

Servers Today, January 29, 2023

Walking in Love
(Ephesians 5:1-7)

Speaker: Janriel Abance
Song Leader: Andy Bestre
Invocation: Charlie Abance
Intercessory Prayer: Mervin Oliva
Communion Text: Galatians 3:23-29
Scripture Reading: Alton Bayla
Prayer for the Bread: Jasper Perdigon
Prayer for the Cup: O'niel Gonzales
Prayer for the Giving: Chris Oliva
Closing Prayer: Sol Palaypayon
Announcement: Andy Bestre
Afternoon Speaker: Janriel Abance
Song Leader: Andy Bestre
To Bring Flowers: Glori Family
To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown
To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown
Usher/ettes: Volunteers

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 February 5, 2023

Walking in the Light
(Ephesians 5:8-14)

Speaker: Andy Bestre
Song Leader: Janriel Abance
Invocation: Ernie Wagang
Intercessory Prayer: June Reyes
Communion Text: Colossians 3:1-4
Scripture Reading: Ira North Po
Prayer for the Bread: Dante Baddas
Prayer for the Cup: Kemuel Perdigon
Prayer for the Giving: Jerry Martin
Closing Prayer: Greg Kitma
Announcement: Arnan Bayla
Afternoon Speaker: Andy Bestre
Song Leader: Janriel Abance
To Bring Flowers: Glori Family
To Bring Biscuits: C/o Midtown
To Bring Drinks: C/o Midtown
Usher/ettes: Volunteers

Communion: Me-an Gonzales
Worship Coordinator: Ezra Valdez | Art Tacay

PM Bible Study:

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
January 22, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....135	PRESCHOOL.....10
YP EEZ.....22	GRADES 1-38
CHILDREN.....26	GRADES 4-6.....15
GUESTS.....3	H.S./COL.....14
	YAs.....29
TOTAL.....186	TOTAL.....76

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP60,505.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*Ella Garoy
*Allan Patrick Akia
*Lorenza Losnong
*Leo Josayan
*Cris Sacayanan

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*Arian Kaith Igoy
*Carmen Villanueva
*Menchie Mojica
*Karen Castillo
*Purificacion Paca
*Mariliza Andallo
*Candice Lee

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*Local, National, World Leaders & Government
*On-going Seekers BS
*On-going Follow-up BS
*RNHS Outreach Ministry

OTHER CONCERNS

*Safe Pregnancy:
- Kana Perdigon—Valdez
- Ermalyn Aduan—Udan
- Faith Bayating

SAFE TRAVEL:

*Dodoy & Sarah Sameon and Family (USA)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

ANNOUNCEMENT

- NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON JANUARY 31, 2023 | RESUMES ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023.
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL—EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:35—10:25 AM PLEASE BE BACK IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL BY 10:30 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS @ MIDTOWN HALL
- REGULAR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING—MEZZANINE FLOOR EVERY SUNDAY RIGHT AFTER THE ASSEMBLY
- MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL / CARE GROUP—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | WEDNESDAY @ 6:00—8:30 PM
- FRIDAY CARE GROUP— MIDTOWN HALL | EVERY FRIDAY @ 6:30—8:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- WEEKLY RS (READING, REFLECTION, AND RESPONSE) — ON FACEBOOK LIVE THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OR SATURDAY @ 9:00 PM . Airing schedule will be announced on facebook messenger.
- DEVOTIONAL SERVICE— TO COMFORT THE TAVARES FAMILY DUE THE PASSING AWAY OF BROTHER TAVARES. SEE YOU AT THE LA FUNERARIA PAZ @ 3:00 PM TODAY, JANUARY 29, 2023.

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THE **MIDTOWN** INFORMER

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Midtown sympathizes with Bustarde family

Midtown brethren conveyed deep sympathies to the bereaved family of the late brother HIPOLITO CARANTO BUSTARDE who passed on to Abraham's side on January 16, 2023. He was 89 years old. He is survived by his loving wife, sister Florida Bustarde, eight children, nineteen grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. The deceased and his family were former members of the Midtown congregation in the 80s until early 2000s and are now serving with the CITY CAMP CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A VIGIL SERVICE was conducted by Midtown brethren last Sunday evening with brother Ezra Valdez serving as Devotional Speaker and brother Jesse Bestre as the song leader. Brother Arnan Bayla took charge of the Eulogy. The next morning of January 23, 2023, brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre officiated the FUNERAL SERVICE together with a number of Midtown brethren at the LA FUNERARIA PAZ. The COMMITAL SERVICE AT THE GRAVE was attended by family, relatives, friends, and brethren at the HEAVEN'S GARDEN MEMORIAL PARK located in Loakan, this city.

The BUSTARDE FAMILY expressed appreciation for the outpouring of sympathies, prayers, and support from various congregations and brethren.Ω

Brethren invited to join coaching workshop by MRN

Brother Jojo Ramos, one of the facilitators-trainers of the COACHING WORKSHOP of the MISSION RESOURCE NETWORK (MRN), extends invitation for another round of COACHING WORKSHOP via VIDEO CONFERENCING ONLINE on January 31, February 1,2,7,8,9, 2023 @ 8:00—11:30 PM.

The COACHING WORKSHOP is an approach to doing ministry, a way of leading, and equipping others in their walk with God. Interested parties are encouraged to register their Name, Cellphone Number, Age, Congregation, and Intentions at jojanetramos@gmail.com on or before January 30, 2023. For more information, please contact brother Jojo Ramos @ 0917-144-3512.Ω

"If there is not at least a yearning in our hearts to live a holy life pleasing to God, we need to seriously question whether our faith in Christ is genuine."

READ 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

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Young People's monthly fellowship @ lunch today

All young people are cordially invited to attend the MONTHLY YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, at Midtown's ASSEMBLY HALL at lunch time today. The PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES begins with a LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP to be followed by a DEVOTIONAL and a number of activities. There will also be a meeting to discuss plans and to set goals for the YOUTH MINISTRY this year.

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's Youth Minister, prays for a considerably good attendance and involvement of all young people. The YOUNG ADULTS are enjoined to participate in today's fellowship.Ω

NCOC assembles at Udan residence for thanksgiving

The Nangalisan brethren gathered at the residence of the Udan Family at Upper Lasilas the other past Sunday, January 15th, for a JOINT WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP. Brother Edmar Llanaeza, minister of the REINA MERCEDES CHURCH OF CHRIST in Isabela served as the GUEST SPEAKER. About seventy (70) brethren and thirty (30) guests were around to celebrate brother Julius Udan's birthday and a GENDER REVEAL of the upcoming delivery of the couple's firstborn. It's a boy!

Today, spouses Jojo and Janet Ramos will be serving in the monthly JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AND LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP of the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST at the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK RESORT. This time, the brethren from the congregation in Lasilas, Nangalisan will be worshipping with the brethren meeting at the chapel within the Riverview Resort.

Brother Jojo Ramos will be serving as the SERMON SPEAKER while sister Janet Ramos will be facilitating the LADIES CLASS.Ω

WALKING IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE

Ephesians 4: 25-32

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | JANUARY 22, 2023

WALKING IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE

- LIVE RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE MEMBERS OF EACH OTHER FOR WE ARE PARTS OF ONE BODY
 - Ephesians 4:25-29
- LIVE RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT
 - Ephesians 4:30-31
- LIVE RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE MADE TO BE A FORGIVING PEOPLE SINCE WE HAVE A FORGIVING MASTER
 - Ephesians 4:32

Ephesians 4:25-32

I. LIVE RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE MEMBERS OF EACH OTHER

- SPEAK THE TRUTH TO EACH OTHER (25)
 - Instructed to lay aside all falsehood.
 - Show no more pretenses.
 - In order to promote the unity of the church since we are all connected.
- SETTLE GRIEVANCES WITH EACH OTHER (26,27)
 - Instructed to not sin in our anger.
 - Settle gripes quickly or within the day.
 - In order to disable the Devil to tempt us.
- SEEK THE WELFARE OF EACH OTHER (28,29)
 - Instructed to work in order to help those in need instead of stealing from one another.
 - Speak edifying words to each other.
 - In order that those who hear may be blessed and receive grace or God's favor.

Ephesians 4:25-29

APPLICATION:

1. We live a new life by recognizing the church and that we are all parts of one body.

- Knowing that falsehood is divisive, let us make it a practice to only tell the truth for truth is liberating. Let's do this to preserve the unity of the church.
- Recognizing that anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires in us, let us manage our anger effectively by surrendering to the Holy Spirit and being under His control.
- Realizing that we must look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others, let us work, be content, be generous, speak to bless, and trust the Lord. No need to cheat, steal, and lie.

II. LIVE RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE SEALED UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

- APPRECIATE AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US (30)
 - It's how we know we belong to God.
 - We can live in a state of grace.
 - Assures us of final redemption.
- APPRECIATE AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US (30)
 - It's how we know God guides us.
 - We are assured of comfort and counsel.
 - Assures us we are branded as God's own.
- APPRECIATE AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH BITTERNESS (31)
 - It's how we know we're in step with the HS.
 - We are enabled to get rid of bitterness...
 - Assures us of holy living.

Ephesians 4:30-31

APPLICATION:

2. We live a new life by recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit in the church and in our person.

- Knowing that we can grieve, offend, sadden, or displease the Holy Spirit, let us be extra careful that our thoughts, our speech, our ways or behavior don't go against what's right and praiseworthy.
- Realizing that our lives are tied up by the Holy Spirit with the church, let us love the church, the Lord's body, by willingly serving with dedication.
- Recognizing that all kinds of bitterness, anger, wrath, quarreling, and evil, slanderous talk grieve the Holy Spirit, let's stop doing these, avoid and prevent them from happening.

III. LIVE RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE MADE TO BE A FORGIVING PEOPLE

- BEING KIND TO ONE ANOTHER (32)
 - Means being useful and helpful to each other.
 - As it is needed by the whole body.
 - For the total well-being of the Lord's church and the promotion of the Lord's work.
- BEING COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER (32)
 - Means being tenderhearted and understanding to each other.
 - As it is expected of all God's people.
 - For the total well-being of the individual as a person and as a disciple of Christ.
- BEING FORGIVING TO ONE ANOTHER (32)
 - Means readily and freely letting go of grudges.
 - As God in Christ forgave each one of us.
 - For the total well-being of the worshiper.

Ephesians 4:32

APPLICATION:

3. We live a new life by recognizing that the church is purposed to have a forgiving atmosphere.

- Knowing that the Lord God Almighty whom we serve is the author of forgiveness, let us do our best to be tenderhearted for the total well-being of the congregation.
- Realizing the benefits of being in the body of Christ and serving as parts of the body, let us do our best to be useful and helpful to one another.
- Recognizing the total well-being of the church and we as worshipers, let us seek forgiveness as well as to freely and readily let go of any bitterness or grudges.

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We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious [power] of the Father, so we too might [habitually] live and behave in newness of life.

Romans 6:4 AMP

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How can we as disciples of Christ walk in the newness of life?

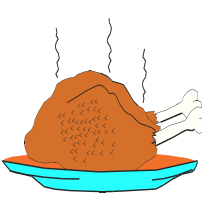

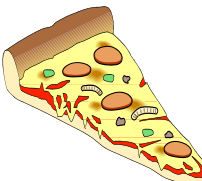


1. We live a new life by recognizing the church and that we are all parts of one body. Let's continue to be united!

2. We live a new life by recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit in the church and in our person. Let's continue to be useful!

3. We live a new life by recognizing that the church is purposed to have a forgiving atmosphere. Let's continue to be a forgiver!

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
11 - Janriel Abance
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 Lacambra
31 - Abigail A. Kitma

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

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 :
Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470
Andy Bestre @ 0916-343-8539

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Singing & Prayers LORD'S SUPPER and OFFERING 9:00–9:30	Prayers & BIBLE STUDY 9:35–10:25	Singing, Prayers & MESSAGE 10:30–11:10	Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS 11:10–11:20
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MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS 6:00-8:00 PM

SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

- Singing & Prayers & MESSAGE: 5:30–6:15
- LORD'S SUPPER & GIVING: 6:15–6:30
- Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40

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