

Servers Today, 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
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 December 5, 2021

Jesus Christ As Our Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-5:1-10)

Speaker: Jojo Ramos
Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)
Intercessory Prayer: TBA
Communion Text: Romans 8:1-4
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: Jojo Ramos
Song Leader: Arnan Bayla
To Bring Flowers: Montes 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 today

As announced last Sunday, the congregation is given the opportunity to express appreciation to Midtown's four full-time staff ministers, namely, brothers Arnan A. Bayla, Andy E. Bestre, Jesse Reuben M. Bestre, and Ezra Valdez through a SPECIAL COLLECTION for their YEAREND BONUSES. Another opportunity to give especially for those who will be unable to contribute today will be done next Sunday, December 5, 2021.

The STAFF MINISTERS express thankfulness for the unending love and undying support and prayers of the congregation. God bless you richly!Ω

Sister Ruby Mc Lean laid to rest in garden of peace

The late sister RUBEJES CALOSA MC LEAN VDA DE DUMAWA, born February 19, 1937, passed on to Abraham's side on November 17, 2021 and was interred at the GARDEN OF PEACE of the PYRAMID MEMORIAL PARK located at Barangay Kias, this city last Thursday morning, November 25, 2021.

She is survived by one sibling, sister Crescencia Mayor; five children, all faithful disciples of Christ—Rolly, Rachel, Dels, Nelly, and Phil; children in law—Derwin Cabuenas, Arnan Bayla, and Helen Cariaga; six grandchildren—Jon, Luke, Charis, A-Mark, Andrew, and Ian.

The FUNERAL SERVICE, officiated by brothers Arnan Bayla and Erasto Fuentes Jr., started with a DEVOTIONAL held at the auditorium of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST (BCOC) at 9 o'clock in the morning. A EULOGY rendered by the grandchildren of the deceased immediately followed. The mourners proceeded to the PYRAMID MEMORIAL PARK where the COMMITAL SERVICE at the grave was held and was attended by family, friends, and a good number of brethren from various congregations in the city and elsewhere.

The DUMAWA-MC LEAN FAMILY expressed heartfelt appreciation for the sympathies, prayers, and overwhelming support during their time of bereavement. God bless you all exceedingly!Ω

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."

READ Philippians 4:10-13

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YP's home visitations & fellowship on the go

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's youth minister, reports that a number of HOME VISITATIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS were held in various homes the past few weeks. As a result of the Bible Studies, devotionals, fellowship in meals, catching-up sessions, fun and games, the young people have reignited each others desire to serve the Almighty God and to keep on spurring one another unto love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25). There were more or less fifteen (15) participants in said activities. The following is a list of HOME VISITATION & FELLOWSHIP done this month:

- 1. Soriano Residence—November 7
2. Gonzales Residence—November 11
3. Sunggay Residence—November 13
4. Perdigon Residence—November 21

Meanwhile, Midtown's YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE made a number of visits and special presentations during the vigil services in honor of the late sister Ruby Mc Lean at the auditorium of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST. Their presentation of "SINGSPIRATION" at the wake truly inspired and edified the family and friends of the bereaved and the congregation. Glory and praises to God alone! Ω

No Tuesday church forum on Bonifacio Day

As agreed by the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM, there will be no meetings on fifth Tuesdays. Also, since the date is declared a national public holiday (Bonifacio Day), the forum is suspended on November 30, 2021. However, should there be pressing needs that can not wait until the next forum, concerned ministries and individuals can still meet at Midtown's Assembly Hall on Tuesday.

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM will resume on December 7, 2021 @ 12:00—2:30 in the afternoon. Hope to see you by then!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD November 21, 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: PhP39,651.00

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 Memillin
*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:
*Ilan & 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 Acdang
*Dominador 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)

ANNOUNCEMENT

- NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON NOVEMBER 30, 2021 | RESUMES DECEMBER 7, 2021
• 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

HEED GOD'S WORD

The emphasis in Hebrews is that true believers have an eternal salvation because they trust a living Saviour who constantly intercedes for them. But the writer is careful to point out that this confidence is no excuse for sin. God disciplines His children. Remember that Canaan is not a picture of heaven, but of the believer's present spiritual inheritance in Christ. Believers who doubt God's Word and rebel against Him do miss out on the blessings of their inheritance today, and they must suffer the chastening of God. Let's have a study of Hebrews 3:1-13

LET US FEAR (vv. 1-8). Believers today may enter and enjoy their spiritual inheritance in Christ. We must be careful lest we fail to believe God's Word, for it is only as the Word is "mixed with faith" that it can accomplish its purposes. The argument in this section is given in several propositions: (1) God finished His work and rested, so that His rest has been available since Creation. (2) The Jews failed to enter into their rest. (3) Many years later (Ps 95), God said that a rest was still available. That "today" is still here! This means that Joshua did not lead Israel into the true rest, because a rest still remains. (Note that the name "Jesus" in Heb 4:8, KJV, ought to be "Joshua." "Jesus" is the Greek form of "Joshua.")

The Canaan rest for Israel is a picture of the spiritual rest we find in Christ when we surrender to Him. When we come to Christ by faith, we find salvation rest (Matt 11:28). When we yield and learn of Him and obey Him by faith, we enjoy submission rest (Matt 11:29-30). The first is "peace with God" (Rom 5:1); the second is the "peace of God" (Phil 4:6-8). It is by believing that we enter into rest (Heb 4:3); it is by obeying God by faith and surrendering to His will that the rest enters into us.

LET US LABOR (vv. 9-13). "Give diligence" is a good translation of this admonition. Diligence is the opposite of "drifting" (Heb 2:13). How do we give diligence? By paying close attention to the Word of God. Israel did not believe God's Word, so the rebels fell in the wilderness. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom 10:17).

In comparing the Word of God to a sword, the writer is not suggesting that God uses His Word to slaughter the saints! It is true that the Word cuts the heart of sinners with conviction (Acts 5:33; 7:54), and that the Word defeats Satan (Eph 6:17). The Greek word translated "sword" means "a short sword or dagger." The emphasis

is on the power of the Word to penetrate and expose the inner heart of man. The Word is a "discerner" or "critic." The Israelites criticized God's Word instead of allowing the Word to judge them. Consequently, they lost their inheritance.

Of course, God sees our hearts (Heb 4:13); but we do not always know what is there (Jer 17:9).

God uses the Word to enable us to see the sin and unbelief in our own hearts. The Word exposes our hearts; and then, if we trust God, the Word enables our hearts to obey God and claim His promises.

This is why each believer should be diligent to apply himself to hear and heed God's Word. In the Word we see God, and we also see how God sees us. We see ourselves as we really are. This experience enables us to be honest with God, to trust His will, and to obey Him.

All of this is possible because of the finished work of Jesus Christ. (The two "He's" in Heb 4:10 refer to Jesus Christ.) God rested when He finished the work of Creation, God's Son rested when He completed the work of the new creation. We may enter into His rest by trusting His Word and obeying His will. We can do this as we listen to His Word, understand it, trust it, and obey it. Only in this way can we claim our inheritance in Christ.

Before Joshua conquered Jericho, he went out to survey the situation; and he met the Lord Jesus Christ (Josh 5:13-15). Joshua discovered that he was second in command! The Lord had a sword in His hand, and Joshua fell at His feet in complete submission. It was this action in private that gave Joshua his public victory.

We too claim our spiritual inheritance by surrendering to Him and trusting His Word. We must beware of an evil heart of unbelief. Ω

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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

6:00-8:00



SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

ASSEMBLY 3:
1:00 - 2:00



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