

Servers Today, 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
Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ
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: ANGELA RAMOS
Worship Coordinator: JESSE BESTRE | 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 August 6, 2023

Living With Contentment
(Phil. 4:10-14)

Speaker: JOHNNY PAYANGDO
Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA
Invocation: DODOY SAMEON
Intercessory Prayer: LEMUEL GLORI
Communion Text: MATTHEW 26:26-30
Scripture Reading: ALTON BAYLA
Prayer for the Bread: DANTE BADDAS
Prayer for the Cup: RICHARD BESTRE
Prayer for the Giving: DONNEL GONZALES
Closing Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA
Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
Afternoon Speaker: JOHNNY PAYANGDO
Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA
To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
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INFORMER



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NLR delegates return from Negros Occidental

Midtown’s delegates to the 45TH NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT held at NATURE’S VILLAGE RESORT in Talisay City, Negros Occidental on July 18-21, 2023 have returned to the city the other past Saturday, July 22, refreshed spiritually and bringing home rich lessons and experiences. The participants include sisters Ruth Camora, Gracelynn Abance, Angie Linggon, Jovy Mabesa, Luz Olidan, Keshia Oliva, Cel Alvarez, Evelyn Ignacio, Josie Baban, Dinah Austria, Marlene Samonte, Lady Angela Ramos, Alice Lalas, Minda Oliva, Jane Bestre, Ruth Trinidad, Iza Peralta, Maureen Soriano, Beth Sevilla, Lou Villanueva, Janet Ramos, Clarita Cachero, and Hannah Ignacio.

The ladies of the BACOLOD CHURCH OF CHRIST, host of the event appreciated the usual active participation of Midtown that bagged the award as BIGGEST DELEGATION among over 250 participants representing 54 congregations around the country.

The Kidapawan congregation in North Cotabato will host the event next year. Midtown is slated to host the same in 2028, Lord willing. Midtown’s ladies expressed appreciation for Midtown’s all-out support for them to attend the 45th NLR. To God be all glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Midtown's minister is STI's baccalaureate speaker

At the recommendation of sister Rosa ‘Lulu’ Bondoc, Assistant Principal of the STI Senior High School, brother Arnan Bayla served as the INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER in the BACCALAUREATE SERVICE of the STI COLLEGE—BAGUIO at the Baguio Convention Center, Gov. Pack Road, this city last Tuesday morning, July 25, 2023. He encouraged over two hundred graduating College and High School students “To EMBRACE WITHOUT FEAR THE NEXT PHASE OF LIFE BY BEING DEDICATED IN SERVING” based on Colossians 3:23-24. He also enjoined the GRADUATING CLASS in a declaration of a resolution To be DEDICATED in SERVING GOD and OTHERS, in TRAINING ONESELF and OTHERS, and in INSPIRING ALL OTHERS. All praises to God Almighty!Ω

"Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate."

READ Hebrews 13:7

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Egay interrupts VBS; resumes tomorrow

Due to the inclement weather caused by Tropical Cyclone Egay, Days 3,4,5 of the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was suspended last week. The same will resume July 31—August 2, 2023 (MTW).

Lord willing, a 2-day VBS in Digdigwayan, Tuba will immediately push through on August 3&4 (Th &F). There are more than a dozen children in the neighborhood who will benefit from the VBS Outreach.Ω

Midtown consoles bereaved Ramirez family

Last Monday evening, July 24, 2023, Midtown brethren conducted a DEVOTIONAL SERVICE at the La Funeraria Paz Memorial Chapel to comfort the bereaved family of the late Mrs. Regina Ballen Ramirez, good neighbor of the Rojos, Palaypayons, and the Baylas on Tamangan-Cutay Road, Irisan, this city. She passed away at 97 years old.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as the DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER while brother Andy Bestre led the community singing.

The bereaved family expressed appreciation for the singing, message, and warmth of the brethren. To God be the glory!Ω

FCG celebrates with Trinidad turning 75

Brethren, mostly from the MIDTOWN HALL FRIDAY CARE GROUP, celebrated with the Glori-Trinidad family the 75th birth anniversary of sister Ruth Leño—Glori-Trinidad at the VENUS PARK VIEW HOTEL last Friday evening, July 28, 2023.

Sister Ruth Glori Trinidad expressed her gratitude for the opportunity of being able to serve the Lord’s church at Midtown. She prays she will be able to make use of her life in helping others RAISE UP THEIR HANDS in praising the Lord God Almighty who alone shall be glorified! Amen!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD
July 23, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....6
GRADES 1-22
GRADES 3-4.....11
GRADES 5-6.....7
H.S./COL.....20
YAs22
TOTAL.....68

ADULTS.....133
YPEEZ.....21
CHILDREN.....25
GUESTS.....6
TOTAL.....183

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP48,310.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON AUGUST 1, 2023 TO GIVE WAY TO VBS | RESUMES AUGUST 8, 2023

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — RESUMES JULY 31—AUGUST 2, 2023 (MTW) @ 8:00 AM—12:30 PM.

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OUTREACH— BUGTONG—ARONZA RESIDENCE IN DIGDIGWAYAN, TUBA | AUGUST 3—4, 2023 (THURSDAY & FRIDAY) @ 8:30 AM—12:30 PM.

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

• 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!

• P R A Y E R L I S T •		
FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:	*RAFAEL OZO *ELLA GAROY *ALLAN PATRICK AKIA *LORENZA LOSNONG *ERNIE ORDUÑA *FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE	SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT *ON-GOING SEEKERS’ BS *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL
	REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *ARIAN KAITH IGROY *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *CANDICE LEE *OLIVIA PEACOCK *MARIFE SALVIEJO *DIANA TAGUIBA *MICHAEL TRINIDAD	OTHER CONCERNS Safe Pregnancy: *DYANE ERIN P. SIMON *RAQUEL MAGALONG -SAGULO
		SAFE TRAVEL: *ERNIE & LETTY WAGANG (EUROPE)

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

"Train Up a Child"

Lewis G. Hale

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). This is a very familiar scripture and is often used to prove that some parents failed in their duty when some of their offspring goes astray. Misconduct of a child may mean that a parent has failed in duty, but not always. The general rule is that we do not depart from our training. Any other result must be regarded as exceptional.

Parents must not discount the value of early training. Many parents excuse the lack of such molding by claiming the child is too young for it. Of course, they brag about how smart their children are, and at the same time protest they are too young to be trained in right conduct! A child can be very cute while misbehaving. He may be young, but he picks up on it quickly when the parent or grandparent cannot conceal his amusement at such

capers. He may not yet have learned to talk or walk, but he reads your "body language" quite well.

Our children are not computers that can be programed, with the output as a foregone conclusion. God allows us to make choices, good or bad. Sadly, we are very wilful and often make bad choices.

Most of us see the words, "When he is old, he will not depart from it", but overlook the stipulation "train". Many parents do a lot of talking and little training. We must tell children what they need to know. But, we must do more. We need to provide experiences which put into practice what we tell them. They need to be trained to act right and also trained to feel right. When our correct knowledge and our emotions run parallel, we will do right.

Let's train our children. †

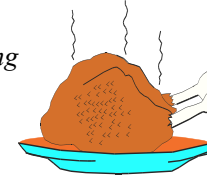
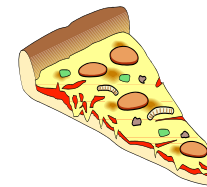
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



August Celebrators

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
01 - Lorena Ariston-Baban
02 - Aubrey Abance-Flores
03 - Pia Guelles
04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa
04 - Kendall Alvarez
07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.
08 - Melina Igoy
08 - Belen A. Navalta
10 - Sarah M. Sameon
10 - Janet K. Perdigon
11 - Manolo A. Bayla
12 - Fely R. Rojo
15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin
15 - Jacob U. Donato
16 - Llon Baddas-Manalo
16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia
20 - Norma B. Abance
20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew
23 - Anthony R. Wagang
23 - James Kevin O. Cadiz
24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.
25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio
26 - Keshia Kitma-Oliva
26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane
27 - Jill B. Cados-Bugnow
28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
31 - Rodeliza Q. Enecillo



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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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