

Servers Today, September 10, 2023

The Vain Pursuit of Wealth  
(Ecclesiastes 2:1-11)

Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWÉ

Song Leader: JUN REYES

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: DAN-GIL GERON

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7

Scripture Reading: GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Prayer for the Bread: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Cup: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: JERRY MARTIN

Closing Prayer: JESSE BESTRE

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWÉ

Song Leader: JUN REYES

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA G. CATCHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS

Communion: LADY 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 September 17, 2023

The Vain Pursuit of Walking Wisely  
(Ecclesiastes 2:12-17)

Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

Invocation: GREG KITMA

Intercessory Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4

Scripture Reading: IRA PO

Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Cup: O'NIEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: CHRIS OLIVA

Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS

Communion: LADY ANGELA RAMOS

Worship Coordinator: JESSE BESTRE | ART TACAY

### MARCH for Christ proposes medical mission in La Union

The MEDICAL ACTION FOR RELIEF, COUNSELLING, AND HEALING (MARCH) FOR CHRIST, a ministry of compassion and benevolence of the CHURCHES OF CHRIST in the Philippines has recently proposed a small-scale medical—dental—optical—spiritual mission in La Union before the year ends. Brother Luis ‘Chito’ Cusi, current president of MARCH and the officers of the said ministry have proposed that clinics will be held in Luna, La Union and other nearby barangays. Most of the mission participants will be coming from the Baguio-Benguet area.

Said mission aims to serve more or less 500 patients per clinic day and to benefit the members of the church in the area and the general public.

Initial preparation and courtesy calls to municipal and barangay officials are under way. Brother Felix Olidan Jr. will be making initial arrangements with the church leaders in La Union about this proposal.

Kindly include this matter in your prayers. All praises to Lord God Almighty!Ω

### Foreign ministers attend Tuesday church forum

Brother Dave Chan, minister serving with the GEYLANG CHURCH OF CHRIST, Singapore and brother Chong Fatt Ong, minister serving with the PETALING JAYA CHURCH OF CHRIST in Malaysia were in the city last week visiting and helping out in various ministries in different congregations in the area. While here, they requested brother Shemer Sameon to accompany them in visiting the Midtown congregation last Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in time with the meeting of the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM. They expressed appreciation for the encouragement they experienced having realized the advantages and benefits of a regular meeting of servant-leaders of a congregation like what they have seen in Midtown’s Tuesday Church Forum.

Midtown brethren likewise expressed appreciation for their presence and for affirming the ministries at Midtown. All praises and glory to God!Ω

"Hold material goods and wealth on a flat palm, and not in a clenched fist."

READ 1 Samuel 2:6-9

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### MRN and Ramos conducts coaching workshop online

Brothers Jay Jarboe and Jojo Ramos, both ASSOCIATE CERTIFIED COACH (ACC) with the INTERNATIONAL COACHING FEDERATION (ICF) serve as trainers for the COACHING WORKSHOP FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS through Zoom Conferencing Online on September 4th,5th,7th and 11th, 12th,14th, 2023. At present, there are 24 participants known as emerging leaders from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Midtown representatives include brothers Melchi Aquino and Johnny Payangdo, and sister Jizza Mae Aquino.

Participants are learning skills in mentoring and in coaching. At the end of the session, the participants are expected to have developed the skills in Active Listening, Asking Powerful Questions, Generating Feedback, Designing Action Steps/Goals, Following Up and Creating Accountability for these action steps, and many more skills in coaching and mentoring. All praises to the Lord God for the opportunity!Ω

### Couples care group grow spiritually with Olidans

Spouses Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Gil & Diana Geron, Eric & Jing Sacayanan together with brother Dan-gil Geron, sister Donna-gee Geron, and sister Lulu Bondoc gathered for the COUPLES CARE GROUP at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday evening, September 2, 2023. Brother Felix Olidan Jr served as speaker in the DEVOTIONAL in which he discussed “GROWING SPIRITUALLY AS A COUPLE” based on various Biblical references. He also encouraged the couples to “make daily efforts at negotiating differences, celebrating successes, and sacrificing selfish desires for the “us” that is gradually becoming as they learn more about and lean onto God.” Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD  
September 3, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....5
ADULTS.....145	GRADES 1-2 .....6
YP EEZ.....21	GRADES 3-4.....7
CHILDREN.....21	GRADES 5-6.....4
GUESTS.....4	H.S./COL.....16
TOTAL.....191	YAs .....15
	TOTAL.....54

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP53,998.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

• MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP — SATURDAY, SEP. 16, 2023 @ 11:30 AM—2:30 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!

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE UNWORTHY SERVANT

Luke 17:7-10

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | AUG 13- SEP 3, 2023 AM

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE UNWORTHY SERVANT

Luke 17:7-10

- THE RIGHTFUL OBLIGATIONS OF A TRUE SERVANT
  - Luke 17:7-8
- THE RIGHTFUL EXPECTATION OF A TRUE SERVANT
  - Luke 17:8-9
- THE RIGHTFUL ATTITUDE OF A TRUE SERVANT
  - Luke 17:10

APPLICATION:

1. How can we improve in obligating ourselves to work, to serve, and to please the Lord?
- Know that privileges must always be balanced with responsibilities. Since we are privileged to serve the true Master, should we not obligate ourselves to be the best kind of responsible servants?
  - Know that if a common servant is faithful to obey the orders of his master who does not reward (thank) him, how much more ought Christ's disciples obey their loving Master, who has promised to reward them graciously?
  - Know that a servant must hold himself absolutely at the disposal of his Master. All his time, talent, and treasure is his Lord's. (1 Cor 6:19-20)

APPLICATION:

2. How can we improve in making ourselves to be true servants of the Lord?
- Being on one's toes to do what is necessary or to do what the Holy Spirit is leading us to accomplish. It should be our stance to be always available for God's use. Opportunity + Ability = Responsibility
  - Being consistently supportive of the Lord's will. Situations and conditions should not dictate our desire to serve our Lord. Not "Give me this, so I can serve you." but "Despite my lack of it, let me serve you."
  - Being continually trustful or having a total belief in the truthfulness, reliability, ability, grace, and mercy of the Lord to meet one's needs.

APPLICATION:

3. How can we improve our attitude with regards to serving the Lord?
- Get rid of the usual thinking that it is out of our choice to serve. Instead, take to heart that as a disciple, we are called to serve (Matthew 20:26).
  - Get rid of the usual thinking that we are entitled to be rewarded if we are obedient. Instead, internalize the fact that even if we had been obedient, the Lord owes us nothing. In fact, we are the ones who owe everything to God.
  - Get rid of the thinking that we have made many sacrifices for the Lord. Instead, seriously think that it is God who made a sacrifice to pay our debt.

What are important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Unworthy Servant?

- Let us improve in obligating ourselves to work, to serve, and to please the Lord by knowing our duties, not choosing our duties, and doing things out of the Lord's liking and not out of our own liking.
- Let us improve in making ourselves to be true servants of the Lord – always ready to take commands, always loyal, and totally dependent on the Lord's benevolence.
- Let us improve our attitude with regards to serving the Lord – being a diligent doer, accepting the fact that the Lord owes us nothing but we owe everything to Him, and by wholeheartedly fulfilling our duties.

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Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs — he wants to please his commanding officer.

2 Timothy 2:3-5 NIV

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- LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

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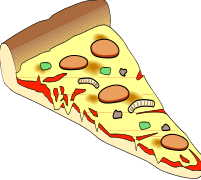
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

September Celebrators

- 01 - Micah Jane T. Banatao  
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29 - Nainer P. Nawew  
30 - Glen Gawe  
30 - Zelfa Baoid



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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