

Servers Today, September 24, 2023

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

Speaker: JESSE BESTRE  
Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA  
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: KAJEM KITMA  
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 October 1, 2023

Meaning Found in Divine Timing (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15)

Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWE  
Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE  
Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG  
Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES  
Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8  
Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON  
Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA  
Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN  
Prayer for the Giving: DEXTER WAGANG  
Closing Prayer: JULIUS ROJO  
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE  
Afternoon Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWE  
Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE  
To Bring Flowers: CLARITA G. CATCHERO  
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Worship Coordinator: JESSE BESTRE | ART TACAY

Midtown brethren console Kitma-Acena family

Last week, Midtown brethren grieved with the KITMA—ACENA FAMILY with the passing away of sister HERMINIA CALATAN KITMA—ACENA evening of September 16, 2023 at her residence at Kitma Village, this city, ending her suffering due to a terminal stage of Lymphoma. She was sixty-four years old, and is survived by her husband, three children—all married and with children. She had six grandchildren. She is also survived by eight siblings including brothers Greg Kitma, Paterson Kitma, and sister Janet Perdigon—all active members of the Midtown congregation.

Midtown brethren conducted nightly vigil services from last Sunday until Wednesday with brethren Ezra Valdez, Jesse Bestre, Arnan Bayla and Greg Kitma serving as devotional speakers. Brothers Kajem Kitma and Andy Bestre served as songleaders. Knowing that sister Mia has gone to Abraham's bosom having been born again on January 12, 2005, the devotionals turned grief into a joyous celebration of a wonderful life.

Brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre officiated the FUNERAL SERVICE starting with a Devotional at the AVONG NEN KITMA and the COMMITTAL SERVICE at the BEYOND THE SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK last Thursday morning, September 21, 2023.

THE KITMA—ACENA FAMILY together with their relatives and friends expressed appreciation for the unceasing prayers lifted up on their behalf, the undying support, and the words of consolation. All praises to Lord God Almighty!Ω

"There is no goodness without self-denial which runs right against self-convenience."

READ Philippians 2:5-8

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD September 17, 2023	
ATTENDANCE	
REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....139	PRESCHOOL.....10
YP EEZ.....34	GRADES 1-2 .....5
CHILDREN.....35	GRADES 3-4.....10
GUESTS.....3	GRADES 5-6.....6
TOTAL.....211	H.S./COL.....20
	YAs .....19
	TOTAL.....70
OFFERING	
AM & PM TOTAL: Php51,954.00	
ANNOUNCEMENT	
<div><div>• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 @ 12:00—2:30 PM   EVERYBODY WELCOME!</div><div>• EVERYONE (ADULTS &amp; CHILDREN) ADVISED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES WRITTEN ON THE ATTENDANCE LOG— FOR AN ACCURATE CHECKING OF ATTENDANCE. THANK YOU!</div><div>• MONTHLY YOUNG PEOPLE'S JOINT CARE GROUP &amp; FELLOWSHIP — BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, RIMANDO RD.,   SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER. 30, 2023 @ 1:00—5:00 PM.</div><div>• ID PICTURES FOR PICTURE DIRECTORY—KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR 2x2 ID PICTURES IF YOUR LATEST PICTURES HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THE UPDATED DIRECTORY. THANK YOU!</div></div>	

Midtown Sunday School merger classes today

As it is the last Sunday of the month today, the Merger Classes, namely, the Grades 3&4 with High School & College Class, and the Grades 5&6 with the Young Pro Class will be having a special activity as a class today.

The merger classes are meant to promote better learning experiences especially for the younger ones learning from the older ones. It is also intended to foster camaraderie across the various age groups such that the older ones serve as Big Brothers and Big Sisters. It is the prayer of the EDUCATION MINISTRY that healthy family-like relationships be encouraged through the MERGER CLASSES done once a month.

Meanwhile, all teachers of Midtown's Sunday School will be receiving a copy each of the book, "TRUTH BE TOLD" from brother Jojo Ramos today. A symposium related to the book mentioned will soon be conducted with the HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CLASS and YOUNG ADULTS.Ω

Ramos attends mental health symposium

Brother Jojo Ramos, being a member of the PHILIPPINE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC. (PMHAI), attended the 38TH MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM on "KASIYANA: It's OKAY NOT TO BE OKAY" A CALL FOR ACTION TO SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION at the Olive Grand Ballroom, Venus Parkview Hotel, Kisad Road, this city last Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

The symposium aimed to disseminate accurate information about Facts and Figures of Suicide, What to Know and How to Help, and about the Best Practices on Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

Brother Jojo Ramos is more than willing to share what he has learned in the symposium and makes himself available to impart information and for counseling.Ω

First Quarter FS posted on bulletin board

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has duly approved the FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT after having been presented by the ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE MINISTRY served by brothers Ernie Wagang, Maril Bayating and Andy Bestre. The same was approved for posting on the Bulletin Board for the congregation's information. Praises be to the Lord God Almighty for the faithful stewardship!Ω

DOCTRINE TO LIVE BY

True Religion

Bill Dillon

So many religions! Why are there so many religions and churches? How can we know which is right? These are questions weighing heavily on men's minds.

As long as man assumes that God will accept any worship, regardless of whether that particular kind of worship is what God Himself desires, there will continue to be a multiplicity of religions the Lord never intended. The modern religious world, with its denominationalism and "have it your way" mumbo-jumbo approach to Deity, is not what God ever purposed. Such a state of religious babble is not sensational — it is sinful.

The adapted versions of Christianity available today are humanistic in orientation and origination. They are religions of convenience, not conviction. And though multiplied millions sincerely believe a falsehood — it is a falsehood still.

Can all ways of worship lead to God? How can they when they all contradict each other? The Eternal God has not left us in doubt.

The question is, "How can we know which is true?" The answer is that true religion will be a revealed religion. True religion will not find its foundation in human desire, whim, or caprice, but in the fact that it comes directly from God. A revealed religion does not come from a charismatic or dynamic religious leader, but directly from God.

The genuine (revealed) religion is the one where God speaks to mankind. This is exactly what the Bible claims to be. The Bible is the oldest and only credible religious message in the world.

The message of genuine religion will not be to flatter us and tickle our religious fancies. True religion will not cater to human folly, nor elevate human will above the will of God. True religion will not be man-centered, but God-oriented.

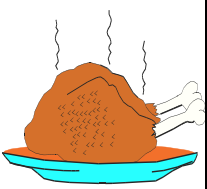
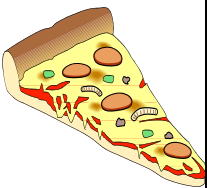
In a world of religious darkness, the Bible shines as the clear light from above, banishing the blackness of religious confusion. The Bible is true. The Bible is right. May it ever shine unto eternal day.

Bill Dillon is Editor of Gospel Gleaner and preaches for the Lord's church in Hickory Ridge, Arkansas, 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. Kitima
- 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 - Efen Colcol
- 18 - Arturo Arambulo
- 18 - Leemar P. Simon
- 19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
- 20 - Faith A. Bayating
- 20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
- 20 - Failyn Campoas
- 21 - Mark Wagang
- 22 - Joyce A. Kitima
- 23 - Virgie D. Baldo
- 24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
- 24 - Jerry Martin
- 24 - Kathlyn 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



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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
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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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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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