

Servers Today, May 1, 2022

The Living Stone and a Holy People (1 Peter 2:4-10)

Speaker: Ezra A. Valdez

Song Leader: Mervin Oliva

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: Arnan Bayla

Afternoon Speaker: Ezra Valdez

Song Leader: Mervin Oliva

To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban

To Bring Biscuits: Suspended

To Bring Drinks: Suspended

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Kana Valdez

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 May 8, 2022

A Call to Good Works (1 Peter 2:11-17)

Speaker: Johnny Payangdo

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30

Scripture Reading: TBA

Prayer for the Bread: TBA

Prayer for the Cup: TBA

Prayer for the Giving: TBA

Closing Prayer: TBA

Announcement: Jesse Bestre

Afternoon Speaker: Johnny Payangdo

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family

To Bring Biscuits: Suspended

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PM Bible Study:

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Around 50 attend joint Lasilas worship & fellowship

Brethren meeting at the Riverview chapel joined the brethren in Lasilas, Nangalisan for a JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY & FELLOWSHIP at the AMBI FAMILY RESIDENCE last Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 10 o'clock in the morning. There were around fifty adults and children including spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla and son A-mark together with spouses Charlie & Sonja Abance.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as the GUEST SERMON SPEAKER in which he engaged the congregation in “PROMOTING HOLY LIVING” based on 1 Peter 1:13-21. Sister Nelly Bayla conducted a SUNDAY SCHOOL with the children including some kids in the neighborhood. Brother A-mark Bayla assisted in conducting the Bible Class. A LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP sponsored by the AMBI FAMILY and the Lasilas brethren immediately followed the worship assembly. It was known through conversations with sister Bernadette Ambi that she and her family are happy of the present arrangement as they intend to reach out to the neighborhood and share the Good News through the continuing HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP and through the SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES. Glory to God!Ω

“Father,
I pray that no matter
who is elected,
Your will be done.”

READ Daniel 2:20-22

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Kalookan brethren visit with Midtown's ypee

A good number of brethren from the KALOOKAN CHURCH OF CHRIST led by spouses Randy & Agnes Macapagal were in the city last week and had the opportunity to visit with Midtown's youth with the usual “SINGSPIRATION” held at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Thursday evening, April 28th. The visitors include Alma Gayatao, MJ Turingan, Pol Martinez, Lyn Pasion, Kim Papa, and Jestoni Santos. They also sponsored the hotpot meals after the devotional. They were warmly received by brethren Ezra, Aldian, Amber, Ira, Janriel, Angela, Maureen, Kajem, Melchi and Jesse.

Earlier, the same group attended the WEDNESDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP at Midtown where they had a CHECK-IN SESSION through S.A.S.H.E.T. (Sharing of emotions such as SAD - grief, sense of loss; ANGRY - frustration; SCARED - fear, dread; HAPPY - joy, peace, contented; EXCITED - hopeful, eager, anticipation; TENDER - compassion, caring, connection with someone). The activity was introduced by brother Jay Jarboe the other past week.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

April 24, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....106

YPEEZ.....19

CHILDREN.....10

GUEST.....6

TOTAL.....141

VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....1

GRADES 1-312

GRADES 4-6.....2

H.S./COL.....3

KIDS F2F.....10

TOTAL.....28

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PPh41,500.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—MAY 3, 2022 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME

ANNUAL LADIES DAY—ACU, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | MAY 28, 2022 @ 8:00 AM—4:00 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

F2F and 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 PMC/o ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351

• F2F YAS CLASS @ 5:00 PMC/o JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

16 ypee involved in latest youth home visitation

Brother Ezra Valdez reports that a good number of youth were involved in the most recent YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOME VISITATION PROGRAM hosted by the GLORI—TRINIDAD FAMILY at their residence at Sto. Nino Subd., Bakakeng Central, this city, the other past Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Those who made it to the occasion to visit with Kinsha, Klarissa, and Kenzo Glori were Ezra & Kana Valdez, Jesse Bestre, Johnny Payangdo, Melchi Aquino, A-mark Bayla, Kajem Kitma, JT Badecao, Jeady Jewel Igo, Chloe Alexis Zamora, Ma. Alexis Sunggay, and Maureen Soriano.

Spouses Lemuel & Vangie Glori and sister Ruth Trinidad were delighted to have the young people in their home. Having been edified with the visit, they look forward to another like occasion in the near future. All praises to the Lord Almighty!Ω

Young Bestre facilitates OSCAR Benguet formation

Brother Jesse Bestre, a member and officer of the OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (OSCAR), served as facilitator for the formation of the first ever OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF BENGUET in Wangal, La Trinidad last April 25, 2022. He encouraged the students to be of good influence and to be a great servant-leader.

Evening of the same day, brother Jesse served as speaker during a vigil service for the late mother of one of the OSCARS. He talked about the resurrection in John 11 in which he emphasized that there is hope even in the midst of death because of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!Ω

BIBLICAL GUIDELINES FOR CHRISTIANS INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ELECTIONS

1. VOTE ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES.

A Christian knows that God’s “word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 110:105) and that we are to unfailingly “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.” (Proverbs 3:5-7). In this regard, let us be mindful of the basic precepts commanded in the Scriptures such as the sanctity of human life, marriage and sexuality, religious freedom, justice, mercy, faithfulness, morality, godliness, benevolence, unity, orderliness, and the like. With these in mind, one would be led into finding the rightful candidate deserving one’s vote. As Christians, we are not to “give approval to those who practice” what God has explicitly declared to be morally evil (Romans 1:32).

2. VOTE ACCORDING TO GOOD CONSCIENCE.

Yield to one’s natural and God-given sense of right and wrong especially so that we are bombarded with so much misinformation. Many times, we find ourselves in a quandary because of the doubtful political atmosphere. We don’t even know whom to believe, so to speak. As a matter of fact, it is a challenge to find a candidate who exhibits both the ideal qualities of a leader as well as the character of righteousness. Be as it may, let us remember that the omniscient God will cause us to will and to act according to His good pleasure or purpose (Philippians 2:13). And if one has truly sought the guidance of the Lord, one can peacefully and confidently cast his vote, believing that one’s obedience in this matter pleases the Lord. This means that before casting one’s vote, one must have prayed intently asking the Lord for guidance and direction. Be mindful of all the candidates – those whom we favor as well as those whom we do not approve. Remember that as Christians, we are commanded to do as follows: “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

3. VOTE RECOGNIZING THAT FROM ETERNITY PAST GOD HAS ALREADY ORDAINED OUR NEXT POLITICAL LEADER.

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God” (Rom. 13:1). Ultimately, it is God—not the people—who appoints a leader (Gen. 45:8). We are only God’s instruments in bringing about his eternal plan. Be willing, therefore, to submit humbly to God’s sovereign will, knowing that his will is always for our good and for his glory. In line with this, we are to respect those who oppose our political position. There is no need to be dogmatic about our position knowing that the Almighty Creator is in total control. So, even if our preferred candidate does not win, we are still to honor the candidate who is elected. We must also obey our new leader, unless he/she instructs us to do something that would require us to disobey God. As Christians, our greatest allegiance is to God. As Scripture exhorts us to do, “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

4. VOTE RECOGNIZING THAT IF THE CANDIDATE WHO WINS IS IMMORAL, REMEMBER THAT GOD IS ABLE TO USE EVEN WICKED LEADERS TO ACCOMPLISH HIS ETERNAL PLAN. (Romans 13:1-7).

Of course, this does not give us permission to vote for obviously and verified bad candidates! However, it should remind us that our greatest hope does not lie with any earthly leader, but with our Heavenly Father who is divinely able to overcome evil for good. Indeed, God in his providence can even use a bad ruler as his “servant for your good” (Rom. 13:4). Let us never forget that God is causing all things—including the upcoming election—to work together for the good of his people, conforming them more fully to the image of his Son, Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:28-29). Whatever the outcome of the election may be, one thing is certain: God will use this election for His purpose. We are concerned about peace and prosperity, but God is concerned about our faithfulness and His eternal glory. Ω

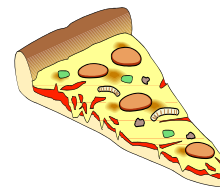
Condensed by Arnan Bayla from Biblical Spirituality Press, a blog of Brian G. Najafpour

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



May Celebrators

03 - Benjamin Balawas
03 - Elvie Omaging
05 - Erolyn Canlas
06 - Ricky Rimando
06 - Jizza Mae Aquino
11 - Cindy Lacambra
12 - Dante Baddas
12 - Gil Geron
12 - May Flor Acquiadan
14 - Ethan B. Sameon
14 - Fransley Mae Amplayo
15 - Jessica Mariano
16 - Melecia Abance
16 - Klarissa Glori
19 - Maureen Soriano
19 - Chito Salviejo
20 - Carlota Senesan
20 - Jonalyn Castillo
21 - Rolando Castillo
21 - Melba N. Licupa
21 - Ma. Corazon Ozo
22 - Carlos Gonzales
23 - Jeannette F. Sarauer
23 - Alexa Senesan
25 - Alexandre James Ciencia
26 - Norma Aping
28 - Elena Caramé
28 - Elcid Pelpelic
29 - Francisco Fermin
29 - Rainelle Kiara Nawew
31 - Margaret Golda Yang
31 - Elizabeth Salviejo



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ASSEMBLY 1 - 9:00 - 10:15

ASSEMBLY 2 - 10:30 - 11:45

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

6:00-8:00



SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

ASSEMBLY 3:
5:30 - 6:30



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