

Servers Today, January 1, 2023

Walking Together in Unity (Ephesians 4:1-6)

Speaker: Ezra Valdez

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

Invocation: Julius Rojo

Intercessory Prayer: Greg Kitma

Communion Text: Colosians 3:1-4

Scripture Reading: Alton Bayla

Prayer for the Bread: Sam Guisada

Prayer for the Cup: Dante Baddas

Prayer for the Giving: Leonard Basil

Closing Prayer: Charlie Abance

Announcement: Arnan Bayla

Afternoon Speaker: Ezra Valdez

Song Leader: Arnan Bayla

To Bring Flowers: Glori Family

To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown

Usher/ettes

Communion: Bayla Family

Worship Coordinator: Jesse Bestre | 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 January 8, 2023

Speaking the Truth in Love (Ephesians 4:7-16)

Speaker: Jesse Bestre

Song Leader: Cris Oliva

Invocation: Sol Palaypayon

Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva

Communion Text: Matthew 26:26-30

Scripture Reading: Kajem Kitma

Prayer for the Bread: Jasper Perdigon

Prayer for the Cup: Dante Baddas

Prayer for the Giving: O'niel Gonzales

Closing Prayer: Jojo Ramos

Announcement: Andy Bestre

Afternoon Speaker: Jesse Bestre

Song Leader: Cris Oliva

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PM Bible Study:

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30+ join young people's annual yearend activity

This year's yearend activity of the YOUNG PEOPLE was held at the PAN-AYAYAMAN PLAYGROUND in Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet last Dec. 28 & 29 with the theme, **MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS A CHRISTIAN YOUTH** based on 1 Timothy 4:12.

More than thirty (30) participated in the event including young people from Midtown, Nangalisan, La Trinidad, and Baguio-Rimando congregations, and some guests.

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS include brothers Jasper Perdigon, Alton Mark Bayla, and Ezra Valdez. Brother Johnny Payangdo facilitated the Reflection & Take-aways. Altogether, participants learned that Making a Difference entails 1. Having the Right Attitude, 2. Learning More About Faith & Jesus, and 3. Giving Back to Others.

The participants express much thanks to the event organizers, THE YOUNG ADULTS, for the new skills they have learned and to the Bayatings for the free use of the facilities of the PAN-AYAYAMAN PLAYGROUND. THANK YOU & PRAISE THE LORD!Ω

"God specializes in giving people a fresh start."

READ Lamentations 3:1-25

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Sunday School & Bible classes resume today

Today, January 1, 2023, all the usual Bible Classes and the Sunday School on all levels will resume as follows:

- PRESCHOOL—at the Pacifying Room —C/o Nelly Bayla & Keshia Oliva;
- GRADES 1-3—BPFLC Grade 3A Classroom —C/o Maureen Soriano;
- GRADES 4-6—BPFLC Grade 4A Classroom —C/o Kana Perdigon;
- HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CLASS —BPFLC Lobby—A-mark Bayla & Co.;
- YOUNG ADULTS CLASS—BPFLC Cafeteria —C/o Jesse Bestre & Co.,
- CHAIN REFERENCING CLASS—BPFLC Grade 3B Classroom —C/o Dodoy Sameon & Ernie Wagang;
- TOPICAL BIBLE STUDY CLASS—BPFLC Grade 6A Classroom —C/o Lemuel Glori & Co.;
- STUDY OF THE PARABLES CLASS—Midtown Assembly Hall —C/o Arnan Bayla. Everyone is free to choose the class they want to attend.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

December 25, 2022

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	VIRTUAL&F2F SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....82	PRESCHOOL.....0
YP EEZ.....6	GRADES 1-3 .....0
CHILDREN.....4	GRADES 4-6.....0
GUEST.....8	H.S./COL.....0
	KIDS F2F.....4
	YAs.....0
TOTAL.....100	TOTAL.....4

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP38,998.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— JANUARY 3, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TIME ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ONWARDS—9:00—11:15 AM & 5:30-6:30 PM
- BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL—RESUMES TODAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 @ 9:30—10:15 AM
- YOUNG ADULTS YEARENDER— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | DECEMBER 31, 2022 | 12:00 NOON
- FRIDAY CARE GROUP— RESUMES JANUARY 6, 2023 @ 6:30—8:30 PM
- MONTHLY LADIES DEVO & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY JANUARY 21, 2023 | 11:00 AM—2:30 PM | C/O FIRST QUARTER STEERING GROUP
- DAILY RS (READING, REFLECTION, AND RESPONSE) — ON FACEBOOK LIVE EVERYDAY @ 9:00 PM

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

- \*Gloria Yang
- \*Josefa Josayan
- \*Donna Geron
- \*Andy & Jane Bestre
- \*Priscilla Bayasen
- \*Crispina Tugay-an
- \*Dan & Dodoy Sameon
- \*Diith 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

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

- \*Arian Kaith Igoy
- \*Carmen Villanueva
- \*Menchie Mojica
- \*Karen Castillo
- \*Teresita Bilagot
- \*Boy Donato
- \*Purificacion Paca
- \*Mariliza Andallo
- \*Jet Tavares
- \*Candice Lee

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

- \*Local, National, World Leaders & Government
- \*On-going Seekers' BS
- \*On-going Follow-up BS


OTHER CONCERNS

- \*Safe Pregnancy: - Kana Perdigon—Valdez - Ermalyn Adrian—Udan

SAFE TRAVEL:

- \*Dodoy & Sarah Sameon and Family (USA)

Reviewers for Gov't Exams



building grace-based relationships

Midtown renews support to NCOC's minister

After a brief report and discussion in the last TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM, the body approved the renewal of the Annual Salary & 13th Month Pay of brother Julius P. Udan, minister serving with the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST. Midtown shall continue to remunerate brother Udan with a monthly pay of PhP15,000.00 while the Nangalisan congregation will continue to shoulder his monthly transportation and cost of living allowance of PhP6,000.00. Any mandated increase in wages shall be assumed by the Nangalisan congregation.

Brother Julius Udan has continually served the Nangalisan congregation with dedication and has been training the congregation's young people for church leadership. He is also currently taking up post-graduate courses to prepare himself for future challenges in the ministry. Besides his active involvement with the community as BARANGAY CHAPLAIN of Nangalisan, he is also involved as Spiritual Coach of the Tuba PNP. Praise the Lord!Ω

70 attend NCOC's pasasalamat in Lasilas

More or less Seventy (70) brethren and guests were present at the PASASALAMAT OR THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP of the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST held at the AMBI RESIDENCE in Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba last Sunday, December 25th.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as the Sermon Speaker in which he encouraged the brethren to "HOPE IN THE LORD ALWAYS" based on Isaiah 40:28-31. Sister Nelly & Charis Bayla handled the CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL. After the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY, the Luncheon Fellowship followed and was attended by some brethren from the Hydro congregation. Fun and games followed thereafter, facilitated by brother Julius Udan and NCOC's young people. All glory and praises to the Lord! Ω

MORE NEWS MORE NEWS MORE NEWS

Free market planned to be done regularly

The recently concluded FREE MARKET held at the MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday, December 24, 2022 has drawn another crowd. Brother Ezra Valdez reports that there were approximately seventy (70) families, mostly from the neighborhood, served in the event. Lord willing, the activity will continue to be staged regularly throughout the year so long as there are goods to be given away.

In preparation for the FREE MARKET PART 3, the brethren are encouraged to keep bringing in unused and pre-loved items to Midtown.Ω

Midtown brethren & guests celebrate with Bayatings

At the invitation of the Bayatings, Midtown brethren, family, and guests gathered for a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE at the BAYATING RESIDENCE in Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet the other past Saturday, December 24, 2022. Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker in the Devotional in which he shared THE BENIFITS OF BECOMING A THANKFUL PERSON based on the account of the HEALING OF THE TEN LEPERS in Luke 17: 11-19.

The Bayatings expressed much appreciation for the unceasing prayers being lifted up on their behalf especially for the continued healing of brother Maril P. Bayating Sr.. The thanksgiving was also in grateful celebration of the 3rd birth anniversary of Marielle Faye A. Bayating and the 14th Wedding Anniversary of spouses Maril Jr. 'Jhun' & Faith Bayating. For God's greater glory, honor, and praise !Ω

Midtown ministers express much appreciation for bonus

Midtown's staff ministers, namely, brothers Arnan Bayla, Andy Bestre, Jesse Bestre, and Ezra Valdez, express much appreciation for the generous YEAREND BONUS by way of a special congregational contribution done December 4 & 11, 2022. A total amount of PhP74,860.00 was lovingly contributed. Each staff minister received the amount of PhP18,715.00.

Once more, the staff ministers are truly grateful for the gestures of generosity and encouragement from everyone in the congregation who wholeheartedly supports beautiful feet (Romans 10:15).Ω

Brother Udan solemnizes Panergo-Garcia nuptial

Brother Julius Palongyas Udan, recently certified as LICENSED SOLEMNIZING OFFICER, performs his first at the wedding of sister Maria Carmela Panergo and Mr. Alberto F. Garcia at the PONGPONG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Santo Tomas, La Union last Wednesday afternoon, December 28, 2022.

The wedding was attended by brethren and guests who joined brother Udan in praying for the couple's marriage to last a lifetime! Reception followed at the same venue.

Meanwhile, in an earlier development, brother Julius P. Udan served as speaker for the "REORIENTATION AND STRENGTHENING SEMINAR OF THE BARANGAY ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COMMITTEE & BARANGAY PEACE & ORDER COMMITTEE. He underscored the importance of faith, the Word of God, and the church for the individual as well as for the community's values formation leading to the prevention of drug abuse. Said seminar was held at the Barangay Hall of Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet last December 15, 2022. Ω

Midtown congratulates newest dentist

A good number of brethren were delighted to have joined the Palaypayons in the celebration of recent victories and blessings the Lord God Almighty has bestowed upon the family at their residence in Irisan, this city, last Monday evening, December 26, 2022. Foremost is passing the LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR DENTISTS by sister Kaesha R. Palaypayon, DMD last November 2022. Secondly, in grateful celebration of her birth anniversary and more opportunities to serve the Lord God with her life. Thirdly, in thankful praise to the Heavenly Father for the promotion of brother Solomon Palaypayon to a higher rank in the PNP.

Altogether, brethren, family, and guests participated in a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL facilitated by brother Arnan Bayla. He emphasized in his message that CELEBRATING GOD'S GOODNESS means Enjoying God's Provisions, Remembering to Praise God, and Obeying God's Authority based on Deuteronomy 8:10-20.

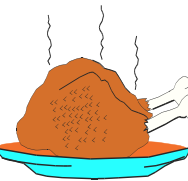
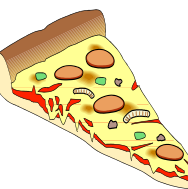
The Palaypayons expressed appreciation for the presence of numerous well-wishers in their thanksgiving!Ω

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



January Celebrators

- 01 - Felicisima S. Flores
- 02 - Kevin Dennis
- 02 - Jocelyn K. Abance
- 02 - Priscilla Bayasen
- 04 - Pearl C. Bestre
- 05 - Leah V. Tada
- 05 - Khryz Xyryll B. Gomowang
- 08 - Jarielle Taltala
- 09 - Jane U. Donato
- 09 - Romelyn E. Wagang
- 10 - Sean R. Viduya
- 10 - Ernesto Orduña, Jr.
- 10 - Henrietta R. Espinosa
- 12 - Dionesia Gorio
- 12 - Lorenza Losnong
- 14 - Anastacia S. Palaoag
- 15 - Jan Arthur Tacay
- 15 - Ronnilie Corisay
- 18 - Macrina Espiritu
- 20 - Cindy K. Abance
- 22 - Antonita Orduña
- 23 - Dexter R. Wagang
- 23 - Lorna B. Montes
- 23 - Vangie C. Glori
- 26 - Richard Montes
- 26 - Christian Paulo T. Cordero
- 27 - Loida C. Baddas
- 27 - Rachel Ann R. Torres
- 28 - Ernesto B. Wagang
- 28 - Myra O. Manansala
- 29 - Charis Grace D. Bayla
- 30 - Marie Joy Lacabra
- 31 - Abigail A. Kitma



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

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- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact : Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470 Andy Bestre @ 0916-343-8539

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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