

Servers Today, 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

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS

Communion: LOIDA BADDAS

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 May 14, 2023

Imitating the Attitude of Jesus (Phil. 2:5-11)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES

Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4

Scripture Reading: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Giving: ONIEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer: JESSE BESTRE

Announcement: ANDYBESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

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80 attend Baguio-Benguet joint youth fellowship

On April 29, 2023, the BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP was held at the MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL and at the premises of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC). The event was themed "DEVELOPING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, with Alton Mark Bayla as the speaker. The event was facilitated by Ezra & Kana Valdez, Melchi & Jizza Aquino, Maureen Soriano, Jephthan Tangonan, Amber Po, Angelica Tiongco, Demi Tacay, Johnny Payangdo, Jesse Bestre, Charis Bayla, Janriel Abance, & Lady Angela Ramos. There were eighty (80) participants from various congregations such as Heritage, Baguio -Rimando, NLEX, A-Hill, Nangalisan, La Trinidad, Ambiong, Tocmo, City Camp, Antamok, and Hydro-Asin.

The participants had a great time in fellowship and were fully engaged with the lessons and activities, thanks to the dynamic preparations of Midtown's YOUTH MINISTRY. As the host's efforts were well appreciated by everyone, the YOUTH MINISTRY also praises the Lord and acknowledges those who volunteered and gave donations which were used for the prizes and given to the game winners.

It is the ministry's prayer that more of Midtown's young people will join in the next joint Care Group with the youth around Baguio and Benguet. Ω

"If you are too busy to pray and to do God's will, you are busier than God wants you to be!"

READ Psalm 46:8-11

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3 seekers baptized in NCOC joint fellowship

In last Sunday's Joint Worship Assembly of the Lasilas and Riverview congregations, three (3) seekers, namely ANDREW AGELBA, AND SPOUSES JESTONI & BEVERLY AMBI, were baptized into Christ Jesus for the remission of sins by brother Sixto Aoas in one of the pools of the Riverview Waterpark.

The newly baptized disciples had been studying the SEEKERS LESSONS with a number of Nangalisan brethren led by brother Julius Udan. The Nangalisan congregation as well as Midtown brethren rejoice with them and pray for their continued spiritual growth. All honor, praises and glory to God!Ω

Midtown collegians join G29 at Heritage Bible College

On April 30 to May 1, 2023, HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE (HBC) held an overnight fellowship with the theme "G29: THE NEXT CHAPTER." G29 stands for Gawa Bente Nuebe, or Acts Chapter 29; Acts ended in Chapter 28, so "ACTS 29: THE NEXT CHAPTER" symbolizes the present generation continuing the Apostles' mission of going and making disciples.

The activity aimed to encourage college students and young adults to think about missions. Brother Jun Fuentes, director of HBC expressed his hope that the activity would be held annually and hosted by different congregations in Baguio and Benguet. Thirty-three (33) participants including seven (7) from Midtown, namely Vanessa Barad, Jizza Mae and Melchi Aquino, Johnny Payangdo, Maureen Soriano, Amber Po, Jephthan Tangonan, and Ezra Valdez appreciated the challenge.

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's Youth Minister, served as the morning DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER. He discussed "BEAUTIFULLY TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST," based on 2 Cor. 5:17.Ω

Northeastern brethren thank Baguio brethren

Baguio brethren who were among 600 participants in the recent NORTHEASTERN LUZON FAMILY RETREAT & 2ND LADIES RETREAT in Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya, received appreciation for having served in various capacities as speakers, teachers, and support. Baguio participants included spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Angela Ramos, Charis & A-mark Bayla, Janriel Abance, Jesse Bestre, Rolly Dumawa, Rachel Cabuenas, and Luke Cabuenas. Brother Jonathan Palitayan Jr. together with the elders and deacons of the Solano congregation expressed appreciation to Midtown for the encouragement and all-out support. All glory and praise to God alone!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

April 30, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....86	PRESCHOOL.....10
YPPEEZ.....15	GRADES 1-20
CHILDREN.....26	GRADES 3-4.....8
GUESTS.....3	GRADES 5-6.....6
	H.S./COL.....14
	YAs16
TOTAL.....130	TOTAL.....54

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP49,305.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—MAY 9, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

VBS 2023 PLANNING TODAY—ALL YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO ATTEND. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

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!

COMFORT AND REASSURANCE

The Lord Will Deliver Me!

Loy Mitchell

“The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of the Philistine” (1 Samuel 17:37).

David was confident that he would defeat Goliath, who was defying the God of Israel. Yes, this enemy stood almost three meters tall. He was a giant and a seasoned soldier. However, David did not fear this Philistine as one who could destroy the children of God.

There were people that day who did their best to discourage this young man, David. His oldest brother tried to dishearten him by saying, *“Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle”* (verse 28).

Saul, the king, made this remark: *“You are not able to go against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth”* (verses 43,44).

David’s answer to Goliath shows us the great confidence he had in God. *“You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel whom you have defied. This*

day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head” (verses 45,46).

David did defeat that great giant. How? He knew the Lord would grant him victory. He knew he was in the right.

What about today? Is our God still able to deliver us? Yes, the enemies we face are powerful and numerous. Yes, there are people who will do their best to discourage us in our fight against Satan and his army. Yes, Satan is powerful and a seasoned warrior, but **OUR GOD CAN GIVE US THE VICTORY!**

So we say with confidence, *“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”* (Hebrews 13:6).

“I can do all things through Him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13).

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57).

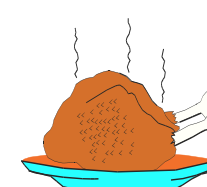
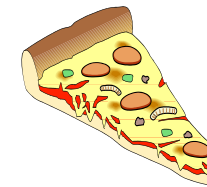
Loy Mitchell, former missionary to Zimbabwe, now preaches for the Northside Church of Christ in Topeka, Kansas, USA.

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 Oming
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



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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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