

Servers Today, July 23, 2023

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

Speaker: Jun Reyes

Song Leader: Gaspar Baldo, Jr.

Invocation: Noel Espinosa

Intercessory Prayer: Romans 8:1-4

Communion Text: Ira Po

Scripture Reading: Sam Quezada

Prayer for the Bread: Jasper Perdigon

Prayer for the Cup: O'Neil Gonzales

Prayer for the Giving: Sol Palaypayon

Closing Prayer: Arnan Bayla

Announcement: Jesse Reuben Bestre

Afternoon Speaker: Jun Reyes

Song Leader: Clarita G. Cachero

To Bring Flowers: C/o Midtown

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 30, 2023

Imitating Apostle Paul (Philippians 4:9)

Speaker: Ezra Valdez

Song Leader: Andy Bestre

Invocation: Greg Kitma

Intercessory Prayer: Dexter Wagang

Communion Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Scripture Reading: Melchi Aquino

Prayer for the Bread: Kajem Kitma

Prayer for the Cup: Kemuel Perdigon

Prayer for the Giving: Chris Oliva

Closing Prayer: Jojo Ramos

Announcement: Andy Bestre

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INFORMER



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VBS kicks off tomorrow; final preps this pm

The most awaited VBS is finally kicking off at the facilities of MIDTOWN and the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER tomorrow, July 24, 2023 @ 8:00 AM. This year's theme, "LEGO BUILD EACH OTHER UP," is a call for everyone to become builders in God's kingdom. It aims to help participants to realize their God-given attributes and identity and how to make use of their gifts to build each other up and thereby realize how God has regarded each one to be His masterpiece (Eph 2:10).

All the YOUNG PEOPLE and YOUNG ADULTS are encouraged to help out in the final preparations this afternoon. Also, Registration Forms are available for signing up today. Thank You!Ω

"For every minute we remain angry, we are giving up sixty seconds of peace of mind."

READ James 1:19-20

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30 participate in ladies devo & fellowship

Thirty ladies actively participated in this month's LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP at Midtown's Hall the other past Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 11AM—2:30PM.

Sister Nelly Bayla discussed "I AM SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST, I CAN BUILD OTHERS UP," Lessons were taken from the life of Moses (Exodus 4).

The THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Dinah Austria, Cristy Tacay, Cel Alvarez, Minda Oliva, Trinidad C. Trinidad, Nelly Bayla, Edith Latonio, Jizza Aquino, Carina Lacaba, Lily Soriano, Vanessa Barad, Luz Espiritu, Maribel Sunggay, Bing Roxas, Beth Salviejo, and Josie Calixtro expressed appreciation for the usual support and involvement of the ladies in these faith-strengthening activities. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

July 16, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....136

YP EEZ.....21

CHILDREN.....19

GUESTS.....8

TOTAL.....182

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....6

GRADES 1-2 .....2

GRADES 3-4.....11

GRADES 5-6.....7

H.S./COL.....20

YAs .....22

TOTAL.....68

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PPh57,589.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON JULY 25, 2023 TO GIVE WAY TO VBS | RESUMES AUGUST 1, 2023

• ASPULAN INTERCONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP— PBC, 18 RIMANDO RD., ON JULY 29, 2023 (SATURDAY) | 7 AM—5 PM | REG FEE: P100 (AGE 12 & UP); P75 (AGE 11 & BELOW)

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— MIDTOWN & BPFLC | JULY 24-28, 2023 @ 8:30 AM—12:30 PM REG FEE: P50

• 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!

Brother Udan officiates in PNP's pabahay turn over

Brother Julius P. Udan, minister serving with the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, served as Officiating Minister in the TURNING OVER CEREMONY of the house built by the PNP Tuba MPS through the agency's "PABAHAY PROGRAM" to its recipient, Mr. Jemerson Dolin. The program was held in Barangay San Pascual, Tuba, Benguet last Thursday morning, July 20, 2023. The program was attended by various officers of the PNP Benguet PPO, Barangay Officials, and by the Tuba Municipal Mayor. Brother Julius Udan directed the assembly in praising the Lord God for this development!Ω

Brother Olidan speaks in hometown congregation

Last Sunday, June 16, 2023, brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as GUEST SPEAKER at the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the BATCHELOR CHURCH OF CHRIST, a congregation in his hometown in Batchelor, Natividad, Pangasinan where most of his siblings actively serve the Lord. Brother Felix Jr. reiterated in his message that EVERY DISCIPLE MUST FINISH THE RACE based on Hebrews 12:1 and Acts 20:24. He and his wife, sister Luz, were warmly welcomed with a LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP at the chapel.Ω

Bayla & Abance speak in Kabuyao seniors' 13th anniv

Brother Aman Bayla served as the DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER in the celebration of the 13th Anniversary of the KABUYAO-LUDING SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION at the Senior Citizens Center located on Mt. Kabuyao, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet the other past Saturday, July 15, 2023. He encouraged the senior citizens to continue "SEEKING AND FOLLOWING, THE BIBLICAL PATTERN OF SALVATION."

Brother Charlie B. Abance, president of the FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF SENIOR CITIZENS in the Municipality of Tuba, was assigned to deliver an INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE to the KABUYAO-LUDING seniors. He reiterated in his message the IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF ABIDING BY THE RULES & REGULATIONS OF ASSOCIATIONS. He also encouraged the seniors to continue supporting the government's mandate as well as the mission and vision of the association.Ω

## LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE

Matthew 13:44-46  
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | July 2, 9, 16, 2023

## LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE

Matthew 13:44-46

- THE INCOMPARABLE VALUE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
  - “Treasure,” “One of great value”
- THE JOY OF FINDING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
  - “In his joy”
- THE COST OF ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
  - “Sold all he had”

### I. THE INCOMPARABLE VALUE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Matthew 13: 44-46

- LIKE A TREASURE AND PRECIOUS PEARL, IT IS OF GREAT VALUE
  - It is Heavenly, not of this earth. Incorruptible, undefiled, and eternal.
  - One must see its quality to value it.
- LIKE A TREASURE AND PRECIOUS PEARL, IT IS MUCH TO BE DESIRED
  - It is soul-satisfying, unlike the temporary satisfaction from earthly treasure.
  - One must see its value to desire it.
- LIKE A TREASURE AND PRECIOUS PEARL, IT IS TO BE PERSONALLY APPROPRIATED
  - It is to be personally allocated for one's use to benefit from it.
  - One must see the value of the Kingdom before one can personally benefit from it.

### II. THE JOY OF FINDING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Matthew 13:44-46

- THERE IS JOY BECAUSE OF THE VALUE OF THE GREAT FIND
  - The Kingdom of Heaven is a great find that naturally brings joy.
  - Be joyful of God's revelations via the word.
- THERE IS JOY BECAUSE OF THE SENSE OF SECURITY OF THE GREAT FIND
  - The Kingdom of Heaven, because of it's nature, brings security to the finder.
  - Be secured in the arms of Jesus Christ.
- THERE IS JOY BECAUSE OF THE SENSE OF GRATITUDE FOR THE GREAT FIND
  - The Kingdom of Heaven, because of it's benefits, makes the finder naturally grateful.
  - Be thankful of grace, providence, benevolence.

### III. THE COST OF ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Matthew 13:44-46

- WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP ONE'S POSSESSIONS TO GAIN ONE OF TRUE VALUE
  - Identify what is of utmost value in life.
  - Being enthusiastic of God's Kingdom makes one see the futility of earthly wealth.
- WILLINGNESS TO EARNESTLY SEEK WHAT IS TRULY OF GREAT VALUE
  - Identify what one must seek first.
  - Being enthusiastic of God's Kingdom makes one know what to truly seek after.
- WILLINGNESS TO PERSONALLY APPROPRIATE ONE'S GREAT FIND
  - Identify the benefits of one's discovery.
  - Being enthusiastic of God's Kingdom makes one realize how to use one's discovery – for personal relationship with God.

“...so that we can live in peace and quietness, spending our time in godly living and thinking much about the Lord. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he longs for all to be saved and to understand this truth: That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving his life for all mankind.”

1 Timothy 2:2-6 TLB

## What are important lessons do we learn from the Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price?

1. Let us recognize the incomparable value of the Kingdom of Heaven. By treasuring everything about the Kingdom of Heaven or the Lord's church, we acknowledge its incomparable value.
2. Let us recognize the joy of finding the Kingdom of Heaven. By serving the church for the Lord's sake, we sustain our joy of having found the Lord's Kingdom.
3. Let us recognize the cost of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. By seeking first the Kingdom of God, we are willing to love God more than anyone and anything in this world.

## 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
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

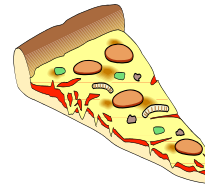
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



## 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 Oildan-Cadiz  
09 - Charles D. Quilondrino  
10 - Michelle Yang-Oyler  
11 - Arnan A. Bayla  
12 - Jeremy Craig Y. Licupa  
12 - Nida Gabriel  
14 - Rossana B. Andaya  
14 - Jesse Reuben Bestre  
14 - Mark Brian Beliaco  
14 - Ruby Suanding  
15 - Diane B. Colcol  
15 - Jocelyn A. Calixtro  
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  
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 & GIFTS: 6:15–6:30  
• Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40



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