

Servers Today, December 11, 2022

Understanding the Mystery of Christ (Ephesians 3:1-7)

Speaker: Jojo Ramos

Song Leader: June Reyes

Invocation: To Be Assigned (TBA)

Intercessory Prayer: TBA

Communion Text: Romans 8:1-4

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: Jojo Ramos

Song Leader: June Reyes

To Bring Flowers: Bayating Family

To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown

Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Bayla Family

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 December 18, 2022

Proclaiming the Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:8-13)

Speaker: Alton Mark Bayla

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

Invocation: Charlie Abance

Intercessory Prayer: Ezra Valdez

Communion Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Scripture Reading: Kajem Kitma

Prayer for the Bread: Jasper Perdigon

Prayer for the Cup: Leonard Basil

Prayer for the Giving: Julius Rojo

Closing Prayer: Jojo Ramos

Announcement: Arnan Bayla

Afternoon Speaker: Alton Mark Bayla

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

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PM Bible Study:

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Next Sunday is Midtown's 39th anniversary & Pasasalamat day

Next Sunday, December 18, 2022 is Midtown’s PASASALAMAT DAY AND 39th Anniversary Celebration. With the easing up of Health & Safety Protocols, the congregation can now altogether have a CONGREGATIONAL PASASALAMAT DAY celebration at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL at NINE O’CLOCK in the morning. Usual AFTERNOON WORSHIP GOERS and ONLINE WORSHIP users are enjoined to attend the IN -PERSON morning worship assembly and also to get involved in the face-to-face celebration.

Right after the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY, a CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE-TAKING will take place. In addition to this, group pictures will also be taken with ALL ADULTS, ALL MEN, ALL WOMEN, ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, and ALL CHILDREN at the ASSEMBLY HALL. Another round of picture taking will also be made at the playground of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER. PHOTO BOOTHS will also be made available for everyone’s use at the grounds. As usual, come at your best.

Immediately following the PICTURE-TAKING, individually PACKED LUNCH will be distributed for the LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP and will be consumed within the premises of BPFLC while a brief program is going on at the playground.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES for the PASASALAMAT CELEBRATION is as follows:  
•9:00—9:30—Singing, Opening Prayer, Lord’s Supper, and Offering/Giving  
•9:30—10:05—Intercessory Prayer and Message  
•10:05—10:15—Singing and Closing Prayer  
•10:15—10:20—Announcements  
•10:20—11:00—Congregational Picture-taking at the Assembly Hall and at the BPFLC playground  
•11:00—12:00—Luncheon Fellowship, Fun & Games at the playground of BPFLC.

Everyone is enjoined to take this opportunity to gather for fellowship with the brethren whom we may have not been seeing due to the past restrictions brought about by the pandemic. Lord willing, everyone will be present.

P.S. Due to the limited parking space, if possible, arrange for car-pooling, or take public transport.Ω

"A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials."

READ 1 Peter 1:3-9

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Fiancee receives the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism

After a BIBLE STUDY and a presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as part of the PREMARITAL COUNSELING sessions conducted by brother Arnan Bayla for brother Nathaniel ‘Nats’ B. Ramos and Anri R. Hiragi who are set to get married on December 14, 2022, Miss Hiragi decided to put on Christ in baptism and be born again last Monday afternoon, December 5, 2022.

Sister Anri’s baptism was witnessed by her brother and his wife, Kei & Allyza; her fiancé, Nats Ramos, Jojo, Janet & Angela Ramos, brethren Janriel Abance, Andy Bestre, Ruth Trinidad, and Nelly Bayla.

The congregation praises the Lord God Almighty and congratulates the newest sister in Christ at Midtown. Lord willing, the couple will be able to continue with the NEW LIFE BIBLE STUDY SERIES after their wedding. To God be the glory and praise!Ω

Worship assembly reverts to pre-pandemic sked

Starting December 25, 2022, MIDTOWN’S WORSHIP ASSEMBLY will revert to the usual pre-pandemic schedule. That is, there will be only one WORSHIP ASSEMBLY in the morning which is at 9:00—11:15 AM and one AFTERNOON-EVENING SCHEDULE at 5:30—6:30 PM.

The WORSHIP ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES are as follows:  
•9:00—9:30—Singing, Opening Prayer, Lord’s Supper, and Offering/Giving.  
•9:30—10:20—Adult Bible Study Classes, Young People’s Classes, Children’s Sunday School (This portion except on December 25, 2022. Starts on January 1, 2023)  
•10:25—11:00—Intercessory Prayer followed by the Message/Sermon.  
•11:00—11:15—Singing, Closing Prayer, followed by Announcements, Greetings, and Meet & Greet.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
December 4, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....135

YP EEZ.....24

CHILDREN.....19

GUEST.....8

TOTAL.....186

VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....0

GRADES 1-3 .....5

GRADES 4-6.....2

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

KIDS F2F.....15

YAs.....11

TOTAL.....36

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP38,227.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— DECEMER 13, 2022 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME

• SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR STAFF’S YEAREND BONUS— DECEMBER 11, 2022

• PASASALAMAT— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | DECEMBER 18, 2022 | 9:00 AM—12:00 NN

• CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE-TAKING— MIDTOWN HALL & BPFLC GROUNDS | DEC. 18 @ 10:20 AM

• FRIDAY CARE GROUP— YEARENDER @ ROJO-PALAYPAYON RES., IRISAN | DEC. 16 @ 6:30—10:30 PM

• MODELO YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP—HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE | IRISAN, DEC. 13-16, 2022

• REGIONAL YOUTH CAMP—ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, BUGALLON, PANG. | DEC. 20-23, 2022

• FREE MARKET—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY | DECEMBER 24, 2022 | 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

• DAILY Rs (READING, REFLECTION, AND RESPONSE) — ON FACEBOOK LIVE EVERYDAY @ 9:00 PM

• F2F and VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE— PLEASE COORDINATE WITH TEACHERS.

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY [ASSEMBLY 1] BRETHREN:

\*Gloria Yang

\*Josefa Josayan

\*Donna Geron

\*Andy & Jane Bestre

\*Priscilla Bayasen

\*Crispina Tugay-an

\*Dan & Dodoy Sameon

\*Dith Zamora

\*Tess Kitma

\*Loida Baddas

\*Marina Mabesa

\*Bernard Ignacio

\*Jonathan Enerva

\*Thaddeus Baggao

\*Melba & Jerry Licupa

\*Maryann Valdez

\*Cesar Acosta

\*Jocelyn Calixtro

\*Jovita “Beth” Bondoc

\*Belen Navalta

\*Alice Lalas

\*Rafael Ozo

\*Bonie Marcelo

\*Florence Magalong

\*Norma Aping

\*Ella Garoy

\*Maril P. Bayating Sr.

[ASSEMBLY 2] REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*Arian Kaith Igoy

\*Carmen Villanueva

\*Menchie Mojica

\*Karen Castillo

\*Teresita Bilagot

\*Boy Donato

\*Purificacion Paca

\*Mariliza Andallo

\*Jet Tavares

\*Horacio C. Ramos Sr.

SAFE TRAVEL:

\*Dodoy&Sarah Sameon (USA)

[ASSEMBLY 3] SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

\*Local, National, World Leaders & Government

\*Reviewers for Gov’t Exams

\*On-going Seekers’ BS

SAFETY

Medical Frontliners:

\*Shinar Sameon-Ciencia

\*Aurma Sacayanan

\*Che Astadan

\*Lorigrace Austria

\*Rossana Andaya

\*Donnel Gonzales

\*Alex & Ella Ciencia

\*Jess Perdigon

\*Dan-gil Geron

\*Dave & Sharon Mcmillin

OTHER CONCERNS

\*Safe Pregnancy:

- Kana Perdigon—Valdez

- Ermalyn Aduan—Udan

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200+ join Baguio-Benguet ladies fellowship

Two Hundred Three (203) ladies representing 15 congregations in the Baguio—Benguet area convened at the Auditorium of the Root Crop Building of the BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY last November 30, 2022 at 8:00 AM—5:00 PM.

Twenty One (21) ladies from Midtown participated in the fellowship. Those who made it include sisters Nancy Bayla, Josie Baban, Minda Oliva, Josie Selmo, Ruth Trinidad, Dinah Austria, Lois Fermin, Lorigrace Austria, Jane Bestre, Cora Ozo, Jovy Mabesa, Helen Mabesa, Josie Yapyapen, Lorenza Losnong, Carina Lacaba, Clarita Cachero, Loida Baddas, Maribel Sunggay, Nelly Bayla, Maureen Soriano, and April Saburiga. Sister Nancy Bayla was awarded as the OLDEST PARTICIPANT at age 84.

Sister Florisel Col-iten—Ramirez of the TUMAUNI CHURCH OF CHRIST in Isabela served as the Resource Speaker on “THE CHRISTIAN AMIDST TRIALS” which helped the ladies deal with Temptations, Trials, and Problems. She also emphasized that even in the midst of trials and sufferings, God’s will is being done or fulfilled, the fact that God desires to show His power through our storms in life (2Corinthians 12:7-10). It was further underscored that “Trials without God can break you but if you have God, it will make you.

The ladies of the LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST expressed their appreciation for the turn out of events. They were also happy that the HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST will be hosting the BAGUIO-BENGUET LADIES FELLOWSHIP next year, Lord willing.Ω

Udan is speaker in Dungan's 8th anniversary

Brother Julius Udan served as GUEST SPEAKER in the celebration of the 8TH ANNIVERSARY of the DUNGON CHURCH OF CHRIST, located in Barangay Dungan, Sison, Pangasinan last Sunday, December 4, 2022. He was accompanied by brother Adrian Palongyas. In his sermon, brother Julius Udan challenged the congregation to continue “REMINDING EACH OTHER OF THEIR DUTIES AS CHRISTIANS” based on 2 Peter 1: 12-15. The celebration was also joined by brethren from Benteng-Sapilang, Rosario, La Union. Overall, the fellowship was simply grand with the cooperation of brethren from La Union, Pangasinan, and Benguet, three provinces sharing common boundaries.Ω

300+ join northeast luzon ladies fellowship

Taking advantage of the holiday in celebration of BONIFACIO DAY last November 30, 2022, the ladies of the PAREDES CHURCH OF CHRIST hosted the NORTHEASTERN LUZON LADIES FELLOWSHIP at the MARCELINA RESORT, Dumanisi, Diffun, Quirino.

There were 334 ladies registered in attendance besides men and children who were incidental in the conduct of the fellowship. Twenty Three (23) congregations were represented.

Sister Lady Angela Ramos took charge of ICE BREAKER activities as well as served as SPEAKER in tandem with sister Lady Janet Ramos. Both facilitated discussions on “EMPOWERING WOMEN TO COPE WITH STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE, FAMILY, MINISTRY, AND OTHERS in the morning session. They also facilitated conversations on “EMPOWERING WOMEN BY AWAKENING THEIR POTENTIALS” in the afternoon session.

On the side, brothers Jojo Ramos and Philip Marania held a LEADERSHIP FORUM for the men present in a nearby venue. They included in their conversations the significance of promoting or advancing the roles of women in the work and growth of the church.

The memorable fellowship was concluded with some talent presentations and an awarding ceremony including the presentation of token of appreciation to sisters Lady Janet and Lady Angela Ramos for serving as speakers.Ω

Midtown's minister officiates wedding in Vigan

Brother Arnan Bayla, licensed Solemnizing Officer, officiated the wedding of brother Mark Kevin A. Fabriga and sister Glaireen Mae C. Nonog, both members of the congregation in Vigan City and Narvacan, respectively, at the HOTEL LINDA SUITES, Vigan City last Thursday afternoon, December 8, 2022. Family, friends and brethren from the Ilocos region attended the wedding and wished the couple a marriage that will last a lifetime!

The couple completed the required sessions of PREMARITAL COUNSELING: “PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD’S WAY” with brother Arnan Bayla through VIRTUAL MEETINGS for the past couple of months.

Spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla together with brother A-mark conveyed congratulations and jubilations in behalf of the Midtown brethren.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...” Ecclesiastes 12:1

December Celebrators

- 01 - Denise A. Wagang
- 02 - Linda A. Yaneza
- 02 - Janet B. Ramos
- 02 - Ma. Alexis J. Sunggay
- 03 - Rowena L. Quezada
- 04 - Erika Abijar
- 05 - Daisy Calzo
- 08 - Josephine A. Baban
- 09 - Gracelynn Abance
- 09 - Marilyn Joy B. Gamboa
- 10 - Dencio B. Abance
- 11 - Jovita R. Bondoc
- 14 - Santiago B. Sameon II
- 16 - Christian S. Parohinog
- 17 - Jane M. Bestre
- 20 - Gaspar Baldo, Jr.
- 20 - Jess Perdigon
- 21 - Sotero Denis
- 21 - Kinsha C. Glori
- 22 - Jess Solomon
- 23 - Rosita Go
- 23 - Sherman C. Bestre
- 24 - Noel Espinosa
- 24 - Crispina Tugay-an
- 26 - Arlene G. Rimando
- 26 - Kaesha R. Palaypayon
- 26 - Sharon Kosgey
- 29 - Aldian R. Po
- 29 - Xelli Qea E. Parohinog
- 30 - Analyn B. Aronza

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

LORD'S SUPPER 9:00—9:30	BIBLE STUDY 9:30—10:20	MESSAGE 10:25—10:55	ANNOUNCEMENTS 11:05—11:15
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MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

6:00-8:00 PM	MESSAGE 5:30 - 6:15	LORD'S SUPPER 6:15—6:30
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EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES [VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 – Introduction to the Bible
- 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:  
A. God's Plan for Man
- 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?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement:  
Becoming Christians Only  
Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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