

Servers Today, April 23, 2023

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

Guest 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

Announcement:

ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker:

ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader:

JANRIEL ABANCE

To Bring Flowers:

BAYATING 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 30, 2023

Conduct Worthy of the Gospel (Phil. 1:27-30)

Speaker:

JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader:

ARNAN BAYLA

Invocation:

JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer:

CHARLIE ABANCE

Communion Text:

GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading:

MELCHI AQUINO

Prayer for the Bread:

SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Cup:

DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving:

ONIEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer:

MERVIN OLIVA

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INFORMER



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Midtown children's Sunday school goes outdoors

Taking advantage of the holiday last Friday, April 21, 2023, teachers and parents of pupils in MIDTOWN's SUNDAY SCHOOL (Preschool—Grade 6) gathered the children at the picnic grounds of CAMP JOHN HAY for a QUARTERLY OUTING in which the children are made to mingle and bond with and amongst themselves. Teachers and parents took charge of the meals, activities, and fellowship. There were Thirty-four kids and Twenty-five adults.

In that activity, Gavin Wagang led the OPENING PRAYER, Thirdy Bayating led the PRAYER BEFORE THE MEALS, and Aqi Elago led in the BIBLE STORY-TELLING. Brother Arnan Bayla facilitated the BIBLE APPLICATION from Aqi Elago's story-telling of "DAVID & GOLIATH." Everyone learned that there is nothing to fear when we believe in God, and that courage is a trait required of God's soldiers.

Parents and guardians expressed appreciation to the SUNDAY SCHOOL teachers who facilitated the event, namely, sisters Nelly Bayla, Maureen Soriano, Keshá Oliva, and Gracelynn Abance. The teachers and MIDTOWN's EDUCATION MINISTRY in turn thank the parents and guardians for their all-out support for the ministry's goals and for the spiritual welfare of the children. To God be the glory!Ω

Midtown brethren facilitate children's ministry in Ilocos

At the invitation of the MISSION TEAM of brothers Kenneth Wilkey, Raymond Blasingame, and Phillip Dumawa, spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Alton Mark Bayla, and Maureen Soriano facilitated the VBS-STYLE CHILDREN'S CLASS at the chapel of the BURGOS CHURCH OF CHRIST in Luna, Burgos, Ilocos Sur the other past Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 9AM—4PM. The Midtown brethren served in various teaching capacities while the Ilocos brethren took charge of Refreshments & Meals.

The Ilocos brethren spearheaded by brothers Sam Ancheta, Rolly Tuquero, Robert Nonog, and other volunteer workers expressed appreciation for the ministry, and are looking forward to another like activity in the near future. Praises to the Lord!Ω

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."

READ Psalm 63:1-5

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BPFLC pupil baptized into Christ on a holiday

JEPHTHA CRUZ FERNANDEZ, born to spouses Randy & Cristina Fernandez on June 20, 2011, was born again last Friday afternoon, April 21, 2023. He was baptized into Christ by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery after having consistently requested to be baptized following his completion of the Seeker's Lesson Series integrated in the Bible subject as a course of study at the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) where he is a Grade 5 pupil. The Fernandez family serves the Lord with the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The congregation rejoices with the family as well as with God's angels in Heaven for this wonderful development. All praises and glory to the Lord God Almighty alone!Ω

23 ladies enjoy outdoor devo & fellowship @ CJH

Twenty-three ladies including a number of guests enjoyed the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP held at the Picnic Grounds of CAMP JOHN HAY the other past Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10 AM to 1:00 PM. The ladies fellowship kicked off with an exercise known as Zumba.

Discussions in the Devotional revolved around the topic on "LOVING ONE ANOTHER" based on John 13:34-35. Sisters Janet Ramos, Lou Villanueva, Frances Balangitan, and Kat Oliva served as DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS and facilitators.

The ladies of the congregation are enjoined to attend the next devotional & fellowship which will be on May 20, 2023, Lord willing.

The 2ND QUARTER STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Ruth Camora, Lois Fermin, Angela Ramos, Lou Villanueva, Jane Bestre, Ruth Trinidad, Frances Balangitan, Kaelin Palaypayon, Katrina Oliva, Jovy Mabesa, and Lala Geron extends appreciation for the active participation of the ladies.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

April 16, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....118	PRESCHOOL.....9
YPEEZ.....14	GRADES 1-2 .....1
CHILDREN.....23	GRADES 3-4.....6
GUESTS.....5	GRADES 5-6.....7
	H.S./COL.....20
	YAs .....18
TOTAL.....160	TOTAL.....61

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
Php57,235.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— APRIL 25, 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.

ID PICTURES FOR PICTURE DIRECTORY—KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR 2x2 ID PICTURES IF YOUR LATEST PICTURES HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THE UPDATED DIRECTORY. THANK YOU!

MAGNIFYING  
JESUS CHRIST  
IN LIFE  
AND IN  
DEATH

Philippians 1: 18-26

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | APRIL 23, 2023

MAGNIFYING  
JESUS  
IN  
LIFE  
AND IN  
DEATH

Philippians 1:18-26

- MAGNIFY CHRIST IN OUR BODY, WHETHER BY LIFE OR BY DEATH
  - Philippians 1:18-20
- MAGNIFY CHRIST AS WE LIVE AND DIE IN FRUITFUL LABOR
  - Philippians 1:21-24
- MAGNIFY CHRIST IN PROMOTING PROGRESS AND JOY IN THE FAITH
  - Philippians 1:25-26

I.  
MAGNIFY  
CHRIST  
IN  
OUR BODY  
WHETHER  
BY LIFE  
OR BY DEATH

Philippians 1:18-20

- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED THROUGH OUR REJOICING IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS (18,19)
  - Take joy in trials and circumstances.
  - Take them as opportunities to exalt Christ and for the sharing of the gospel.
- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED THROUGH OUR PRAYERS FOR EACH OTHER (19)
  - Take every reason to pray for each other.
  - Take them as opportunities for the Holy Spirit to ensure our spiritual welfare.
- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED THROUGH OUR COURAGE TO STAND FOR HIM 'TIL DEATH (20)
  - Take a courageous stand for Christ.
  - Take the opportunity to confirm one's persistent expectation that one will not be put to shame even when we die because of our faith.

APPLICATION:

1. Paul's chains did not hinder him to proclaim the gospel of Christ. What "chains" should we not also allow to hinder the preaching of the gospel so as not to fail in magnifying the Lord in our lives?

- Our preconceived ideas that preaching is reserved for professionals?
- Our inadequacies, lack of competence, or lack of formal training?
- Our fear of being "doubly judged"?
- Our lack of time, talents, limited or lack of funds?
- Our limited mobility or lack of access to serve?
- Our lack of courage, or our "inferiority complex"?
- Our fear of being rejected, ignored, cancelled?

II.  
MAGNIFY  
CHRIST  
AS  
WE  
LIVE AND DIE  
IN FRUITFUL  
LABOR

Philippians 1:21-24

- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED WITH A LIFE DEDICATED IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD (21)
  - "To live is Christ" means to live dedicated to the mission of the Lord in saving souls.
  - Our lives must be a living reflection of the Lord.
- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED EVEN IN THE DEATH OF A FAITHFUL SERVANT (22,23)
  - "To die is gain" means we don't lose anything when we die for the cause of Christ.
  - Our own death must be our "last sermon."
- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED WITH THE DESIRE TO SERVE THE BRETHREN (24)
  - "To remain in the body" means fruitful service for the brethren's sake and to glorify the Lord.
  - Our desire must always be in consonance to the Lord's will even if it means hardship.

APPLICATION:

2. Paul's motto in life is "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." What worldly motto do we consciously or unconsciously believe, and so fail to magnify the Lord in our labors in this life?

- "For to me to live is money and to die is to leave it all behind?"
- "For to me to live is fame and to die is to be forgotten?"
- "For to me to live is power and to die is to lose it all?"
- "For to me to live is pleasure and to die is to be in dissatisfaction?"
- "For to me to live is prestige and to die is to be anonymous?"

III.  
MAGNIFY  
CHRIST  
IN PROMOTING  
PROGRESS  
AND JOY  
IN THE FAITH

Philippians 1:25-26

- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED WITH OUR CONFIDENCE IN HIM (25)
  - Being certain of the Lord's plans for our lives makes us sure of what things to do.
  - Make it a point to submit one's will to the Lord.
- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED WITH OUR WILL TO SERVE FOR THE BRETHREN'S SAKE (25)
  - Being eager to promote the brethren's progress and joy in faith is always in order.
  - Make it a point to put God's preference over our own.
- CHRIST IS MAGNIFIED WITH OUR PURPOSE OF LIVING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE (26)
  - Being a reason for others to highly exalt the Lord God Almighty is a noble task.
  - Make it a point to do things for the Lord's sake.

APPLICATION:

3. Paul's purpose of living for Christ's sake and for the brethren's sake made him become dedicated in serving. What reasons can make one lack in dedication, and so fail in magnifying the Lord?

- "My will, dreams, aspirations, and goals in life are important too and I must fulfill them first"?
- "Much is expected from me by my family, friends, and the community for 'greater' things in this life, and I cannot afford to frustrate them"?
- "I believe I deserve the 'good life,' and my being a disciple is but a means in achieving that 'good life' I dream about"?

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For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:7-8 NIV

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How must disciples of Christ live and die to magnify the Lord?

- As Paul's chains did not hinder him to proclaim the gospel of Christ, let us not allow any form of "chains" to hinder us in preaching the pure gospel.
- As Paul's motto in life is "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain," let us not allow any worldly motto to control our way of life as disciples of Christ.
- As Paul's purpose of living for Christ's sake and for the brethren's sake caused him become dedicated in serving, "let us seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto us." (Matthew 6:33)

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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[VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

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- 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:
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- 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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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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