

Servers Today, September 25, 2022

**Peter's Final Exhortations
(2 Peter 3:14-18)**

Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 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: *Andy Bestre*
 Afternoon Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Clarita G. Cachero*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

Communion: *Kana P. 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 October 2, 2022

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:1-3)

Speaker: *Dodoy Sameon*
 Song Leader: *Christopher Oliva*
 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: *Arnán Bayla*
 Afternoon Speaker: *Arnán Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Christopher Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Bayating Family*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/o Midtown*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

Communion: *Charis Grace Bayla*
 Worship Coordinator: *Lem Glori | Art Tacay*

PM Bible Study:



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Singaporean brethren visit Midtown brethren

Brother Peter Lim, an elder serving with the PASIR PANJANG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Singapore together with one of their newest ministers, brother Kyle Hooper, expressed delight to have visited with the brethren meeting in last Tuesday's CHURCH FORUM at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL. Brother Peter conveyed warmest regards from PP brethren. He also shared the good news that PP has started the construction of a new church building which is expected to be finished before the end of 2023. Lord willing, they intend to move in to their new building in time for their 60TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY in January 2024. He was as well glad to inform Midtown that brother Irvin Wan has joined brother John Lim in the ministry at PP. Both Irvin and John were participants in the YOUNG ADULTS CAMP & FELLOWSHIP hosted by Midtown a decade ago.

Brother Dave Chan, a minister serving with the GEYLANG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Singapore also expressed his appreciation for the hospitality of the Filipino brethren everywhere they go. Brother Jojo Ramos accompanied the Singaporean brethren in a mission trip to their outreach mission congregations in Tuao and Tuguegarao, Cagayan. They have also visited the congregations in Isabela and Bokod on their way to Baguio. The dear brothers left the country to return to Singapore last Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Ω

Young people's skills workshop this afternoon

As part of the PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM for the YOUNG PEOPLE, a workshop towards PRACTICAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT will be held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL this afternoon right after lunch. The workshop is on "INTRODUCTION TO CANVA 101." CANVA is an Australian graphic design platform, used to create social media graphics, presentations, posters, documents and other visual content. The app includes templates for users to use. It is believed that this will prove helpful to the young people. Ω

"Live your best, and act your best, and think your best each day, for there may be no tomorrows."

READ Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

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Baguio-Benguet ladies fellowship to resume soon

For the first time in two years due to the pandemic, the BAGUIO-BENGUET LADIES FELLOWSHIP will soon resume on November 30, 2022 and will be hosted by the ladies of the LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST. The exact venue of the activity in La Trinidad will be announced later.

Interested ladies must fill in their name on the SIGN-UP SHEETS posted on the BULLETIN BOARD beginning today. The list will be submitted to the host congregation on October 30, 2022. Please sign up as soon as possible says the LADIES MINISTRY.

30 ladies attend ladies devo & luncheon fellowship

Thirty (30) ladies attended the LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday, September 17th. Those who made it include sisters Ruth Trinidad, Josie Baban, Josie Yapyapen, Rachel Bestre, Letty Bayating, Jovy Mabesa, Lorie Austria, Dinah Austria, Alice Lalas, Angela Ramos, Janet Ramos, Sarah Sameon, Lorenza Losnong, Corazon Ozo, Elizabeth Sevilla, Kesha Oliva, Cot Espinosa, Maribel Sunggay, Bibita Buendia, Amber Po, Me-an Gonzales, Maureen Soriano, Ruth Camara, Cel Alvarez, Josie Selmo, Carina Lacaba, Minda Oliva, Nelly Bayla, Nancy Bayla, and Edith Latonio.

Sister Cot Espinosa served as the facilitator for the small-group activity in which she reiterated the continuing need to be always joyfully grateful of all things in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). In reinforcement of the lesson on gratitude, the ladies made for themselves and for others some "GRATITUDE JARS." Things one is thankful about are written on slips of paper and are placed into the jars to be reviewed on New Year's eve or on any day. Thank you!Ω

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
September 18, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....132	PRESCHOOL.....1
YPPEEZ.....27	GRADES 1-38
CHILDREN.....26	GRADES 4-6.....2
GUEST.....6	H.S./COL.....5
	KIDS F2F.....17
	YAs.....14
TOTAL.....191	TOTAL.....47

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP54,562.00.00

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY [ASSEMBLY 1] BRETHREN:
 *Gloria Yang
 *Josefa Josayan
 *Donna Geron
 *Andy & Jane Bestre
 *Priscilla Bayasen
 *Crispina Tugay-an
 *Dan, Dodoy, Sonny Sameon
 *Dih Zamora
 *Tess Kitma
 *Loida Baddas
 *Marina Mabesa
 *Bernard Ignacio
 *Jonathan Enerva
 *Thaddeus Baggao
 *Melba & Jerry Licupa
 *Maryann Valdez
 *Cesar Acosta
 *Jocelyn Calixtro
 *Zion Ciencia
 *Jovita "Beth" Bondoc

*Belen Navalta
 *Alice Lalas
 *Rafael Ozo
 *Bonie Marcelo
 *Felicitima Parohinog
 *Florence Magalong
 *Norma Aping
 *Ella Garoy
 *Jhun Bayating
 *Leonard Basil
 *Xelli Oea Parohinog
 *Chixelle Vie Parohinog

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:
 *Arian Kaith Igoy
 *Carmen Villanueva
 *Menchie Mojica
 *Mary Elaine Dolteo
 *Karen Castillo
 *Teresita Bilagot
 *Boy Donato
 *Lolito Roxas
 *Purificacion Paca
 *Mariliza Andallo

[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
 *Jess Perdigon
 *Dan-gil Geron
 *Dave & Sharon Mcmillin

OTHER CONCERNS
 *Safe Pregnancy:
 -Mahaysha Kitma—Ramos
 *Safe Travel:
 -Janriel Abance & Co. (NCOG)

A N N O U N C E M E N T

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **LADIES DEVO & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**— SAT., OCT. 15, 2022 @ 11:00 AM—2:30 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 PMC/O KESHA OLIVA—09955633844
 - GRADES 1-3 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PMC/O MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950
 - GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PMC/O KANA PERDIGON—09158639845
 - HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CLASS @ 3:30 PMC/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351

BE DILIGENT TO LIVE GODLY LIVES

Because we do not know the day or the hour of our Lord's return, we must constantly be ready. The believer who starts to neglect the "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13) will gradually develop a cold heart, a worldly attitude, and an unfaithful life (Luke 12:35-48). If he is not careful, he may even become like the scoffers and laugh at the promise of Christ's coming. Let's take a look at the following passage in 2 Peter 3:11-15 NIV:

"Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him."

This expectant attitude ought to make a difference in our personal conduct (2 Peter 3:11). The word translated "manner" literally means "exotic, out of this world, foreign." Because we have "escaped the corruption that is in the world" (2 Peter 1:4), we must live differently from the people in the world. To them, we should behave like "foreigners." Why? Because this world is not our home! We are "strangers and pilgrims" (1 Peter 2:11) headed for a better world, the eternal city of God. **Christians should be different, not odd. When you are different, you attract people; when you are odd, you repel them.**

Our conduct should be characterized by holiness and godliness. "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation [behavior]; because it is written, 'Be ye holy; for I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:15-16). The word holy means "to separate, to cut off." Israel was a "holy nation" because God called the Jews out from among the Gentiles and kept them separated. Christians are called out from the godless world around them and are set apart for God alone.

The word godliness could be translated "piety." It is the same word we met in 2 Peter 1:6-7, "to worship well." It describes a person whose life is devoted to pleasing God. **It is possible to be separated from sin positionally and yet not enjoy living for God personally.** In the Greek world, the word translated godliness meant "respect and awe for the gods and the world they made." It is that attitude of reverence that says with John the Baptizer, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Other New Testament writers also teach that an eager expectancy of the Lord's return ought to motivate us to live pure lives (see Rom 13:11-14; 2 Cor 5:1-11; Phil 3:17-21; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Titus 2:11-15; 1 John 2:28-3:3). However, it is not simply knowing the doctrine in the mind that motivates the life; it is having it in the heart, loving His appearing (2 Tim 4:8).

Not only should this expectant attitude make a difference in our conduct, but it should also make a difference in our sharing the gospel of salvation in Christ. The phrase "looking for" and "hasting unto" can be translated "looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of God." Peter affirms that it is possible for us to hasten the return of Jesus Christ when we evangelize.

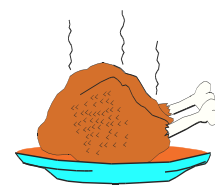
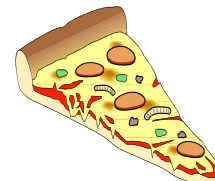
The word translated "hasten unto" means "haste" in the other five places where it is used in the New Testament. The shepherds "came with haste" (Luke 2:16). Jesus told Zacchaeus to "make haste and come down" and "he made haste and came down" (Luke 19:5-6). Paul "hasted ... to be at Jerusalem" (Acts 20:16); and the Lord told Paul to "make haste and get ... out of Jerusalem" (Acts 22:18). To make this word a synonym for "eager anticipation" is to have Peter repeat himself in 2 Peter 2:12, for that is what the word "looking" means. With this in mind, let us haste unto being diligent in living godly lives.Ω

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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

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- 05 - Edgar Encillo
- 06 - Josephine W. Selmo
- 07 - Jemuel S. Reyes
- 08 - Michael A. Yang
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- 10 - Alma C. Reyes
- 11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
- 11 - Mahaysha W. Kitma
- 11 - Julieann Terry P. Badesaco
- 13 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
- 13 - Kristine B. Sameon
- 13 - Sonia C. Abance
- 14 - Abraham Insas
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- 20 - Faith A. Bayating
- 20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
- 20 - Failyn Campoas
- 21 - Mark Wagang
- 22 - Joyce A. Kitma
- 23 - Virgie D. Baldo
- 24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
- 24 - Jerry Martin
- 24 - Kathlyn Booc
- 26 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
- 26 - Celia A. Cirilo
- 26 - Thea Marie B. Austria
- 26 - Lawrence B. Austria
- 28 - Dan-Gil Geron
- 29 - Nainer P. Nawew
- 30 - Glen Gawe
- 30 - Zelfa Baoid



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6:00-8:00 ASSEMBLY 3: 5:30 - 6:30

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