

Servers Today, 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

Afternoon Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Janriel Abance

To Bring Flowers: Montes 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, 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 January 9, 2022

Appreciating the Lord's Better Covenant (Hebrews 8:1-13)

Speaker: Arnan Bayla

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Hebrews 10:1-10

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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53 enjoy YPeez yearender at Riverview waterpark

Fifty-three (53) young people and young adults actively participated in the YPEEZ YEARENDER ACTIVITY dubbed “PANDEMIC CAPTIVITY” based on Jeremiah 29:11 at the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK, Nangalisan, Tuba last December 28 - 29, 2021. Those who attended the Bible Camp were Zach Leonen, Mark Dinggo, Jasper Perdigon, Kemuel Perdigon, Kajem Kitma, Melchi Aquino, Johnny Payangdo, Jesse Reuben Bestre, Ezra Valdez, O’neil Gonzales, Alton Mark Bayla, Reuben Senesan, Khief Walang, Noah Valdez, Janriel Abance, Drew Nawew, Renian Nawew, Nathan Literato, Josh Martin, Josh Gatchalian, Aldrin Mejia, Ira North Po, Aldian Po, Euan Aguinaldo, Charles Orly, Euj Aguinaldo, Deon Rafanan, Jerico Landisan, Donnel Gonzales, Frazer Pandagos, Jacy Perdigon Julieann Terry Badecao, Frances Balangitan, Sheila Balangitan, Dianne Balangitan, Julia Balangitan, Charis Bayla, Amber Phoelen Po, Maureen Soriano, Gracelynn Abance, Alexa Senesan, Danielle Gale Matubis, Geann Vasquez, Kaesha Palaypayon, Kaelin Palaypayon, Kiara Nawew, Kana Perdigon, Lady Angela Ramos, Jehzeel Diane Martin, Laisha Clarisse Montes, Rhianne Nawew, Allison Gapungli, and Raiza May Andaya.

The TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES were facilitated by Julieanne Terry Badecao together with Jesse, Johnny, Ezra, Kana, Amber, Maureen, O’neil, Gracelynn, Janriel, Angela, and Aldian. Devotional Speakers were brother Jesse Reuben Bestre (Stories of Jeremiah & Ezekiel) and brother Johnny Payangdo (Stories of Daniel, Ezra, & Nehemiah). Reflection & Take Aways was facilitated by O’neil Gonzales. Brother Noah Valdez served as the cook.

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown’s Youth Minister, expressed appreciation for everyone’s active participation and cooperation, and for the orderly conduct of the activities. Altogether, the organizers are thankful of the opportunity to be able to do another activity like this after a long time due to the pandemic. They reiterate that indeed the Lord knows the plans He has for us—*“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* All praises and thanks to the Creator!Ω

“Each day is a good time to fix one's eye's on the One who knows what the year is to hold.”

READ Jeremiah 29:11

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Special contribution for Odette's victims today

As earlier announced, a SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION will be made today, January 2, 2022 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 the congregation to be given an opportunity to excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

Mostly, donations will be used to help the brethren with their basic needs as well as for repairing numerous destroyed chapels and brethren’s homes.

Those who are unable to give their personal contributions today may submit it personally or through GCash to brother Andy E. Bestre on other days. Thank you!Ω

Member's kin baptized in youth's yearender

Midtown brethren rejoices with sister SHEILA CHIDAY BALANGITAN, born March 17, 2000 and who was born again December 29, 2021 making her the newest disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ in the congregation.

Her decision to put on Christ in baptism came after having completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES held regularly at the Infinitea Café Centerpoint with sister Angela Ramos. She was accompanied for the Bible studies by her sibling, sister Frances Balangitan.

Brother Janriel Abance baptized her in one of the pools of the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK during the conduct of the YPEEZ YEARENDER ACTIVITY last December 29, 2021.

The Midtown congregation welcomes sister Sheila and prays for her continued spiritual growth, active involvement, and in sharing the good news of salvation in Christ!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

December 26, 2021

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....98	PRESCHOOL.....3
YPEEZ.....21	GRADES 1-3 ..... 6
CHILDREN.....5	GRADES 4-6.....3
GUEST.....6	H.S./COL.....5
	YAs.....10
TOTAL.....130	TOTAL.....27

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP40,860.00

• 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 & 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 Igay & Family

\*Maryann Valdez

\*Cesar Acosta

\*Jess Perdigon

\*Marvin Subillaga

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*Ian & Beth Pajantoy Family

\*Arian Kaith Igay

\*Robinson Palaypayon

\*Carmen Villanueva

\*Menchie Mojica

\*Jennilyn Villanueva

\*Mary Elaine Dolteo

\*Susan Porte Aballa

\*Melanio Carreon

\*Mary Jane Acadang

\*Dominador 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



## DOCTRINE TO LIVE BY

# Trust and Grace

Frank Chesser

Sin separates man from God. This gulf cannot be bridged by man's own efforts. It is the "grace of God that brings salvation" (Titus 2:11), and the "precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19) that procures redemption for man's sin-sick soul.

In the appropriation of the provisions of grace, man's role is active, not passive. The hearing by a good heart produces faith, for "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). Saving faith is obedient faith. Thus, Paul speaks of the "work of faith" (1 Thessalonians 1:3), "faith which worketh by love" (Galatians 5:6), and the "obedience of faith" (Romans 16:26).

Three times in the same text, James described faith only, or faith apart from works, as "dead" (James 2:14-26). Saving faith does not argue with God over the essentiality of divinely ordained conditions for appropriating the gifts of grace to one's soul. Bible faith does not sit in judgment by use of human reasoning on what God says. Obedient faith does not exalt human feelings, personal experiences, what some respected

preacher says, or some long-standing practice above what the Bible teaches. Submissive faith does not insist on having its own way.

The Hebrews writer describes the responsive, yielding nature of faith to the will of God. Abel's faith offered the sacrifice that God demanded (Hebrews 11:4). Enoch's faith walked with God in harmony with His will (Hebrews 11:5). Noah's faith built the ark just like God instructed (Hebrews 11:7). Abraham's faith pitched its tent toward Canaan as God commanded (Hebrews 11:8). Israel's faith marched through the Red Sea and around the walls of Jericho, just as God directed (Hebrews 11:29,30).

Unlike those of whom Jesus spoke who "trusted in themselves" (Luke 18:9), the trust of these ancients was in God and in His grace. For instance, the trust of Abel's faith was in God, and not in the sacrifice itself, nor in his obedience in the offering thereof. Likewise, when a man expresses his faith by complying with the conditions of the Gospel, his trust is in God, grace, and blood, and not in himself and his own act of obedience. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

Frank Chesser is the preacher for the Panama Street Church of Christ in Montgomery, Alabama, USA.

## • 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
6. Sheila C. Balangitan—baptized Dec. 29

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. Vidiya
- 10 - Ernesto Orduña, Jr.
- 10 - Henrietta R. Espinosa
- 12 - Dionesia Gorio
- 12 - Lorenza Losnong
- 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. Monles
- 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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