

Servers Today, January 9, 2022

Appreciating the Lord's Better Covenant (Hebrews 8:1-13)

Speaker: Arnan Bayla

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Hebrews 10:1-10

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: Bayating 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, 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 January 16, 2022

The Old Covenant Ministry (Heb 9:1-14)

Speaker: Andy Bestre

Song Leader: Mervin Oliva

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

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PM Bible Study:

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

January 2, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....99

YP EEZ.....13

CHILDREN.....6

GUEST.....14

TOTAL.....132

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....2

GRADES 1-3 .....10

GRADES 4-6.....4

H.S./COL.....7

YAs.....0

TOTAL.....23

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: P h P 39,938.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— JANUARY 11, 2022 | 12:00—2:30 PM

YOUTH MONTHLY ASSEMBLY— CAMP JOHN HAY TECHNOHUB | SAT., JAN. 15, 2022 | 2:00—5:00 PM

FRIDAY CARE GROUP — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY @ 6:00—8:00 PM

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL @ MIDTOWN—EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:00—8 :00 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 PM.....C/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 & COLLEGE CLASS @ 3:30 PM .....C/o ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351

• YAS CLASS @ 4:30 PM .....C/o JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

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Young couples and young adults devotionals on Rizal Day

On Rizal Day, a national public holiday, December 30, 2021, a number of young couples had a POTLUCK LUNCH YEAREND DEVOTIONAL hosted by spouses Kesha and Chris Oliva at AVONG NEN KITMA. The attendees were Dexter & Denise Wagang, Mervin & Kat Oliva, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Richard & Pearl Bestre, with the special participation of brother Jesse Bestre. It was a time of fellowship, singing, and simple gift-giving. Bro Mervin Oliva facilitated the devotional in which discussions were based on Proverbs 3:5-6 reiterating that married couples are to “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

In the afternoon until night time, there was a YOUNG ADULTS YEAREND KAPEHAN hosted by the Perdignons at AVONG NEN JANET TAN JESS. It was a time of singing, fellowship, dinner, and bonfire. Attendees were the Perdignons (Kana, Jasper, Kemuel, Jacy), the Kitmas (Kesha, Chris, Kajem, Calum, Abi, Kian), the Ramoses (JJ, Mahay, Angela), the Abances (Grace, Janriel), the Wagangs (Dexter, Denise, Gavin), the Pos (Aldian, Ira, Amber), the Aquinos (Jizza, Melchi), the Bestres (Jesse, Rachel), Maureen Soriano, Johnny Payangdo, Frances & Cristy Balangitan, and Ezra Valdez.

Both young couples and young adults express their thanks to the hosts for their hospitality and generosity. God bless you all richly!Ω

BPFLC now accredited by Bureau of Immigration

The BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC), an educational ministry operated by members of the MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST, rejoices and praises the Lord Almighty for the latest opportunity of expanding said educational ministry. Having substantially complied with accreditation requirements, the BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION has granted BPFLC AUTHORITY to ACCEPT FOREIGN STUDENTS (AAFS) No. JHM-2021-K6-565 with respect to its PRESCHOOL COURSE and ELEMENTARY COURSE (Grades I—VI). Ω

“The moment we come into a covenant relationship with God, His goodness is permanently pointed at our direction. God's favor is toward us, not away from us.”

READ Hebrews 9:15-16

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Last Sunday's special contribution goes to Negros and March

The SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION made last Sunday, January 2, 2022 for the victims of the recent SUPER TYPHOON RAI (LOCALLY NAMED AS ODETTE). Reached the amount of Fortysix Thousand One Hundred Seventy Pesos (PhP46,170.00). All glory to God!

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM meeting last January 4, 2022 decided to dole out PhP13,830.00 from the GENERAL FUND to add up to the special contribution and make it PhP60,000.00. The total amount was divided, of which PhP30,000.00 was stipulated for Negros and the other PhP30,000.00 was sent to the MARCH FOR CHRIST (MEDICAL ACTION FOR RELIEF, COUNSELING & HEALING FOR CHRIST).

The Negros brethren through the Sameons as well as the MARCH FOR CHRIST Board of Trustees through brother Julius Rojo expressed appreciation for the benevolence and generosity of the Midtown brethren.Ω

Brother Dodoy back to normal after severe covid19

Midtown brethren rejoices with brother Dodoy Sameon who successfully battled against a severe Covid19 infection and who after three months, is now back to his normal activities. In fact, he and his wife, sister Sarah, have actively participated in last Tuesday’s CHURCH FORUM.

The couple expressed their unending praises to the Almighty Father through the Lord Jesus Christ for sustaining their health and for the gracious opportunity to be of service in the Lord’s vineyard. Lord willing, the couple will be travelling to the Negros island for the NEGROS EVANGELISTIC SUMMER CAMPAIGN (NESC) that will run from March to June, 2022.

The congregation praises the God of all graces for this development and continues to pray for the Sameons and their ministry!Ω

APPRECIATING THE LORD'S BETTER COVENANT

Hebrews 8:1-13  
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Hebrews 8:1-13

- A COVENANT MINISTERED BY A SUPERIOR HIGHPRIEST
  - Hebrews 8:1-3
- A COVENANT MINISTERED IN A BETTER PLACE
  - Hebrews 8:4-5
- A COVENANT FOUNDED ON BETTER PROMISES
  - Hebrews 8:6-13

I. A COVENANT MINISTERED BY A SUPERIOR HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 8:1-3

- A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS PERFECT (1,3)
  - Jesus, being perfect, is the only one who can perfectly intercede for Christians.
  - The New Covenant, being ministered by a superior HP, assures intercession.
- A HIGH PRIEST WHO FINISHED HIS WORK (1)
  - Jesus, having been sacrificed, is the only one who can complete our salvation.
  - The New Covenant, being ministered by a superior HP, assures salvation.
- A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS EXALTED (1,2)
  - Jesus, having been enthroned, is the only one who can glorify us.
  - The New covenant, being ministered by a superior HP, assures glorification.

II. A COVENANT MINISTERED IN A BETTER PLACE

Hebrews 8:4-5

- A BETTER PLACE FOR IT IS NOT EARTHLY, IT IS BASED IN HEAVEN (4,5)
  - A Covenant serving heavenly matters.
  - Jesus, serving in Heaven, makes the New Covenant superior.
- A BETTER PLACE FOR IT IS NOT A COPY OR A SHADOW, IT IS ORIGINAL (5)
  - A Covenant serving as the original pattern.
  - Jesus, serving from the real pattern, makes the New Covenant superior.
- A BETTER PLACE FOR IT IS NOT BUILT BY MOSES, IT IS GOD'S WORKMANSHIP (5)
  - A Covenant serving God's work and design.
  - Jesus, serving from what God built, makes the New Covenant superior.

III. A COVENANT FOUNDED ON BETTER PROMISES

Hebrews 8:6-13

- A PROMISE OF A NEW AGREEMENT AND AN INNER INCLINATION TO OBEY GOD (6-10)
  - Jesus, being a mediator, promises covenant people to remain faithful.
  - Makes obedience radically internal.
- A PROMISE OF A UNIVERSAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND A FIRM RELATION WITH GOD (10-11)
  - Jesus, being a superior HP and by the HS, effectively intercedes between God and man.
  - Makes knowledge of God readily available to all.
- A PROMISE OF THE FORGIVENESS OF WICKEDNESS AND TO FORGET SINS (12,13)
  - Jesus, having fulfilled the Law, has made the old law obsolete and made a new one.
  - Makes salvation readily accessible.

“ May God, who puts all things together, makes all things whole, Who made a lasting mark through the sacrifice of Jesus, the sacrifice of blood that sealed the eternal covenant, Who led Jesus, our Great Shepherd, up and alive from the dead, **Now put you together, provide you with everything you need to please him, Make us into what gives him most pleasure,** by means of the sacrifice of Jesus, the Messiah. All glory to Jesus forever and always! ”

Hebrews 13:20-21 MSG

APPLICATION:

1. We must appreciate and remain in the New Covenant for it is a covenant ministered by a superior High Priest.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, Jesus perfectly intercedes for us. This means we don't need any other human mediator.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, Jesus assuredly saved us. This means we don't need to work for our salvation, only to work it out.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, Jesus can gratuitously give us glory on Judgment Day. This means we don't need a system of merit to ensure us of rewards and glory. Jesus is sufficient.

APPLICATION:

2. We must appreciate and remain in the New Covenant for it is a covenant ministered in a better place.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, Jesus serves from Heaven. This means that we don't need a human system to go to Heaven.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, Jesus serves from the real pattern. This means we don't need anything not prescribed by God.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, Jesus serves according to God's work and design. This means we don't need to invent or design anything else to get to Heaven. Jesus is enough.

APPLICATION:

3. We must appreciate and remain in the New Covenant for it is a covenant founded on better promises.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, God causes us to will and to act according to His good purpose. This means we don't need an external law-keeping system anymore.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit guides the Christian. This means we don't need a priestly system to guide us anymore.
  - Be thankful that in the New Covenant, Jesus made access to God possible. This means we can't depend on the old law anymore. Jesus is the way.

What should convince us that we are in a better covenant and that we must remain in it?

1. We must appreciate and remain in the New Covenant for it is a covenant ministered by a superior High Priest.
  - Would you settle for something inferior over superior?
2. We must appreciate and remain in the New Covenant for it is a covenant ministered in a better place.
  - Would you settle for something earthly over heavenly?
3. We must appreciate and remain in the New Covenant for it is a covenant founded on better promises.
  - Would you settle for something of lesser value?

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 :  
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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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