

Servers Today, October 8, 2023

Meaning Found in Divine Judgment (Eccl 3:16-22)

Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: JESSE BESTRE

Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Communion Text: EPHESIANS 2:3-10

Scripture Reading: ALTON BAYLA

Prayer for the Bread: O'NIEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: DAN-GIL GERON

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: JESSE BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: VOLUNTEERS

Communion: CHARIS & NELLY BAYLA

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 15, 2023

What's with Vain Problems? (Ecclesiastes 4:1-16)

Speaker: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation: GREG KITMA

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: IRA PO

Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: DANTE BADDAS

Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

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INFORMER



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100+ join Baguio-Benguet joint youth fellowship

A total of One Hundred Four (104) young people attended the recent BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP & FELLOWSHIP hosted by the youth of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, Rimando Rd., this city, the other past Saturday afternoon, September 30, 2023. Nine (9) congregations around the area were represented including Midtown, NLEX, Heritage, Lamut, A-Hill, La Trinidad, Nangalisan, Tabuk, and Baguio-Rimando. Midtown was represented by brethren Ezra Valdez, Johnny Payangdo, Melchi Aquino, Maureen Soriano, and Vanessa Barad.

This month's theme, LIVING A FRUITFUL LIFE: A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH" was based on Galatians 5:22-23.

Brother Nehemiah Ray Sacayanan, representative of the Baguio—Rimando church youth expressed appreciation for the usual active participation of the young people in Baguio and Benguet.

The next joint youth care group will be hosted by the A-HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST at their meeting place located on Parisas St., Camp 7, Kennon Rd., this city on October 28, 2023. Glory to God!Ω

"It's not children that parents are raising; it is the adults they will become."

READ Hebrews 12:5-11

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This month's ladies fellowship on a Sunday

The FOURTH QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP decided to conduct this month's LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP on a Sunday, October 22, 2023, instead of the usual Saturday meeting.

Sisters Maureen Soriano, Amber Po, Josie Yapyapen, Norma Aping, Lorenza Losnong, Gracelynn Abance, Rachel Bestre, Maryjane Abance, Pearl Bestre, Cora Ozo, and Rossana Ozo, compose this quarters' Steering Group that will take charge of the devotionals, luncheon fellowship, and other activities.

Meanwhile, the NAOMI MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP OF WIDOWS will be having a special tour of the MALACAÑAN PALACE, Manila, on March 1-2, 2024, Lord willing. Sister Rebecca Ciencia—Celera, chairperson of the ministry conveyed this information to sister Ruth Trinidad recently. For more information, kindly contact sister Ruth Trinidad @09291040002.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

October 1, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....150	PRESCHOOL.....8
YP EEZ.....28	GRADES 1-2 .....6
CHILDREN.....33	GRADES 3-4.....7
GUESTS.....3	GRADES 5-6.....3
TOTAL.....244	H.S./COL.....16
	YAs .....15
	TOTAL.....55

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP53,943.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

\*ELLA GAROY

\*LORENZA LOSNONG

\*ERNE ORDUÑA

\*FLORA CAMPOAS

\*CLYDE ABANCE

\*MELBA LICUPA

\*NIDA GABRIEL

\*CHARLIE ABANCE

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

\*MARILIZA ANDALLO

\*DIANA TAGUIBA

\*MICHAEL TRINIDAD

\*PHILIP BADUA

\*LILIAN JADORMIO GUMBAN

\*HORACIO C. RAMOS

\*FRANKY SANCHI

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

Safe Travel:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—OCTOBER 10, 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 — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL., | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 @ 11:30 AM—2:30 PM.

NAOMI MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP OF WIDOWS — MALACAÑANG TOUR., | MARCH 1-2, 2024 | INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONTACT SISTER RUTH TRINIDAD FOR MORE DETAILS.

ID PICTURES FOR PICTURE DIRECTORY—KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR 2x2 ID PICTURES IF YOUR LATEST PICTURES HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THE UPDATED DIRECTORY. THANK YOU!

Midtown conveys condolences to Gonzales family in LU

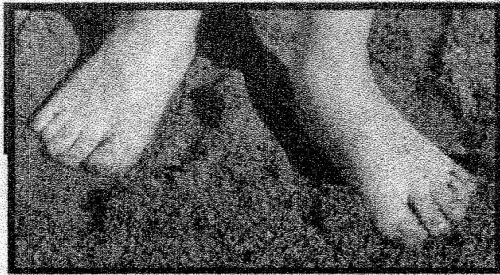
Last Sunday afternoon, October 1, 2023, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, together with brother Lemuel Glori and sister Ruth Trinidad travelled to Agoo, La Union to convey Midtown's condolences to the Gonzales family whose matriarch, Gliceria Remiendo—Gonzales passed away September 26, 2023. She was 95 years old.

Brother Carlos Remiendo Gonzales, the youngest child of the deceased expressed the gratitude of the family for the visit, support, prayers, and sympathies.

Meanwhile, spouses Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan and Aman & Nelly Bayla visited brother Cesar Acosta, a shut-in due to his leg amputation, in his residence in Camp 6, Tuba, Benguet last September 28th. He and the family appreciated the gesture of love and concern from the Midtown family.Ω



DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING



The Foot  
Owen Cosgrove

In the aftermath of the evacuation of Kuwait, a woman ran after a captured Iraqi soldier holding up her sandal and shrieking loudly.

The news commentator explained that she was saying, "You are my shoe! You are my shoe!" He then explained that this is one of the worst insults one can speak in the Eastern world. In many Eastern cultures, the foot is the lowliest and most loathed part of the body. One Arab student that we know in this country could hardly imagine that Americans wash their socks in the same water with their shirts. Even in our culture, feet and socks and shoes sometimes get a rather bad rap, but in the East they are counted as even more abhorrent.

This attitude toward feet makes one think of the great contrition of the woman who kissed the Lord's feet, washed them with her tears, wiped them with her hair, and then anointed them with precious ointment (Luke 7:36-49). It also reminds one of the worthlessness of sham religion which is good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the foot of man (Matthew 5:13). It is reminiscent of God's

utter contempt of those who reject the Gospel, shown by Christ's admonition to His disciples to shake the dust off their feet against any city that refused to hear their message (Matthew 10:14).

We also are reminded of the beauty of humble service by the Lord as He washed His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17). It also expresses God's high esteem toward those who preach the Gospel, "*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things*" (Romans 10:15).

The lowliness of the foot reminds us of the utter preeminence of Christ, in that God has put all things in subjection under His feet (Hebrews 2:8; Ephesians 1:22). Even the great prophet, John the Baptizer, felt unworthy to loosen the latches on His shoes (John 1:27).

As lowly as the feet are, how handicapped we would be without them. So we learn one more lesson from them: Every member of the body, whatever its place or function, is very, very important (1 Corinthians 12:22-24). It is amazing what can be learned from something seemingly so despised and unimportant as the foot. †

Owen Cosgrove is involved in printed evangelism in many countries and lives in Waxahachie, Texas, USA.

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?

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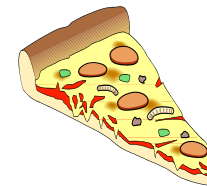
- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
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- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
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- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470  
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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

October Celebrators

01 - Katrina Dereje  
03 - Gladness Rajanan  
03 - Kemuel Perdigon  
04 - O'Neil M. Gonzales  
04 - Nelly Bayla  
04 - Rossana Ozo  
04 - Josh Darius Martin  
06 - Johnny Payangdo Jr.  
06 - Wilson Abance  
07 - Erin Sarah Sameon  
08 - Arturo Tacay  
09 - Rod Tada  
09 - Earl Tristan Sameon  
10 - Eleonor Garoy  
10 - Jasmine Chappot  
11 - Danielle Rosa Tan  
12 - Octavio Abance  
13 - Wrendel Macam  
15 - Rose Acosta  
15 - Richard Bestre  
16 - Rodrigo Bondoc  
17 - Jizza K. Abance  
17 - Primitiva Ridon (Decd.)  
22 - Wynell Roncal  
23 - Lemuel Glori  
23 - Ofelia Abance  
24 - Jeadi Jewel D. Igoy  
25 - Lani Palaypayon  
28 - Cyndylen Macam  
28 - Florence Magalong  
29 - Sarah Elepane  
29 - Lera R. Humakey  
29 - Clyde Abance  
31 - Erika Mariano



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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