

Servers Today, August 27, 2023

Everything is Meaningless
(Ecclesiastes 1:1-11)

Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Afternoon Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

ARNAN BAYLA

JULIUS ROJO

JUNE REYES

HEBREWS 9:9-15

IRA PO

SAM QUEZADA

JASPER PERDIGON

O'NIEL GONZALES

CHARLIE ABANCE

ARNAN BAYLA

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

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CLARITA G. CATCHERO

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VOLUNTEERS

Communion:

Worship Coordinator:

JANE BESTRE

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 September 3, 2023

Vain Pursuit 1: Worldly Wisdom
(Ecclesiastes 1:12-18)

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INFORMER



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24 children participate in Lasilas VBS Outreach

The VBS-OUTREACH TEAM composed of brothers Ezra Valdez, Jesse Bestre, Janriel Abance, Melchi Aquino, Keshia Oliva, Angela Ramos, and Pearl Difortun were able to serve twenty-four children in Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba for a 2-day Vacation Bible School. Most of the children were gathered from the neighborhood. All the children enjoyed the VBS and they look forward to next year's VBS, Lord willing.

The Lasilas women led by sister Bernadeth Ambi prepared the snacks and meals for the participants and for the VBS Crew.

Brother Julius Udan, minister serving the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, facilitated the CLOSING DEVOTIONAL in which he reiterated the responsibilities of parents to train up their children in the Lord's way based on Proverbs 22:6. He also encouraged them to train their children in collaboration with other stakeholders such as the church, school, and the community for *"it takes a whole tribe to raise up a child,"* he says. He also thanked the parents for allowing their children to attend the VBS held at the AMBI RESIDENCE.

The children were presented with their CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION and with their special awards. The teachers were presented with CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION from Midtown's Education Ministry. Toys sponsored by the Family Life Center were also given away. Praises to God!Ω

"There is a void in our hearts that only God can fill. When life becomes meaningless, it's because we've been filling it with anything but Him."

READ Ecclesiastes 3:11-14

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Three seekers baptized in Bokod, Benguet

Brother Jonathan A. Ramos reported lately that three seekers were baptized into Christ in Bokod last month and this month. NOREEN MANGAGID DUGAYSAN, born November 20, 2005, and JAMBY MANGAGID DUGAYSAN, born July 27, 2010 were both born again last August 13, 2023. They were baptized by their father, brother Jose Dugaysan, at the Bokod River right after the Morning Worship Assembly.

Earlier, on July 23, 2023, brother James Biadno baptized into Christ OPLE KISO DUGAYSAN, born May 5, 1972, after having studied the Seekers Lessons. The new disciples are actively serving the Lord with the BOKOD CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Meanwhile, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos continue to visit the Bokod congregations whenever possible to encourage them in their endeavors in preaching the pure gospel of Christ in the area. It is the prayer of the congregation to find a full-time preacher to serve in Bokod. Kindly include this matter in prayers. All praises to the Lord God!Ω

21 widows attend NAOMI fellowship

Twenty-one (21) widows coming from the Baguio—Benguet area participated in the NAOMI FELLOWSHIP OF WIDOWS held at the HOTEL LAFAYETTE located at Loakan Rd., corner Military Cut-Off Rd., last Sunday afternoon, August 20, 2023.

Those who made it from Midtown include sisters Ruth Trinidad, Josie Selmo, Lorigrace Austria, Carina Lacaba, Beth Sevilla, Lily Soriano, Norma Aping, Dinah Austria, Nancy Bayla, and Trinidad C. Trinidad. Two care givers, Edith Vatonio and Maureen Soriano, joined the 10 Carers in assisting the widows.

Sister Rebecca Ciencia—Celera sponsored the fellowship together with a number of Widow Carers. To God be the glory!Ω

Trinidad speaks in Upper congregation's ladies class

At the invitation of the LADIES CLASS of the UPPER SESSION ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST, sister Ruth Glori—Trinidad served as their DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER last Wednesday afternoon, August 23, 2023. She discussed on the topic, "BEING PREPARED FOR THE WORK OF THE LORD." She underscored the importance of feeding on the Word of God as *"craving for pure spiritual milk"* (1Peter 2:2).

A good number of ladies actively participated in the devotional and many of them expressed their appreciation to sister Ruth's lessons. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

August 20, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

ADULTS.....155

YPEEZ.....29

CHILDREN.....32

GUESTS.....6

TOTAL.....223

GRADES 1-24

GRADES 3-4.....11

GRADES 5-6.....5

H.S./COL.....22

YAs20

TOTAL.....77

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP52,974.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—ON AUGUST 29, 2023 (5TH TUESDAY) | RESUMES SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

• EVERYONE (ADULTS & CHILDREN) ADVISED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES WRITTEN ON THE ATTENDANCE LOG—FOR AN ACCURATE CHECKING OF ATTENDANCE. THANK YOU!

• SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVING-UP — TODAY, AUG. 27, 2023 @ 9:30—10:25 AM.

• BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP— AT THE MEETING PLACE OF THE NLEX CHURCH OF CHRIST, JUNIPER BLDG., BONIFACIO ST. | MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 1:00—5:00 PM

• 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!

BIBLE QUESTIONS

Born a Sinner?



Mike Benson

Question: “Is a child born a sinner, or is he pure and clean until he comes to know right from wrong?”

Answer: I appreciate this question. Many today believe babies are born in sin. Carefully study the following:

1. Sin is a violation of God’s will.

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4). “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death” (James 1:14). “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23; cf. Psalm 14:3; 1 John 5:17; Romans 14:23).

2. Sin cannot be inherited from one’s parents. “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness

of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself” (Ezekiel 18:20).

If a husband runs a red light he has transgressed the law, but **neither his wife nor his children will be held accountable** for his violation of the law. Sin is an act of *an individual*, and the individual is held accountable (2 Corinthians 5:10).

3. A child is sinless and therefore “safe”. He is safe because he has no sins from which to be saved. If children were born *in* sin, Jesus would have never held them up as examples of purity and humility. “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3).

Was Jesus telling us to become like sinners? ☩

Mike Benson is a Gospel preacher living in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, USA.

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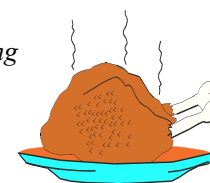
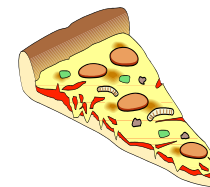
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



August Celebrators

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
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26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane
27 - Jill B. Cados-Bugnay
28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
29 - Jacinth K. Perdigon
31 - Rodeliza Q. Enecillo



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 & GIVING: 6:15–6:30
• Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40

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