

Servers Today, 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: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes VOLUNTEERS

Communion: JANE BESTRE

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 August 13, 2023

Giving and Receiving in the Lord (Phil 4:15-20)

Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-26

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: CHARLIE ABANCE

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

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INFORMER



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Over 150 attend VBS; concluded last Wednesday

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO children and young people participated in this year's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) dubbed "LEGO: BUILD EACH OTHER UP!" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Despite of the inclement weather, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the children in attending the VBS. Many of the participants never had a VBS experience in the past and were in awe of the exposure to a fun way of learning Bible lessons. On the other hand, parents and guardians have expressed much appreciation for the wonderful learning experience their children had in the well-prepared and well-executed VBS which was concluded last Wednesday, August 2. Brothers Alton Mark Bayla and Kajem Kitma, VBS DIRECTORS, express thanks to the congregation for the all-out support. See related story on page 2.Ω

Inclement weather postpones Digdigwayan VBS

Due to the prevailing inclement weather, the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) at Digdigwayan, Tuba supposedly on August 3 & 4, 2023 had to be postponed and moved to August 9 & 10, 2023 (Wednesday and Thursday) at 8:30 AM—12:00 PM. Lord willing, the weather will permit this outreach activity this week.

There are over a dozen children in the area who are expecting for the VBS which will be held at the BUGTONG-ARONZA RESIDENCE in Digdigwayan.Ω

Ladies devo & luncheon fellowship this Sunday

The THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP together with those who attended the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP last July 15, 2023, agreed that this month's activity will be held on a Sunday in order to accommodate other ladies who could not attend the Saturday meetings. In line with this, this month's ladies devotional will be on Sunday, August 13th, right after the morning worship assembly. All ladies are encouraged to plan in attending this coming Sunday's activity.Ω

"True contentment is not having everything, but in being satisfied with everything we have."

READ 1 Timothy 6:6-10

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Midtown's minister serves as BS facilitator in HK

While on a tour in Hong Kong, brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, one of Midtown's ministers, served as facilitator for the ADULTS BIBLE CLASS at the WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST on July 16, 2023. He facilitated discussions on "JESUS' CONVERSATION WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN" based on John 4. He underscored in his presentation that our society and relationships are not permanently broken and can be restored by reaching out to others whoever they are and whatever state they are in. Brother Raj Buo, current minister serving with the Wanchai congregation appreciated his involvement that Sunday.

Last Sunday, July 30, 2023, brother Jesse Bestre also served as Sermon Speaker in the JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP of the Nangalisan congregation at the Riverview Waterpark. He was accompanied by brother Johnny Payangdo, and sisters Jizza Mae Aquino & Riza Alegrid. He discussed "FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE" based on 1 Thessalonians 3. He encouraged the brethren to have their love overflow to one another and to others. Glory to God!Ω

Brethren joins 85th bday celebration in Tamangan

A good number of Midtown brethren joined the Bayla family in celebrating the 85TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY of sister Nancy Aoas— Bayla at her residence on Tamangan Road, Tadiangan, Tuba last Sunday afternoon, July 30, 2023. Brother Arnan Bayla facilitated a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE with a message based on Psalm 71:18. Brother Felix Olidan Jr. led the Prayer of Thanksgiving right before the LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP.

Sister Nancy Bayla expressed appreciation for the presence of loving brethren and her faithful friends who expressed their messages of appreciation and endearment. All praises to the Creator and Sustainer of Life!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
July 30, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....6
ADULTS.....120	GRADES 1-2 .....4
YPPEZ.....15	GRADES 3-4.....10
CHILDREN.....25	GRADES 5-6.....5
GUESTS.....4	H.S./COL.....15
TOTAL.....164	YAs .....15
	TOTAL.....55

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP46,930.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM— ON AUGUST 8, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM |EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OUTREACH— BUGTONG—ARONZA RESIDENCE IN DIGDIGWAYAN, TUBA | AUGUST 9—10, 2023 (WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY) @ 8:30 AM—12:30 PM .

• MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP—ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM C/O THE 3RD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP

• 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!

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## VBS directors and youth minister thank volunteers

This year's VBS DIRECTORS, brothers Alton Mark D. Bayla and Kajem W. Kitma, together with Midtown's YOUTH MINISTER, brother Ezra Valdez, express appreciation to all the volunteers involved in the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) who contributed their TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES from the very start of the VBS planning sessions on April 30, 2023 followed by the daily preparations that run until it kicked off on July 24, 2023, and the execution of the game plan until it concluded with a Graduation activity on August 2, 2023. Big thanks also to all those who stayed behind to clean up, fix up, and put things back to its usual order. Many thanks to the teachers, counselors, and other volunteers as follows:

### TEACHERS:

•BIBLE STORY CENTER: Jasper Perdigon, Kemuel Perdigon, Melchi Aquino

•LIFE APPLICATION CENTER: Arnan Bayla, Nelly Bayla

•ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER: Maureen Soriano, Shauli Kitma, Klarissa Glori, Chloe Zamora;

•MUSIC & GAMES CENTER: Aldian Po, Andrew Dumawa, Luke Cabuenas, Angela Ramos;

•HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Ezra Valdez, Jesse Bestre, Janriel Abance;

### COUNSELORS:

•PRESCHOOL CLASS (JUNIOR BUILDERS): Kate Dereje, Alexis Sunggay, Lougai Fermin, Abe Linggon, Ira Po

•GRADES 1&2 CLASS (BRICK LAYERS): Allison Gapungli, Gail Matubis, Siris Payangdo, Vanessa Acosta, Pearl Difortun, Clare, Ella

•GRADES 3&4 CLASS (LEGO ARCHITECTS): Jacinth Perdigon, Laisha Montes, Jumellea Aolas, Ozara Sison, Dylan Luis, Shaira Andaya

•GRADES 5&6 CLASS (LEGO INNOVATORS): Liram Chad Montes, Raiza Andaya

•HIGH SCHOOL CLASS (MASTER CONSTRUCTORS): Johnny Payangdo, NJ Barad

### SNACKS CENTER:

Vangie Glori, Dith Zamora, Me-an Gonzales, Rowena Quezada, Luz Olidan, Felix Olidan, Maribel Sunggay, Lemuel Glori, Felicissima Flores, Lou Villanueva, Rachel Ann Torres, Sheema Valdez, Cot Espinosa, Bing Buendia

### REGISTRATION:

Charis Grace Bayla, Kesha Oliva;

### DOCUMENTATION:

Charis Bayla, Gracelynn Abance, Riza Alegrid

GATE KEEPER: Kana Valdez

RUNNER: JT Badecao Ω

## Donors appreciated for their generosity

As has been the usual practice, provisions for the VBS PREPARATION CREW are personally sponsored by members of the congregation. Naturally, the first ones to have been built up in the building up of the VBS props, backdrop, and settings are the VBS CREW who have been well energized by generous servings of provisions. Thanks to all those who donated cash, cooked meals, and prepared snacks for the VBS Crew.

May the Lord of all blessings continue to enrich you in all things good for his glory, praise, and honor!Ω

## BPFLC pupils top enrolment in VBS 2023

Total enrolment for the VBS 2023 registered One Hundred Fifty Two (152). Forty-nine Percent (49%) of the enrollees are pupils of BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC). Twenty-three Percent (23%) are children from the MIDTOWN CONGREGATION, and Twenty-eight Percent (28%) are from OTHER CONGREGATIONS AND FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Enrolment composition in the VBS 2023 are as follows:

- PRESCHOOL CLASS (JUNIOR BUILDERS): 24
- GRADES 1&2 CLASS (BRICK LAYERS): 34
- GRADES 3&4 CLASS (LEGO ARCHITECTS): 33
- GRADES 5&6 CLASS (LEGO INNOVATORS): 31
- HIGH SCHOOL (MASTER CONSTRUCTORS): 30

## BPFLC pupils help out in VBS preparation

In the tasking preparations for the VBS 2023, pupils from the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER helped out in various capacities like in cutting out brick models and in painting them. Appreciation for their efforts and untiring help are herein mentioned. Thanks much to Shawnelle Jemenez, GM Castillo, Jed Galingan, Sherman Bestre, Haseo Walt Dalang, Madison Mondares, Eloisha Mappang, Aera Martin, Jedaiah Licdan, Arguz Gonzales, Charles Nagen, Jimuelle Patao, Liam Salud, Thomas Villaruz, Hanna Centeno, Lara Montes, Thirday Bayating, and others.

The VBS Crew thanks the administration and staff of BPFLC for helping out in the printing of most materials such as the songbooks, ID Cards, certificates, Award Cards, and Lesson handouts. All glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

## 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 :

Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470

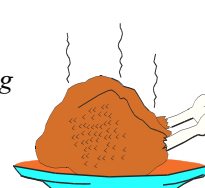
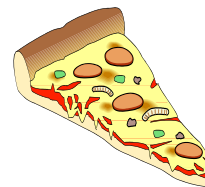
Andy Bestre @ 0916-343-8539

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 (dec)
- 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 - Llona 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 - Kesha Kitma-Oliva
- 26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane
- 27 - Jill B. Cados-Bugnay
- 28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
- 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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