

Servers Today, October 22, 2023

Vain Piety

(Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)

Speaker: SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: MATTHEW 26:26-30

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: JANRIEL ABANCE

Prayer for the Cup: SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Giving: JERRY MARTIN

Closing Prayer: JULIUS ROJO

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BAYLA FAMILY

Communion: CHARIS & NELLY BAYLA

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 October 29, 2023

Vain Prosperity

(Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: JUNE REYES

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: LEM GLORI

Communion Text: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Scripture Reading: JOSH MARTIN

Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: O'NIEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: MERVIN OLIVA

Closing Prayer: GASPAS BALDO, JR.

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: JUNE REYES

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To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

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INFORMER

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BPFLC faculty & staff join ACSI conference

This week, the faculty and staff of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) will be travelling to Coron, Palawan, to participate in the celebration of the 25TH ANNIVERSARY of ACSI—PHILIPPINES as well as to attend to a TEACHERS & STAFF ENABLER CONFERENCE, a back-to-back activity of the anniversary celebration on October 25-27, 2023. BPFLC, being a member-school of the ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL (ACSI) since 2004, will be receiving a citation for praiseworthy membership.

Spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla will be travelling with sisters Claudette Zamora, Maureen Soriano, Rowena Quezada, Gracelynn Abance, Evangeline Glori, Charis Grace Bayla, brothers Leemar Simon and Mark Joseph Quizana, and with Mr. Cristobal Agpad, the newest addition to the faculty. Sister Kesha Kitma—Oliva, former faculty member of BPFLC, has conveyed her earnest intention to join but confirmation has yet to be received as of this writing. Lord willing, all the delegates will make it.

The delegates solicit the congregation's prayers for their safe and blessed trip.Ω

"Forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in us."

READ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Midtown ladies serve as speakers in Heritage devo

At the invitation of sister Ann Fuentes of the HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST, sister Ruth Glori—Trinidad served as speaker in the LADIES DEVOTIONAL of the Heritage ladies last Thursday evening, October 19, 2023. She discussed on “Great Commission”, based on Matthew 28:18-20. She reiterated that women are useful in making disciples for Christ in various ways and capacities. She also underscored the supportive roles of women in bringing the gospel of the Lord Jesus through the exercise of one’s spiritual gifts, skills, and talents.

On October 31, 2023, sister Sarah Sameon is scheduled to also speak for the DAILY LADIES DEVOTIONAL of the ladies of the HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST conducted at the facilities of the Heritage Bible College located at La Chesa, Irisan, this city.

Meanwhile, all ladies are cordially invited to attend today’s MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP right after the morning Worship Assembly. The FOURTH QUARTER STEERING GROUP will take charge of today’s activities.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

October 15, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....10

ADULTS.....165

GRADES 1-28

YP EEZ.....23

GRADES 3-4.....11

CHILDREN.....41

GRADES 5-6.....7

GUESTS.....6

H.S./COL.....25

YAs21

TOTAL.....235

TOTAL.....82

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP56,528.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—OCTOBER 24, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- SYMPOSIUM ON TRUTH BE TOLD— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 @ 1:00—4:00 PM | FACILITATORS: JASPER K. PERDIGON AND ALTON MARK BAYLA
- MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL., | TODAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 @ 11:30 AM—2:30 PM.
- 21st BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP— HOST: HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST, LA CHESA, IRISAN, BAGUIO CITY | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 | 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
- BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP: HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | OCT. 28, 2023
- COUPLES CARE GROUP—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 @ 6—9 PM | ALL COUPLES WELCOME!

Brethren celebrate golden anniversary of Bayating couple

A good number of Midtown brethren joined in the celebration of the 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY of spouses Maril & Leticia Bayating at the MARGARITA HALL, HOTEL SUPREME located on Magsaysay Avenue, this city, last Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker in the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL in which he commended and congratulated the couple for promoting God's holy design of marriage. He also encouraged the well-wishers to promote the BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE that ensures a marriage to last a lifetime.

Brother Maril and sister Letty conveyed heartfelt appreciation to all well-wishers for all the messages and the prayers lifted up in their behalf. Amen!Ω

Ramos speaks in Nueva Vizcaya fellowship

Brother Jojo Ramos was one of the invited speakers in the recent Nueva Vizcaya Churches of Christ South District Fellowship hosted by the Barac church of Christ in Barac, Nueva Vizcaya last Saturday, October 21, 2023. He was accompanied by brothers Julius and Henry Udan. Brother Jojo Ramos discussed “Panagtitimpuyog Dagiti Adalan iti Panagserbi a Buyugen ti Ayat ken Buteng a Makaay-ayo ti Dios.

On their way back to Baguio, the group joined in the celebration of the wedding of brother Anderson Pucay in Penged, Bokod. Praise the Lord!Ω

VAIN PIETY

(Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)

INTRODUCTION:

Solomon expressed concern in the worship of God, stating that as a remedy against all those vanities which he observed related to wisdom, learning, pleasure, honour, and power, that we will not be deceived by those things, and be cautious with our duty to God keeping up our relationship with him. He gives the necessary caution against the vanities which are often found in religious exercises, which deprive them of their excellence and render them to check against other vanities. If our religion is vain religion, how great is that vanity! Let us therefore take note of vanity, 1. In hearing the word, and offering sacrifice, [v 1](#). 2. In prayer, [vs 2, 3](#). 3. In making vows, [vs 4-6](#). 4. In pretending to receive divine dreams, and a remedy against those vanities, he prescribes the fear of God, [ver 7](#).

I. GUARD OUR STEPS (v1)

Solomon's design, in showing us the world's vanity, is to rely on God and to our duty, so that we will not walk in the way of the world, nor depend upon the wealth of the world, but on religious advantages; therefore:

- We must comply to the will of God. Hearing is often put for obeying, which is better than sacrifice, 1 Sam.15:22.
- We must diligently *listen* to the word of God which is being read and preached.
- We must not bring *the sacrifice of fools*, but must come to God's house and do our duty.
- We must take heed that the sacrifice we bring will not be *the sacrifice of fools* (of wicked men), for their *sacrifice is an abomination to the Lord*, [Prov 15:8](#)).

II. WATCH WHAT WE SAY (vs 2,3)

- What we *utter before God* must come from *the heart*.
- It must not come from a sudden heat or passion. As the mouth must not be rash, so the heart must not be hasty; we must not only think, but think twice, before we speak either to God in preaching or in prayer.
- We must be sparing of our words in the presence of God, that is, we must be reverent and deliberate, not talk to God boldly and carelessly as we do to one another.
- We must be very humble, serious, and be reverent in speaking to Him, as we are when we speak to a great man that is much our superior; and, *let our words be few*, that they may be *well chosen*, [Job 9:14](#).
- Confused and frightful dreams, that disturb the sleep, are evidences of a hurry of business which fills our head, with many hasty words, folly reigning in the heart, ignorance of unacquaintedness with both God and ourselves, low thoughts of God, and careless thoughts of our own souls.

III. DO WHAT WE SAY (vs 5,6)

The vow in ancient Israel was a promise to God, which might be part of prayer for blessing (Num. 21:2) or a spontaneous expression of gratitude (Jonah 2:9). It might take the form of a promise of allegiance (Gen. 28:20–22), a free-will offering (Lev. 22:18) or the dedication of a child as Nazirite (1 Sam. 1:11).

- When vows are made, they must be kept (Ps. 76:11), even as God keeps His word to us (Ex. 12:41,51; Josh. 21:45).
- Do what was promised; bring to God what was dedicated and devoted to him: *Pay that which thou hast vowed*; pay it in full and *keep not back any part of the price*; pay it in kind, do not *alter or change it*, [Lev 27:10](#). To *vow and not pay* incurs the guilt of treachery and perjury; it is *lying to God*, [Acts 5:4](#).
- *Defer not to pay*. If it be in the power of thy hands to pay it today, leave it not till tomorrow; do not *beg a day*, nor put it off to a more convenient season.
- We must take heed that we never vow anything that is sinful, for such a vow is ill-made and must be broken.
- Solomon warns, “It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it.” Fulfilling a vow is a matter of integrity. Failing to do so is a sign of insincerity. Don't make promises you can't keep.

IV. WE MUST FEAR GOD [v. 7](#).

Many pretended to know the mind of God by *dreams*, and were so full of them that they almost made God's people forget his name by their *dreams* ([Jer 23: 25, 26](#)) and many are now perplexed with frightful odd dreams or with other people's dreams. "They are but like the idle impertinent chat of children and fools, so, never heed but forget and lay no stress on them, but *fear God*." Have an eye to His sovereign dominion, and be afraid of offending him.

CONCLUSION:

In our study we learned: To Guard our Steps, Watch What We Say, Do What We Say, and We Must Fear God.

Santiago B. Sameon II

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- 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

B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- 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
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 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

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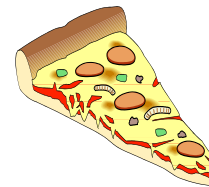
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

October Celebrators

01 - Katrina Dereje
03 - Gladness Rajanan
03 - Kemuel Perdigon
04 - O'Neil M. Gonzales
04 - Nelly Bayla
04 - Rossana Ozo
04 - Josh Darius Martin
06 - Johnny Payangdo Jr.
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07 - Erin Sarah Sameon
08 - Arturo Tacay
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10 - Jasmine Chappot
11 - Danielle Rosa Tan
12 - Octavio Abance
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15 - Rose Acosta
15 - Richard Bestre
16 - Rodrigo Bondoc
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17 - Primitiva Ridon (Decd.)
22 - Wynell Roncal
23 - Lemuel Glori
23 - Ofelia Abance
24 - Jeady Jewel D. Igoy
25 - Lani Palaypayon
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29 - Lera R. Humakey
29 - Clyde Abance
31 - Erika Mariano



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

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

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS



6:00-8:00 PM



SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

• 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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