

Servers Today, June 19, 2022

Practicing End-time Ethics  
(1Peter 4:7-11)

Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Christopher Oliva

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: Arnan Bayla

Afternoon Speaker: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Song Leader: Christopher Oliva

To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family

To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Letty Wagang

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 June 26, 2022

Following Jesus Christ  
(1 Peter 4:1-6)

Speaker: Johnny Payangdo

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Hebrews 10:1-10

Scripture Reading: TBA

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Prayer for the Cup: TBA

Prayer for the Giving: TBA

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33 youth participate in Summer Bible Encounter

Thirty-three (33) young people attended this year’s SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER at the PARADISO BEACH RESORT in Samara, Aringay, La Union last June 11 & 12, 2022. They were Ezra & Kana Valdez, Jesse Bestre, Melchi Aquino, Josh & Diane Martin, Einstein & Joyce Anne Bandos, Nathan, Literato, Chass Colas, Renian & Kiara & Rhianne Nawew, Jasper & Kemuel & Jacinth Perdigon, Melvin Manzano, Reuben Senesan, Aldian & Amber Po, John Daed, Giovann & Drew Nawew, Kheif Lee Roi Walang, Earl Tristan Sameon, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Sheema Valdez, Klarissa Glori, Anna Morena Capua, Danielle Gale Matubis, Gracelynn Abance, and Jizza Aquino.

The participants were led to PLAN, PREPARE, AND POSSESS THEIR LIFE JOURNEY. Brother Aldian facilitated “PLANNING FOR LIFE & SPIRITUAL GOALS.” Brother Johnny Payangdo facilitated “PREPARING TO DO GOD’S WILL,” while brother Jesse Bestre topped off the study with “POSSESSING THE LIFE AND SPIRITUAL GOALS GOD HAS SET FOR US.” Overall, the event was orderly, challenging, and inspiring—preparing the youth to face uncertainties, fears, and doubts with renewed faith and courage.Ω

“Convinced that Jesus Christ is coming makes us prepare and want to make the rest of our time count for eternity.”

READ 1 Peter 4:7-11

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2 teeners baptized into Christ at Paradiso

Two teenagers, namely, NATHAN CERA LITERATO, born November 18, 2008 and REUBEN CERA SENESAN, born April 17, 2009, were born again, having been baptized for the remission of sins on June 12, 2022 by brother Ezra Valdez at the PARADISO BEACH RESORT in Samara, Aringay, La Union.

Brothers Nathan and Reuben are first cousins and have been actively involved with the MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST—they being born to members of the congregation.

Brother Andy Bestre studied the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with the two teenagers for the past few weeks.

The Midtown family of believers praises the Almighty Father through the Lord Jesus Christ for this joyful development as well as congratulates the two for their decision.Ω

Couples care group value agreement in marriage

Four couples, namely Richard & Pearl Bestre, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Noel & Cot Espinosa, and Eric & Jing Sacayanan gathered for their usual COUPLES CARE GROUP meeting at the MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday evening, June 11, 2022.

Sister Lulu Bondoc facilitated a group activity towards VALUING AGREEMENT IN THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. Basing discussions on various Scripture passages, the couples agreed that for marriage to last a lifetime, it is important for couples to be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose, and that nothing should be done out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, to consider the other better than oneself and also to put one’s spouse’s interests first (Philippians 2:2-4).

After a lively discussion, the group shared a fellowship meal and are looking forward to the next meeting in July, Lord willing.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
June 12, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....130

YP EEZ.....23

CHILDREN.....20

GUEST.....8

TOTAL.....181

VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....1

GRADES 1-3 .....10

GRADES 4-6.....3

H.S./COL.....1

KIDS F2F.....15

YAs.....13

TOTAL.....43

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP50,972.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— JUNE 21, 2022 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME

• LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL— SAT | JUNE 25, 2022 | PLEASE REGISTER NOW!

• FRIDAY CARE GROUP — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY @ 6:00—8:00 PM

• 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 @ 8:00 PM .....C/o JESSE BESTRE—09165437746

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY [ASSEMBLY 1] BRETHREN:

\*Gloria Yang

\*Josefa Josayon

\*Gil, Diana, Donna Geron

\*Andy & Jane Bestre

\*Priscilla Bayasen

\*Crispina 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

\*Jocelyn Calixtro

\*Jovita “Beth” Bondoc

\*Belen Navalta

\*Josephine Baban

\*Alice Lalas

\*Shemer Sameon

\*Rafael Ozo

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*Arjan Kaith Igoy

\*Robinson Palaypayon

\*Carmen Villanueva

\*Menchie Mojica

\*Jennilyn Villanueva

\*Mary Elaine Dolteo

\*Mary Jane Acdang

\*Karen Castillo

\*Amphy Mona

\*Marcelino Gabriel

\*Teresita Bilagot

\*Boy Donato

\*Lolito Roxas

\*Purificacion Paca

[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:

- Mahaysha Kitma—Ramos

\*Safe Travel

- Ramoses & Co. (Bokod)

# A Militant Attitude Toward Sin

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. 2 As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. 3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do — living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. 1 Peter 4:1-3 NIV

The picture is that of a soldier who puts on his equipment and arms himself for battle. Our attitudes are weapons, and weak or wrong attitudes will lead us to defeat. Outlook determines outcome, and a believer must have the right attitudes if he is to live a right life. A friend and I met at a restaurant to have lunch. It was one of those places where the lights are low, and you need a miner's helmet to find your table. We had been seated several minutes before we started looking at the menu, and I remarked that I was amazed how easily I could read it. "Yes," said my friend, "it doesn't take us long to get accustomed to the darkness."

There is a sermon in that sentence: It is easy for Christians to get accustomed to sin. Instead of having a militant attitude that hates and opposes it, we gradually get used to sin, sometimes without even realizing it. The one thing that will destroy "the rest of our time" is sin. A believer living in sin is a terrible weapon in the hands of Satan. Peter presented several arguments to convince us to oppose sin in our lives.

●**THINK OF WHAT SIN DID TO JESUS** (v. 1). He had to suffer because of sin (see 1 Peter 2:21; 3:18). How can we enjoy that which made Jesus suffer and die on the cross? If a vicious criminal stabbed your child to death, would you preserve that knife in a glass case on your mantle? I doubt it. You would never want to see that knife again.

Our Lord came to earth to deal with sin and to conquer it forever. He dealt with the ignorance of sin by teaching the truth and by living it before men's eyes. He dealt with the consequences of sin by healing and forgiving; and, on the cross, He dealt the final deathblow to sin itself. **He was armed, as it were, with a militant attitude toward sin, even though He had great compassion for lost sinners.**

●**ENJOY THE WILL OF GOD** (v. 2). The contrast is between the desires of men and the will of God. Our longtime friends cannot understand the change in our lives, and they want us to return to the same "excess of riot" that we used to enjoy. But the will of God is so much better! **If we do the will of God, then we will invest "the rest of our time" in that which is lasting and satisfying;** but if we give in to the world around us, we will waste "the rest of our time" and regret it when we stand before Jesus.

The will of God is not a burden that the Father places on us. Rather it is the divine enjoyment and enablement that makes all burdens light. The will of God comes from the heart of God (Ps 33:11) and therefore is an expression of the love of God. We may not always understand what He is doing, but we know that He is doing what is best for us. We do not live on explanations; we live on promises.

●**REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE BEFORE YOU MET CHRIST** (v. 3). There are times when looking back at your past life would be wrong, because Satan could use those memories to discourage you. But God urged Israel to remember that they had once been slaves in Egypt (Deut 5:15). Paul remembered that he had been a persecutor of believers (1 Tim 1:12 ff), and this encouraged him to do even more for Christ. We sometimes forget the bondage of sin and remember only the passing pleasures of sin. "The will of the Gentiles" means "the will of the unsaved world" (see 1 Peter 2:12). Lost sinners imitate each other as they conform to the fashions of this world (Rom 12:2; Eph 3:1-3). "Lasciviousness" and "lusts" describe all kinds of evil appetites and not just sexual sins. "Revelings and banquetings" refer to pagan orgies where the wine flowed freely. Of course, all of this could be a part of pagan worship, since "religious prostitution" was an accepted thing. Even though these practices were forbidden by law ("abominable" = Illegal), they were often practiced in secret. We may not have been guilty of such gross sins in our pre-conversion days, but we were still sinners - and our sins helped to crucify Christ. How foolish to go back to that kind of life! Ω

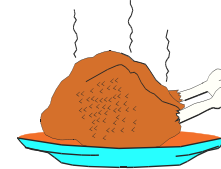
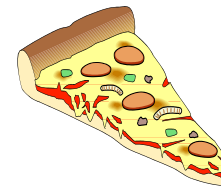
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

## June Celebrators



01 - Jovencia C. Mabesa  
01 - Jonimar Domasig  
01 - Lois June Fermin  
02 - Claudette Zamora  
02 - Maril P. Bayating  
04 - Katrina M. Viduya  
04 - Aaron Carlos Cordero  
05 - Mary Jane S. Abance  
05 - Sonia Insas  
08 - Jerico Ramos  
10 - Jhovael Sison  
12 - Andrena S. Balang  
13 - Mervin G. Oliva  
13 - Jonee C. Baddas  
14 - Corine B. Mabesa  
15 - Aljun Parohinog  
18 - Jimmy June Reyes  
18 - Rutchie R. Rebuca  
19 - Erwin Oliva  
19 - Kaisha Lagsaman  
19 - Shauli W. Kitma  
20 - Flora Campoas  
21 - Ezra A. Valdez  
21 - Lulu Bondoc  
25 - Julius Rojo  
25 - Anthony James Flores  
26 - Rafael C. Ozo  
26 - Frances Balangitan  
27 - Luz Olidan  
27 - Lala Geron  
28 - Lou Villanueva



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 – How We Got the Bible
- LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

### B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
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- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
E. The Cost of Discipleship
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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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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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