

Servers Today, April 2, 2023

Selected Topic  
by the Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker:

RAYMOND BLASINGAME

Song Leader:

JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation:

ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer:

DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text:

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-7

Scripture Reading:

MELCHT AQUINO

Prayer for the Bread:

JOHNNY PAYANGDO

Prayer for the Cup:

LEONARD BASIL

Prayer for the Giving:

JERRY MARTIN

Closing Prayer:

JUN BAYATING

Announcement:

ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker:

EZRA VALDEZ

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:

NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA

Worship Coordinator:

JESSE BESTRE | 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 9, 2023

Paul's Thanksgiving & Prayer for the Philippians (Phil 1:1-11)

Speaker:

EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader:

CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation:

CHARLIE ABANCE

Intercessory Prayer:

MARVEIN OLIVA

Communion Text:

MATTHEW 26:26-30

Scripture Reading:

KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread:

SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Cup:

DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving:

O'NIEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer:

JULIUS ROJO

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INFORMER



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Sister Belen Navalta passes on to Abraham's side

Sister BELEN ABANSI NAVALTA of Irisan, this city, succumbed to a lingering illness in her hometown in Boneng, Atok, Benguet the other past Friday, March 24, 2023. She was undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer. Earlier, she was brought by her family to Boneng a day before she passed on to Abraham's bossom early morning of Friday. Her remains was interred by her relatives observing traditional practices in a private graveyard last March 27, 2023. Brethren from Irisan led by brother Sixto Aoas and sister Linda Yaneza regularly visited the late sister Belen in her residence in Irisan for Bible study and devotionals until last Wednesday, March 22, where she intimated her last farewell to the brethren. Sympathies from the Midtown congregation were conveyed to the bereaved family by brother Sixto Aoas through text messages.Ω

Couples care group goes on monthly

The COUPLES CARE GROUP meet regularly, usually every last Saturday of the month at Midtown's Assembly Hall. Other times, there are those who host the same in their homes. The other past Saturday, March 25, 2023, the care group was held at Midtown where they bonded over dinner and movie watching. Present were spouses Nainer & Rica Nawew, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, sister Lulu Bondoc, and brother Richard Bestre. Last February, those who made it for the Couples care Group included spouses Chris & Kesha Oliva, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Gil & Diana Geron, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Noel & Cot Espinosa, and sister Lulu Bondoc. Spouses Dan-gil & Lala Geron facilitated discussions and activities around the topic on PATIENCE in which it was reiterated that LOVE is PATIENT. The group shared how spouses can practice patience by accepting present circumstances or actively building a tolerance for discomforts. Further, when problems or conflicts arise, at least one decides not to over-react in haste but, instead, withhold judgment and give one's spouse the benefit of the doubt (Jas 1:19-20).Ω

"It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful."

READ Matthew 6:19-34

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Brethren to register early for upcoming activities

Midtown brethren who are planning to join some of the upcoming events such as the NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT, METROWIDE YOUTH CAMP, and the MODELO LEADERSHIP CAMP are advised to finalize their intentions to join the said activities this week. This will greatly help in the preparations especially in booking for transportation and accommodations, and to avoid the so-called last minute rush. Kindly contact the designated contact persons. Please contact sister Ruth Trinidad for the NLR; brother Jesse Bestre for the MYC; and brother Ezra Valdez for the Modelo Camp. Meanwhile, those interested in the mission trip to Osbong, Bubok-Bisal in Bokod on April 14, 2023 as well as in the TABUK LEADERSHIP TRAINING on April 20-24, 2023, please contact brother Jojo Ramos. Earlier, in the monthly joint worship assembly in Lasilas, Nangalisan, brother Greg Kitma served as the speaker last Sunday, March 26, 2023. He was accompanied by spouses Pat and Joyce Kitma and sister Mia Kitma—Acena. The next JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY will be on April 30, 2023, Lord willing.Ω

Baby Mordecai delivered safe March 27, 2023

Midtown brethren praise the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates spouses Julius and Ermalyn Udan for the delivery of their firstborn child, a well baby boy, MORDECAI ADUAN UDAN at the BENGUET GENERAL HOSPITAL last Monday, March 27, 2023 at 1:30 AM. He was 3.50 kg at birth. The ADUAN—UDAN FAMILY expressed appreciation for the unceasing prayers offered in their behalf during sister Ermalyn's pregnancy and for the normal and safe delivery. All praises to the Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ our Lord!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
March 26, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL .....10

GRADES 1-2 .....5

GRADES 3-4 .....7

GRADES 5-6 .....4

H.S./COL .....14

YAs .....15

TOTAL .....65

ADULTS.....110

YP EEZ.....22

CHILDREN.....28

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....162

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP47,270.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— APRIL 4, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- REGULAR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING—MEZZANINE FLOOR EVERY SUNDAY RIGHT AFTER THE ASSEMBLY
- METROWIDE YOUTH CAMP— HOST: KALOOKAN CoC | VENUE: TANAY EPIC PARC RAINFOREST CAMP | APRIL 5-8, 2023 | REGISTRATION FEE: PhP1,999.00 | PRE-REGISTRATION & DOWNPAYMENT (PhP1K) REQUIRED
- 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-SENESAN RESIDENCE EVERY 4TH TUESDAY | 6:00—8:00 PM.

P R A Y E R L I S T		
FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:		SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
*GLORIA YANG	*RAFAEL OZO	*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT
*JOSEFA JOSAYAN	*ELLA GAROY	*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS
*DONNA GERON	*ALLAN PATRICK AKIA	*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS
*PRISCILLA BAYASEN	*LORENZA LOSNONG	*RNHS OUTREACH MINISTRY OTHER CONCERNS
*DAN & DODOY SAMEON	*ERNIE ORDUÑA	*Safe Pregnancy:
*DITH ZAMORA	REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:	- FAITH BAYATING
*TESS KITMA	*ARIAN KAITH IGOY	-MAAN BAGUTOEN-ELAGO
*LOIDA BADDAS	*CARMEN VILLANUEVA	
*BERNARD IGNACIO	*PURIFICACION PACA	*Reviewers for Gov't Exams
*JONATHAN ENERVA	*MARILIZA ANDALLO	
*MARYANN VALDEZ	*CANDICE LEE	SAFE TRAVEL:
*CESAR ACOSTA	*OLIVIA PEACOCK	*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON
*JOCELYN CALIXTRO	*MARIFE SALVIEJO	(NEGROS MISSION)
*JOVITA "BETH" BONDOC	*BEVERLY BROOME	*DELEGATES TO THE MYC IN TANAY, RIZAL
*FLORENCE MAGALONG		*JOJO RAMOS & Co. (BOKOD)
		*JESSE BESTRE (AHILL CHURCH)

**LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL**

Luke 12:13-21

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | MARCH 26, 2023 AM

**I. RECOGNIZE THE WARNING AGAINST COVETOUSNESS OR GREED**

- COVETOUSNESS BREEDS DISCONTENT, ANXIETY, ENVY, JEALOUSY
  - Takes peace out of our life.
  - Warning: Man's life is not defined by his possessions.
- COVETOUSNESS MISLEADS AND PERVERTS JUDGMENT
  - Take life easy, eat, drink, and be merry is not the purpose of life.
  - Warning: Selfishness distorts judgment.
- COVETOUSNESS DESTROYS BENEVOLENT AFFECTIONS AND RUINS THE SOUL
  - Takes away our sensitivity to the needs of others.
  - Warning: Covetousness gradually crystallizes into habit and principle.

Luke 12:15

**II. RECOGNIZE THAT EARTHLY THINGS ARE TEMPORARY AND SO IS OUR LIFE**

- UNDERSTAND THAT ALL GOODS AND POSSESSIONS ARE TEMPORAL (16,17)
  - Realize they come few, they come plenty.
  - All the same, they won't last despite being beneficial or not.
- UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS AND SITUATIONS ARE TEMPORAL (18,19)
  - Realize that man proposes, God disposes.
  - All planning, without putting God in the picture, have no eternal benefits.
- UNDERSTAND THAT LIFE AND ITS CIRCUMSTANCES ARE TEMPORAL (20)
  - Realize that life without God is vain.
  - All circumstances and life are temporary and uncertain.

Luke 12:16-20

**III. RECOGNIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STORE UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN**

- USE THE OPPORTUNITY GOD GIVES US TO MAKE USE OF OUR BLESSINGS
  - Utilize the blessings we receive every day.
  - Instead of accumulating, let's apportion what is entrusted to us for the greater good.
- USE THE OPPORTUNITY GOD GIVES US TO BLESS OTHERS
  - Utilize our time, talent, & treasure for service.
  - Instead of enjoying our blessings by ourselves, let's share them to bless others.
- USE THE OPPORTUNITY GOD GIVES US TO GIVE HIM PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR
  - Utilize our lives for God's greater glory.
  - Instead of self-glorification and even "gaining the whole world", let our lives point others to the glorious grace of God.

Luke 12:21

“The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:7-10 NIV”

**LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL**

Luke 12:13-21

- RECOGNIZE THE WARNING AGAINST COVETOUSNESS OR GREED
  - “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.” (Luke 12:15)
- RECOGNIZE THAT EARTHLY THINGS ARE TEMPORARY AND SO IS LIFE
  - “This very night, your life will be demanded from you.” (Luke 12:20)
- RECOGNIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO STORE UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN
  - “But is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:21)

**APPLICATION:**

1. In what ways can we be covetous or greedy?

- Believing that having more things is better?
- Believing that we ought to have more than enough for many years?
- Believing that material possessions is all-important in order to have a life?
- Believing that we can own tomorrow?
- When we are eagerly desirous of wealth?
- Feeling that we are “better off” or just plain “better” than those who do not have them or vice versa (feeling others are inferior because they do not have the “better” ones)?

**APPLICATION:**

2. In what ways do we show that life is not temporary as we ought to believe?

- When we think that the circumstances or situations we are in won't ever change?
- When we are self-confident that what we do or what we have or possess is permanently ours?
- When we worry that our plans won't go as planned?
- When we resent others and question God's wisdom when our requests are differently granted?
- When we focus more on the cares of this world instead of focusing on preparing for the Lord's return or for the day of judgment?

**APPLICATION:**

3. In what ways are we failing to become rich toward God?

- When we fail to use what has been entrusted to us for the benefit of God's kingdom or the church?
- When we think that 'our goods' are but results of our ability? Thinking that 'our goods' is to be deservedly enjoyed by oneself and is not intended for the greater good of many? (1 Peter 4:10)
- When we use 'our time' for things of lesser value in the eyes of the Lord? (Col 4:5)
- When we can't take rejection or persecution for being a Christian? (Heb 10:32-34)

**How can we avoid becoming like the rich fool?**

- Let us recognize the serious warning against covetousness or greed. Let's resist our human tendency to be discontented and to covet.
- Let us recognize that earthly things are temporary and so is our life. Let's make use of whatever circumstances we find ourselves in order to honor God!
- Let us recognize the opportunities for us to store up treasures in heaven. Let's put our blessings, time, talents, treasures, and our lives into good use for God's glory!

**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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- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
  - C. Jesus the Savior
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  - D. The Steps of Salvation
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- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
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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		SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY	
 6:00-8:00 PM		• 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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