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Servers Today, July 16, 2023

Rejoice in the Lord Always (Phil 4:4-7)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA
Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE
Invocation: JULIUS ROJO
Intercessory Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE
Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:1-6
Scripture Reading: ALTON BAYLA
Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE
Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS
Prayer for the Giving: JERRY MARTIN
Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA
Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE
To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS
Communion: ANGELA RAMOS
Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY
PM Bible Study:

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 July 23, 2023

Meditating on Whatever is Commendable (Phil. 4:8)

Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
Song Leader: JUN REYES
Invocation: GASPARD BALDO, JR.
Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4
Scripture Reading: IRA PO
Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA
Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON
Prayer for the Giving: O'NIEL GONZALES
Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON
Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
Afternoon Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
Song Leader: JUN REYES
To Bring Flowers: CLARITA G. CACHERO
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
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"Find joy in everything, not because life is always good, but that God is always good."
READ Matthew 5:11-16
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Everyone enjoined to participate in Aspulan

Midtown brethren are cordially invited to participate in this year's ASPULAN INTER-CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP that will be held at the facilities of the Baguio church of Christ located at 18 Rimando Road, this city on July 29, 2023, a Saturday. The gathering will start at 8:00 AM. Activities will kick off with a DEVOTIONAL at the Auditorium. Fun & Games for all ages and congregational presentations, and a Luncheon Fellowship form part of the activities until 4:00 PM.

REGISTRATION FEES will be shouldered by the congregation. Kindly sign up on the SIGN-UP SHEETS on the BULLETIN BOARD beginning today until next Sunday, July 23, 2023. Sign up now!Ω

Camp 6 Tuba resident baptized into Christ

Midtown praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates sister NOELLE JANE RHONE A. BARAD for having been baptized into Christ for the remission of sins last Friday afternoon, July 14, 2023. She was baptized by brother Arnan Bayla after having studied a SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME OF REDEMPTION.

Sister "NJ" as she is fondly called by family and friends is the younger sibling of sister Vanessa Barad who was earlier baptized a couple of months ago. Her grandmother, sister Rose Acosta, of Gusaran, Camp 6, Kennon Road, Tuba expressed appreciation for this development.

The newest sister in the congregation will be pursuing her NEW LIFE LESSONS together with her sister Vanessa in the weeks to come. All praise and glory to God! Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD July 9, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Table with 2 columns: REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY and SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL. Rows include ADULTS, YPEEZ, CHILDREN, GUESTS, TOTAL.

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: Php51,987.00

PRAYER LIST

Table with 3 columns: FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN, SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, OTHER CONCERNS, SAFE TRAVEL. Lists names and requests.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON JULY 18, 2023 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
ASPULAN INTERCONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP— PBC, 18 RIMANDO RD., ON JULY 29, 2023 (SATURDAY) | 8 AM—4:30 PM | REG FEE: P100 (AGE 12 & UP); P75 (AGE 11 & BELOW)
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— MIDTOWN & BPFCLC | JULY 24-28, 2023 @ 8:30 AM—12:30 PM REG FEE: P50
VBS PROPS PREPARATION—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERYDAY @ 1:00-5:00 PM
NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—HOST: BACOLOD CHURCH OF CHRIST | VENUE: NATURE'S VILLAGE RESORT, TALISAY CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL | JULY 18-21, 2023 |
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!

Kitma care group goes to San Luis Village

The other past Friday, July 7, 2023, the KITMA CARE GROUP gathered at the RAMOS RESIDENCE at San Luis Village, this city for their usual Devotional and to join the Ramoses in celebrating the birth anniversary of brother Jonathan "JJ" Ramos Jr.

Brother Greg Kitma served as speaker in the Devotional in which he discussed about "ABUNDANT LIFE." He stressed that LIFE IN CHRIST is abounding with fullness of joy and strength for spirit, soul and body and that feelings of lack, emptiness, and dissatisfaction can be overcome by living purposely for the Lord Jesus Christ.Ω

Abance-Bayating family welcomes new baby girl

Midtown congratulates spouses Maril 'Jhun' & Faith Bayating for the successful delivery of their third child, baby girl LETICIA PATRICE ABANCE BAYATING, named after her two grandmothers. She was delivered through CAESAREAN SECTION at the SLU HOSPITAL OF THE SACRED HEART & MEDICAL CENTER on July 7, 2023. She was born a well baby at 2.88 kg.

A "WELCOME HOME PARTY" to celebrate the Lord's goodness and faithfulness for the newest addition to the family was held right after the TUBA CARE GROUP'S DEVOTIONAL last Tuesday, July 11, 2023. The celebration also included the graduation of Liram Chad Bayating Montes from the Baguio City Science National High School. Moreover, the Care Group including family and guests celebrated the birth anniversaries of July celebrators. All glory and praise to God! Ω

Olidan speaks in 15th anniversary of NLEX

Last Sunday, June 9, 2023, brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as Guest Speaker at the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the NLEX CHURCH OF CHRIST, a congregation that started at the New LUCBAN EXTENSION (NLEX) but now hold their assembly at a rented facility at the Juniper Bldg., Bonifacio St., this city. Brother Felix Olidan and his wife, sister Luz Olidan encouraged the brethren to "NEVER GIVE UP" but to press on to the goal based on Phil. 3:14.Ω

# REJOICING IN THE LORD ALWAYS

Philippians 4:4-7  
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | July 16, 2023

## REJOICING IN THE LORD ALWAYS

Phil. 4:4-7

- REJOICE ALWAYS BY KEEPING IN MIND THAT THE LORD IS COMING SOON
  - Philippians 4:4-5
- REJOICE ALWAYS BY KEEPING IN MIND TO PRESENT EVERYTHING IN PRAYER
  - Philippians 4:6
- REJOICE ALWAYS BY KEEPING IN MIND TO CLAIM THE PEACE OF GOD
  - Philippians 4:7

### I. REJOICE BY KEEPING IN MIND THAT THE LORD IS COMING SOON

Phil. 4:4-5

- SINCE JESUS IS COMING SOON, ALWAYS LIVE WITH JOYFULNESS
  - A command to make things right.
  - It causes us to demonstrate right attitudes, influence others; reflects the Lord's nature.
- SINCE JESUS IS COMING SOON, ALWAYS LIVE WITH UNSELFISHNESS
  - An instruction to make us right.
  - It causes us to think of others more than one's self; reflects the Lord's selflessness.
- SINCE JESUS IS COMING SOON, ALWAYS LIVE WITH ENTHUSIASM
  - A directive to make us prepare right.
  - It causes us to be quick in discharging one's duties; reflects our eagerness for the Lord.

### II. REJOICE BY KEEPING IN MIND TO PRESENT EVERYTHING IN PRAYER

Phil. 4:6

- INSTEAD OF WORRYING, ALWAYS PRAY IN EVERY SITUATION
  - An instruction to give us assurance.
  - It causes us to understand that God is in control over all circumstances.
- INSTEAD OF WORRYING, ALWAYS PRAY FOR EVERY NEED
  - A directive to make us depend on God.
  - It causes us to recognize that the Lord will provide exactly what is best for us.
- INSTEAD OF WORRYING, ALWAYS PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING
  - An order to make us be grateful to God's answers.
  - It causes us to accept the Lord's will or decision for us wholeheartedly.

### III. REJOICE BY KEEPING IN MIND TO CLAIM THE PEACE OF GOD

Phil. 4:7

- WHEN WE TRUST GOD, WE EXPERIENCE PEACE THAT IS BEYOND MAN'S UNDERSTANDING
  - Peace resulting from fully depending on God instead of depending on our own.
  - It causes us to focus on God's wisdom.
- WHEN WE TRUST GOD, WE EXPERIENCE PEACE THAT GUARDS OR WATCHES OVER OUR HEARTS
  - Peace that protects us from deception.
  - It causes us to dwell in God's purposes.
- WHEN WE TRUST GOD, WE EXPERIENCE PEACE THAT GUARDS OR WATCHES OVER OUR MINDS
  - Peace that protects us from confusion.
  - It causes us to think according to God's perspective or point of view.

“ I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. ”

Phil 4:12-13 NIV

### APPLICATION:

- When we keep in mind that Lord is coming soon, we will always end up living joyfully in the Lord.
  - Obeying God's will in all areas of life evidently makes our existence count and meaningful.
  - Putting others first over one's self makes life more enjoyable.
  - Anticipating the Lord's return makes us alive, alert, awake, and enthusiastic.
  - “Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. Phil 2:14-17 NIV

### APPLICATION:

- When we present everything in prayer, we will always end up living joyfully in the Lord.
  - There is no need of worrying about anything — just pray without ceasing so we may enjoy life.
  - There is an honorable way to get away from a stressful situation — just pray for God's wisdom and guidance.
  - There is a way to be contented in this life — just pray with thanksgiving and accept God's decisions.
  - “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” 6 So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” Heb 13:5-6 NIV

### APPLICATION:

- When we keep in mind to claim the peace of God by trusting Him, we will end up living joyfully in the Lord.
  - We don't need to waste time inventing ways to make our lives joyful, we just need to live by God's wisdom.
  - We can escape unnecessary heartaches brought about by living according to our own selfish desires.
  - We can be free from the depressing turmoil and confusions that the world has gotten itself into by patterning our thinking and our lifestyle to God's style.
  - “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will. Rom 12:1-2 NIV

### How can Christians live joyfully in the Lord always?

- REMEMBER, JESUS IS COMING SOON. This should make us obey God's will enthusiastically in all areas of our life which will evidently make our existence count and meaningful.
- REMEMBER, JUST PRAY. There is a way to be contented in this life despite our disappointments — just pray ceaselessly and accept all of God's decisions with thanksgiving.
- REMEMBER, JUST CLAIM GOD'S PEACE. Let us fully trust in the Lord's profound wisdom, purposes, and point of view.

## EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES [VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

### A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 – Introduction to the Bible
- 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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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



## July Celebrators

01 - Melita B. Cados  
03 - Brian B. Colcol  
06 - Joven Domasig  
06 - Kyle Mikael Cordero  
07 - Jonathan B. Ramos Jr.  
07 - Noelle Jane Rhone Barad  
08 - Maricel S. Aguinaldo  
09 - Krystelle Ovidan-Cadiz  
09 - Charles D. Quilonadrino  
10 - Michelle Yang-Oyler  
11 - Arnan A. Bayla  
12 - Jeremy Craig Y. Licupa  
12 - Nida Gabriel  
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14 - Mark Brian Beliaco  
14 - Ruby Suanding  
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15 - Beverly D. Bugtong  
16 - Rosa B. Aquino  
16 - Rochelle Acosta  
16 - Josephine N. Yapyapen  
17 - Solomon Palaypayon  
19 - Jeffrey M. Albay  
19 - Maribel J. Sunggay  
22 - Lady Angela Ramos  
25 - Jan Michael Cirilo  
25 - Corazon Gawe  
25 - Louise Bawas  
27 - Ruth Trinidad  
30 - Nancy Bayla  
30 - Christine G. Guanzon  
31 - Fernando M. Yabut

Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY			
Singing & Prayers <b>LORD'S SUPPER and OFFERING</b> 9:00–9:30	Prayers & <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 9:35–10:25	Singing, Prayers & <b>MESSAGE</b> 10:30–11:10	Greetings & <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> 11:10–11:20
MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS		SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY	
 <b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing &amp; Prayers &amp; MESSAGE: 5:30–6:15</li> <li>• LORD'S SUPPER &amp; GIVING: 6:15–6:30</li> <li>• Greetings &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40</li> </ul>	

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