

Servers Today, March 20, 2022

Warning Against Rejecting God's Grace (Heb. 12:14-29)

Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 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: *Andy Bestre*
 Afternoon Speaker: *Jojo Ramos*
 Song Leader: *Mervin Oliva*
 To Bring Flowers: *Bayating Family*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Suspended*
 To Bring Drinks: *Suspended*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

Communion: *Jane Bestre*
 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 March 27, 2022

Showing Evidences of Faith (Hebrews 13:1-25)

Speaker: *Arnan Bayla*
 Song Leader: *Andy Bestre*
 Invocation: *To Be Assigned (TBA)*
 Intercessory Prayer: *TBA*
 Communion Text: *Colossians 3:1-4*
 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: *Clarita Cachero*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Suspended*
 To Bring Drinks: *Suspended*
 Usher/ettes: *Volunteers*

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PM Bible Study:



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Three Irisan residents baptized into Christ

Three Irisan residents, namely, sisters Belen Abansi Navalta, Angelika Abansi Navalta, and Irish Kate Abansi Ebil, were baptized into Christ for the remission of sins at Midtown's baptistery by brother Sixto Aoa last March 12, 2022. The newly baptized disciples had been studying the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Sixto Aoa together with sisters Linda Yaneza and Nancy Bayla for some time. Eager for the truth, the Navalta family continues to study the Bible at their home at Purok 3, Irisan, this city every Saturday.

Midtown congratulates the newest disciples at Midtown as well as praises the Lord God Almighty for the opportunity to serve with them.Ω

Brethren celebrates with septuagenarian @ Riverview

Midtown brethren joined sister Letty Bayating and her family in celebrating her 70th birthday at the Function Hall of the Riverview Hotel in Nangalisan, Tuba the other past Saturday, March 12th.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as the DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER while brother Andy led the guests and well wishers in singing spiritual songs. Midtown brethren as well as friends and family conveyed wishes, cheers, thanks, and prayers to the celebrant for her invaluable friendship, gracious hospitality, and for generously sharing her life and blessings to everyone. May the Lord grant you good health as your spiritual health prospers too (3 John 2)!Ω

Brethren abroad think & bless Midtown

Sister Helen Lamaria, active member at Midtown for a number of years before moving to California, USA, has recently relayed warmest regards to Midtown brethren through brother Arnan Bayla. She has also sent a cash donation in the amount of PhP13,700.50 to help in the various ministries of the congregation. She plans to visit the country in July next year, Lord willing, to attend the graduation of her nephew in the city. She says "Sapay kuma sikakaradkad kayo latta!"Ω

"Nothing is permanent. Don't stress yourself too much, because no matter how bad the situation is... it will change!"

READ Psalm 102:23-28

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Schedule changes of worship assemblies effects today

As previously announced, the schedules of the SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES at Midtown takes effect today, March 20, 2022 as follows:

- FIRST ASSEMBLY—9:00—10:15 AM
- SECOND ASSEMBLY—10:30—11:45 AM
- THIRD ASSEMBLY—5:30—6:30 PM

Those who used to be scheduled in the afternoon at 1:00—2:15 PM may now opt to attend any of the adjusted schedules.

The SUNDAY SCHOOL remains to be virtual at 3:30 PM until a reassessment after March 30. Another adjustment will be made if and when further easing up of protocols will be announced from the authorities.

Meanwhile all YOUTH MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIPS will now be in-person.Ω

Bayla solemnizes Udan-Pelpelic nuptial

Brother Arnan A. Bayla solemnized the wedding of sister Irene Palongyas Udan and brother Elcid Sebio Pelpelic at the UDAN RESIDENCE in Upper Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba the other past Friday, March 11, 2022 at 10 o'clock in the morning. Earlier, brother Elcid Pelpelic of Tacal, Labueg, Kapangan, was baptized into Christ and has become a disciple of Christ. They both actively serve with the Nangalisan congregation.

Spouses Arnan and Nelly Bayla together with brother Sixto Aoa conveyed Midtown's congratulations, best wishes, gift, and prayers to the newly wed couple.

Meanwhile, a relative of the groom who was moved by the wedding message requested for a personal Bible study.

The Udan and Pelpelic family expressed appreciation to Midtown and nangalisan brethren for the loving support, prayers, and presence during this momentous event in their lives.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
March 13, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....117	PRESCHOOL.....5
YPEEZ.....15	GRADES 1-311
CHILDREN.....10	GRADES 4-6.....2
GUEST.....1	H.S./COL.....3
	YAs.....0
TOTAL.....143	TOTAL.....21

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
 PhP40,030.00

• 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
- *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
- *Maryann Valdez
- *Cesar Acosta
- *Jess Perdigon
- *Marvin Subillaga
- *Jojo Ramos
- *Josie Calixtro
- *Jermaine Cirilo
- *Jovita "Beth" Bondoc
- *Belen Navalta

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

- *Arian Kaith Igoy
- *Robinson Palaypayon
- *Carmen Villanueva
- *Menchie Mojica
- *Jemilyn Villanueva
- *Mary Elaine Dolteo
- *Mary Jane Acadang
- *Camelia Luna
- *Karen Castillo
- *Ampy Mona
- *Vida De Guzman
- *Marcelino Gabriel
- *Teresita Bilagot

[ASSEMBLY 3] SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

- *Local, National, World Leaders & Government
- *Russia & Ukraine Unrest
- *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:
- Andrea E. Yang
- Jill Cados—Bugnay
- *Safe Travel & Mission
- Dodoy & Sarah Sameon & April Saburiga (Negros)
- Brethren in Russia & Ukraine

A N N O U N C

E M E N T

- IN-PERSON TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—MARCH 22, 2022 | 12:00—2:30 PM
- IN-PERSON YOUNG ADULTS MEET—UP — SATURDAYS @ 4:30 PM.
- IN-PERSON FRIDAY CARE GROUP — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY @ 6:00—8:00 PM
- IN-PERSON MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL @ MIDTOWN—EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:00—8:00 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 PMC/O MAUREEN SORIANO—09756895950
 - GRADES 4-6 CLASS @ 3:30—4:30 PMC/O KANA PERDIGON—09158639845
 - HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CLASS @ 3:30 PMC/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351
 - YAS CLASS @ 5:00 PMC/O JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

Ingredients of a Great Church

Clarence DeLoach, Jr.

What does God want the church to be? What is the church about? A study of 1 Thessalonians reveals God's pattern for the ideal church. Interestingly, nothing is said about numbers, goals, programs, preachers, budgets, staffs, or facilities. Instead, it is the spiritual qualities of the church that are noted.

1. It was a called church. In chapter 1:4,5,11 Paul said they were "chosen, predestinated" unto the adoption of sons — according to the purpose of His will. The church was no accident, but was the result of God's eternal purpose. Ours is a holy calling according to His purpose and grace, to become conformed to the likeness of His Son and our Brother — Jesus Christ.

The church is God's called, chosen, and elected! How, though, were the Thessalonians called? Paul answers in 2 Thessalonians 2:14, "You were called by the gospel." We have been called out of sin — that's *salvation*; we have been called unto holiness — that's *sanctification* (1 Thessalonians 1:4:6).

2. It was an exemplary church. "Ye became followers of us, and of the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 1:6). They modeled their lives after the ministry of Jesus Christ. The word "followers" is from a

word that means "to mimic". Theirs wasn't just talk, but action.

The church, the spiritual body of Christ, is to mimic Christ — love as He loved; teach as He taught; serve as He served. It wasn't easy for the Thessalonians, for they were formed in affliction, yet they continued in joy. Their lives were examples to the believers throughout the region. They were serious about both living and spreading the Gospel.

3. It was an anticipating church. They turned from idols to serve God and to wait for His Son's appearing (1 Thessalonians 1:10). While serving, they were waiting, and while waiting, they were serving. Anticipation of Jesus' return will accomplish two things: (1) It will keep us from being too "this world" oriented; and (2) it will motivate godly living and diligent service. It will create an urgency in our work.

Let us be like the church in Thessalonica: **chosen and called**, thus assured of our redemption in Christ; **exemplary**, thus imitating Christ in life and mission; and **anticipating** the Lord's return, let's be motivated and urgent about our business. †

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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

March Celebrators

- 02 - Marilou Pelle
- 03 - Vicky Batnag
- 03 - Kyla Sue Tacay
- 04 - Jade Eunice Bugnay
- 05 - Carina Mabesa
- 09 - Donnel Gonzales
- 10 - Letty Bayating
- 10 - Rachel Bestre
- 12 - Greg Kitma
- 12 - Kajem Kitma
- 12 - Kaelin R. Palaypayon
- 12 - Graciela Badua-Ciencia
- 12 - Euancllyde Aguinaldo
- 13 - Desiree Baadas
- 13 - Phroillander Abance
- 14 - Randolph Tugay-an
- 15 - Ira North Po
- 15 - Cristian Paul Austria
- 17 - Alicia E. Lalas
- 17 - Zyneth Lagsaman
- 17 - Paterson Kitma
- 17 - Sheila Balangitan
- 20 - Justin Baban, Jr.
- 21 - Cecilia Alvarez
- 21 - Demi Rose Tacay
- 23 - Joseph Roncal
- 24 - Maryann Valdez
- 25 - Amber Phoelen Po
- 26 - Micah Abance
- 26 - Sylvia Baggao
- 27 - Donna-Gee Geron
- 27 - Annika Rimando
- 28 - Karizza Mae Bayla
- 28 - Melissa Licupa
- 30 - Mona Gaye
- 30 - Marlene Samonte
- 31 - Marivic C. Durano

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

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- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption: C. Jesus the Savior
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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact:
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SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

HOLY COMMUNION

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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