



Seventh-day
Adventist® Church



MOUNT ZION FILIPINO

"The Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church exists to worship God by proclaiming the Good News of salvation to all people, leading them to Jesus Christ and His church, nurturing them to spiritual maturity, and engaging them in Christian service until He comes."

NOVEMBER 23, 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

November 23, 2019

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

What does it take to grow up and become spiritually mature? Why do some Christians not grow as they should? Can a new baptized member grow by just attending the worship services? Can a member grow spiritually by only learning from Adventist quarterly?

Let's explore more through the word of God. God's word presents steps for Christians can take toward growth and spiritual maturity by Bible study, prayer, patience, and diligent practice of good works. Learning from the Bible, we discover that spiritual growth is similar to the concept of growth in the physical development of humans.

After a man and a woman is married, the woman may be pregnant if both of them are healthy. If not, one of them must have sickness or have no desire to have a baby. Naturally, when both are healthy, there will be pregnancy. If a baby is born healthily, he or she will grow well. Babies are immature physically and mentally, but we expect them to develop. If they don't, there is a problem. I have a friend in high school who did not grow and might have been nearly a midget. But in his senior year, doctors gave him shots to make him grow.

Spiritual growth is a similar concept but is far more important. Growth is development or improvement toward a goal called "maturity". When one is "born again" as a child of God, he or she is spiritually immature. As time passes, he or she should develop the qualities or abilities which the Bible says characterize the mature. Actually, a congregation's maturity is similar to individual member's maturity.

There are many problems that result when members fail to grow - some go back to the world, others cause strife because of ignorance or become stumbling blocks because of irregular attendance, worldliness, or indifference. Just as a baby needs to do certain things to grow physically, Christians need certain kinds of activities to grow spiritually. When church members don't grow, it is because they lack one or more of these. Here are some kinds of activities. Because of the limited space, let me share one kind in this week.

Desire to grow must be our choice as Christians. We all have freedom of choice. We will never grow unless we want to grow. Similarly, in the physical realm, children must want to grow. Children might say "I want to grow up to be just like Mommy/Daddy." "I can't wait till I'm 18 so I can drive." The Bible says as a baby must desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby (1Peter 2:2).

The scriptures teach that growth is always needed. Even Paul, as mature as he was, did not consider himself to have achieved perfection (maturity) such that he could cease striving to improve. He forgot past achievements (and failures) and pressed on to greater accomplishments (Phil. 3:12-14). Another disciple, Peter thought he had reached a level where he would never deny Jesus. But that very night he denied Him three times (Matt. 26:31-35). Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. Christians never reach the point we are so mature that we cannot fall (1Cor. 10:12).

The reason why church members do not grow spiritually because they do not see the NEED for growing. They have no desire to work and serve to the full extent of their ability. When we develop a burning hunger and thirst to work for the Lord, then we will develop the other steps we need to grow.

Do you have that burning desire to accomplish more for the Lord? Have you set specific goals of work you want to accomplish for God, improvements to make, or new levels to reach? At Mount Zion Adventist church, our pledge for every member is "What is your next Step?"

May God bless you all!

Pastor Sereivudh Ly, D.Min.

SABBATH SCHOOL

November 23, 2019

9:15 a.m.

Song Service	"REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART" SDAH#27 "THE LORD IS MY LIGHT" SDAH#515	Praise Team
Welcome Remarks		Geri Villamor
Opening Song	"COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING" SDAH#10	Congregation
Scripture Reading		Jolie Yezsa Salares
	NEHEMIAH 9:38, 10:39B NKJV	
Opening Prayer		Jezreel Aure
Mission Story		Video Presentation
Special Music		Kaela Ramel
Special Feature		Geri Villamor
	"JESUS – THE LIFE GIVER"	
Lesson Review		By Classes
	"GOD AND THE COVENANT"	
Closing Song		Congregation
	"GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU" SDAH#99	
Closing Prayer		Eden Vizcarra

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY TEXT:

"'And because of all this, we make a sure covenant and write it; our leaders, our Levites, and our priests seal it.' We will not neglect the house of our God'"

(Nehemiah 9:38, 10:39b, NKJV)

CHORISTERS: Eden Vizcarra & Team

PIANIST: Aser Tamdang

DIVINE WORSHIP

November 23, 2019

10:50 a.m.

Prelude		Pianist
Introit*	"WE HAVE COME INTO HIS HOUSE" CH#224	Congregation
Invocation*		Ezekiel Lucrida
Welcome, Announcements & Church Business		Evelyn Regoso
Call to Worship*		Evelyn Regoso
Children's Welcome		Children's Choir
Children's Story		Aleah Tubongbanua
Songs of Worship	"FAIREST LORD JESUS" SDAH#240 "WORTHY, WORTHY IS THE LAMB" SDAH#246 "THE LORD IN ZION REIGNETH" SDAH#7	Praise Team
Scripture Reading*		Vivian Mendoza
	EXODUS 14:13-14	
Call to Prayer	"THIS IS HOLY GROUND" CH#138	Congregation
Intercessory Prayer		Glenn Mariano
Prayer Response		Congregation
	"HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD" SDAH#684	

DIVINE WORSHIP

November 23, 2019

10:50 a.m.

Stewardship Video

Video Presentation

Offertory Reading & Prayer

Henry Pallasa

Offering: **ONTARIO CONFERENCE ADVANCE**

Offertory Music

Pianist

Message in Song

La Denne Mopia

Message from God's Word

EZEKIEL LUCRIDA

Elder, Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church

"GPS"

Song of Dedication*

Congregation

"HOLD FAST TILL I COME" SDAH#600

Benediction

Ezekiel Lucrida

Song of Affirmation

Congregation

"I'LL TELL THE WORLD" CH#348

Postlude

Pianist

PRAISE TEAM LEAD: Elvin Mopera & Team

PIANIST: Dhen Dhen Jaraba

ORGANIST: Sharon Dela Cruz

***Congregation Stands**

WARM WELCOME TO ALL

With glad hearts and open arms, we welcome you to Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church. We extend a special greeting to all guests and visitors who have joined us today. Thank you for worshiping with us this Sabbath day and we look forward to seeing you again. Happy Sabbath to all!

THIS WEEK, SABBATH, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. – Sabbath School: **Geri Villamor**
- 10:50 a.m. – Speaker: **Ezekiel Lucrida**
- 1:30 p.m. – Prayer Ministry
- 1:30 p.m. – Children Choir Practice
- 2:30 p.m. – Second Congregation: **Pastor Sheldon Imperio**
- 3:00 p.m. – Pathfinder/Adventurer
- 4:46 p.m. – **SUNSET**
- 5:00 p.m. – Church Board Meeting

NEXT WEEK, SABBATH, NOVEMBER 30, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. – Sabbath School: **Ruby Delos Reyes**
- 10:50 a.m. – Speaker: **Pastor Jess Agol**
- 2:30 p.m. – **No Afternoon Congregation Service**
- 4:42 p.m. – **SUNSET**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 22-24 – Couples Retreat
- Nov 29- 31 – Church Family Retreat at Camp Frenda
- Dec 1 – Food Bank @ 12 – 3:00 p.m.
- Dec 7 – Church Business Meeting – Evaluation @ 12:00 p.m.
- Dec 7 – Outreach Ministries @ 2:30 p.m.
- Dec 7 – LAT Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 7 – Pathfinder Investiture @ 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 13 – (Religious Skit "God Who?") participated by selected Mount Zion Youth
- Dec 14 – SS Council Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.
- Dec 14 – "F" Team Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- Dec 15 – Food Bank & Love/Care Day @ 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER:

November 23, 2019

1. **Bernardo**, Antonio & Elena
2. **Bernardo**, Julie, Noemi & Jonas
3. **Betita**, Donald
4. **Bisnar**, Betty Lyn
5. **Boudreau**, Mikey
6. **Brillantes**, Dantes, Wilma, Josh & JR
7. **Britanico**, Jethro, Nanette, Jennette, Kate & Meeky

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER:

November 30, 2019

1. **Bucais**, Amvita, Christopher & Kristine
2. **Buchanan**, Lorna
3. **Burce**, Yuka
4. **Burnette-Splude**, Dale & Joshua
5. **Burnette**, Renee
6. **Buyacao**, Noreen
7. **Bynoe**, Lance, Connie & Erica

ANNOUNCEMENTS

||| DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN MATERIAL

Please submit all materials for the bulletin no later than midnight every Monday. Please continue to email items to bulletin@mtzion.ca. Thank you.

||| MID-WEEK PRAYER

Join us for Mid-week Prayer on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

||| FRIDAY EVENING VESPERS

There will be no Friday Night (Vespers) Worship Service this Friday, November 29th. But please join us on December 6, 2019 for Vespers as the speaker will be Pastor James Rooney, Camp Frenda Director. We are inviting all the youth and young couples to join us!

||| MZFC AFTERNOON CONGREGATION

Join us every Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 pm for a fresh way to grow in your faith and to connect with other genuine and caring people in a CARE Group setting.

Speaker: Pastor Sheldon Imperio **Message:** The Upper Room

||| SABBATH OF NOVEMBER 30TH, 2019

The church will be open for Sabbath School and Divine services only and will be closed right after the Divine service. Afternoon Congregation will not meet.

||| BURMAN UNIVERSITY

Next Sabbath, November 30th, Burman University will be receiving the "Believe in Burman Annual Fund" offering during the divine service. Thank you for remembering our youth across Canada as you plan your gift for next week to benefit Burman University.

||| DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

New orders for the 2020 Devotional Books will not be taken until next month. We are accepting devotional books that you may have used in prior years. Last year we collected a few which were lent to many members who would like to give their money elsewhere. Pls contact Bro Joy if you are donating books and/or want to accept book/s for any age group.

OFFICERS' SCHEDULE

DUTIES	THIS WEEK (NOVEMBER 23, 2019)	NEXT WEEK (NOVEMBER 30, 2019)
PRESIDING LEADER:	Evelyn Regoso	Lowen Tenerife
DEACONS:	Raven Ramel, Joey Vizcarra, Roland Ranin, Anthony Villanueva, William Nepomuceno, Bernie Lagazo, Hector Lospe	Raven Ramel, Eduardo Balance, Hector Guzman, Medel Hongo, Richard Caguioa, Generoso Oabel, Jerry Santander, Tony Bernardo*
DEACONESSES:	Leonor Jaraba, Irene Abrece, Arlene Goloyugo, Erna Magsipoc, Marcelina Manalo, Dorothy Jaraba, Casey Rabena	Amelyn Jordan, Elsa Nepomuceno, Dione Dann, Ana Nool, Lorcie Aberin, Hennelle Lospe
REFUSE DISPOSAL:	Bernie Lagazo, Hector Lospe, Wil Nepomuceno	Richard Caguioa, Generoso Oabel, Jerry Santander
GREETERS:	Joey Vizcarra, Roland Ranin & Anthony Villanueva	Eduardo Balance, Hector Guzman, Medel Hongo & Tony Bernardo
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:	Group 2 – Benny/Claire	No Potluck
NURSES ON DUTY:	Merly Tamdang & Glenda Rivera	Esther Rosal & Estherlyn Esguerra
OPEN/CLOSE CHURCH:	Jun Delos Reyes/Rene Robes	Raven Ramel/Jezreel Auer

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