

Servers Today, July 9, 2023

Making Peace with One Another (Phil. 4:1-3)

Speaker: JOHNNY PAYANGDO

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Giving: DAN-GIL GERON

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JOHNNY PAYANGDO

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA G. CATCHERO

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 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

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BPFLC graduates celebrate with thanksgiving & retreat

Elementary graduates of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER together with the Administration, faculty, staff, and the parents & guardians of the graduates celebrated their victory at the RIVerview WATERPARK RESORT last Monday, July 3, 2023. The celebration kicked off with a Spiritual Retreat in the morning. Brother Arnan Bayla, spearheaded the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL in which he guided the graduates to “ENDURE LIKE SOLDIERS OF CHRIST” based on 2 Timothy 2:3-5. The participants were able to learn to BRAVELY face hardships, PATIENTLY discharge duties, FAITHFULLY obey commands, LOVINGLY serve others, and to COLLABORATIVELY please the Commander.

The graduates also recited a “RESOLUTION TO SERVE THE LORD AND TO LIVE RESPONSIBLY LIKE A SOLDIER OF CHRIST.” This they declared in the presence of their parents, guardians, and the BPFLC Administration, Faculty, and Staff. Glory to God!Ω

Olidan speaks in newest congregation in city

Last Sunday, brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as Sermon Speaker at the UPPER SESSION ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST, a newly formed congregation by former members of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST. Several of the members used to be active members of the congregation in Wanchai, Hong Kong where brother Felix and family served for fifteen (15) years. The new congregation meet in a rented facility near the Casa Vallejo Hotel.

Earlier, brother Olidan served as the facilitator for the Bible Study during the JOINT WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP of the Nangalisan congregation at the RIVerview WATERPARK the other past Sunday, June 25. Brother Ezra Valdez served as the Sermon Speaker in which he discussed “EMULATING THE COURAGE OF EPHRODITUS” while brother Felix discussed “NEVER GIVE UP” challenging the brethren to be courageous in preaching the gospel and to remain faithful. All glory to God!Ω

"Peace is not something we wish for. It is something we make, something we are, something we do, and something we give away."

READ Hebrews 12:14-15

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RNHS survey & evaluation generally positive

Brother Ezra Valdez recently released the results of the SURVEY & EVALUATION of the SPIRITUAL & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT course administered at the ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (RNHS). Overall, the data indicate that the course received positive feedback from the GRADES 7-10 STUDENTS. The course content was considered relevant to their needs and applicable to their lives. The teaching style and instructors' knowledge were well-received, leading to a strong recommendation for the course. Said course appears to have positively impacted the students' spiritual growth, character development, and their understanding of key traits necessary for personal and interpersonal growth. Both the course and the efforts of the teachers were recognized and appreciated, with several students expressing gratitude for the lessons and their impact on their relationship with God.

It is the prayer of this congregation that the ministry will continue next School Year. May the Lord God Almighty be praised!Ω

Bayla speaks in senior citizen's 13th anniversary

Brother Arnan Bayla served as the Devotional Speaker in the celebration of the 13th Foundation Anniversary of the TUBA POBLACION PROPER SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION the other past Saturday, July 1, 2023. He encouraged the senior citizens to continue “BEING DEDICATED IN SERVING.” The officers and members led by brother Charlie Abance and sister Josie Selmo expressed appreciation for the timely message.

Earlier, brother Arnan served as speaker in a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL in celebration of the birth anniversaries of sisters Luz Olidan & Martha Olidan and brother Kai Olidan at the OLIDAN RESIDENCE in Bakakeng Norte, this city last June 27th.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

July 2, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....140	PRESCHOOL.....10
YP EEZ.....27	GRADES 1-24
CHILDREN.....31	GRADES 3-4.....11
GUESTS.....8	GRADES 5-6.....12
	H.S./COL.....17
TOTAL.....206	YAs22
	TOTAL.....76

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP55,269.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

*DONNA GERON

*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*DAN SAMEON

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

*DITH ZAMORA

*TESS KITMA

*LOIDA BADDAS

*BERNARD IGNACIO

*JONATHAN ENERVA

*MARYANN VALDEZ

*CESAR ACOSTA

*JOCelyn CALIXTRO

*JOVITA “BETH” BONDOC

*FLORENCE MAGALONG

*RAFAEL OZO

*ELLA GAROY

*ALLAN PATRICK AKIA

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNIE ORDUÑA

*FLORA CAMPOAS

*CLYDE ABANCE

*MELBA LICUPA

*RUTH TRINIDAD

*NIDA GABRIEL

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*ARIAN KAITH IGOY

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*PURIFICACION PACA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*CANDICE LEE

*OLIVIA PEACOCK

*MARIFE SALVIEJO

*DIANA TAGIBA

*MICHAEL TRINIDAD

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT

*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS

*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS

*RNHS OUTREACH MINISTRY

*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

OTHER CONCERNS

Safe Pregnancy:

*DYANE ERIN P. SIMON

SAFE TRAVEL:

*RUTH TRINIDAD (USA)

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON JULY 11, 2023 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— ON JULY 15, 2023 | 11:30 AM—2:30 PM
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— MIDTOWN & BPFLC | JULY 24-28, 2023 @ 8:30 AM—12:30 PM REG FEE: P50
- VBS PROPS PREPARATION—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERYDAY EXCEPT TUESDAY @ 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 | 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!

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT & WEEDS, THE MUSTARD SEED, AND THE LEAVEN

Matthew 13:24-43
ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | JUNE 11, 18, 25, 2023 AM

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT & WEEDS, MUSTARD SEED, AND LEAVEN

Matthew 13:24-43

- BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE FALSE CHRISTIANS
 - Matthew 13:24-33; 37-43
- BE AWARE THAT THERE IS FALSE GROWTH
 - Matthew 13:31-32
- BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE FALSE DOCTRINES
 - Matthew 13:33-43

APPLICATION:

1. What should we be aware of if we are to remain faithful and be safe on the Judgment Day?
 - We must beware of Satan's counterfeits. He has counterfeit Christians (2 Cor 11:26) who believe a counterfeit Gospel (Gal 1:6-9). He encourages a counterfeit righteousness (Rom 10:1-3), and even has a counterfeit church (Rev 2:9). At the end of the age, he will produce a counterfeit Christ (2 Thess 2:1-12).
 - We must stay awake to make sure that Satan's ministers do not get into the true fellowship and do damage (2 Peter 2; 1 John 4:16). It is when God's people go to sleep that Satan works. Our task is not to pull up the false, but to plant the true.
 - We must deal with our own hypocrisy (Gal 2:13; 1Pe 2:1)

APPLICATION:

2. What should we be aware of in order to avoid being deceived by false growth?
 - We must beware that not all growth is beneficial, advantageous, or positive. Let us not force spiritual growth and church growth. Let us remember that it is the Lord who gives the increase after we have done what we ought to do (1 Cor 3:6)
 - We must beware of what impresses us. Man looks at outward appearance but God looks at the heart (1 Sam 16:7). Not all growth should impress us.
 - We must focus on the real growth God demands from us (1 Thess 3:12; 2 Cor 9:10-14, 2 Peter 1:5-8).

APPLICATION:

3. What should we be aware of in order to avoid being influenced by false doctrines?
 - We must beware of legalistic teachings posing as a way to righteousness (Matt 16:12; 23:13-29). Let us be careful of the human tendency to follow the world's standards and of seeking the approval of the world (1 John 2:15-17)
 - We must beware of subscribing to popular beliefs (Col 2:8). Let us subject every teaching under scrutiny, lest we promote what is false.
 - We must beware of tolerating seemingly insignificant errors, lest they significantly affect the purity of our Biblical beliefs.

What are Important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Weeds, Mustard Seed, and Yeast?

1. Let us recognize and be warned that there are false Christians as well as pseudo-Christian "churches."
2. Let us recognize and be warned that there is false growth which may be applied to false spiritual growth and false church growth.
3. Let us recognize and be warned that there are false doctrines that lead people away from the truth. Be warned too that there are false teachers who are used by Satan to make believers go astray.

“ 24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect — if that were possible. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. Matthew 24:24-25 NIV ”

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- 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

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- 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?

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- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
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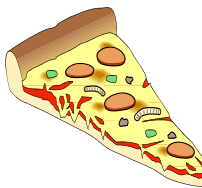
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



July Celebrators

- 01 - Melita B. Cados
- 03 - Brian B. Colcol
- 06 - Joven Domasig
- 06 - Kyle Mikael Cordero
- 07 - Jonathan B. Ramos Jr.
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- 09 - Krystelle Oldan-Cadiz
- 09 - Charles D. Quilondrino
- 10 - Michelle Yang-Oyler
- 11 - Arnan A. Bayla
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- 14 - Rossana B. Andaya
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- 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
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MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

6:00-8:00 PM	• 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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