

Servers Today, July 31, 2022

Growing in the Knowledge of  
Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-11)

Speaker:	Janriel Abance
Song Leader:	Christopher Oliva
Invocation:	To Be Assigned (TBA)
Intercessory Prayer:	TBA
Communion Text:	Ephesians 2:3-10
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:	Janriel Abance
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:	Angela Ramos
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 August 7, 2022

Perspectives from an Aged  
Apostle (2 Peter 1:12-15)

Speaker:	Dodoy Sameon
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:	Bayating Family
To Bring Biscuits:	C/o Midtown
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Communion:	Kesha Oliva
Worship Coordinator:	Lem Glori   Art Tacay
PM Bible Study:	

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**INFORMER**



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Mission work in Lasilas  
intensifies with MOM

As a result of the recent meeting of the MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM), the ongoing mission work in Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba will be intensified in terms of manpower to serve in the ongoing HOME BIBLE STUDY at the AMBI RESIDENCE Thursday afternoons. Midtown brethren are also encouraged to sign up to join the SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP ASSEMBLY in Lasilas. SUNDAY SCHOOL teachers and facilitators are also needed not only to conduct the children’s classes but also to train the brethren in the area in teaching children the word of God.

Brother Julius Udan has come up with a SCHEDULE OF TOPICS & TEXTS to be discussed in the THURSDAY HOME BIBLE STUDY as well as for the SUNDAY PM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY. Please find the SIGN-UP SHEET on the Bulletin Board.

Meanwhile, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos together with their partners in mission, brother Dale Byrum, and MISSIONARY IN TRAINING, Sarah Banogon, and brother Jayvee Carreon, minister of the Metro South church of Christ, served with the Lasilas brethren the other past Wednesday, June 20, 2022. Brother Dale Byrum served as facilitator in the Bible Study while sister Janet took charge of the children’s class.Ω

Midtown congratulates  
Alabama on its 3rd anniversary

Brother Arnan Bayla wholeheartedly conveyed Midtown’s congratulations and served as the Guest Speaker in the 3RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the ALABAMA CHURCH OF CHRIST located on Alabama St., City View Subd., Piela Sampaloc 3, Dasmariñas, Cavite last Sunday, July 24. There were around 180 in attendance including some brethren from Santa Rosa and San Pedro, Laguna. Brother Arnan Bayla was accompanied by brother A-Mark Bayla, sisters Nelly Bayla, Bing Buendia, Beth Salviejo, and Maribel & Nica Sunggay!

The Midtown delegation expresses appreciation for the hospitality and generosity of spouses Jake & Imelda Ambito for the accommodation and for the free transportation from Baguio to Cavite and vice versa. To God be the glory, honor, and praise!Ω

“Gain is not always  
godliness, but godliness is  
always gain in the highest sense.”

READ Proverbs 3:1-26

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26 participate in ladies  
devo & luncheon fellowship

Twenty-six (26) ladies participated in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON Fellowship held at Midtown’s Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, July 23, 2022. Those who made it include sisters Kana Valdez, Janet Perdigon, Mia Acena, Jovy Mabesa, Beth Sevilla, Clarita Cachero, Jane Bestre, Alice Lalas, Carina Lacaba, Cora & Rowana Ozo, Josie Baban, Norma Aping, Amber Po, Ruth Trinidad, Minda Oliva, Janet Ramos, Lorenza Losnong, Pearl Bestre, Cel Alvarez, Loida Baddas, Sarah Sameon, Kesha Oliva, Ruth Camora, Kesha Oliva, and Angela Ramos.

Sister Lady Angela Ramos facilitated the “SINGSPIRATION” in which she emphasized the true purpose and proper way of singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs of praise based on Colossians 3:16 and to truly “BEHOLD OUR KING” in singing and in worship based on Isaiah 40:21-31.

The THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Kesha Oliva, Angela Ramos, Jane Bestre, Josie Selmo, Cel Alvarez, Dinah Austria, Beth Sevilla, Pearl Bestre, Maryjo Dugaysan, and Frances Balangitan, thanked the usual active participation of the ladies and looks forward to the next fellowship on August 20, 2022, Lord willing. All glory and praise to God!Ω

Newest care group  
formed at Crystal Cave

Brother Ezra Valdez announced lately that the Senesan family and the Po family have started alternately hosting a CARE GROUP Thursday evenings at their respective residences located at Barangay Crystal Cave, this city. Other brethren residing around the area are very much welcome to attend the newly formed CARE GROUP for the purpose of CARING for one another, ADMONISHING one another, REFRESHING one another, and EDIFYING one another. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
July 24, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....131	PRESCHOOL.....2
YP EEZ.....18	GRADES 1-3 .....6
CHILDREN.....24	GRADES 4-6.....2
GUEST.....2	H.S./COL.....6
	KIDS F2F.....16
	YAs.....9
TOTAL.....175	TOTAL.....41

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP45,024.00

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FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY [ASSEMBLY 1] BRETHREN:

\*Gloria Yang

\*Josefa Josayan

\*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

\*Nida Gabriel

\*Thaddeus Baggao

\*Bernabe Ignacio

\*Melba & Jerry Licupa

\*Primitiva Ridon

\*Maryann Valdez

\*Cesar Acosta

\*Jess Perdigon

\*Jocelyn Calixtro

\*Jovita “Beth” Bondoc

\*Belen Navalta

\*Alice Lalas

\*Shemer Sameon

\*Rafael Ozo

\*Bonie Marcelo

\*Felicisima Parohinog

\*Florence Magalong

\*Martin Biadho

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*Arjan Kaith Igoy

\*Robinson Palaypayon

\*Carmen Villanueva

\*Menchie Mojica

\*Mary Elaine Dolteo

\*Karen Castillo

\*Ampy Mona

\*Marcelino Gabriel

\*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

\*Auma Sacayanan

\*Che Astadan

\*Lorigrace Austria

\*Rossana Andaya

\*Donnel Gonzales

\*Alex & Ella Ciencia

\*Frances Balangitan

OTHER CONCERNS

\*Safe Pregnancy:

- Mahaysha Kitma—Ramos

\*Safe Travel:

- Ezra Valdez & Co. (Lasilas)

**GROWING STRONGER, GROWING DEEPER, REACHING HIGHER**

Isaiah 40:28-31  
Arnan A. Bayla | 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the ALABAMA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
July 24, 2022

**I. THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD GROW STRONGER IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

- GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES
  - Overcome "undesirable situations."
  - We will prevail over anything.
  - This promise makes us disciples avoid getting disheartened.
- GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE US RUN
  - Overcome challenges quickly.
  - We will prevail over weariness.
  - This promise makes us disciples avoid getting bogged down.
- GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE US WALK
  - Overcome daily demands of life faithfully.
  - We will prevail over weaknesses.
  - This promise makes us disciples avoid getting sidetracked from our mission.

Isaiah 40:30-31

**II. THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD GROW DEEPER IN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

- GOD CAUSES US TO BE RENEWED
  - Transforms our understanding.
  - Our understanding will be divine.
  - This promise causes us disciples to avoid dependence on our own human knowledge.
- GOD CAUSES US TO KNOW HIS POWER
  - Transforms our confidence.
  - Our dependence will be upon God's might.
  - This promise causes us disciples to avoid dependence on our own selves.
- GOD CAUSES US TO HEAR HIS WILL
  - Transforms our perspective.
  - Our viewpoints will be like God's mind.
  - This promise causes us disciples to avoid dependence on earthly standards.

Isaiah 40:28-29

**III. THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD REACH HIGHER IN SPIRITUAL PROGRESS**

- GOD ENABLES US TO SOAR
  - Press on towards the Heavenly goal.
  - We will be able to take off from any state.
  - This promise makes possible for one to leave and set out for better things.
- GOD ENABLES US TO PROGRESS
  - Press on towards the Lord's purposes.
  - We will be able to move up higher.
  - This promise makes possible for one to move on and conquer greater pursuits.
- GOD ENABLES US TO BE SUSTAINED
  - Press on towards divine nourishment.
  - We will be able to remain victorious.
  - This promise makes possible for one to go from strength to strength.

Isaiah 40:31

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**CONGRATULATIONS ALABAMA CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CELEBRATION OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS ON YOUR 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO GOD BE THE GLORY**  
KEEP HOPING IN THE LORD!  
”

**GROWING STRONGER, GROWING DEEPER, REACHING HIGHER**

Isaiah 40:28-31

- THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD GROW STRONGER IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH
  - "They will run, they will walk"
- THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD GROW DEEPER IN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL
  - "Do you not know? Have you not heard?"
- THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD REACH HIGHER IN SPIRITUAL PROGRESS
  - "They will soar on wings like eagles"

**APPLICATION:**

1. In order for us to grow stronger, let us wait upon the Lord and be mindful of our spiritual growth.

- Mindful of our own tendencies to easily get discouraged, let's say to each other more encouraging and affirming words, less angry words, and less careless words.
- Mindful of our own tendencies to get weary, let's do more of the more important matters, to be ready to help each other, and to support one another wholeheartedly.
- Mindful of our own weaknesses, let us walk with the faithful to remain faithful and be understanding and forgiving of others' weaknesses.

**APPLICATION:**

2. In order for us to grow deeper, let us wait upon the Lord and be mindful of our spiritual renewal.

- Aware of our lack of understanding God's ways, let us deepen our submission to God's teachings, commands, laws, and guidance in order to transform us and make us a better person.
- Aware that we lack power on our own, let us intensify our confidence on the Holy Spirit to make us loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and with self-control.
- Aware of our tendencies to follow the world's standards, let us build up our eagerness to set our minds on things above and not be swayed by evil.

**APPLICATION:**

3. In order for us to reach higher, let us wait upon the Lord and be mindful of our spiritual progress.

- Conscious about our tendencies to slow down on spiritual matters, let us spur one another unto love and good deeds – always doing good and eagerly helping those in need.
- Conscious about our tendencies to "rest on our laurels," let us prompt each other to continue doing what we were called to do – to sow the word of God and to make disciples of Christ.
- Conscious about our tendencies to waver in faith, let us unfailingly remind each other of our duties to serve the Lord faithfully.

**How can we be spiritually renewed and grow spiritually to be on our way to spiritual progress?**

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:30-31 NIV

**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**

**August Celebrators**

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre  
03 - Pia Guelles  
04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa  
04 - Kendall Alvarez  
07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.  
08 - Melina Igoy  
08 - Belen A. Navalta  
10 - Sarah M. Sameon  
10 - Janet K. Perdigon  
11 - Manolo A. Bayla  
12 - Fely R. Rojo  
15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin  
15 - Jacob U. Donato  
16 - Llona Baddas-Manalo  
16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia  
20 - Norma B. Abance  
20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew  
23 - Anthony R. Wagang  
24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.  
25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio  
26 - Keshia Kitma—Oliva  
27 - Jill B. Cados—Bugnay  
28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang  
31 - Rodeliza Q. Enecillo

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

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

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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
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
  - F. Where Will Your Life End?

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- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
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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:  
5:30 - 6:30

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