

Servers Today, August 7, 2022

Perspectives from an Aged Apostle (2 Peter 1:12-15)

Speaker: Doday Sameon

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

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: Arnan Bayla

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family

To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Kesha Oliva

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 August 14, 2022

Trusting the Prophetic Word (2 Peter 1:16-21)

Speaker: Jesse Bestre

Song Leader: Janriel Abance

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Galatians 3:25-29

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: Kemuel Perdigon

Song Leader: Janriel Abance

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PM Bible Study:

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VBS in Lumes, San Pascual

Tomorrow, a one-day VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be conducted by the Nangalisan brethren in cooperation with the MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY and the TUBA MPS in Lumes, San Pascual. Tuba. Around 50 children are expected to attend the VBS in which a number of Midtown's youth will be serving as facilitators and teachers.

Last Sunday, brother Ezra Valdez was the lone delegate to the JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY & FELLOWSHIP of the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST held at the AMBI RESIDENCE in Lasilas. There were around fifty (50) in attendance including some visitors from San Carlos, Pangasinan who happened to be in the neighborhood.Ω

“Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, but learning to dance in the rain.”

READ James 1:2-12

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Young nurse baptized at Midtown's baptistery

Brother CHRISTIAN MATTHEW LAUDER, born June 29, 1996 to spouses Solomon and Amy Lauder, both active members of the congregation in Binalonan, Pangasinan, was born again last July 24, 2022, having been baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). His decision to be a disciple of the Lord occurred to him having remembered his Bible studies in his younger years. Now a registered nurse aspiring to work abroad, he came to Midtown that Sunday to surrender to the Lord's will and was baptized by brother Andy Bestre. The congregation congratulates him, rejoices with him and prays for his endeavors!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
July 31, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....134	PRESCHOOL.....4
YP EEZ.....25	GRADES 1-34
CHILDREN.....22	GRADES 4-6.....2
GUEST.....7	H.S./COL.....1
	KIDS F2F.....16
	YAs.....8
TOTAL.....188	TOTAL.....35

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP60,005.00

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY [ASSEMBLY 1] BRETHREN:

*Gloria Yang

*Josefa Josayan

*Gil, Diana, Donna Geron

*Andy & Jane Bestre

*Priscilla Bayasen

*Crispina Tugay-an

*Dave & Sharon Mcmillin

*Dan & Doday Sameon

*Dith Zamora

*Tess Kitma

*Loida Baddas

*Marina Mabesa

*Bernard Ignacio

*Jonathan Enerva

*Nida Gabriel

*Thaddeus Baggao

*Bernabe Ignacio

*Melba & Jerry Licupa

*Primitiva Ridon

*Maryann Valdez

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*Arian Kaith Igoy

*Robinson Palaypayon

*Carmen Villanueva

*Menchie Mojica

*Mary Elaine Dolteo

*Karen Castillo

*Ampy Mona

*Marcelino Gabriel

*Boy Donato

*Lolito Roxas

*Purificacion Paca

[ASSEMBLY 3] SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*Local, National, World Leaders & Government

*Russia & Ukraine Unrest

*On-going Seekers Bible Study

SAFETY

Medical Frontliners:

*Shinar Sameon-Ciencia

*Aurma Sacayanan

*Che Astadan

*Lorigrace Austria

*Rossana Andaya

*Donnel Gonzales

*Alex & Ella Ciencia

*Frances Balangitan

OTHER CONCERNS

*Safe Pregnancy:

- Mahaysha Kitma—Ramos

*Safe Travel:

- VBS Delegates. (San Pascual)

24 youth participate in annual general assembly

Twenty-four (24) youth participated in this year's ANNUAL YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY held at Midtown's ASSEMBLY HALL last Sunday, July 31, 2022 @ 1:00-3:30 PM. Those who made it include JJ & Mahay Ramos, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Jasper, Kemuel & Jacy Perdigon, Aldian & Amber Po, Charis & A-mark Bayla, Jesse Bestre, Kate Dereje, Earl Sameon, JT Badecao, Khief Walang, Grace Abance, Raiza & Shaira Andaya, Allison Gapungli, Gale Matubis, Lougai Fermin, JizzaAquino, and Johnny Payangdo. TEAM BUILDING activities and EVALUATION of past and ongoing activities were among the agenda besides the usual DEVOTIONAL centering on ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER AND BUILDING EACH OTHER UP (1 Thess 5:11).

The other past Saturday, July 30, 2022, a BASKETBALL GAME was held at the TUBA GYM, Poblacion, Tuba at 4—6 PM. Players include Alton Mark Bayla, Johnny Payangdo, Dexter Wagang, Richard Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Chad Montes, Jasper & Kemuel Perdigon, O'neil & Donnel Gonzales, Edward Peñaranda, Alain Cahulogan, Drew Nawew, Kurt Rimando, Aaron Cordero, Kajem Kitma, Jesse Bestre, Brent Sannad, and Marionne Vincent Ellamil. “It was such a great fellowship game, looking forward to the next!” say the players. Ω

Youth campers undergo summer leadership training

Brothers Adrien Clent Palongyas and Jester Ibarra of the Nangalisan congregation, successfully completed their SUMMER CLASSES at the ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ACU) located at Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan last July 23, 2022. Among other areas of study, both have been trained in song—leading and are now leading in the worship assemblies of Nangalisan and La Trinidad congregations. They expressed appreciation for the opportunity and for the support of the congregation.

Meanwhile, brothers Melchizedeck Aquino and Earl Tristan Sameon also finished their participation in the MODELO YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP sponsored by the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE located in Barangay Gibraltar, this city last July 23, 2022. Both were thankful of the opportunity of honing their skills and interest in serving the Lord and His church.

Midtown commends the campers for their interest and diligence in the work of the Lord and looks forward to more young people getting involved in leadership training.Ω

TODAY'S SERMON OUTLINE

PERSPECTIVE FROM AN AGED APOSTLE

2 Pet. 1:12-15

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, ED.D.

INTRODUCTION

The world's most popular and best-selling drink, Coca-Cola, is produced in hundreds of plants worldwide at the rate of 165 million bottles a day. The coke syrup is made in Atlanta, Georgia. Its formula is not registered with the patent office, as the owners do not want anyone to know its secret, which has been kept for over a hundred years, kept in the minds of the bottlers to guard its extremely guarded secrecy! <SOT #3385,p.794>

The book bears the name of the writer (1.1), and is first of the two general epistles. Peter was the son of Jonah: Matt. 16:16,17, known as Simon. He was a native of Bethsaida who moved to Capernaum where he engaged in fishing, but Jesus converted him to be a "fisher of men" - Matt. 4:18-22. Andrew, his brother, brought him to Jesus - Jn. 1:40-42. Peter was impetuous, brave, and energetic. He wielded the same authority with Paul and stressed faith, obedience, patience, and instructions of encouraging Christians in their pilgrimage (Heb. 1:13) to heaven.

I. PETER'S REMINDERS

- He does not want to be negligent in reminding them always (2 Pet. 1:12)
- He thinks it is right to remind them (2 Pet. 1:13,14)

II. PETER'S IMMINENT DEATH

1. "I think it is right." Peter knew it was right to remind the people constantly because he knew that his earthly life will soon come to an end.
2. Peter views his body as a "tent" (NKJV) - 2 Pet. 1:14 "inner man" which continues after death - (Matt. 10:28) - 2 Cor. 4:16; Rm. 7:22; Eph. 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 4:12; Lk. 16:14-31; Acts 2:27,31.
3. Paul's concept of the body was the same as Peter's - 2 Cor. 5:1-8.
4. The need to "stir up"
 - a. The Greek word is *diegeiro*, meaning "to wake fully, i.e. arouse (lit. or fig.):--arise, awake, raise, stir up"
 - b. The tendency is for one to become slack in their service to God.
 - c. Somehow we need to be constantly "aroused, awakened"
5. Means to be reminded or "stirred up" Frequent assembling with other Christians - Heb. 10:24-25
6. DEATH IS "PUTTING OFF THE TENT", AND "AN EXODUS"
 - Peter speaks of his impending death, which the Lord had showed him - 2 Pet. 1:14
 - Describing his death, he uses the Greek word "exodos" - 2 Pet. 1:15 which means "an exit, i.e. (fig.) death:--decease, departing"
 - Far from viewing death as an end, Peter sees it as an exit from one world to the next.

III. PETER'S DELIGENCE

1. "I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things" (2 Pet. 1:12)
2. "I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things" (2 Pet. 2:15)
 - Peter wrote a letter so that the people of God would have a constant reminder even after his death.
 - He was aware of the importance of the passing away of the apostles and the need to preserve the written teachings of the apostles and their associates, the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20), preserved by God for all generations.

CONCLUSION:

WE LEARNED FROM OUR STUDY ABOUT:

1. PETER'S REMINDERS
2. PETER'S IMMINENT DEATH
3. PETER'S DELIGENCE Amen?

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

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- 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?

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- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
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- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
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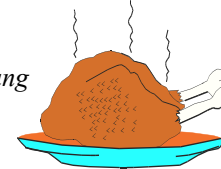
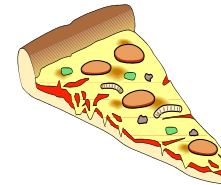
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



August Celebrators

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 03 - Pia Guelles
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 04 - Kendall Alvarez
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 08 - Melina Igoy
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 10 - Sarah M. Sameon
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 11 - Manolo A. Bayla
 12 - Fely R. Rojo
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 15 - Jacob U. Donato
 16 - Llona Baddas-Manalo
 16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia
 20 - Norma B. Abance
 20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew
 23 - Anthony R. Wagang
 24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.
 25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio
 26 - Kesha Kitma-Oliva
 27 - Jill B. Cados-Bugnay
 28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
 31 - Rodeliza Q. Enecillo



Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list.
 Thank You.

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:
5:30 - 6:30



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