

Servers Today, December 19, 2021

PASASALAMAT: Going on to Maturity (Heb 5:11-6:12)

Speaker: Arnan Bayla

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: Arnan Bayla

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

To Bring Flowers: Montes Family

To Bring Biscuits: Suspended

To Bring Drinks: Suspended

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Charis Grace 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, 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 December 26, 2021

The Priestly Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:1-14)

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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38th Anniversary & Pasasalamat celebration today

The brethren are enjoined to celebrate Midtown’s PASASALAMAT & 38TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION today, December 19, 2021 in a modest and yet grateful commemoration of Midtown’s beginnings. This time, amidst the restrictions brought about by the pandemic, the PASASALAMAT CELEBRATION goes on with songs of praise that tell of God’s wonderful deeds and in the preaching of His word reminding the congregation to be ever thankful of the Lord’s great salvation, of opportunities to go on to maturity, and of how zealously the congregation must go on in making disciples.

CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM will be presented to the new disciples of Christ baptized this year. All praises to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

TAKE HOME PACKED LUNCH will be distributed to the congregation after every worship assembly. Those attending the afternoon worship assembly are expected to come earlier, as announced last Sunday, and eat their lunch at the ASSEMBLY HALL right before the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY starts at 1 PM. Ω

Midtown's minister solemnizes Pascua-Manuel nuptial

Brother Arnan A. Bayla, licensed Solemnizing Officer, officiated the wedding of brother AMOR BASATAN MANUEL, active member of the NLEX BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, and Ms. MA CLAIRE LAPPAO PASCUA of Flora, Apayao the other past Saturday morning, December 11, 2021 at the rented facilities of PBTS, 19 Tacay Road, Guisad, this city.

The couple completed their premarital counseling course, “PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD’S WAY,” with brother Arnan Bayla through Zoom Meetings and in-person sessions at Midtown.

Reception followed immediately at the same venue attended by family and friends of the couple as well as by a good number of brethren. Brother Amor’s parents are active disciples of the Lord serving with the NLEX BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST meeting at Juniper Bldg., Lower Bonifacio St., this city. Midtown joins in congratulating the newlyweds!Ω

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

READ Philemon 4-7

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Young people's yearender at Riverview

Brother Ezra Valdez announced earlier that Midtown’s Young People are scheduled to have their YEARENDER ACTIVITY at the facilities of the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK, Nangalisan, Tuba, on December 28-29, 2021. Midtown’s Young Adults will be assisting the young people in their overnight activity in which over thirty (30) YPeez have already confirmed participation. Other interested parties are enjoined to coordinate with brother Ezra Valdez for details.

Meanwhile, nineteen (19) YPeez enjoyed this year’s last HOME VISITATION & FELLOWSHIP combined with the MONTHLY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP at the ROJO—PALAYPAYON RESIDENCE on Tamangan Road, Irisan, this city, the other past Saturday evening, December 11, 2021.

Much earlier, on December 4, 2021, the YPeez had an eat-out luncheon sponsored by brother Joey Enerva who celebrated his birthday last month. Brother Joey, based in California, USA, is a long-time benefactor of Midtown’s YOUNG PEOPLE MINISTRY. All thanks and praises to the Lord!Ω

Friday care group yearender back to usual

The MIDTOWN HALL FRIDAY CARE GROUP thanks the Rojos and the Palaypayons for once more hosting the group’s traditional YEARENDER ACTIVITY last Friday evening, December 17th. There were more or less sixty (60) in attendance including a number of guests. The brethren and guests altogether enjoyed the inspiring devotional, the sharing of thanksgiving, the fellowship in meals, the fun and games, and the usual enjoyment of brotherhood and friendships. Above all, thanks to the Merciful Father who has brought the brethren in celebrating life!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
December 12, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....104

YPeeZ.....18

CHILDREN.....3

GUEST.....1

TOTAL.....126

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....6

GRADES 1-316

GRADES 4-6.....3

H.S./COL.....5

YAs.....10

TOTAL.....40

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP38,210.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— DECEMBER 21, 2021 | 12:00—2:30 PM |

• FRIDAY CARE GROUP — RESUMES @ MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL ON JANUARY 7, 2022 @ 6:00—8:00 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

• 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

*Loida Baddas

*Marina Mabesa

*Bernard Ignacio

*Jonathan Enerva

*Dick Baguioen

*Nida Gabriel

*Thaddeus Baggao

*Bernabe Ignacio

*Alan Patrick Akia

• [ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family

*Arian Kaith Igoy

*Robinson Palaypayon

*Carmen Villanueva

*Menchie Mojica

*Jennilyn Villanueva

*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

*Domel Gonzales

*Alex & Ella Ciencia

OTHER CONCERNS

*Ella Badua-Ciencia (SafePregnancy)

*Andrea Yang (Safe pregnancy)

*Ramos Family (Safe trip to and from Isabela)

GOING ON TO MATURITY

Hebrews 5:11 – 6:12
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GOING ON TO MATURITY

- OVERCOME HINDRANCES TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY
 - Hebrews 5:11-14
- OVERTAKE THE ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS
 - Hebrews 6:1-3
- OVERSEE EACH OTHER'S SPIRITUAL PROGRESS
 - Hebrews 6:4-12

APPLICATION:

1. For us to inherit what has been promised, let us mature by overcoming the hindrances to spiritual maturity.
- Be thankful of the opportunities available for spiritual matters for they keep us spiritually inclined and trained in righteousness.
 - Be thankful of the trials and “disturbances” that come our way for they remind us to go for necessary changes & growth and not for comfort or complacency.
 - Be thankful of the easy access and of the freedom of studying the Bible in this country for the same trains us in righteousness.

APPLICATION:

2. For us to inherit what has been promised, let us mature by overtaking the elementary teachings.
- Be thankful of Jesus Christ's role as our great High Priest who intercedes for us making us confident to approach our Heavenly Father through prayers, petitions, supplications.
 - Be thankful of the opportunities to practice our faith by excelling in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in enthusiasm, in love, and in the grace of giving.
 - Be thankful of brethren whose desire is to serve in the ministry of the Word for our spiritual life benefits from their dedicated service.

APPLICATION:

3. For us to inherit what has been promised, let us mature by overseeing each other's spiritual progress.
- Be thankful of warnings from both Scriptures and brethren as they serve to keep us away from unfaithfulness, perils, and apostasy.
 - Be thankful of one's spiritual gifts and for the opportunity to use them for the benefit of the congregation and for the entire body of Christ.
 - Be thankful of the Bible and the church reminding us of the hope we have in Christ for it keeps us from becoming lazy, feeling bored, feeling useless and unrewarded.

How can we help each other to become mature and thereby inherit God's promises?

1. For us to inherit what has been promised, let us mature by overcoming the hindrances to spiritual maturity.
- Be thankful and get conquered by maturity.
2. For us to inherit what has been promised, let us mature by overtaking the elementary teachings.
- Be thankful and get overtaken by Christ's sufficiency.
3. For us to inherit what has been promised, let us mature by overseeing each other's spiritual progress.
- Be thankful and get overwhelmed with God's mercy.

2021 BAPTISM UPDATE

Midtown praises the Almighty Father for the opportunity of going, preaching, and teaching the pure gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus, even in the midst of the pandemic, resulting to the addition of five (5) new brethren to the Lord's church at Midtown to date. This was brought about with the efforts of the preachers, brothers Allan Entese and Jake Ambito as well as other brethren of the ALABAMA CHURCH OF CHRIST in Dasmariñas, Cavite in the which those baptized studied the GOSPEL OF SALVATION through Zoom Meetings and Online Classes. Midtown thank the Father Almighty in Christ Jesus for entrusting to Midtown the following new disciples this 2021:

1. Felicisima S. Parohinog— baptized Aug.
2. Churchill S. Parohinog—baptized Oct. 4
3. Aljun S. Parohinog—baptized Oct. 4
4. Xelli Qea E. Parohinog—baptized Oct. 4
5. Christian S. Parohinog—baptized Oct. 4

These dear brethren will be receiving their CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM today. GLORY TO GOD!Ω

Church forum overjoyed over brother Dodoy's recovery

Some brethren attending the the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM visited brother Dodoy Sameon in his residence at Lower Kitma, this city, last Tuesday afternoon, December 14, 2021 which happens to be his 77th birthday! Everyone was bursting with joy to see brother Dodoy greatly recovered from a severe COVID 19 infection that had him confined in the hospital over a month. He is now up and about, carry a few things, able to remember everyone's name and Scriptures, and laugh with the brethren.

The household expressed thanks for the visit and encouragement with tokens of appreciation given to each member of the forum. Prayers were lifted up in his behalf during the visit.Ω

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES [VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

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- 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
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- 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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