

Servers Today, May 21, 2023

Working Out Your Own Salvation (Phil 2:12-18)

Guest Speaker:

DAVID ALLEN

Song Leader:

JESSE BESTRE

Invocation:

ERNE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer:

CHRIS OLIVA

Communion Text:

HEBREWS 9:11-15

Scripture Reading:

IRA PO

Prayer for the Bread:

SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Cup:

LEONARD BASIL

Prayer for the Giving:

DANTE BADDAS

Closing Prayer:

CHARLIE ABANCE

Announcement:

ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker:

EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader:

JESSE BESTRE

To Bring Flowers:

BAYATING FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits:

C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks:

C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes

VOLUNTEERS

Communion:

LOIDA BADDAS

Worship Coordinator:

EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

PM Bible Study:

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 May 28, 2023

Caring About Others (Phil. 2:19-24)

Speaker:

KEMUEL PERDIGON

Song Leader:

CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

Invocation:

GREG KITMA

Intercessory Prayer:

DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text:

ROMANS 6:1-7

Scripture Reading:

ALTON BAYLA

Prayer for the Bread:

JANRIEL ABANCE

Prayer for the Cup:

JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving:

DONNEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer:

JUN BAYATING

Announcement:

ANDYBESTRE

Afternoon Speaker:

KEMUEL PERDIGON

Song Leader:

CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

To Bring Flowers:

GLORI FAMILY

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THE

MIDTOWN

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INFORMER



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Midtown welcomes MRN mission workers

The congregation welcomes mission workers from the USA-based MISSIONS RESOURCE NETWORK, namely, brothers Jay Jarboe and David Allen who are in the city since Tuesday, May 16th. Together with brother Jojo Ramos, they have commenced with coaching workshops and SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT with EMERGING LEADERS since Wednesday, May 17th.

Today, the visiting mission workers will be serving with the Midtown congregation with brother Jay Jarboe facilitating the joint ADULT BIBLE CLASSES at the Assembly Hall and brother David Allen serving as Sermon Speaker. They will also be facilitating LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS with so-called emerging leaders at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL this afternoon at 2:00—5:00.Ω

Sameons host HBC graduating class demo

A few days after arriving in the city from a two-month long mission work in the Negros island, the Sameons hosted a number of students and the graduating class of 2023 of the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE in their home at Kitma Village for a teaching demo last Monday, May 15th. Brother Dodoy Sameon served as Devotional Speaker and encouraged the students to be ever zealous in the Lord's work and not to be weary of doing good.

Meanwhile, in their recent mission trip to Negros, the Sameons reported that brother Dodoy was one among evangelistic speakers in the 35th SUMMER MEETING held at the JILABANGAN CHURCH OF CHRIST on April 5—7, 2023. There were nine hundred sixty-four (964) in attendance representing sixty-four (64) congregations. Six (6) precious souls received the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism. Brother Shemer Sameon served as speaker in "GENEROUS GIVING" in the lectureship. The congregations they visited include Tayasan Central (3x repeat visit), Matauta, Poblacion—Ayungon, Cang-abok—Bais, Bungaybungay, and Tambo—Ayungon. Brother Dodoy delivered five (5) messages, conducted seven (7) Bible study classes, and six (6) messages delivered in vigil services. Praise the Lord!Ω

"We can't go back and change the beginning, but we can start where we are and change the ending."

READ Ecclesiastes 7:8-10

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Recent Bokod joint worship held at Alfonso's

Brother Jonathan Ramos together with brothers Adrian Clent Palongyas and Judeau Valdez of the Nangalisan congregation served with the Bokod brethren in their JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AND FELLOWSHIP held at brother Alfonso Malapit's residence in Jangjang, Bokod last Sunday, May 14, 2023. They were also joined by brother Vicente Tulas and his wife who visit congregations as part of their church-strengthening ministry.

Next Sunday, May 28, 2023, it will be the Nangalisan congregations' turn to have a JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY & FELLOWSHIP at the Ambi residence in Lasilas. The Bayla family and others will be serving in different capacities in the said joint assembly.Ω

Baylas complete trainers training course with ACSI

Spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla were among the successful participants in the INTERNATIONAL TRAINERS TRAINING COURSE for Biblical Worldview Integration conducted by the ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL (ACSI) at the Splendido Hotel & Country Club in Tagaytay on May 10 –12, 2023. The training qualifies successful participants to serve as certified trainers for Biblical Worldview Integration in CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND COURSE OF STUDY for Christian schools. The course is also beneficial to Midtown's EDUCATION MINISTRY, brother Arnan Bayla being the ministry chairman.

Representing the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER, a recognized member school of the ACSI, spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla served in various capacities during the training. Brother Arnan Bayla served as Devotional Speaker and song leader. There were thirty (30) participants representing approximately twenty (20) Christian schools in the country and abroad. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

May 14, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....100	PRESCHOOL.....11
YP EEZ.....18	GRADES 1-23
CHILDREN.....34	GRADES 3-4.....9
GUESTS.....4	GRADES 5-6.....8
	H.S./COL.....16
TOTAL.....155	YAs20
	TOTAL.....67

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP56,625.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

*DONNA GERON

*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*DAN SAMEON

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

*DITH ZAMORA

*TESS KITMA

*LOIDA BADDAS

*BERNARD IGNACIO

*JONATHAN ENERVA

*MARYANN VALDEZ

*CESAR ACOSTA

*JOCelyn CALIXTRO

*JOVITA "BETH" BONDOC

*FLORENCE MAGALONG

*RAFAEL OZO

*ELLA GAROY

*ALLAN PATRICK AKIA

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNE ORDUÑA

*KHEN VILLANUEVA

*FLORA CAMPOAS

*CLYDE & MICAH ABANCE

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*ARIAN KAITH IGOY

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*PURIFICACION PACA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*CANDICE LEE

*OLIVIA PEACOCK

*MARIFE SALVIEJO

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT

*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS

*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS

*RNHS OUTREACH MINISTRY

OTHER CONCERNS

Safe Pregnancy:

*FAITH A. BAYATING

*DYANE ERIN P. SIMON

SAFE TRAVEL:

*RUTH TRINIDAD & JOVY MABESA (USA)

*JOJO RAMOS & COMPANY (MANILA)

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— MAY 23, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

CHRISTIAN LADIES DAY—ACU CAMPUS, SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 @ 8AM—5PM. PLEASE SIGN UP.

ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY— TEACH THE TEACHERS SEMINAR—MAY 22-24 | LADIES DAY—MAY 27 | MIDYEAR TERM—JUNE 5-JULY 21 | AUDIT CLASSES—JULY 10-AUGUST 19, 2023

NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—HOST: BACOLOD CHURCH OF CHRIST | VENUE: NATURE'S VILLAGE RESORT, TALISAY CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL | JULY 18-21, 2023 | REG. FEE: PhP5,500.00

WEEKLY RS (READING, REFLECTION, AND RESPONSE) — ON FACEBOOK LIVE THURSDAYS @ 9:00 PM .

ID PICTURES FOR PICTURE DIRECTORY—KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR 2x2 ID PICTURES IF YOUR LATEST PICTURES HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THE UPDATED DIRECTORY. THANK YOU!

THE CHURCH

The Paradox of the Church

Hardeman Nichols

When a congregation is established according to the divine pattern of the New Testament, it is composed of **elements of perfection and of imperfection**. Since it is a divine institution, it deserves respect and appreciation. Everything that such a church is and does, as authorized of God, is divine.

God's part is perfect. He has designed a perfect plan of salvation and a perfect system of worship (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is its only guide, is *"the perfect law of liberty"* (James 1:25). The church has a perfect Savior who holds before us His perfect life for our goal, saying, *"Follow Me"* (Matthew 16:24).

But here is the paradox. Man is not perfect, nor does he perfectly follow the Lord. **The human element in the church is as imperfect as its members.** The church would have been an imperfect institution if it had been designed only for perfect people! It would have no members at all, *"For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not"* (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

The church's perfection is retained by *the way it deals with our imperfections*. It does not overlook

sin, but believes the grace of God is perfect in dealing with it. And it must distinguish between *the penitent* and *the rebellious*, between the *humble, weak* and *willful reprobate*. God now *"commandeth all men everywhere to repent"* (Acts 17:30).

The church believes that Christ promises pardon for all imperfect beings who, in godly sorrow for their sins, penitently seek mercy and forgiveness. His invitation is to imperfect men. When one repents and is baptized, Jesus forgives his sins and adds him to His church (Acts 2:38, 47). Covered by the blood of Christ, the penitent and faithful Christian is perfect before His God, as he walks in the light (1 John 1:7).

The church offers strength to help us in our weaknesses, courage when we are fainthearted, comfort when we are sad, and *"joy unspeakable and full of glory"* (1 Peter 1:3), along the way. Its call is to all men to come and be saved. Its God-ordained teachings and services restore lost humanity back to God. Thanks be unto God for His perfect church and its wondrous benefits to imperfect men.

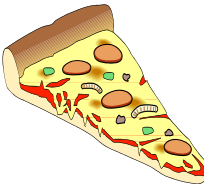
Hardeman Nichols is an evangelist and lives in Dallas, Texas, USA.

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
- 11 - Princess Elipane
- 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 Cera
- 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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- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption: F. Where Will Your Life End?

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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Singing & Prayers LORD'S SUPPER and OFFERING 9:00–9:30	Prayers & BIBLE STUDY 9:35–10:25	Singing, Prayers & MESSAGE 10:30–11:10	Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS 11:10–11:20
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MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

6:00-8:00 PM	• Singing & Prayers & MESSAGE: 5:30–6:15 • LORD'S SUPPER & GIVING: 6:15–6:30 • Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40
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