

Servers Today, June 18, 2023

Knowing Jesus is the Greatest Gain (Phil 3:7-11)

Speaker: ARNAN A. BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: JUNE BAYATING

Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Communion Text: EPHESIANS 2:3-10

Scripture Reading: MELCHI AQUINO

Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: DANTE BADDAS

Closing Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN A. BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS

Communion: KESHA OLIVA

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 June 25, 2023

Reaching Forward to God's Goal (Phil. 3:12-16)

Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: ALTON BAYLA

Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Giving: DAN-GIL GERON

Closing Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: BAYATING FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

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FCG members visit Cagayan and Apayao congregations

Some members of the Midtown Hall Friday Care Group, namely, spouses Julius & Fely Rojo, Lemuel & Vangie Glori, Lani Palaypayon, June Reyes, and Lou Villanueva together with spouses Shemer & Kristine Sameon and family, travelled up north to the province of Apayao where brother Solomon Palpayon, a police officer, is currently assigned.

At the invitation of the congregation in Luna, Apayao with whom brother Solomon worships with on Sundays, the brethren served there last Sunday, June 11, 2023. Brother Lemuel Glori served as the sermon speaker while others in their group served in various capacities.

On their way to Apayao, they dropped by to visit the brethren in Claveria, Cagayan where sister Estela Velasco, former member at Midtown, now serves with the congregation that meets in her residence. They conducted a devotional service before leaving the place. Sister Estela expressed appreciation for the wonderful occasion and looks forward to more visits from Midtown brethren. All praises to God!Ω

Ministers conduct devotional at Engineers Hill

The other past Saturday evening, June 3, 2023, brothers Arnan Bayla and Felix Olidan Jr., together with their spouses, Nelly Bayla and Luz Olidan, respectively, made a visit to the Pineda and Licupa family at the Licupa Residence at Old Forestry Compound, Engineers Hill, this city. They conducted a DEVOTIONAL SERVICE to celebrate the family ties of the two families. Sister Melissa Licupa—Pineda and family is in the city from the USA to visit sister Melba Licupa who was recently discharged from the hospital and is now well.

The Licupas and Pinedas expressed appreciation for the visit and the devotional service.

Earlier, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan visited the Tada family of Engineers Hill, former members at Midtown who are now actively serving the Lord with the HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST. Spouses Rod & Leah Tada appreciated the surprise visit and praised the Lord for the gesture of endearment.Ω

"He is no fool to give what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

READ Philippians 3:1-11

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23 ladies participate in devo & luncheon fellowship

Twenty-three (23) ladies actively participated in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP held at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM—2:00 PM. Those who made it include sisters Sarah Sameon, Alice Lalas, Minda Oliva, Jovencia Mabesa, Clarita Cachero, Bing Buendia, Maribel Sunggay, Nancy Bayla, Carina Lacaba, Edith Latonio, Lorenza Losnong, Josephine Yapyapen, Lorigrace Austria, Cot Espinosa, Gracelynn Abance, Marlene Samonte, Jane Bestre, Nelly bayla, Demi Rose Tacay, Kesha Oliva, Katrina Oliva, Maureen Soriano, and Kaelin Palaypayon.

The 2ND STEERING GROUP concluded the series of discussions on THE SAMARITAN WOMAN highlighted by BEING GUIDED BY THE BIBLICAL HEIRARCHY OF PRIORITIES in which God comes foremost in everything.

The members of the 2nd Quarter Steering Group, namely, Ruth Camora, Lois Fermin, Lady Janet Ramos, Lou Villanueva, Jane Bestre, Ruth Trinidad, Frances Balangitan, Kaelin Palaypayon, Katrina Oliva, Jovy Mabesa, and Lala Geron, expressed thanks to all Midtown ladies for the opportunity to serve the Lord with them all.Ω

Baddas & Nierves ties knot at Riverview Hotel

Midtown congratulates the newlywed, Rommel & Desiree Baddas—Nierves who tied the knot in a wedding ceremony held at the Function Hall of the RIVERVIEW HOTEL in Nangalisan, Tuba last June 10, 2023. Brother Ezra Valdez, licensed Solemnizing Officer, officiated the wedding.

The couple satisfactorily completed their premarital counseling course, "PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY", with brother Arnan Bayla prior to their wedding day. Congratulations and praise the Lord!Ω

COUNTING EVERYTHING AS LOSS TO GAIN EVERYTHING OF GREATEST VALUE

Philippians 3: 7-11

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Philippians 3:7-11

- COUNT EVERY PERSONAL PROFIT AS LOSS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST
 - *Philippians 3:7-8*
- COUNT EVERY CONFIDENCE IN SELF AS LOSS TO GAIN A RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH CHRIST
 - *Philippians 3:9*
- COUNT EVERYTHING ELSE IN OUR FORMER LIFE AS LOSS TO GAIN FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST
 - *Philippians 3:10-11*

I.

COUNT EVERY PERSONAL PROFIT AS LOSS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

Philippians 3:7-8

- PAUL CONSIDERED HIS NATIONAL TRADITION AS LOSS (5,7)
 - He's done with privileges and what was formerly advantageous to him.
 - He valued knowing Jesus Christ as supreme advantage over anything else.
- PAUL CONSIDERED HIS RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AS LOSS (5,7,8)
 - He's done with what was reputable.
 - He regarded understanding and intimately being related to Christ of good standing.
- PAUL CONSIDERED HIS SINCERITY AND BLAMELESSNESS AS LOSS (6,7,8)
 - He's done with personal achievements.
 - He prized gaining Christ as the greatest achievement of all time.

II.

COUNT EVERY CONFIDENCE IN SELF AS LOSS TO GAIN A RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH CHRIST

Philippians 3:9

- PAUL DESIRED TO EMBRACE CHRIST AND TO BE EMBRACED BY CHRIST (9)
 - He's done with the uselessness of depending on one's own importance.
 - He valued confidence in Christ alone.
- PAUL MOST WANTED A RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT OF HIS OWN OR THROUGH THE LAW (9)
 - He's done with the futility of ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing.
 - He treasured the effectiveness of being loyal and devoted to Christ alone.
- PAUL BEST REGARDED A RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST (9)
 - He's done with the ineffectiveness of trusting one's obedience to legalistic laws.
 - He trusted in Christ's supremacy alone.

III.

COUNT EVERYTHING ELSE IN OUR FORMER LIFE AS LOSS TO GAIN FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

Philippians 3:10-11

- PAUL WAS DETERMINED TO BE DEEPLY ACQUAINTED WITH CHRIST (10)
 - He's done with superficial relationships.
 - He valued a personal relationship with Christ.
- PAUL LONGED TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (10)
 - He's done with shallow experiences.
 - He admired the mighty power causing the resurrection of Christ that leads to a transformed life even if with sufferings.
- PAUL DESIRED TO ATTAIN THE RESURRECTED WAY OF LIFE (11)
 - He's done with worthless sufferings.
 - He desires to be one who lives in the worthwhile and fresh newness of life of those who are alive from the dead.

APPLICATION:

1. Paul considered whatever former things he had that might have been gains to him, he has come to count as loss for Christ's sake. Now what personal gains do we continue to value and thereby hinder us from fully gaining knowledge of Christ?
 - One's ancestry, lineage, or heritage?
 - One's citizenship, nationality, or ethnic group?
 - One's religious background or tradition?
 - One's personal reputation or social standing?
 - One's political power and social influence?
 - One's personal achievements and entitlements?
 - One's social benefits and economic privileges?

APPLICATION:

2. Paul considered whatever self-achieved "righteousness" he possessed as insignificant and dumped it in order to be right with God. Now what personal righteousness do we refuse to trash and thereby hinder us from fully gaining the righteousness of Christ?
 - Perhaps boasting of one's moral conduct?
 - Perhaps boasting of one's meritorious deeds?
 - Perhaps boasting of one's religiosity?
 - Perhaps boasting of one's doctrinal knowledge?
 - Perhaps boasting of one's sacrifices?
 - Perhaps boasting of one's charitable works?
 - Perhaps boasting of measuring one's worth by the Ten Commandments?

APPLICATION:

3. Paul considered everything else in his former life as loss for Christ's sake in order to gain everything else to be in fellowship with Christ. Now what are we willing to give up so that nothing may hinder us from fully gaining fellowship with Christ?
 - Possibly one's lazy disposition?
 - Possibly one's pessimistic attitude?
 - Possibly one's too much love for amusement?
 - Possibly one's bad habits, vices, addiction?
 - Possibly one's endless pursuit of earthly wealth?
 - Possibly one's pride, arrogance, egotism?
 - Possibly one's too proud to ask for forgiveness?

How must disciples of Christ continue to embrace what is of greatest value?

1. Let us be willing to set aside personal gains and not boast about them so that nothing may hinder us from fully gaining intimate knowledge and of understanding God's grace through Christ.
2. Let us be willing to trash self-achieved good standing or righteousness so that nothing may hinder us from fully gaining the righteousness of Christ.
3. Let us be willing to give up what entangles us so that nothing may hinder us from fully gaining fellowship with Christ.

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Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5-8 NIV ”

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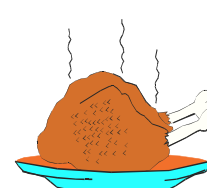
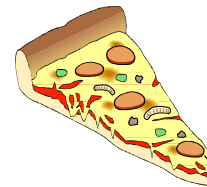
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



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 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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