

**Servers Today, August 29, 2021**

**Presenting Our Bodies As Living Sacrifices (Romans 12:1-8)**

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

Communion: *Me-an Gonzales*  
 Worship Coordinator: *Lem Glori | Art Tacay*

**How To Become a Biblical Christian**

- 1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, I 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 5, 2021**

**Showing Love in Action (Romans 12:9-21)**

Speaker: *Earl Tristan B. Sameon*  
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*  
 Invocation: *To Be Assigned (TBA)*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *TBA*  
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*  
 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: *Santiago B. Sameon II*  
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*  
 To Bring Flowers: *Bayating Family*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *Suspended*  
 To Bring Drinks: *Suspended*  
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

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PM Bible Study:



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**Youth minister serves as PNP Life Coach**

Brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, current youth minister serving with this congregation, has been invited to serve as Life Coach for police trainees of the PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP).

Using virtual means of classroom teaching, brother Jesse Bestre reaches out to a few hundred men and women training to become the nation's finest men and women in uniform. In a bid to produce these kind of personnel, the PNP through it's REVITALIZED INTERNAL CLEANSING PROGRAM has sought the partnership of the religious sector to strengthen and enhance the moral and spiritual well being of the police trainees and current police officers in order to religiously perform their sworn duties and responsibilities fairly through God's help.

Brother Jesse Bestre will be on this worthy involvement until next month.Ω

**Today is NCOC's joint worship & fellowship**

Brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, Midtown's youth minister, is the invited speaker for the JOINT WORSHIP AND LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP of the NANGILSAN CHURCH OF CHRIST to be held at the AMBI RESIDENCE in Lasilas, Nagalisan, Tuba today, August 29, 2021 starting at 10 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Some young adults, namely, brothers Johnny Payangdo and Ezra Valdez are accompanying brother Jesse Bestre as well as to actively take part in various capacities in the occasion.Ω

**No church forum on Tuesday, August 31st**

As agreed by the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM, there will be no meetings on fifth Tuesdays, thus, the forum is suspended on August 31, 2021. However, should there be pressing needs that can not wait until the next forum, concerned ministries and individuals can still meet at the Assembly Hall on Tuesday.

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM will resume on September 6, 2021 @ 12:00—2:30 in the afternoon. Hope to see you by then!Ω

**"It is our duty and our privilege to exhaust our lives for Jesus Christ for we are not living specimens of men in fine preservation, but living sacrifices."**

**READ Romans 12:1-8**

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**Ladies write letters to ladies unseen vis-a-vis**

The Twenty-seven (27) ladies who participated in Midtown's MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday, August 21, 2021 took as a project the writing of personal letters to other ladies who had long been unseen in person or face-to-face in the Sunday Assemblies at Midtown. It was well understood that the present pandemic has brought about mobility restrictions to a number of ladies due to legitimate health issues, thus, the absence of some in the Worship Assemblies at Midtown. Seeing the need to convey concern, longings, and love to the ladies who are unseen for sometime now, the ladies wrote the personal letters and notes. All other ladies are encouraged to follow suit. The same will soon be delivered by volunteers to the concerned individuals. This is in keeping with Hebrews 10:24 which says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."Ω

**Midtown congratulates newest mechanical engineer**

Midtown brethren joins brother RODRIGO ACOSTA BONDOC in praising the Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for his victory in recently passing the LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERS. The names of 247 successful examinees out of 621 were released last Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Brother Rodrigo "Rod Shooter" A. Bondoc conveys his appreciation for the congregation's ceaseless prayers offered in his behalf for a successful examination.

Spouses Ricardo and Lulu Bondoc and family expressed their thanks for the prayers and articulated "To God be the glory, honor, and praise!" Again, Midtown congratulates brother Rod and prays for his endeavors!Ω

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD August 22, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE**

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....114	PRESCHOOL.....6
YPEEZ.....14	GRADES 1-3 .....16
CHILDREN.....8	GRADES 4-6.....3
GUEST.....4	HIGH SCH.....7
	COL/YAs.....17
TOTAL.....140	TOTAL.....49

**OFFERING**

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP45,324.00

**• 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
- \*Andy & Jane Bestre
- \*Priscilla Bayasen
- \*Rolito & Pina Tugay-an
- \*Dave & Sharon Mcmillin
- \*Dan & Doday Sameon
- \*Dith Zamora
- \*Tess Kitma
- \*Jun Bondoc
- \*Loida Baddas
- \*Marina Mabesa
- \*Bernard Ignacio
- \*Jonathan Enerva
- \*Dick Baguioen
- \*Nainer Nawew
- \*Sony Abance
- \*Nida Gabriel
- \*Thaddeus Baggao
- \*Bernabe Ignacio

- \*Jan Alfred & Celia Cirilo
- \*Alan Patrick Akia
- \*Melba & Jerry Licupa
- \*Primitiva Ridon
- \*Mercy Bayot
- \*Abance Family
- \*Ruby Mclean
- \*Ariés John Igoy & Family

- [ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:**
- \*Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family
  - \*Arian Kaith Igoy
  - \*Robinson Palaypayon
  - \*Carmen Villanueva
  - \*Menchie Mojica
  - \*Magdalena A. Gavino
  - \*Ricardo Malapit
  - \*Teresita De Leon
  - \*Zion Delizo
  - \*Philip Badua
  - \*Roberto Acosta
  - \*Jennilyn Villanueva
  - \*Ron Paul Gavino
  - \*Mary Elaine Dolteo
  - \*Josephine Abril
  - \*Susan Porie Aballa
  - \*Martha Sunggay

**[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
- \*Jess Perdigon

**OTHER CONCERNS**

- \*Ella Badua-Ciencia (SafePregnancy)
- \*Maryann Valdez (for chemotherapy and radiation)
- \*Safe travel for delegates to the NCOC joint fellowship today

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

- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— AUGUST 31, 2021 . RESUMES SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIRTUAL MEETINGS/ CARE GROUP**—EVERY TUES & THURS @ 5-6 PM
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL @ MIDTOWN**—WEDNESDAYS @ 6-8 PM | **FRIDAY CARE GROUP**—@ 6-8 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 PM .....C/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 PM .....C/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351
  - COLLEGE/YAS CLASS @ 4:30 PM .....C/O JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

**PRESENTING OUR BODIES AS LIVING SACRIFICES**

Romans 12:1-8  
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | Aug. 29, 2021

**PRESENTING OUR BODIES AS LIVING SACRIFICES**

Romans 12:1-8

- LIVING WITH A TRANSFORMED LIFE
  - Romans 12:1-2
- LIVING WITH SOBER JUDGMENT OF OURSELVES
  - Romans 12:3-6a
- LIVING TO SERVE WITH DEDICATION
  - Romans 12:6b-8

**I. LIVING WITH A TRANSFORMED LIFE**

Romans 12:1-2

- LET OUR BODY BELONG TO GOD (1)
  - As a sacrifice, it must be holy and pleasing to God.
  - Dedicating our transformed bodies is a spiritual act of true worship.
- LET OUR MIND BELONG TO GOD (2)
  - As a sacrifice, it must conform no longer with the patterns of this world.
  - Dedicating our renewed minds is a spiritual act of true worship.
- LET OUR WILL BELONG TO GOD (2)
  - As a sacrifice, it must be in conformity to God's good, pleasing and perfect will.
  - Dedicating our tested and approved will is a spiritual act of true worship.

**APPLICATION:**

1. In view of God's mercy, let us dedicate ourselves in serving the Lord and His church with a transformed life.

- In this life, we don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but to be a new and different person – a transformer, not a conformist.
- Since we are a living sacrifice, we lay aside our own desires in order to follow the Lord's will.
- "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-3 NIV

**II. LIVING WITH SOBER JUDGMENT OF OURSELVES**

Romans 12:3-6a

- PROPER RECOGNITION OF ONESELF (3)
  - Have an accurate understanding of oneself in relation to others.
  - Living in God's grace, think of others better than oneself.
- PROPER RECOGNITION OF THE CHURCH (4,5)
  - Have an accurate understanding of the church as the body of Christ.
  - Living in God's grace, we find meaning and function as part of the church.
- PROPER RECOGNITION OF OUR GIFTS (6a)
  - Have an accurate understanding of our spiritual gifts and its purposes.
  - Living in God's grace, each has been given the ability to do certain things well.

**APPLICATION:**

2. In view of God's grace, let us dedicate ourselves in serving the Lord and His church with sober judgment of ourselves.

- In a proper perspective, the only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him. Avoid an exaggerated opinion of our own importance.
- Since the church is the body of Christ, we cannot serve Jesus apart from the church.
- "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3 NIV

**III. LIVING TO SERVE WITH DEDICATION**

Romans 12:6b-8

- DEDICATED IN THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (6,7)
  - Those gifted in preaching, teaching, and encouraging must promote the Word.
  - Enthusiastically administer God's grace with the oracles of God, not ours.
- DEDICATED IN THE GRACE OF GIVING (7,8)
  - Those gifted in giving and mercy must be generous and cheerful.
  - Enthusiastically administer God's grace by helping others with God's strength, not ours.
- DEDICATED IN SERVANT-LEADERSHIP (7,8)
  - Those gifted in leadership and in serving must be diligent.
  - Enthusiastically administer God's grace by faithfully serving in Jesus' style, not ours.

**APPLICATION:**

3. In view of every spiritual gift received, let us dedicate ourselves in serving the Lord and His church in order to pass on to others God's grace.

- In preaching, just preach God's Message, nothing else; in helping, just help cheerfully, no selfish motives; in leading, let's be encouraging and not manipulative.
- Since we have been graciously given gifts, let us graciously serve others.
- "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

“ With Jesus' help we will continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by telling others of the glory of his name. 16 Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to him. ”

Hebrews 13:15-16 TLB

**How do disciples of Christ offer their bodies as a living sacrifice?**

1. In view of God's mercy, let us dedicate ourselves in serving the Lord and His church with a transformed life. Be a transformer, not a conformist.
2. In view of God's grace, let us dedicate ourselves in serving the Lord and His church with sober judgment of ourselves. Be humble, not a humbug.
3. In view of every spiritual gift received, let us dedicate ourselves in serving the Lord and His church in order to pass on to others God's grace. Be enthusiastic, not fanatic.

**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 waving 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 (face-to-face) 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..."

- 01 - Micah Jane T. Banatao
- 02 - Elpidio Mariano
- 05 - Katrina B. Oliva
- 05 - Edgar Enechillo
- 06 - Josephine W. Selmo
- 07 - Jemuel S. Reyes
- 08 - Michael A. Yang
- 10 - Alma C. Reyes
- 11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
- 11 - Mahaysha W. Kitma
- 11 - Julieann Terry P. Badecao
- 13 - Sixto B. Aoaas
- 13 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
- 13 - Kristine B. Sameon
- 13 - Sonia C. Abance
- 14 - Abraham Insas
- 15 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
- 15 - Aracelli Pelle
- 16 - Jeremiah Gawe
- 16 - Hannah B. Ignacio
- 17 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
- 17 - Jhovrick Baban
- 17 - Efren Colcol
- 18 - Arturo Arambulo
- 18 - Leemar P. Simon
- 19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
- 20 - Faith A. Bayating
- 20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
- 20 - Failyn Campoas
- 21 - Mark Wagang
- 22 - Joyce A. Kitma
- 23 - Virgie D. Baldo
- 24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
- 24 - Jerry Martin
- 24 - Kathlyn Booc-Abance
- 26 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
- 26 - Celia A. Cirilo
- 26 - Thea Marie B. Austria
- 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.

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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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