

Servers Today, April 17, 2022

Heeding the Call to Holy Living  
(1 Peter 1:13-21)

Speaker: Arnan Bayla

Song Leader: Aldian Po

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Galatians 3:26-29

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: Aldian Po

To Bring Flowers: Josie Baban

To Bring Biscuits: Suspended

To Bring Drinks: Suspended

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Kesha Oliva

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 April 24, 2022

Longing for Spiritual Milk  
(1 Peter 1:22-2:3)

Speaker: Andy Bestre

Song Leader: June Reyes

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

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Song Leader: June Reyes

To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family

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MRN's Jay Jarboe to speak before Cordilleran leaders

As reported earlier, there will be a breakfast meeting and an INTRODUCTION TO SOUL-WORK with YOUNG CORDILLERA LEADERS AND PREACHERS at the RAMOS RESIDENCE at Barangay San Luis, this city on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Brother Jay Jarboe of the MISSION RESOURCE NETWORK (MRN), a ministry based in Bedford, Texas, USA will be serving as Resource Speaker. He was earlier welcomed by the Ramoses in their home last week before going to Isabela to speak in a Preachers Retreat and a symposium in Santiago City.

On Wednesday evening, brothers Jojo Ramos and Jay Jarboe will be conducting a DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS during the WEDNESDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP at Midtown’s Assembly Hall at 6 PM.

MRN’s ELI (EMERGING LEADERS INITIATIVE) provides resources to empower national leaders to create Biblically-based, Principle-centered, Culturally relevant, and Experiential leadership training environments.Ω

“The Word reveals God's mind, so we should learn it; God's heart, so we should love it; God's will, so we should live it.”

READ 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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Young Bestre serves as teacher & speaker for SIBI & Guadalupe

Brother Jesse Bestre recently concluded his 4-week teaching of the MINOR PROPHETS at SIBI– Singapore via Online Zoom Meeting. He started teaching March 22 and finished the class April 15. Brother Terry Harrison, SIBI dean, extends his gratitude to Midtown and brother Jesse for serving as teacher for the 7 SIBI students which includes brother Johnny Payangdo. Brother Jesse is also thankful for the opportunity of growth, service, and learning. To God be the glory!

Last Sunday at 6 PM, brother Jesse was also invited to speak during the LIVE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of GUADALUPE CHURCH OF CHRIST. He shared about the attitude Christians should have when offering our body as living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2) emphasizing on SURRENDER, SUBMISSION, AND SERVITUDE to the Lord and His will.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

April 10, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....110

YP EEZ.....18

CHILDREN.....12

GUEST.....4

TOTAL.....144

VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....7

GRADES 1-3 .....10

GRADES 4-6.....4

H.S./COL.....3

YAs F2F.....0

KIDS F2F.....6

TOTAL.....30

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: P h P41,503.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• IN PERSON TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—APRIL 19, 2022 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME

• IN-PERSON LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP — SATURDAY, APRIL 23 @ 11:00 AM.

• 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

• F2F and 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 & COLLEGE CLASS @ 3:30 PM .....C/O ALTON MARK BAYLA—09610166351

• F2F YAS CLASS @ 5:00 PM .....C/O JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

Wagangs host devotional & fellowship @ Marlboro park

At the invitation of spouses Dexter & Denise Wagang on “Good Friday,” April 15th, a good number of brethren gathered for a DEVOTIONAL AND FELLOWSHIP at their home’s backyard named “MARLBORO PARK.” (The constructors of said facility took the liberty of naming it so by etching the same on the facility, only to be discovered by the Wagangs when the construction was completed.)

Those who made it to the wonderful occasion were spouses Richard & Pearl, Ezra & Kana, Chris & Kesha, Mervin & Kat, Arnan & Nelly, Wilson & Mary Jane, Ernie & Letty together with Aldian, Jesse, Ryan, Angelica, Charis, A-mark, Sherman, Gavin, and Gwayne.

Brother Richard Bestre, having served as speaker, challenged the listeners to be like “JOSEPH THE DREAMER” who took seemingly unfortunate events as “Blessings in Disguise.” Everyone had a great blessed time being edified and refreshed by the warm fellowship (Philemon 7).Ω

Ladies devotional & luncheon fellowship moved to April 23

The MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP which was supposedly held last Saturday, April 16th, will be moved on Saturday, April 23. Owing to the fact that there were a considerable number of ladies out of town because of the holidays, the 2ND QUARTER STEERING TEAM made the adjustment.

This quarter’s LADIES STEERING TEAM includes sisters Letty Bayating, Maureen Soriano, Bing Buendia, Amber Phoen Po, Eleanor Garoy, Angeline Linggon, Nancy Bayla, Lily Soriano, and Alice Lalas.

Meanwhile, the LADIES MINISTRY reports that a TUTORIAL VIDEO on “COMMUNION BREAD MAKING” was recently uploaded on YOUTUBE. The ministry believes this will help those volunteering to bake the Unleavened Bread for use at Midtown. Thanks to the ladies and sister Kana P. Valdez for this self-teaching material.Ω

HEEDING  
THE  
CALL TO  
HOLY LIVING

1 Peter 1:13-21  
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | April 17, 2022

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- HOLY LIVING MOTIVATED BY A BLESSED HOPE
  - 1 Peter 1:13-14
- HOLY LIVING MOTIVATED BY THE HOLY WORD
  - 1 Peter 1:15-16
- HOLY LIVING MOTIVATED BY THE COST OF SALVATION
  - 1 Peter 1:17-21

1 Peter 1:13-21

I.  
HOLY LIVING  
MOTIVATED  
BY A  
BLESSED  
HOPE

- HOPE FOR THE LORD'S RETURN (13)
  - Live in expectation of the Lord's return.
  - Have our minds prepared for action.
  - This outlook determines the outcome of a Christian lifestyle.
- HOPE WITH A DISCIPLINED MIND (13)
  - Live with sober judgment.
  - Have a calm, steady, controlled attitude.
  - This attitude determines the right course of action for Christians.
- HOPE WITH OBEDIENCE (14)
  - Live as obedient children.
  - Have the desire to know and do what's right.
  - This desire helps us be determined not to return to our former sinful ways.

1 Peter 1:13-14

APPLICATION:

1. If we are to heed the call to holy living, let us first desire to fully receive divine favor on the Lord's nearing return, our Blessed Hope.

- The imminent return of Jesus Christ should motivate us to live for Him, being mentally alert, disciplined, and focused on that hope.
- Allow no earthly endeavors to distract us from faithfully serving the Lord and His church believing that our stay on earth is unsure and temporary but Heaven is for sure and eternal.
- Dare to live in obedience to the Lord despite the pressures of the desirable cares of this world put upon our shoulders.

II.  
HOLY LIVING  
MOTIVATED  
BY THE  
HOLY  
WORD

- CALLED BY A HOLY GOD (15)
  - Be as holy as the One who called us.
  - God's holiness is essential to His nature.
  - We have become partakers of the Divine nature through Jesus Christ.
- CALLED TO BE HOLY IN ALL THINGS (15)
  - Be holy in conduct and manner of living.
  - God's expectation of us is to be different.
  - We become aware that all of life is holy as we live to glorify God.
- CALLED TO BE HOLY THROUGH THE WORD(16)
  - Be holy according to the Word of God.
  - God's plan is to instruct us unto holiness.
  - We are being sanctified by the sanctifying ministry of the Word.

1 Peter 1:15-16

APPLICATION:

2. If we are to heed the call to holy living, let us first trust in the knowledge of Him who called us through the divine message, the Holy Word.

- The Word reveals God's mind, so we should learn it; God's heart, so we should love it; God's will, so we should live it. Our whole being - mind, will, and heart - should be controlled by the Word of God.
- Allow no earthly endeavors to hinder us from feeding on the Word of God and developing an intimate relationship with our Lord.
- Dare to be different by knowing and exemplifying high moral standards in all areas of life.

III.  
HOLY LIVING  
MOTIVATED  
BY THE  
COST OF  
SALVATION

- REMEMBER THE JUDGMENT(17)
  - God won't let us get by with sloppy living.
  - So live in reverent fear now until then.
  - Our life is a journey we must travel with a deep consciousness of God.
- REMEMBER CHRIST'S SACRIFICE (18,19)
  - God paid a great ransom to save us.
  - So Christ died as a sacrificial lamb.
  - Our life is as precious as the lifeblood of Christ, and so leave the fruitless lifestyle.
- REMEMBER, IT WAS FOR OUR SAKE (20,21)
  - God always knew He's going to do this.
  - So take this revelation as a blessing to us.
  - Our lifestyle is to trust God knowing we have a sure future in God.

1 Peter 1:17-21

APPLICATION:

3. If we are to heed the call to holy living, let us first remember the precious sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Cost of our Salvation.

- The highest motive for holy living should that be of the cost of our salvation - Jesus Christ who died as the ransom for many. "I gave, I gave, My life for thee, What hast thou given for Me"?
- Allow no perishable treasures, silver or gold, and meaningless life veer us from dedicating and sacrificing our lives for the Lord's sake.
- Dare to entrust our lives to the Lord and loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

“

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.  
Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

”

1 Peter 2:11-12 NIV

How can Christians help each other heed the call to holy living?

1. Let us lovingly dare each other to live in obedience to the Lord despite the pressures of the many desirable cares of this world put upon our shoulders.

2. Let us lovingly dare each other to be different by knowing the Word and exemplifying high moral standards in all areas of life.

3. Let us lovingly dare each other to entrust our lives to the Lord and loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

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

April Celebrators



01 - Jon Alfred Cirilo  
01 - Leonalyn Portelo  
02 - Jolian Ibrahim  
02 - April Acop  
03 - Sheema Valdez  
04 - Lolita Abance  
05 - Letty Wagang  
05 - Herminia Acena  
05 - Jamielyn Yaneza  
05 - Leonida Umis  
06 - Eunice Cordero  
06 - Aries John Igoy  
07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay  
08 - Erika Brillantes  
09 - Gloria Yang  
09 - Noah Valdez  
09 - Irish Kate Abansi Ebil  
12 - Susan Weng  
13 - Ma. Rowena Cordero  
14 - Cristy Loren Austria  
14 - Kurt Austin Rimando  
14 - Michael Gorio  
21 - Frank Abraham Linggon  
21 - Sheryl Carame-Martin  
21 - Chloe Alexis Zamora  
23 - Roxanne Tacay  
24 - Leonides Ompang  
28 - Melchizedek Aquino  
28 - Lougai Fermin  
29 - Elizabeth Donato

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

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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:  
5:30 - 6:30 

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