

Servers Today, May 30, 2021

Appreciating the Blessings of Our Justification (Romans 5:1-11)

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Jesse Bestre*
 Invocation: *To Be Assigned (TBA)*
 Intercessory Prayer: *TBA*
 Communion Text: *Galatians 3:24-29*
 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: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 To Bring Flowers: *Bayating Family*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Suspended*
 To Bring Drinks: *Suspended*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

Communion: *Bayla Family*
 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 June 6, 2021

Offering Ourselves as Instruments of Righteousness (Romans 6:1-14)

Speaker: *Dodoy Sameon*
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*
 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: *Arnan Bayla*
 Afternoon Speaker: *Dodoy Sameon*
 Song Leader: *Arnan Bayla*
 To Bring Flowers: *Montes Family*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Suspended*
 To Bring Drinks: *Suspended*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

Communion: *Kesha Oliva*
 Worship Coordinator: *Lem Glori | Art Tacay*



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Brother Bernie Austria bids his last goodbye on earth

Brother BERNARDO CABALLERO AUSTRIA, born in Malasiqui, Pangasinan on November 27, 1959 and who was born again sometime in September 1987 has passed on to Abraham's bosom last Monday, May 24, 2021. Due to end-stage kidney failure, he had been under dialysis for eight years until he succumbed to a cardiac arrest.

Midtown brethren conveyed deepest sympathies to the bereaved family and conducted nightly devotionals at the ST. PETER CHAPELS until last Friday, May 28th. The deceased was cremated at the BEYOND THE SUNSET MEMORIAL COLUMBARY PARK in Tadiangan, Tuba last Saturday, May 29th at 10 o'clock in the morning. The FUNERAL SERVICE was conducted by Midtown brethren with brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre officiating

The deceased is survived by his loving wife, sister Dinah Blancas-Austria and two grown up children, brother Cristian Paul and sister Thea Marie. He is also survived by his mother, sister Felicidad, and a number of siblings, nephews and nieces.

The AUSTRIA FAMILY expressed appreciation to the MIDTOWN FAMILY for the unceasing prayers, unending encouragement, and undying support for the family and especially for the late brother Bernie during his time of illness until he bade his last farewell on earth.Ω

Midtown brethren supports Indang community pantry

At the invitation of sister Helen 'Gigi' Carranza, mission worker serving with the INDANG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Indang, Cavite, Midtown has recently contributed an amount of PhP2,500.00 for the ongoing COMMUNITY PANTRY in the area. Sister Gigi says that the ministry has been sustained for a good number of weeks now and has been serving the basic needs of the needy in their barangay and even from neighboring barangays.

The Indang congregation expressed appreciation for the contribution and prays for the multiplication of blessings at Midtown. To God be the glory!Ω

"Being justified means 'just-as-if-I'd never sinned.'"

READ 2 Corinthians 5:21

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Midtown YAs graduate with distinction at SIBI today

Three Midtown young adults, namely, sister LADY ANGELA BAGGAO RAMOS, brother JANRIEL WILSON SAMONTE ABANCE, and brother EZRA ANGCAWAY VALDEZ are among the graduating students of BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES at the SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI) at the facilities of the PASIR PANJANG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Pasir Panjang, Singapore today, May 30, 2021 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Parents, guests, and friends may participate in the graduation ceremonies online. The link will be sent to participants and may be shared to interested parties. The link may be requested from brother Jojo Ramos.

Sister LADY ANGELA B. RAMOS tops the graduates with distinction as Valedictorian.

The Midtown congregation rejoices and congratulates the graduates as well as prays for their continued desire to serve in the Lord's vineyard faithfully and excellently!Ω

Young Bestre hosts christian dialogue on FB live Sundays

Midtown's youth minister, brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, reports that the program he hosts on FB Live dubbed SUNDAY CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE is now on its Episode 13 and has been live for three months now. The program runs every Sunday evening at 7:30—8 o'clock.

The program is basically an interview with faithful Christians. The purpose is to encourage those who watch the interview to be forever faithful and remain steadfast in their Christian lives just as those who were being interviewed. It is well noting that every Christian have a share of struggles and yet we have the Lord Jesus who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses and in whom we find mercy and grace in times of need (Hebrews 4:15-16).Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
May 23, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....94	PRESCHOOL.....10
YPEEZ.....15	GRADES 1-316
CHILDREN.....9	GRADES 4-6.....4
GUEST.....0	HIGH SCH.....9
	COL/YAs.....17
TOTAL.....118	TOTAL.....56

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP39,030.00

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY [ASSEMBLY 1] BRETHREN:

- *Gloria Yang
- *Josefa Josayan
- *Gil, Diana, Donna Geron
- *Ofelia Abance
- *Andy Bestre
- *Priscilla Bayasen
- *Rolito & Pina Tugay-an
- *Dave & Sharon Mcmillin
- *Dan & Dodoy Sameon
- *Dith Zamora
- *Tess Kitma
- *Jun Bondoc
- *Loida Baddas
- *Marina Mabesa
- *Bernard Ignacio
- *Jonathan Enerva
- *Dick Baguioen
- *Nainer Nawew
- *Mercy Bayot
- *Sony Abance
- *Jess Perdigon
- *Nida Gabriel
- *Thaddeus Baggao

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

- *Bernabe Ignacio
- *Noel Espinosa
- *Jan Alfred & Celia Cirilo
- *Alan Patrick Akia
- *Melba Licupa
- *Cel Alvarez
- *Cesar Acosta
- *Primitiva Ridon
- *Arian Kaith Igoy
- *Robinson Palaypayon
- *Carmen Villanueva
- *Menchie Mojica
- *Magdalena A. Gavino
- *Ricardo Malapit
- *Teresita De Leon
- *Zion Delizo
- *Philip Badua
- *Roberto Acosta
- *Jemilyn Villanueva
- *Ron Paul Gavino
- *Mary Elaine Dolteo
- *Noel Madarcos
- *Dexter Abril & Family

[ASSEMBLY 3] SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

- *Local, National, World Leaders & Government
- *On-going Seekers' Bible Study

SAFETY Medical Frontliners:

- *Shinar Sameon—Ciencia
- *Aurma Sacayanan
- *Che Astadan
- *Lorigrace Austria
- *Rossana Andaya
- *Donnel Gonzales

OTHER CONCERNS

- *Denise Wagang (Pregnancy)
- *Darylle Walang (Pregnancy)
- *Delegates to Joint Worship Assembly at Lasilas, Nangalisan (Safe travel)

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

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— JUNE 1, 2021 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIRTUAL MEETINGS/ CARE GROUP**—EVERY TUES & THURS @ 5-6 PM
- **DAILY Rs (READING, REFLECTION, AND RESPONSE)** — ON FACEBOOK LIVE EVERYDAY @ 9:00 PM
- **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 AM.....C/O MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950
 - GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 AM.....C/O KANA PERDIGON—09158639845
 - HIGH SCHOOL CLASS @ 3:30 PMC/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351
 - COLLEGE/YAS CLASS @ 4:30 PMC/O JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

APPRECIATING THE BLESSINGS OF OUR JUSTIFICATION

Romans 5:1-11
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | May 30, 2021

APPRECIATING THE BLESSINGS OF OUR JUSTIFICATION

Romans 5:1-11

- PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST
 - Romans 5:1,10,11
- ACCESS TO GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS
 - Romans 5:2,6,7,8,9
- JOY IN THE HOPE OF GOD'S GLORY THROUGH JESUS
 - Romans 5:2,3,4,5

I. PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Romans 5:1,10,11

- WE ARE RECONCILED THROUGH THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST (1)
 - We are acquitted and declared righteous.
 - Jesus took the penalty of our sins.
- WE ARE SAVED THROUGH THE RESURRECTED LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST (10)
 - We will no longer be condemned.
 - Jesus makes us friends with God.
- WE ENJOY A PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST (11)
 - We rejoice and exult in God's love.
 - Jesus enables us to enjoy a life of peace with God.

APPLICATION:

1. Since we have been declared righteous and not guilty, let us be thankful and live blamelessly.
 - Take the challenge of living righteously as a people fittingly known to be disciples of Christ and reconciled to God.
 - Take the challenge of truly living as born-again people as we are fittingly known for.
 - Live peacefully and live as peacemakers being assured of God's abounding love.
 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 NIV

II. ACCESS TO GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Romans 5:2,6,7,8

- WE FIRMLY AND SAFELY STAND IN GOD'S FAVOR (2)
 - Now standing on the highest privilege.
 - Jesus is the reason for this grace.
- WE REJOICE IN OUR HOPE OF EXPERIENCING THE GLORY OF GOD (2)
 - Now becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be.
 - Jesus is the reason for this glory.
- WE BENEFIT FROM GOD'S GRACIOUS LOVE AND FAVOR (6-8)
 - Now enjoying God's great love for us.
 - Jesus graciously died in our place.

APPLICATION:

2. Since we have been declared righteous and not guilty, let us be thankful and live in grace.
 - Take the challenge of being gracious—readily forgiving those who have sinned against us or have wronged us.
 - Take the challenge of being benevolent—always prepared to give generously.
 - Live lovingly and mercifully with others knowing that the Lord is merciful to us.
 - "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7 NIV

III. JOY IN THE HOPE OF GOD'S GLORY THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Romans 5:2,3,4,5

- WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE A CONFIDENT HOPE OF ETERNAL SALVATION (2,4,5)
 - Such hope never disappoints us.
 - Makes us filled with God's love and joy.
- WE ARE ABLE TO REJOICE AND TRIUMPH IN OUR TROUBLES (3)
 - Such troubles are good for us.
 - Makes us welcome trials and tests.
- WE ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP CHARACTER THROUGH ENDURANCE (4)
 - Such character of approved faith and tried integrity makes us mature.
 - Makes us alert for what God will do next.

APPLICATION:

3. Since we have been declared righteous and not guilty, let us be thankful and live joyfully.
 - Take the challenge of welcoming trials and testings in our lives knowing that these are truly good for us and not to put us down.
 - Take the challenge of becoming mature.
 - Live confidently and joyfully in Christ.
 - "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven..." Matthew 5:11-12 NIV

“ He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ”
Titus 3:5-7 NIV

What is expected of us now that we have been justified?

1. Since we have been declared righteous, let us be thankful and take the challenge to live blamelessly such that we succeed in becoming peacemakers.
2. Since we have been declared righteous, let us be thankful and take the challenge to live in grace such that we succeed in becoming merciful.
3. Since we have been declared righteous, let us be thankful and take the challenge to live joyfully such that we succeed in becoming blessed and rewarded.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS DURING THE GCQ & NEW NORMAL

For the safety of everyone, the congregation is urged to cooperate and strictly follow the following HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS during the QUARANTINE and the NEW NORMAL.

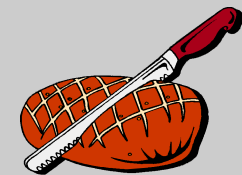
1. Wear facemasks & face shields properly at all times. The only time to remove them briefly is when partaking of the Lord's Supper. After which, facemasks and face shields must be worn again all throughout.
2. Every person must submit for body THERMAL SCANNING. Anyone with a body temperature higher than 37.5 will not be admitted and be sent home.
3. Persons with coughs and colds and with underlying ILL-HEALTH CONDITIONS are advised to stay home to stay safe.
4. Every person must have his or her hands sprayed with Sanitizing Alcohol before entry.
5. Observe physical distancing. Be at a safe distance from one another at least one (1) meter radius apart.
6. No handshakes, hugs, kisses, fist bumps, or any physical contact. Greet one another verbally, bowing to each other, or waiving hands to each other.
7. Observe safe foot traffic at the stairways. GIVE WAY TO EXITING PERSONS. No counter flow.
8. Every person must step on the SANITIZING FOOTBATH MAT before entry.
9. Every person must bring his or her own BALLPEN to fill in the LOGBOOK before entry.
10. The sink at the kitchen shall serve as HANDWASHING STATION. Feel free to wash hands.
11. In the observance of the LORD'S SUPPER, pick up the CUP AND UNLEAVENED BREAD without touching other cups and other pieces of bread. Both Cup & Bread trays will be held by the server and not to be handed from one person to another. Used cups must not be returned into the tray but must be placed into a separate receptacle held by the server.
12. The COLLECTION BAG shall be held by the server and not to be handed from one person to another.
13. Please use the Restrooms neatly and responsibly.
14. The SUNDAY SCHOOL remains suspended until further notice from the government authorities. This is to reduce exposure of the vulnerable age under 21.
15. Worshippers are advised to leave the Assembly Hall after an assembly to give way to the next one.
16. The premises, chairs, handrails, microphones, and restrooms to be disinfected every after each WORSHIP ASSEMBLY.Ω

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



Month of June Celebrators

- 01 - Jonimar Domasig
- 01 - Lois June Fermin
- 02 - Claudette Zamora
- 02 - Maril P. Bayating
- 04 - Katrina M. Viduya
- 04 - Aaron Carlos Cordero
- 05 - Mary Jane S. Abance
- 05 - Sonia Insas
- 08 - Jerico Ramos
- 10 - Jhovel Sison
- 12 - Andrena S. Balang
- 13 - Mervin G. Oliva
- 13 - Jonee C. Baddas
- 14 - Corine B. Mabesa
- 18 - Jimmy June Reyes
- 18 - Ruchie R. Rebuca
- 19 - Erwin Oliva
- 19 - Kaisha Lagsaman
- 19 - Shauli W. Kitma
- 20 - Flora Campoas
- 21 - Ezra A. Valdez
- 21 - Lulu Bondoc
- 25 - Julius Rojo
- 25 - Anthony James Flores
- 26 - Rafael C. Ozo
- 26 - Frances Balangitan
- 27 - Luz Olidan
- 27 - Lala Geron
- 28 - Lou Villanueva



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

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



ASSEMBLY 1 - 9:00 - 10:15

ASSEMBLY 2 - 10:30 - 11:45

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

SUSPENDED



SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

ASSEMBLY 3:
12:45 - 2:00



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