation of Midtown's four full-time staff ministers, namely, brother Arnan A. Bayla (1987—present), brother Andy E. Bestre (1994—present), brother Jesse Reuben M. Bestre (2014—present), and brother Ezra Valdez (September 2021—present) and as the long-time loving practice of the Midtown congregation, YEAREND BONUSSES for them will be raised through a SPECIAL COLLECTION which will be done twice. The first one will be made next Sunday, November 28, 2021. Those who will be unable to give by then, will have an opportunity to do so on the succeeding Sunday, December 5, 2021.

The brethren are encouraged to prayerfully prepare for this worthy undertaking in keeping with the Scripture's instruction to doubly honor those who direct the affairs of the church and whose work is preaching and teaching (1 Timothy 5:18).Ω

Midtown brethren facilitates vigil service

The FRIDAY CARE GROUP (FCG) usually meeting at Midtown's Assembly Hall and a good number of brethren from Midtown conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late sister RUBEJES CALOSA MC LEAN VDA DE DUMAWA, mother of sister Nelly Dumawa—Bayla. The deceased succumbed to a lingering illness last Wednesday, November 17th.

Said care group facilitated the devotional at the auditorium of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST (BCOC) located at 18 Rimando Rd., this city, Friday evening, November 19th. Brother Jimmy June Reyes served as the song leader while brother Jesse Reuben Bestre served as the speaker in the devotional in which he discussed the "CHRISTIAN'S HOPE IN THE MIDST OF DEATH" based on 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

Nightly devotionals will be conducted 7 o'clock until Tuesday, November 23rd. The FUNERAL SERVICE will be held at the BCOC's auditorium on Wednesday, November 24th at 9 o'clock in the morning. The GRAVESIDE SERVICE follows thereafter at the GARDEN OF PEACE of the PYRAMID MEMORIAL PARK in Barangay Kias, this city.Ω

"Look at death as a life completed instead of a life interrupted."

READ Romans 14:8

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25 attend monthly ladies luncheon fellowship

Midtown's MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP was held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 11:30 in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The FOURTH QUARTER'S STEERING GROUP took charge of the learning activities, devotionals, and fellowship meal.

Twenty-five participated in this fellowship, namely, sisters Alice Lalas, Nancy Bayla, Ruth Trinidad, Lorenza Losnong, Dinah & Thea Austria, Beth Sevilla, Carina Lacaba, Jovencia Mabesa, Josie Baban, Belen Espiritu, Angeline Linggon, Hannah Ignacio, Lily Soriano, Norma Aping, Bing Buendia, Maribel Sunggay, Corazon Ozo, Maureen Soriano, Demirose Tacay, Lady Angela Ramos, and Sheila, Jade, Diane & Frances Mae Balangitan. Sister Maureen Soriano served as speaker in the devotional in which she encouraged the ladies to "STAND FIRM & LET NOTHING MOVE YOU" (1 Cor. 15:58). Sister Demi Tacay got the group laughing and having fun with energizing games. Sister Angela Ramos led the singing. The next ladies fellowship will be next year.Ω

Church calendar ready for distribution

Three Hundred (300) 2022 COMMERCIAL CALENDARS bearing the identity of the MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST is ready for distribution today and in the succeeding Sundays. Initially, each family is entitled to two (2) calendars. Extra copies may be availed of on the last week of December, that is, if there would be any left.

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM approved the amount of PhP11,400.00 in payment of the job order under "Annual Regular Budget" The Church Forum expressed thanks to brother Art Tacay for volunteering in having the calendars printed in such a short time.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD November 14, 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: PhP38,682.00

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 & Dodoy Sameon, *Dith Zamora, *Tess Kitma, *Jun Bondoc, *Loida Baddas, *Marina Mabesa, *Bernard Ignacio, *Jonathan Enerva, *Dick Baguioen, *Nida Gabriel, *Thaddeus Baggao, *Bernabe Ignacio, *Alan Patrick Akia
[MELBA & JERRY LICUPA] *Primitiva Ridon, *Aries John Igoy & Family, *Maryann Valdez, *Cesar Acosta
[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family, *Arian Kaith Igoy, *Robinson Palaypayon, *Carmen Villanueva, *Menchie Mojica, *Magdalena A. Gavino, *Terestia De Leon, *Jennilyn Villanueva, *Ron Paul Gavino, *Mary Elaine Dolteo, *Susan Porte Aballa, *Melanio Carreon, *Mary Jane Aclang, *Domingador Malatag, *Camelia Luna, *Karen Castillo
[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 & Ella Ciencia
OTHER CONCERNS *Ella Badua-Ciencia (SafePregnancy), *Celia Cirilo & Geoffrey Luna (Safe Travel)

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— NOVEMBER 23, 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 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 PMC/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351
• COLLEGE/YAS CLASS @ 4:30 PMC/O JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

God's Providence Is Always Perfect

By: JoJo Ramos, Christian Living Series2021.10



I heard a story about a king and his servant who went hunting. A King had a male servant who, in all circumstances always said to him; My king, do not be discouraged because everything in God's providence & leading is perfect.

One day, they went hunting and a wild animal attacked the king, the servant managed to kill the animal but couldn't prevent his majesty from losing a finger. Furious and without showing gratitude, the King said; if God was good, I would not have been attacked and lost one finger.

The servant replied, despite all these things, I can only tell you that God is good and everything He does is perfect, He is never wrong. Outraged by the response, the king ordered the arrest of his servant. Later, he left for another hunt and was captured by savages who use human beings for sacrifice.

In the altar, the savages found out that the king didn't have one finger, he was released because he was considered not "complete" to be offered to their gods.

On his return to the palace, he authorized the release of his servant and said, "My friend, God was really good to me. I was almost killed but for lack of a single finger I was let go. But I have a question; If God is so good, why did he allow me to put you in jail? He replied, my king, if I had gone with you, I would have been sacrificed because I have no missing finger.

Everything in God's providence is perfect; he is never wrong. Often, we complain about life and the negative things that happen to us, forgetting

that as faithful followers of Christ nothing is random, and that everything has a purpose.

I always love the story about Paul's Macedonian call in Acts 16, 17 & 18 (Please Read). Where God was the one who called Paul to go to Macedonia instead of Paul's plans for Bithynia. And as we follow Paul's journey, we find God's providence, God's will, God's leading as perfect & definitely with a purpose even if Paul was ostracized, persecuted, imprisoned, beaten with rods, hunted down & threatened, but still we can see how God's providence guided them towards making more disciples & planting important churches in Macedonia. When God's will prevail, everything will be perfect for He knows everything. Another great story we find in Paul's calling is at Athens where Paul mentioned God's Sovereign & God's providence for all men. Paul said:

Acts 17:25-28 NKJV

"...He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being,..."

God's love, faithfulness & desire for His children to be with Him has always been leading men towards His Son that they may find Him. But again, with the same characters of love He gave us free will to choose to trust, obey & follow. But also warned us that:

Acts 17:30-31 NKJV

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Want to study more of Paul's Macedonian Call? Just approach us...

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

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