

Servers Today, April 16, 2023

Making Good Out of the Bad (Phil. 1:12-18)

Guest Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-26

Scripture Reading: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: IRA PO

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE

Closing Prayer: DAN-GIL GERON

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS

Communion: NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

How To Become a Biblical Christian

1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 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 April 23, 2023

Magnifying Jesus in Life and Death (Phil 1:19-26)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: ALTON BAYLA

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8

Scripture Reading: MELCHI AQUINO

Prayer for the Bread: LEONARD BASIL

Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Giving: ART TACAY

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

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PM Bible Study:

Midtown campers rise and shine in youth camp

Midtown brethren congratulates and welcomes back home Midtown’s representatives to the recent METRO-WIDE YOUTH CAMP held at the EPIC PARC RAINFOREST CAMP in Tanay, Rizal last April 5—8, 2023. Midtown campers include Jesse Bestre, Johnny Payangdo, Melchi Aquino, Jasper & Kemuel Perdigon, Reuben Senesan, Nathan Literato, Vanessa Acosta, Alexis Sunggay, Hannah Ignacio, Sheema Valdez, and guest participant John Linda Jr.

Brother Jesse Bestre served as one of the invited speakers in the camp. He discussed “How to BE GOD’S INFLUENCER” in which he reiterated about the IMPORTANCE OF EVANGELISM, PRACTICAL WAYS TO BE EVANGELISTIC, AND DEVELOPING A LIFESTYLE OF SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Midtown campers took opportunities to lead a group, lead the singing, and do presentations. They also bagged the EARLY BIRD AWARD for being the earliest to arrive at the campsite. Brother Melchi Aquino was awarded MR. AESTHETIC AWARD and MR. POPULAR FINALIST. THE OVERALL GROUP CHAMPION, the SALT SHAKERS, was led by Melchi Aquino and with Alexis Sunggay as member. BEST CHEER/YELL went to the ROCK SOLID GROUP in which Jasper, Nathan, and Vanessa were members.

The participants expressed appreciation to the Camp organizers (Kalookan) for the opportunity to bond with brethren as well as to spur one another unto love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:23-25).Ω

"Let God have your life.
He can do more with
your life than you can."

READ Matthew 16:24-27

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Opportunities for spiritual growth & ministry open

In the coming month of May, a number of opportunities for spiritual growth and service have opened in which brethren may want to participate in. Please find what may interest you in the following:

TEACH THE TEACHERS SEMINAR—to be held at the John Elam Hall, ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ACU) Campus, Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan on May 22-24, 2023. For ladies only (13 years old and above) who are current or aspiring Sunday School teachers. Things to Bring: Eating utensils, Bibles, notebooks, and pens, beddings and other sleeping necessities.

10TH LADIES’ DAY—to be held at the ACU Campus, Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan on May 27, 2023 @ 7:00 AM—4:00 PM. Event Fee: P50.00 only. Note: Wear your best dress and smile at the event; Invite other ladies—friends & family; Bring your Bibles, notepads, and pens.

AUDIT CLASSES—to be held at the ACU Campus, Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan on July 10—August 19, 2023. For male students only who are 15 years old and above. Open to Junior or Senior HS students, ALS student/graduate, and to Young professionals. Fees: P2,500.00 to cover 7 weeks; P1,000.00 for 2 weeks study (2 Subjects). RANK 1 COURSES include Ministry Development, Personal Evangelism, Scheme of Redemption, Medical Mission & Practicum, Homiletics 1, Music 1, General Christian Doctrine. RANK 2 COURSES include Music 2, Homiletics 2, Life & Works of Christ, Spiritual Formation, Church in the New Testament, Argumentation & Debate, and Practicum.

Interested brethren are encouraged to convey their intention to enroll in the above activities through the ministers as early as possible. As the usual practice at Midtown, fees will be shouldered by the congregation.Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

April 9, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....124	PRESCHOOL.....10
YP EEZ.....22	GRADES 1-23
CHILDREN.....25	GRADES 3-4.....7
GUESTS.....3	GRADES 5-6.....5
	H.S./COL.....14
	YAs23
TOTAL.....174	TOTAL.....62

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP58,830.00

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

*DONNA GERON

*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*DAN & DODOY SAMEON

*DITH ZAMORA

*TESS KITMA

*LOIDA BADDAS

*BERNARD IGNACIO

*JONATHAN ENERVA

*MARYANN VALDEZ

*CESAR ACOSTA

*JOCELYN CALIXTRO

*JOVITA “BETH” BONDOC

*FLORENCE MAGALONG

*RAFAEL OZO

*ELLA GAROY

*ALLAN PATRICK AKIA

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNIE ORDUÑA

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*ARIAN KAITH IGOY

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*PURIFICACION PACA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*CANDICE LEE

*OLIVIA PEACOCK

*MARIFE SALVIEJO

*BEVERLY BROOME

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT

*ON-GOING SEEKERS’ BS

*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS

*RNHS OUTREACH MINISTRY

OTHER CONCERNS

Safe Pregnancy:

*FAITH BAYATING

*DYANE ERIN PALAOAG

SAFE TRAVEL:

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON (NEGROS MISSION)

*RUTH TRINIDAD & JOVY MABESA (USA)

*HELEN MABESA (CANADA)

*Reviewers for Gov’t Exams

A N N O U N C E M E N T

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— APRIL 18, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- REGULAR YOUNG PEOPLE’S MEETING—MEZZANINE FLOOR EVERY SUNDAY RIGHT AFTER THE ASSEMBLY
- ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY— TEACH THE TEACHERS SEMINAR—May 22-24 | LADIES DAY—May 27 | MIDYEAR TERM—JUNE 5-JULY 21 | AUDIT CLASSES—JULY 10-AUGUST 19, 2023
- NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—HOST: BACOLOD CHURCH OF CHRIST | VENUE: NATURE’S VILLAGE RESORT, TALISAY CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL | JULY 18-21, 2023 | REG. FEE: PhP5,500.00
- 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.
- CRYSTAL CAVE CARE GROUP—Po residence every 2ND TUESDAY; CERA-SENE SAN RESIDENCE EVERY 4TH TUESDAY | 6:00—8:00 PM.

YA holiday hike on Mt. Kalugong, La Trinidad

Brethren Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Mervin & Kath Oliva, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Maureen Soriano, Aldian & Ira Po, and Ryan Bestre took advantage of the recent holidays for fellowship by hiking up the famous Mt. KALUGONG in nearby La Trinidad, Benguet last April 7, 2023. After the leisurely hike, the group spent time together over meals at the GERON RESIDENCE, reminiscing over old photos of the young people, and catching up with each other’s experiences of God’s faithfulness in their lives. To God be the glory!Ω

God Intended It For Good

Christian Living Series | By Jojo Ramos

It is written:

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You are the Potter; And all we are the work of Your hand." (Isaiah 64: 8 NKJV)

God is the Potter, and we are like clay to be molded as a fine work of art, a beautiful portrayal of God guiding His people towards His purpose as revealed by the Prophet Isaiah. Truly, we need to be molded, beaten upon to be softened, cooked well to have strength and elasticity, and likened to the original pattern, to what was intended to be.

God does the same with Christians as one journey the path to righteousness. He shapes us to the pattern of His Son being tested and tried with fire (1 Peter 1:6, 7). Softening our hearts through the various trials we face in life to test our faith. These testing serves to remove impurities in our soul as we learn the path of righteousness and transformation. Just like gold purified by fire, our character is being refined and out of the fires of sufferings our soul emerges as precious as gold and as strong as steel.

Overcoming our weakness and failures in life are proof of how God used them to be intended for good. Weaknesses and failures should not discourage us in pursuing our goals in life but let God mold us into what He purposed us to be. These can help us face our sufferings in the future because of the rich source of experiences, knowledge, and warnings. Although, looking back at our lives depending on how we look at it, we see marks of beating or scars of life that should make an impression of victories over trials and sufferings. This should show that God is working in and through the events that takes place in our lives. It is seen in our faith and on how we view life in general specially if we look at these sufferings in God's eyes.

Remember Joseph "The Dreamer" whose life started with glory from his father Jacob, giving him a special coat of favor amongst his brothers. Then God gave him visions & dreams that his family did not understand which stirred the ire of his brothers causing them to commit unspeakable treacherous jealous acts against the favored son. Even after being sold to slavery by his own brothers and forgotten as dead, God was still with him molding his life towards His purpose. Even as a slave, Joseph was favored by his master Potiphar in Egypt and made him head over his household, but it did not last long as he was imprisoned, falsely accused of betraying his master's trust and by Potiphar's lustful wife of sexual harassment. Even in prison, Joseph's innocence and purity kept him faithful to God's promises and hope. Again, favor and prestige were restored as God guided him back and made him Pharaoh's right hand. His story continues as God's purposed was realized when a severe famine was upon the land affecting everyone including his family, where only under his care as Egypt's second in command that the people can find relief from the famine. Then a precious time of forgiveness and reconciliation came between him and his brothers. A drama of what life should be when we stay close to God's faithfulness and hope. Even if during betrayals, sufferings, persecutions and testing in life where the odds are against us, we can still find God in all these darkness. Please read this drama in Joseph's life; **Genesis chapters 45-50**.

How inspiring to see a man of God who has all the right to be angry & vengeful to his brothers for what they have done but he did not. Instead, he showed compassion & love to them, explaining that it was God's purpose. **"They intended to harm him BUT GOD intended it for good." Genesis 50:20**

Truly, in our lives such situations of sufferings and trials comes our way like strong storms in life destroying our dreams and goals BUT at the end of a storm we can find a beautiful rainbow of hope - a blessing. Brothers & sisters let us always seek a beautiful rainbow after every storm, for this is a gift from God.

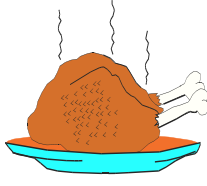
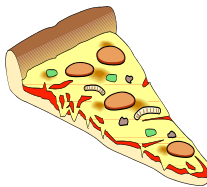
Meditate on these things. Glory to God.

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



April Celebrators

01 - Jon Alfred Cirilo
01 - Leonalyn Portelo
02 - Jolian Ibrahim
02 - April Acop
03 - Sheema Valdez
04 - Lolita Abance
05 - Letty Wagang
05 - Herminia Acena
05 - Jamielyn Yaneza
05 - Leonida Umis
06 - Eunice Cordero
06 - Aries John Igoy
07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay
08 - Erika Brillantes
09 - Gloria Yang
09 - Noah Valdez
09 - Irish Kate Abansi Ebil
12 - Susan Weng
13 - Ma. Rowena Cordero
14 - Cristy Loren Austria
14 - Kurt Austin Rimando
14 - Michael Gorio
21 - Frank Abraham Linggon
21 - Sheryl Carame-Martin
21 - Chloe Alexis Zamora
23 - Roxanne Tacay
24 - Leonides Ompang
28 - Melchizedek Aquino
28 - Lougai Fermin
29 - Elizabeth Donato



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

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 - 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:
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- 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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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

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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