

Servers Today, April 30, 2023

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

Speaker: ANDY BESTRE

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: IRA PO

Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving: ONIEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: ANDY BESTRE

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 May 7, 2023

Being United that Produces Joy (Phil 2:1-4)

Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JUNE REYES

Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7

Scripture Reading: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Giving: DAN-GIL GERON

Closing Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JUNE REYES

To Bring Flowers: BAYATING FAMILY

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Communion: LOIDA BADDAS

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PM Bible Study:

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INFORMER



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Sunday school to merge with youth classes monthly

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has recently commended the proposed merger classes in the elementary, high school, college, and young pro every last Sunday of the month. The project aims to foster the fellowship within the group by increasing their time spent together through Sunday Bible class mergers. This will allow younger ones to collaborate with their *Ates* and *Kuyas* in the Sunday Classes and in other activities. The schedule of the Merger Classes will be as follows starting on May 28, 2023.

BATCH	MERGER CLASSES	
May 28	Grades 3-4 & High School/College	Grades 5-6 & Young Pro
June 25	Grades 3-4 & Grades 5/6	High School/College & Young Pro
July 30	Grades 3-4 & Grades 5-6 & High School/College	
Aug 27	Grades 5-6 & High School/College & Young Pro	
Sept 24	Grades 3-4 & Grades 5-6 & High School/College & Young Pro (Special Activities)	

Couples care group promotes stewardship

This month's COUPLES CARE GROUP was held at Midtown's Assembly Hall Saturday evening of April 22 with spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa, Eric & Jing Sacyanan, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, and sister Lulu Bondoc. Brother Eric discussed about FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT in which he emphasized that CASH or COMMUNICATION, ATTITUDE, STEWARDSHIP, and HUMILITY is needful to attain a couple's financial goal. Other couples are very much welcome to attend next month's care group and fellowship. Lord willing, see you all on May 27, 2023!Ω

"When we focus on giants, we stumble. When we focus on God, giants tumble!"

READ Numbers 13:26-33

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VBS 2023 planning in youth fellowship today

In preparation for the upcoming staging of the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) at Midtown's facilities and at the Baguio Pines Family Learning Center as well as for an OUTREACH VBS in July, 2023, the YOUTH MINISTRY chaired by brother Ezra Valdez will be having a PLANNING SESSION during the monthly YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY at the Assembly Hall his afternoon. In line with this, all young people are encouraged to stay for the said fellowship and meeting. Lunch will be served before the meeting starts at 1:00 PM. The High School & College version of the VBS known as SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER (SBE) will also be planned out.Ω

Midtown brethren to serve in Vizcaya family retreat

In response to the invitation of the SOLANO CHURCH OF CHRIST in Nueva Vizcaya for the NORTHEASTERN LUZON FAMILY RETREAT AND 2ND LADIES RETREAT, a number of brethren will be leaving the city late this afternoon. Said retreat will be held at the LOWER MAGAT ECO-TOURISM PARK in Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya this afternoon and tomorrow, May 1, 2023. Spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla and A-mark Bayla together with sister Lady Angela Ramos are invited speakers and teachers. Brothers Janriel Abance and Jesse Bestre were enlisted in the teaching team for the Children's Classes. Meanwhile, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos together with sister Lady Angela Ramos and brothers Jesse Bestre and Janriel Abance will be serving with the Nangalisan brethren for a JOINT WORSHIP & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP at the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK today, April 30, 2023. The brethren's prayers for their safe travel are humbly solicited.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

April 23, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....10

GRADES 1-25

GRADES 3-4.....9

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S./COL/.....23

YAs23

TOTAL.....178

TOTAL.....78

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
Php51,868.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— MAY 2, 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 THURSDAYS @ 9:00 PM .

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

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE FAITHFUL & WISE SERVANT

Luke 12:35-48

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | APRIL 16,23,30, 2023 AM

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE FAITHFUL & WISE SERVANT

Luke 12:35-48

- RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF WAITING
 - Luke 12:35-36
- RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF WATCHING
 - Luke 12:37-40
- RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WORKING
 - Luke 12:41-48

I. RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF WAITING

Luke 12:35-36

- WAITING IN ALERTNESS (35)
 - “Keep your lamps burning”
 - Being alive, alert, awake, and enthusiastic.
 - This is waiting with preparedness. One knows what he must be ready with at the coming of the Master.
- WAITING WITH READINESS TO SERVE (35)
 - “Dressed ready for service”
 - Being always dressed for action.
 - This is waiting with expectation. One knows what is expected of him.
- WAITING FOR THE MASTER’S SAKE (36)
 - “Immediately open the door for him”
 - Being in earnest for the Master’s interests.
 - This is waiting with a noble purpose. One knows why one does what he does earnestly.

APPLICATION:

1. In what ways can we get better in waiting for the Lord, and so prove we are faithful and wise?

- Recognizing that the Lord is coming any time?
- Staying active or involved in laboring in the Lord’s vineyard?
- Appreciating our spiritual gifts and using them for the good of the Lord’s kingdom?
- Being focused in preparing oneself in meeting the Lord at His return? By being repentant, being prayerful, and cheerful in what we do?
- Dedicating ourselves in fulfilling the Lord’s will in our lives as disciples?
- Being faithful in fulfilling the Lord’s commission?

II. RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF WATCHING

Luke 12:37-40

- BEING ON THE WATCH IS GOOD FOR THE SERVANT (37)
 - Rewards await those who are watchful.
 - The Master Himself serves them, showing His noble or gracious character.
- BEING ON THE WATCH PLEASES THE MASTER (38)
 - Reward is in the form of a pleased Master.
 - The Master rewards those who wait on Him even in the late watches of the night.
- BEING ON THE WATCH MAKES ONE READY ANY TIME THE MASTER COMES (39-40)
 - Rewarding to be ready for the Master.
 - The Master rewards those who watch for His return in an unexpected time.

APPLICATION:

2. What does the Lord demand from us if we are to be His faithful and wise servants?

- To be naturally alert and circumspect?
- To be motivated by the certainty of His return?
- To be motivated by His unexpected return?
- To have an eye open to His light?
- To have a hand to carry out His work?
- To have feet ready at any instant to go, to open for Him, and to meet Him?
- To be a light-bearer in the midst of darkness, confusion, or corruption?
- To be a watchman over ourselves not to be slack in our duties?

III. RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WORKING

Luke 12:41-48

- WORKING PRESENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS AND TO BE BLESSED
 - Utilize the blessings we receive every day.
 - Instead of accumulating, let’s apportion what is entrusted to us for the greater good.
- WORKING PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE MASTER FAITHFULLY
 - Utilize our time, talent, & treasure for service.
 - Instead of neglecting our strengths, let the church benefit from them.
- WORKING PROVES OUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY
 - 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.

APPLICATION:

3. In what ways do we fall short in working as a faithful and wise servant?

- When we do not use what is entrusted to us for the benefit of God’s kingdom or the church?
- When we think that our goods are for one’s exclusive use and at times forget the welfare of others (1 Peter 4:10)?
- When we waste our time and opportunities to behave wisely among the unbelievers(Col 4:5)?
- When we doubt in God’s better promises and lasting rewards at times when we experience persecution for being a Christian (Heb 10:32-34)?

“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”

How do we become a faithful and wise servant?

1. Let us recognize the value of waiting for the Lord’s return – of being in alertness and with readiness to serve for the Master’s sake.
2. Let us recognize the significance of being watchful as we wait for the Lord’s return - not only for our own good and reward, but for best interest of our Lord.
3. Let us recognize the importance of working while awaiting for the Lord’s return – making use of every opportunity to advance the Lord’s work and to exhaust what is entrusted to us for God’s glory, praise, and honor.

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

May Celebrators

03 - Benjamin Balawas
03 - Elvie Omaging
05 - Erolyn Canlas
06 - Ricky Rimando
06 - Jizza Mae Aquino
11 - Cindy Lacambra
11 - Princess Elipane
12 - Dante Baddas
12 - Gil Geron
12 - May Flor Acquiadan
14 - Ethan B. Sameon
14 - Fransley Mae Amplayo
15 - Jessica Mariano
16 - Melecia Abance
16 - Klarissa Glori
19 - Maureen Soriano
19 - Chito Salviejo
20 - Carlota Cera
20 - Jonalyn Castillo
21 - Rolando Castillo
21 - Melba N. Licupa
21 - Ma. Corazon Ozo
22 - Carlos Gonzales
23 - Jeannette F. Sarauer
23 - Alexa Senesan
25 - Alexandre James Ciencia
26 - Norma Aping
28 - Elena Caramé
28 - Elcid Pelpelic
29 - Francisco Fermin
29 - Rainelle Kiara Nawew
31 - Margaret Golda Yang
31 - Elizabeth Salviejo

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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- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - B. The Fall of Man
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 - C. Jesus the Savior
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 - D. The Steps of Salvation
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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
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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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