

Servers Today, December 26, 2021

The Priestly Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:1-14)

Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Jun Reyes

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26

Scripture Reading: TBA

Prayer for the Bread: TBA

Prayer for the Cup: TBA

Prayer for the Giving: TBA

Closing Prayer: TBA

Announcement: Annan Bayla

Afternoon Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: June Reyes

To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family

To Bring Biscuits: Suspended

To Bring Drinks: Suspended

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Charis Grace Bayla

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 January 2, 2022

Jesus Compared to Melchizedek (Heb 7:15-28)

Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Janriel Abance

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Hebrews 9:11-15

Scripture Reading: TBA

Prayer for the Bread: TBA

Prayer for the Cup: TBA

Prayer for the Giving: TBA

Closing Prayer: TBA

Announcement: Andy Bestre

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Song Leader: Janriel Abance

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PM Bible Study:

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BHERTs appreciate BPFLC's share-a-joy program

The annual SHARE-A-JOY PROGRAM of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) has chosen to serve the BARANGAY HEALTH & EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (BHRT) FRONTLINERS of three (3) neighboring barangays, namely, Sto. Tomas Proper, Dontogan, and Bakakeng Central and also the HEALTH CENTER PERSONNEL of the ATAB HEALTH CENTER.

The BPFLC school community which includes the Board of Trustees, Management, Faculty & Staff, pupils and their parents/guardians, and alumni, raised funds from among themselves to produce One Hundred Thirty-eight (138) Grocery/Food Gift Packs which were given to said frontliners.

BPFLC pupils also personally made “THANK YOU CARDS” that were distributed to all the beneficiaries of this year’s SHARE-A-JOY PROGRAM.

Recipients were overjoyed with the gesture of love, good will, and benevolence. Mr. Dan Daniel, Barangay Chairman of Bakakeng Central, presented a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION to BPFLC expressing his office’s appreciation for the program.

The BPFLC administration, faculty, staff, parents, and pupils, on the other hand, thank everyone who contributed to the program’s success and for exhibiting through this endeavor their work of faith, labor of love, and the endurance inspired by hope in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:3). All praises to Him alone!Ω

“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and start a brand new ending.”

READ Philippians 3:7-16

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Special contribution for Odette's victims next Sunday

In response to the numerous appeal for help for the widespread victims of the recent SUPER TYPHOON RAI (LOCALLY NAMED AS ODETTE), the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM meeting last December 21, 2021, prayerfully considered the passing of the collection bags for a SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION next Sunday, January 2, 2022. The congregation is urged to prayerfully prepare for this opportunity to excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

Because of the urgency, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has allocated the initial benevolence in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP10,000.00) from the GENERAL FUND and was immediately delivered to the Sameons who have received appeals from at least forty-two (42) congregations, to date, from Negros brethren. Mostly, donations will be used to help the brethren with their basic needs as well as for roofing some destroyed chapels and brethren’s homes.

Those who can earlier give their personal contributions may submit it personally or through GCash to brother Andy E. Bestre. Thank you for your benevolence!Ω

NLR 2020 to return full hotel booking fees

Sister Ruth Glori Trinidad, representing the LADIES MINISTRY, confirmed that the ladies of the BACOLOD CHURCH OF CHRIST, supposed hosts of the NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT 2020, are very happy to announce that the management of HOTEL NEGRENSE of Bacolod, supposed NLR venue, is returning the full amount of the booking fees they have received from the NLR organizers. With this, Midtown will soon be receiving a full refund. Earlier this year, Midtown has already received the fifty percent (50%) refund. Grateful for this development!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
December 19, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....113	PRESCHOOL.....5
YP EEZ.....13	GRADES 1-3 .....10
CHILDREN.....8	GRADES 4-6.....3
GUEST.....1	H.S./COL.....2
	YAs.....10
TOTAL.....137	TOTAL.....30

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP46,885.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— DECEMBER 28, 2021 | 12:00—2:30 PM |

FRIDAY CARE GROUP — RESUMES @ MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL ON JANUARY 7, 2022 @ 6:00—8:00 PM

YOUNG PEOPLE’S YEARENDER ACTIVITY—RIVERVIEW WATERPARK, TUES & WED, DEC 28-29, 2021

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL @ MIDTOWN—RESUMES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 @ 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 PM.....C/o MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950

• GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PM.....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

PRAYER LIST

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 & Dodoy Sameon

\*Dith Zamora

\*Tess Kitma

\*Loida Baddas

\*Marina Mabesa

\*Bernard Ignacio

\*Jonathan Enerva

\*Dick Baguioen

\*Nida Gabriel

\*Thaddeus Baggao

\*Bernabe Ignacio

\*Alan Patrick Akia

\*Melba & Jerry Licupa

\*Primitiva Ridon

\*Aries John Igoy & Family

\*Maryann Valdez

\*Cesar Acosta

\*Jess Perdigon

\*Marvin Subillaga

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family

\*Arian Kaith Igoy

\*Robinson Palaypayon

\*Carmen Villanueva

\*Menchie Mojica

\*Jennilyn Villanueva

\*Mary Elaine Dolteo

\*Susan Porte Aballa

\*Melanio Carreon

\*Mary Jane Acdang

\*Domingador Malatag

\*Camelia Luna

\*Karen Castillo

\*Ednalyn Gumarang

[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

\*Alex & Ella Ciencia

\*Frances Balangitan

OTHER CONCERNS

\*Safe Pregnancy:

- Ella Badua-Ciencia

- Andrea E. Yang

\*Holiday travelers

Ramoses visit Isabela's youngest congregation

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos and sister Lady Angela Ramos were in Ilagan, Isabela the other past weekend to grace the Baculud congregation’s YEAREND THANKSGIVING as well as to visit with family and relatives. The Baculud brethren occupy the ancestral house donated to them by the BAGGAO FAMILY. The Baculud congregation, merely ten (10) months young, has been steadily growing and is continually influencing their community with the pure gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise God!Ω

# MYSTERIOUS MELCHIZEDEK

In Heb 7, the writer argued that Christ's priesthood, Like Melchizedek's, is superior in its order. The Jewish nation was accustomed to the priesthood of the tribe of Levi. This tribe was chosen by God to serve in the tabernacle (Ex 29; Num 18:1). Aaron was the first high priest, appointed by God. In spite of their many failures, the priests had served God for centuries; but now the writer has affirmed that their priesthood has ended! To defend this statement, and to prove that the order of Melchizedek is superior to that of Aaron, he presents: **THE HISTORICAL ARGUMENT: MELCHIZEDEK AND ABRAHAM** (Heb. 7:1-10). The record of the event discussed is in Gen 14:17-24, so take time to read it. The writer of our epistle wanted us to note several facts about this mysterious man, Melchizedek.

**1. HE WAS BOTH KING AND PRIEST** (v. 1). In the Old Testament economy, the throne and the altar were separated. Those persons who attempted to invade the priests' office were judged by God. But here is a man who had both offices - king and priest! Aaron never had that privilege. And it is important to note that Melchizedek was not a "counterfeit" priest: he was the "Priest of the Most High God" (see Gen 14:18,22). His ministry was legitimate.

**2. HIS NAME IS SIGNIFICANT** (v. 2 b). In the Bible, names and their meanings are often important. We name our children today without much consideration for what their names mean, but this was not the case in Bible days. Sometimes a great spiritual crisis was the occasion for changing a person's name (see Gen 32:24-32; John 1:35-42). The name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness" in the Hebrew language. The word Salem means "peace" (the Hebrew word shalom), so that Melchizedek is "king of peace" as well as "king of righteousness." True peace can be experienced only on the basis of righteousness. If we want to enjoy "peace with God" we must be "justified [declared righteous] by faith" (Rom 5:1). Man cannot produce righteousness by keeping the Old Testament Law (Gal 2:21). It is only through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross that righteousness and peace could have "kissed each other." Hebrews 7:1-10

**3. HE RECEIVED TITHES FROM ABRAHAM** (v. 2 a). This important fact is explained in Heb 7:4-10. The word "tithe" means "one tenth." Under the Jewish Law, the Jews were commanded to give God one tenth of their crops, herds, and flocks (Lev 27:30-32). These tithes

Were brought to the Levites (Num 18:21 ff) at the tabernacle and later at the temple (Deut 12:5 ff). If the trip was too long for transporting grain, fruit, or animals, the tithe could be converted into money (Deut 14:22-27). Tithing, however, did not originate with Moses. Abraham practiced tithing long before the Law was given.

**4. HIS FAMILY HISTORY IS DIFFERENT** (v. 3). Melchizedek was a man (see Heb 7:4), so he had to have had a mother and a father. But there is no record of his genealogy ("descent") in the Old Testament; and this is significant because most great persons in the Old Testament have their ancestry identified. It was especially important that the priests be able to prove their ancestry (see Ezra 2:61-63; Neh 7:63-65). Here the writer of Hebrews uses an argument from silence, but it is a valid one.

**5. HE HAD AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE TITHES AND TO BLESS ABRAHAM** (vv. 4-10). The greatness of Melchizedek is seen in the fact that Abraham gave him tithes. Abraham acknowledged the authority of Melchizedek. Furthermore, Melchizedek blessed Abraham in a special way; and **"the less is blessed of the better"** (Heb 7:7). In giving Melchizedek tithes and in receiving his blessing, Abraham affirmed the greatness of this king-priest. But how does this relate to Aaron? In an interesting way: Aaron and the tribe of Levi were "in the loins" of Abraham, yet unborn! So, when their father, Abraham, acknowledged the greatness of Melchizedek, the tribe of Levi was also involved. The Jewish people believe strongly in "racial solidarity," and this is one example of it. The paying of the tithes involved not just the patriarch Abraham, but also the unborn generations in his loins.

Since Jesus Christ came "of the seed of Abraham" (Heb 2:16), does this mean that He too was a part of this experience? No, because Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. His identification with Abraham was for "the days of His flesh" (Heb 5:7). Since Christ existed before Abraham (John 8:58), He could not have been "in Abraham" as were Aaron and his family.Ω

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## • 2021 BAPTISM UPDATE •

Midtown praises the Almighty Father for the opportunity of going, preaching, and teaching the pure gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus, even in the midst of the pandemic, resulting to the addition of five (5) new brethren to the Lord's church at Midtown to date. This was brought about with the efforts of the preachers, brothers Allan Entese and Jake Ambito as well as other brethren of the ALABAMA CHURCH OF CHRIST in Dasmariñas, Cavite in the which those baptized studied the GOSPEL OF SALVATION through Zoom Meetings and Online Classes. Midtown thank the Father Almighty in Christ Jesus for entrusting to Midtown the following new disciples this 2021:

1. Felicisima S. Parohinog— baptized July
2. Churchill S. Parohinog— baptized Oct. 4
3. Aljun S. Parohinog— baptized Oct. 4
4. Xelli Qea E. Parohinog— baptized Oct. 4
5. Christian S. Parohinog— baptized Oct. 4

Meanwhile, brother Julius P. Udan, minister serving with the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST and brother Sixto B. Aoas, volunteer church worker of the same congregation reports of the ten (10) precious souls that were added to the Lord's church in Nangalisan in 2021 as follows:

1. Evelyn P. Monse— baptized Feb. 25
2. Perlito S. Binay-an— baptized Feb. 25
3. Rogene R. Monse— baptized Feb. 25
4. Sonia L. Galdayen— baptized Feb. 25
5. Bernadeth S. Ambi— baptized Feb. 25
6. Arcely L. Sapul— baptized Feb. 25
7. Nora B. Valdez— baptized Feb. 25
8. Odilon S. Binay-an— baptized Feb. 25
9. Gernalyn B. Valdez— baptized Feb. 25
10. Joy D. Pakurao— baptized Feb. 25

Both Midtown and Nangalisan congregations pray for the continuous opportunity to preach the pure gospel of salvation make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.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..."



## January Celebrators

- 01 - Felicisima S. Parohinog
- 02 - Kevin Dennis
- 02 - Jocelyn K. Abance
- 02 - Priscilla Bayasen
- 04 - Pearl C. Bestre
- 05 - Leah V. Tada
- 05 - Khryz Xyryll B. Gomowang
- 08 - Jarielle Taltala
- 09 - Jane U. Donato
- 09 - Romelyn E. Wagang
- 10 - Sean R. Viduya
- 10 - Ernesto Orduña, Jr.
- 10 - Henrietta R. Espinosa
- 12 - Dionesia Gorio
- 14 - Anastacia S. Palaoag
- 15 - Jan Arthur Tacay
- 15 - Ronnilie Corisay
- 18 - Macrina Espiritu
- 20 - Cindy K. Abance
- 22 - Antonita Orduña
- 23 - Dexter R. Wagang
- 23 - Lorna B. Montes
- 23 - Vangie C. Glori
- 26 - Richard Montes
- 26 - Christian Paulo T. Cordero
- 27 - Loida C. Baddas
- 27 - Rachel Ann R. Torres
- 28 - Ernesto B. Wagang
- 28 - Myra O. Manansala
- 29 - Charis Grace D. Bayla
- 30 - Marie Joy Lacambra
- 31 - Abigail A. Kitma



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

6:00-8:00



### SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

ASSEMBLY 3:  
1:00 - 2:00



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