

Servers Today, 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

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 24, 2023

The Vain Pursuit of Work  
(Ecclesiastes 2:18-26)

Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: LEMUEL GLORI

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: JOSH DARIUS MARTIN

Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Giving: DANTE BADDAS

Closing Prayer: JUN BAYATING

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

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


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INFORMER



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'Truth Be Told' books  
being distributed for free

With the initiative and efforts of brother Jojo Ramos, 280 volumes of the book, “TRUTH BE TOLD: EXPOSING THE MYTH OF EVOLUTION,” was recently received by the FAMILY LIFE CENTER, Mezzanine of Infinita Café, Laperal Building. The books were shipped by brother Dale Byrum from Kentucky, USA. The books are being distributed by brother Jojo Ramos to interested parties for free. Forty-two copies were given to the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER. Brethren attending the CHURCH FORUM also were given copies last Tuesday. Interested parties are encouraged to contact brother Jojo Ramos to acquire a copy of the book. All praises to Lord God Almighty!Ω

Special collection for  
sister Mia next Sunday

In a letter received by the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM from brother Gregory C. Kitma, sibling and representative of sister HERMINIA ‘MIA’ KITMA—ACENA and family, said family expressed appreciation to the Midtown congregation for the unceasing prayers being lifted up on behalf of sister Mia including the benevolence and visits in the hospital. She has been diagnosed lately of LYMPHOMA STAGE 4 after having been confined for two weeks at the SLU SACRED HEART HOSPITAL. The bills have unexpectedly reached way beyond the family’s means. The family transferred her to the BGHMC but after a while, the family was informed by the attending physician that further treatment is too late, leading the family to bring her home at her residence at Kitma Village last Friday. The family is humbly appealing to the congregation for help in settling hospital bills and professional fees. In light of the appeal, the CHURCH FORUM has approved that a SPECIAL COLLECTION be lovingly made for sister Mia’s needs next Sunday, September 24th. The CHURCH FORUM humbly solicits the congregation’s continuous prayers and undying support for sister Mia and her family.Ω

"Knowledge is being aware of  
what you can do. Wisdom is  
knowing when not to do it."

READ Proverbs 2:1-22

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24 ladies attend monthly  
ladies devo & fellowship

Twenty-four ladies actively participated in this month’s LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP at Midtown’s ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday, September 16th @ 11:30 AM—2:30 PM. Those who made it were sisters, Lori Austria, Loida Baddas, Beth Sevilla, Josie Yapyapen, Vanessa Barad, Alice Lalas, Lily & Mau Soriano, Dinah Austria, Jane Bestre, Bing Buendia, Josie Calixtro, Trining Trinidad, Maribel Sunggay, Angela & Janet Ramos, Cel Alvarez, Minda Oliva, Ruth Trinidad, Jizza Aquino, Norma Aping, Cot Espinosa, Nelly Bayla, and Edith Latonio. Sisters Jizza Mae Aquino and Maureen Soriano served as facilitators while sister Nelly Bayla discussed on “MATURITY & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.” She emphasized that “it is a God-given duty to grow up” based on 1 Corinthians 13:11. The next devotional will be on October 21, 2023 c/o the 4th Quarter Steering Group.Ω

Olidan speaks in Candon  
City and Nangalisan

Brother Felix L. Olidan Jr. was the invited GUEST SPEAKER for the celebration of the anniversary of the CANDON CHURCH OF CHRIST, Candon City, Ilocos Sur, last Sunday, September 10, 2023. Brother Felix was accompanied by his wife, sister Luz, and by sister Jane Bestre. Some gospel preachers in the area also graced the occasion. He encouraged the brethren to continue with their evangelistic thrusts in the area. Earlier, brother Felix served as speaker in the worship assembly of the Nangalisan congregations meeting at RIVERVIEW in the morning and at the AMBI RESIDENCE in Lasilas in the afternoon the other past Sunday, September 3, 2023. He was accompanied by sister Luz Olidan and brother Sixto Aoas. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD  
September 10, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....10

GRADES 1-2 .....9

GRADES 3-4.....7

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S./COL.....26

YAs .....19

TOTAL.....214

TOTAL.....79

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP74,618.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—SEPTEMBER 19, 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 YOUNG PEOPLE’S JOINT CARE GROUP & FELLOWSHIP — BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, RIMANDO RD., | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER. 30, 2023 @ 1:00—5:00 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:

\*ELLA GAROY

\*LORENZA LOSNONG

\*ERNIE ORDUÑA

\*FLORA CAMPOAS

\*CLYDE ABANCE

\*MELBA LICUPA

\*NIDA GABRIEL

\*CHARLIE ABANCE

\*MIA KITMA—ACENA

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

\*MARILIZA ANDALLO

\*MARIFE SALVIEJO

\*DIANA TAGUIBA

\*MICHAEL TRINIDAD

\*PHILIP BADUA

\*LILIAN JADORMIO GUMBAN

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

\*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT

\*ON-GOING SEEKERS’ BS

\*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS

\*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

OTHER CONCERNS

Safe Pregnancy:

\*DYANE ERIN P. SIMON

\*RAQUEL MAGALONG -SAGULO

Government Exams:

\*JEREMIAH GAWE

Safe Travel:

\*TRINIDAD C. TRINIDAD (USA)



THE CHRISTIAN HOME



Ecclesiastes for Young People

Paul Holland

Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon emphasized that a life lived without God is “vanity of vanities! All is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). As you read through the book, I would encourage you to underline the number of times Solomon used the word “vanity” and the phrase “striving after wind”. That is the essence of a life used in selfish pursuits.

But at the end of the book, Solomon wrote: “Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’.” (12:1). Ecclesiastes was written to warn young people that if they want to live a life that is worthwhile, long-lasting and significant, it needs to be lived in service to God.

Young people need to remember their Creator because they were created by Him and for Him. That gives life a purpose and a direction. They need to think about His character and especially His goodness. They need to read and meditate on His word and keep His commandments.

God is not only for old people. He is for teenagers who are going through important physical and mental changes. He is for young parents who need His guidance in rearing children and adjusting to marriage. Middle-age parents need God as they move into guiding teenagers. Older parents need God as they begin dealing with their own elderly parents who have new health challenges. The elderly need God as they deal with their aches and pains and think more often and seriously about seeing God.

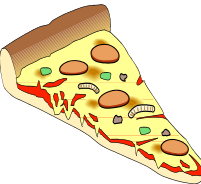
The book of Ecclesiastes is for everyone. We all need to read it.

Paul Holland works with the church of Christ in Paris, Tennessee, USA.

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
- 02 - Elpidio Mariano
- 05 - Katrina B. Oliva
- 05 - Edgar Enecillo
- 06 - Josephine W. Selmo
- 07 - Jemuel S. Reyes
- 08 - Michael A. Yang
- 09 - Ellen B. Bugnay
- 10 - Alma C. Reyes
- 11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
- 11 - Mahaysha W. Kijima
- 11 - Julieann Terry P. Badecao
- 13 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
- 13 - Kristine B. Sameon
- 13 - Sonia C. Abance
- 14 - Abraham Insas
- 15 - Sixto B. Aqas
- 15 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
- 15 - Aracelli Pelle
- 16 - Jeremiah Gawe
- 16 - Hannah B. Ignacio
- 17 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
- 17 - Jhovrick Baban
- 17 - Efren Colcol
- 18 - Arturo Arambulo
- 18 - Leemar P. Simon
- 19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
- 20 - Faith A. Bayating
- 20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
- 20 - Failyln Campoas
- 21 - Mark Wagang
- 22 - Joyce A. Kitma
- 23 - Virgie D. Baldo
- 24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
- 24 - Jerry Martin
- 24 - Kathryn Booc
- 26 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
- 26 - Celia A. Cirilo
- 26 - Thea Marie B. Austria
- 26 - Lawrence B. Austria
- 28 - Dan-Gil Geron
- 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.

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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
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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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