

Servers Today, September 4, 2022

The Deceptions of False Teachers (2 Peter 2:18-22)

Speaker: Doday Sameon

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Romans 6:1-7

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: Andy Bestre

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

To Bring Flowers: Clarita 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, 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 September 11, 2022

Preparing for the Lord's Return (2 Peter 3:1-9)

Speaker: O'neil Gonzales

Song Leader: Kajem Kitma

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: O'neil Gonzales

Song Leader: Kajem Kitma

To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed

To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

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PM Bible Study:

Personal development for young people today

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown’s youth minister, has announced lately that the activity for today’s SUNDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be geared towards PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. Brother Ezra has planned to integrate this area in their regular workshops in order to help young people to have a growing interest and consciousness of allowing God and His principles guide one’s personal growth in Christian character.

All young people are very much encouraged to join said workshop at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL right after lunch this afternoon.

Last Saturday, August 27, 2022, a good number of young men from Midtown had another round of a friendly BASKETBALL GAME at the TUBA GYM, Poblacion, Tuba. They were joined by a number of their friends, associates, and brethren from other congregations in the area. Overall, the games have fostered a great deal of camaraderie and friendships. More games are expected in the near future with the growing interest of Basketball enthusiasts.Ω

Brethren celebrate baby shower and gender reveal

A good number of brethren attended spouses JJ & Mahay’s BABY SHOWER AND GENDER REVEAL CELEBRATION to reveal the baby’s sex by the expectant parents to family, friends and well wishers at Midtown’s Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 6—8 o’clock in the evening.

Spouses Jonathan Jr. and Mahaysha Kitma—Ramos held the well-wishers in suspense as they announced that they were having a BABY BOY! He will be their firstborn expected to be delivered late November or early December.

The Ramos couple and their loved ones thanked the brethren and guests for gracing the momentous occasion. They also appreciate the brethren for sharing their godly wisdom and true-to-life experiences in raising up children. They also thanked sister Pearl Bestre and company for the wonderful set-up of the venue.Ω

“He who lays up treasures in heaven surely looks forward to eternity.”

READ Matthew 6:19-21

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2 young ladies baptized into Christ last Sunday

Siblings ERAH AZUMI GONZALES ELIPANE, born August 26, 2004 and PRINCESS GONZALES ELIPANE, born May 11, 2010 to spouses Edmond and Sarah Elipane of Papasok, Tawang, La Trinidad, Benguet, were baptized into Christ Jesus last Sunday, August 28, 2022. Brother Andy Bestre who was instrumental in teaching the two ladies the pure gospel of salvation immersed them at Midtown’s baptistery.

Sisters Erah Azumi, also known as Azumi for short, and Princess have been studying the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Andy Bestre for the past number of Sundays. They are expected to continue with their NEW LIFE LESSON SERIES in the succeeding Sundays.

The siblings, both High School students, attend the TUBLAY SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES located in Acop, Tublay.

Midtown brethren congratulate the two new disciples of Christ as well as praise the Lord God Almighty for this development. To God be the glory and praise!Ω

NCOC minister takes up advanced studies at ACU

Brother Julius Udan, minister serving with the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST (NCOC) is now taking up a couple of advanced courses leading to a MASTER’S DEGREE IN MINISTRY at the ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ACU), Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan. Brother Julius will be taking up the course through virtual means.

Currently, he is enrolled in two subjects, namely, Methodology of Research and a Practicum in Christian Ministry Involvement and Evangelism.

Midtown brethren commends brother Julius for taking extra effort in honing his ministry skills and development for God’s glory!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

August 28, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....133	PRESCHOOL.....2
YP EEZ.....28	GRADES 1-30
CHILDREN.....18	GRADES 4-6.....0
GUEST.....4	H.S./COL.....2
	KIDS F2F.....14
	YAs.....7
TOTAL.....183	TOTAL.....25

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP45,949.00.00

• 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

*Dave & Sharon Mcmillin

*Dan, Doday, Sonny Sameon

*Dith Zamora

*Tess Kitma

*Loida Baddas

*Marina Mabesa

*Bernard Ignacio

*Jonathan Enerva

*Thaddeus Baggao

*Melba & Jerry Licupa

*Maryann Valdez

*Cesar Acosta

*Jocelyn Calixtro

[ASSEMBLY 2]

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*Arian Keith Igoy

*Carmen Villanueva

*Menchie Mojica

*Mary Elaine Dolteo

*Karen Castillo

*Teresita Bilagot

*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

*Jess Perdigon

OTHER CONCERNS

*Safe Pregnancy:

- Mahaysha Kitma—Ramos

- Xelli Oea Parohinog (for CS operation on Sept. 8, 2022)

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

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

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

• MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP— SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 2022 .

• 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 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

THE DECEPTIONS OF FALSE TEACHERS

2 PETER 2:18-22
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, Ed. D.

INTRODUCTION:

The difficulty of detecting the genuine from the counterfeit was realized by Jesus when He prevented His disciples not to uproot the tares in the midst of the barley.

#1 – THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FALSE TEACHERS (2 Pet. 2:13-17)

- **They carouse in their own deceptions.v.13.** The presence of these false teachers in the church are dangerous and humiliating for deceiving others including themselves. Carouse means breaking down especially of the mind. It also means luxury or indulgence.
- **They have eyes full of adultery (v.14).**“Their heart is set on the flesh, and their eyes on adultery, both spiritual and sexual. They prey on the unstable souls to join them in their ways.”
- **They have a heart trained in covetous practices** (v.14): “They are equipped, but not for ministry, only for selfish gain – they are truly accursed. We all train our hearts in something, either training them in covetousness and lust, or in godliness.
- **They follow the way of Balaam (v.15).** “They are like Balaam, who was guilty of the greatest of sins and leading others into sin, for the sake of his own gain. Balaam had to be restrained by a dumb donkey because he would not listen to God.
- **These ungodly false teachers are empty (v.17)**-as useless as wells without water and like clouds that bring only darkness, and no nourishing rain.

#2 – THE ALLURE OF FALSE TEACHERS (2 Pet2:18,19)

- **They speak great swelling words of emptiness.** The message of ungodly false teachers is empty of real spiritual content, though it is swollen big with words. Their allure is to the lusts of the flesh in their audience, just as the crowds who wanted bread from Jesus, but didn’t want Jesus Himself (John 6:25-27, 6:47-66).
- **They promise them liberty.** They promise freedom, but freedom can never be found in the flesh, only in God’s Spirit. Freedom isn’t found in what Jesus can give us, but only in Jesus Himself. When we seek freedom in the wrong way, we become **slaves of corruption**.
- **By him also he is brought down into bondage.** By being overcome by the flesh, the false teachers, became slaves to both sin and corruption.

#3 – THE DANGER OF FALLING AWAY IN FOLLOWING FALSE TEACHERS (2 Pet.2:20-22)

- **The latter is worse for them than the beginning.** It is better for a person to have never known a thing about Jesus than to hear some truth, hold to it for a season but never been genuinely converted, then later reject Christ and return to their former lifestyle. Greater revelation has a greater accountability. Their end is worse ... than the beginning because they have returned to the pollutions of the world. “These (pollutions) are called *miasmata*, things that *infect*, *pollute*, and *defile*.”
- **It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness.** Peter described a picture that certainly has the *appearance* of people losing their salvation.
 - He speaks of those who have escaped the pollutions of the world.
 - He speaks of those who did this through the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
 - He speaks of those who at one time had known the way of righteousness.Perhaps it is true that those who *appear* saved, those who fit the description of Peter here, can end up in a place where it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness.
- **A dog returns to his own vomit.** The nature of dogs is displayed by the way he returns to the vomit of the flesh and the world. He is like the *brute beasts* described in **2 Pet. 2:12**, more animal than godly because he lives for the flesh.
(Prov. 26:11; 2 Pet.2:12; 1 John 2:19)

CONCLUSION:

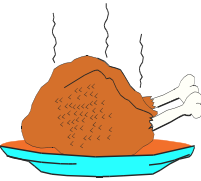
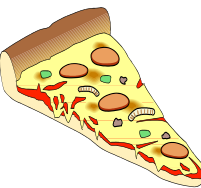
From our study we learned:

- #1.The characteristics of false teachers.
- #2.The allure of false teachers.
- #3.The danger of falling away in following false teachers. AMEN?

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

September Celebrators

01 - Micah Jane T. Banatao
02 - Elpidio Mariano
03 - Katrina B. Oliva
05 - Edgar Encillo
06 - Josephine W. Selmo
07 - Jemuel S. Reyes
08 - Michael A. Yang
09 - Ellen Bugnay
10 - Alma C. Reyes
11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
11 - Mahaysha W. Kitma
11 - Julieann Terry P. Badecao
13 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
13 - Kristine B. Sameon
13 - Sonia C. Abance
14 - Abraham Insas
15 - Sixto B. Aqas
15 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
15 - Aracelli Pelle
16 - Jeremiah Gawe
16 - Hannah B. Ignacio
17 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
17 - Jhovrick Baban
17 - Eren Colcol
18 - Arturo Arambulo
18 - Leemar P. Simon
19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
20 - Faith A. Bayating
20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
20 - Failyln Campoas
21 - Mark Wagang
22 - Joyce A. Kitma
23 - Virgie D. Baldo
24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
24 - Jerry Martin
24 - Kathryn Booc
26 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
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26 - Lawrence B. Austria
28 - Dan-Gil Geron
29 - Nainer P. Nawew
30 - Glen Gawe
30 - Zelfa Baoid



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

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- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
C. Jesus the Savior
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- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
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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:

5:30 - 6:30



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