

Servers Today, November 12, 2023

A Better Life
(Ecclesiastes 7:1-14)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA
Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG
Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES
Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7
Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON
Prayer for the Bread: JOHNNY PAYANGDO
Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN
Prayer for the Giving: SAM QUEZADA
Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA
Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
To Bring Flowers: CLARITA G. CATCHERO
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: PERDIGON FAMILY

Communion: CHARIS & NELLY BAYLA
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 November 19, 2023

The Limitations of Human Wisdom (Ecc. 7:15-29)

Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA
Invocation: DODOY SAMEON
Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4
Scripture Reading: JOSH MARTIN
Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON
Prayer for the Cup: O'NIEL GONZALES
Prayer for the Giving: MERVIN OLIVA
Closing Prayer: JUN BAYATING
Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
Afternoon Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA
To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY
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Forum welcomes comments on elder/deacon nominees

In keeping with Biblical principles and specific Biblical instructions on the installation of elders and deacons in the local congregation, the Tuesday Church Forum, a voluntary regular meeting of members of the congregation to coordinate ministries and church activities, has earlier announced that formal comments on the nominees for elders and deacons will be received until November 21, 2023 only. Should there be no formal comments received by then, the LIST OF PROSPECTIVE ELDERS & DEACONS earlier submitted to the congregation shall be deemed as final.

FORMAL COMMENTS, whether positive or negative, must not be anonymous based on 1 Timothy 5:19-20 and Matthew 18:15-16. In the latter passage, a brother must personally approach the nominee if he has a verifiable issue. The nominee, on the other hand, must respond accordingly and further subject himself to self-evaluation. It is the prayer of the forum that all things be done in peace and order (1 Corinthians 14: 33). For God’s glory alone!Ω

"Dear God, I tried my best, but if today I lose my hope, I know that your plans are better than my dreams."

READ Isaiah 40:28-31

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CG attendee receives Jesus the Saviour in baptism

Midtown brethren praises the Lord God Almighty for the baptism of Ms. JUANITA H. FERNANDEZ, born January 16, 1962, and was born again last Sunday morning, November 5, 2023. Sister Janet, as she is fondly called, decided to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism after having understood the GOSPEL OF SALVATION through Jesus Christ in the course of having actively attended the CARE GROUP conducted by brother Ezra Valdez and some YOUNG ADULTS with the Sunggay family, some residents, and neighbors at the JMC TRANSIENT HOUSE, located on Sto. Nino Road, Bakakeng Central, this city. She was baptized by brother Ezra Valdez.

Sister Janet expressed appreciation for this wonderful development in her life. All praise and glory to God!Ω

Ladies change dates of fellowship & devotional

The 21ST BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP earlier scheduled on November 30, 2023 will be moved to Monday, November 27, 2023. This is in keeping with the Office of the President’s proclamation of moving of the national public holiday, BONIFACIO DAY, supposedly Thursday, November 30th to the nearest Monday, November 27th.

On the other hand, the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP, supposedly to be conducted on Saturday, November 18th, will be moved to next Sunday, November 19th, says the 4th Quarter Ladies Steering Group. All ladies are enjoined to participate in these activities.

In another development, some young ladies gathered for a YOUNG LADIES FELLOWSHIP at the PALAYPAYON RESIDENCE in Irisan last October 31, 2023. There were nine ladies in attendance. Praises to the Lord!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD
November 5, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
PRESCHOOL.....13
GRADES 1-27
GRADES 3-4.....9
GRADES 5-6.....5
H.S./COL.....19
YAs21
TOTAL.....64

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
Php51,512.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—On November 14, 2023 |@ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
• MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 @ 12:00 AM —2:30 PM | C/O FOURTH QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP
• 21st BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP— HOST: HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST, LA CHESA, IRISAN, BAGUIO CITY | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 | 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
• 15TH BOKOD CHURCHES OF CHRIST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION— NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | VENUE: TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER | GUEST SPEAKER: BROTHER FELIX OLIDAN JR.
• INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS—MIDTOWN’S PASASALAMAT & 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT THE FUNCTION HALL OF THE RIVERVIEW HOTEL, NANGALISAN, TUBA, BENGUET | DECEMBER 17, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Midtown brethren convey sympathies in Irisan

At the request of the bereaved family of the late Mrs. Myrna P. Cutay—Valdez, Midtown brethren conducted a VIGIL SERVICE at the residence of the bereaved at F2 Cutay Road in Barangay Irisan, this city, last Thursday evening, November 9, 2023.

Brothers Arnan Bayla, Ezra Valdez and Jesse Bestre facilitated the service. Brother Arnan Bayla served as the Devotional Speaker. Irisan brethren including Sixto Aoas, Josie Baban, Beth Sevilla, Cel Alvarez, Norma Aping, Rojos, Palaypayons, and the Baylas conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family, friends, neighbors, and relatives.

The deceased, a relative of the Kitmas and the Alvarezes, passed away November 5, 2023, due to a massive stroke. Her remains were interred at the BAGUIO MEMORIAL PARK last Saturday, November 11th. The family expressed appreciation for the messages, support, and prayers.Ω

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING

What Lack I Yet?

Ron Boatwright

A young man came running to Jesus and said, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" (Matthew 19:16). Jesus said to him, "But if you want to enter life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17). The young man said, "All these things I have kept from my youth up. What lack I yet?" We need to ask ourselves the same question, "What lack I yet?" so we can be sure of going to Heaven.

We are told to "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves" (2 Corinthians 13:5). We need to look at our lives and try to see where we are lacking and need improvement. What can we do to be more pleasing to the Lord? We are told, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). Any sin of which we will not repent will cause us to be eternally lost. Jesus says, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

We need to beware of the false teaching of "once saved, always saved". This is a lie of Satan who wants us to be lost. He doesn't want us to ask ourselves, "What lack I yet?" We are warned, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed

lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). In addition, we are warned to "beware lest you fall from your own steadfastness" (2 Peter 3:17). Let's not let Satan lure us into complacency. Jesus has promised, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

To be strong, we must regularly feed ourselves on God's spiritual Word, the Bible. We are to "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:22,23). And "desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Studying His Word will help us to have a strong faith to protect ourselves because we know that, "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

We must concentrate on what we must do to inherit eternal life. And in doing this, "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience" (Hebrews 4:11).

We need to look seriously at our own lives, to recognize any mistakes we are making that could keep us out of Heaven. We need to ask ourselves, "What lack I yet?"

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
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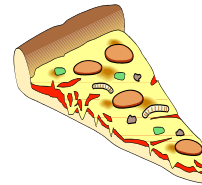
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



November Celebrators

02 - Crisiamae Castillo
04 - Rolyn Dugaysan
05 - Shinar S. Ciencia
06 - Neko James Austria
06 - Marian Cheska Denis-Moriarty
07 - Ruth Camora
10 - Felix L. Olidan, Jr.
11 - Darrylle Jane A. Walang
11 - Jasper K. Perdigon
11 - Ariadne L. Cadias
13 - Sean Nove Isaac Bestre
13 - Cristy Tacay
14 - Ian Xavier B. Colcol
15 - Ma. Cecilia B. Colcol
15 - Lily Soriano
16 - Rebecca Garcia
18 - Kristalyn Saingon
18 - Andrew Nawew
18 - Dionesia Martin
20 - Marina Mabesa
21 - Sharon S. McMillin
21 - Rhona Barad
21 - Marjorie Solomon
21 - Kristine M. Denis
21 - Novelito B. Abance
22 - Jonathan Enerva
23 - Minda G. Oliva
23 - Lorigrace Bayla-Austria
24 - Ma. Lourdes Cera
25 - Churchill S. Parohinog
25 - Angelika Navalta
27 - Leonard Basil
29 - Brigida Mandapat



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
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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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