

Servers Today, April 9, 2023

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

Guest Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Afternoon Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

EZRA VALDEZ

CHRIS OLIVA

CHARLIE ABANCE

MERVIN OLIVA

MATTHEW 26:26-30

KEMUEL PERDIGON

SAM QUEZADA

DANTE BADDAS

O'NIEL GONZALES

JULIUS ROJO

ANDY BESTRE

EZRA VALDEZ

CHRIS OLIVA

GLORI FAMILY

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Worship Coordinator:

NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA

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 16, 2023

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

Speaker:

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JOJO RAMOS

KAJEM KITMA

GASPAR BALDO, Jr.

JUNE REYES

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-26

JASPER PERDIGON

IRA PO

DONNEL GONZALES

RICHARD BESTRE

DAN-GIL GERON

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INFORMER



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Brethren comfort Aquino family at St. Peter's chapels

Last Monday evening, April 3, 2023, at the St. Peter's Chapels, Marcos Highway, a number of Midtown brethren, namely, Mervin & Kat Oliva, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Ruth Trinidad, and Andy & Jesse Bestre, conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late EMERITA B. AQUINO who passed away due to a lingering illness last March 31, 2023. She was 61 years old and was the sister-in-law of sister Norma Aquino—Pepi and sister Amy Lauder.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER while brother Andy Bestre facilitated the singing. Brother Mervin Oliva led in prayers.

The bereaved family expressed appreciation for the comforting message, prayers, and support during their time of grief and loss.Ω

NCOC minister speaks on anti-bullying at TNHS

Brother Julius Udan, together with the Tuba PNP, served as speaker on SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS related to the campaign on ANTI-BULLYING at the TUBA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL in Nangalisan, Tuba last Monday afternoon, April 3, 2023.

Earlier, last March 31, 2023, brother Jojo Ramos served as the Bible Study facilitator in the HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP held at the AMBI RESIDENCE in Lasilas, Nangalisan. He discussed the first chapter of the Letter to the Ephesians.Ω

FCG celebrates March birth anniversaries

The FRIDAY CARE GROUP regularly meeting at Midtown's Assembly Hall got to celebrate the birth anniversaries of brethren whose birthdays fall under March last March 31, 2023. After the usual DEVOTIONAL in which brother Arnan Bayla discussed "HOPING IN THE LORD" based on Isaiah 40:30-31, the brethren shared the meals sponsored by brother Joseph Benedict Roncal. In a conversation with brother Arnan on Messenger, he wanted to give thanks to the Creator for his recent blessings by celebrating with Midtown brethren, his church family before leaving for the US Navy.Ω

"Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one."

READ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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BPFLC teacher and pupil baptized into Christ Jesus

Midtown brethren praise the Lord God Almighty as well as happily welcome to the congregation the following newest disciples:

Brother MARK JOSEPH NALBOG QUIZANA, born December 16, 1996 was born again last Monday, April 3, 2023 having been baptized into Christ Jesus at Midtown's baptistery by brother Arnan Bayla. Brother Mark decided to receive the Lord Jesus in baptism even before completing the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES. He is currently studying the Seekers Lessons with brother Arnan Bayla together with his fellow teachers at the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC), namely, sisters Rowena Quezada, Maureen Soriano, Gracelynn Abance, and brother Leemar Simon. He is familiar to many as he has been consistently attending the Worship Assemblies at Midtown.

Meanwhile, after having finished studying the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES, SHERMAN ISHMAEL CONCEPCION BESTRE, a Grade 5 pupil of BPFLC and son of spouses Richard & Pearl Bestre, was also baptized at Midtown's baptistery by brother Arnan Bayla last Tuesday evening, April 4, 2023. THE BESTRE FAMILY were all present during his baptism together with a number of friends and schoolmates from BPFLC. Brother Sherman will be taking up the NEW LIFE LESSON SERIES with his grandfather, brother Andy Bestre during the BIBLE STUDY HOUR on Sunday mornings.

In another development, brother Julius Udan reports that MARK ARIES D. MIDORANDA, born June 13, 1995 was born anew on April 3, 2023 having been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) by the minister at the ROSALES CHURCH OF CHRIST. Brother Mark Aries was married to sister Dana Marie P. Voloria, an active member of the congregation in Rosales, Pangasinan. Brother Udan solemnized their wedding last Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

April 2, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL8

GRADES 1-24

GRADES 3-4.....7

GRADES 5-6.....9

H.S./COL.....15

YAs20

TOTAL.....186

TOTAL.....72

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
Php53,364.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— APRIL 11, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• REGULAR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING—MEZZANINE FLOOR EVERY SUNDAY RIGHT AFTER THE ASSEMBLY

• MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023 @ 11:30 AM—2:30 PM

• 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.

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING

The Narrow Path to Life

John Thiesen

Jesus said, "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13,14).

Noah and His Family

Unfortunately, it has always been true of mankind, since the beginning of the world, that few are found walking in God's path in any generation. For example, in Noah's day, out of all the people in the world, only eight were saved from the flood. These were Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives. The rest of the world was destroyed in the water.

Lot and His Daughters

Later, because of the wickedness of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, God sent two angels in the form of men to Sodom to warn Lot and his family to get out. When Lot desperately tried to warn his sons-in-law, "he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law" (Genesis 19:14). As a result, out of all the people in the cities, only Lot and his two daughters escaped the fierce destruction of God when fire was poured out from heaven upon them.

Joshua and Caleb
After Moses sent 12 spies into

Canaan, only two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, believed God's promise that He would give the land to Israel. The others were afraid of the fierce inhabitants in the land. The Israelites believed these cowards, and as a result, were forced to wander in the wilderness for 40 years until all that generation had died. Of the original population, only faithful Joshua and Caleb got to enter the Promised Land.

People Today

We today need to take note of these examples and believe God. Jesus said only a minority will be entering into eternal life. The majority are on the broad way and are headed toward eternal punishment. A great many are abundantly blessed by God with material wealth, yet only a few have forsaken their sins and become worshipers of this true God through His Son Jesus Christ. It has been said that "history repeats itself". How sad that so many have not learned from the graphic lessons of the past, in order to prepare themselves to meet God.

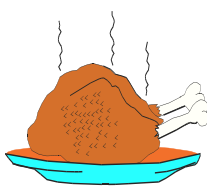
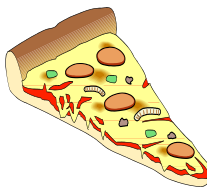
Before his death in 2006, John Thiesen was Editor of the Spanish edition of The Voice of Truth International.

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 – 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
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- 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
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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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