The MIDTOWN Informer

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Servers Today, June 4, 2023 Risking Our Lives for Jesus (Phil 2:25-30)			How To Become a Biblical Christian 1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, IJohn 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.		Not in Flesh (Phil. 3:1-6)	
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- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON JUNE 6, 2023 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY MIDYEAR TERM JUN 5-JUL 21 | AUDIT CLASSES JUL 10-AUG 19, 2023
- HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE—PAW EXPRESS LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE | JUNE 19-25, 2023 | P1500.00
- 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!



472 participate in ACU's 10th ladies' day

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Four Hundred Seventy-two (472) ladies from all over the region and a number from distant places in the Philippines gathered for the 10TH LADIES DAY at the facilities of the ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ACU) in Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan the other past Saturday, May 27, 2023. There were sixty-two congregations represented including MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST with seven (7) delegates, namely, sisters Cot Espinosa, Ruth Camora, Dinah Austria, Corazon & Rowana Ozo, Joyce Kitma, and Janet Ramos. This year's theme, "GOD MADE US FARMERS" based on Genesis 2:8-15 and Matthew 13, was discussed by a number of seasoned speakers from the USA and the Philippines such as sisters Judith Entwistle (Texas), Agnes Macapagal (MLA), Greta Perry (Alabama), and Jemima Daboan (Davao). Midtown participants appreciated the event and

Midtown participants appreciated the event and were edified with the great lessons about sowing the seed of the Gospel of salvation through Christ Jesus and the fellowship of fellow workers in the vineyard of the Lord. All praises to the Lord! Ω

Midtown brethren serve at NCOC's joint fellowship

A number of Midtown brethren, namely spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla, sister Maureen Soriano, and Arnan & Nelly Bayla, sister Maureen Soriano, and brother Leemar Simon, served with the brethren of Nangalisan in their JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY & FELLOWSHIP last Sunday, May 28, 2023. As usual, the brethren from Riverview and Lasilas gathered at the AMBI RESIDENCE in Lasilas, Nangalisan. Brother Arnan Bayla served as the Guest Sermon Speaker. Having been assigned Ephesians 5:21-33 as sermon text, he discussed "PROMOTING BIBLICAL HUSBAND-WIFE RELATIONSHIP." There were more or less sixty brethren and guests in attendance

less sixty brethren and guests in attendance. Sisters Nelly Bayla and Maureen Soriano took

charge of the SUNDAY SCHOOL with brother Leemar

The brethren meeting at Riverview will be hosting the next Joint Worship & Fellowship on June 18th Lord willing. All glory and praise to God alone! Ω

"Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

READ 1 Corinthians 3:5-15

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Baguio ministers serve in spiritual leadership dev't

In the recent mission trip of mission workers from the MISSIONS RESOURCE workers from the Mission thp of mission workers from the Missions Resource NETWORK (MRN) based in Texas, USA, a number of Baguio brethren actively served in the EMERGING LEADERS WORSKSHOP hosted by the METRO SOUTH CHURCH OF CHRIST in Pasay City last May 23, 2023. Brother Julius Udan, minister of the Nangalisan congregation and brother Jesse Bestre, one of Midtown's ministers actively took part in the conduct of the workshops together with MRN's coaches, brothers Jay Jarboe, David Allen, and Jojo Ramos. The workshop in Pasay City were attended by more than thirty young church leaders representing six (6) congregations in the Metro Manila area. These emerging leaders appreciated the workshop and are excited to share what they have learned to their fellow servants in their home congregations. The participants particularly expressed appreciation for the check-in sessions using the S.AS.H.E.T. (Sad, Angry, Scared, Happy, Excited, Tender) approach. Glory to God! Ω

Free market items given to Cabinet Hill fire victims

At the initiative of the Gonzales family and with the permission of the YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY served by brother Ezra Valdez, some of the items brought to Midtown intended for the FREE MARKET were given away to some of the recent victims of the fire that left ten families homeless at Cabinet

Hill, this city, a couple of weeks ago. Initially, the "free market items" were given to a family known to the Gonzales family who in turn shared the same to other

victims who are equally in need. In an opportune time, the YouNG PEOPLE and the Gonzales family will continue giving away the items to the fire victims. May the Lord God Almighty be praised! Ω

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More Like Barnabas

Mike Vestal

Barnabas was known as an exhorter. The Jews spoke of a man as being the "son" of a given thing in which he excelled, and Barnabas was known as the "son of exhortation" (Acts 4:36). It is a great gift to be able to encourage others to live better in God's eyes, to infuse hope, joy, and character in others. And nearly every time we read of Barnabas in the New Testament, this is precisely what he is doing.

By his example, Barnabas encouraged others in the grace of giving (Acts 4:36,37). He deeply loved the cause of Christ and generously contributed of his means to further it (2 Corinthians 9:7: Acts 20:35). He had given Jesus the top priority in his life, and his giving reflected that Lordship (2 Corinthians 8:5).

In the case of Saul of Tarsus, Barnabas exhorted the brethren at Jerusalem to receive him (Acts 9:26,27). How difficult it probably was for the saints to embrace as a brother one who had earlier sought to destroy the church (Acts 8:3; 9:1), but Barnabas exhorted the saints to give Saul a chance. Think of the impression this must have made upon Saul, and consider the tremendous impact for good which Saul (Paul) had because Barnabas believed in him and encouraged the brethren to accept him.

Barnabas encouraged the disciples at Antioch to cleave to the Lord (Acts 11:22-24). Barnabas was a great encourager of mission work. When he arrived at Antioch he was glad to see people obeying the Gospel. He encouraged them to ever remain faithful to God. What a great lesson for us to apply to ourselves (Hebrews 10:22-25)! Do we make it a point to encourage those who are new in the faith to keep on keeping on?

He encouraged John Mark by not giving up on him, although Mark had made some serious mistakes (Acts 15:36-40). This is an extremely rare ability, for often we become impatient with those who fail us and never give them another opportunity to make things right. It is evident that Barnabas saw something special in John Mark, something that could be most valuable to the kingdom of God if properly nurtured. One can see the fruits of Barnabas' efforts as Paul spoke of Mark's being "profitable" in the work of ministry (2 Timothy 4:11). Are you like Barnabas? -

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Singing & Prayers LORD'S SUPPER

and OFFERING

9:00-9:30

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

6:00-8:00 PM 🧲

Prayers

BIBLE STUDY 9:35—10:25

SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

Singing & Prayers & MESSAGE: 5:30-6:15
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