

Servers Today, November 19, 2023

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

Speaker: ANDY 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 BESTRE

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA G. CATCHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GLORI FAMILY

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 November 26, 2023

Walk by Faith, Not by Sight (Ecclesiastes 8:1-17)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: MATTHEW 26:26-30

Scripture Reading: ALTON BAYLA

Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: DANTE BADDAS

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

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INFORMER



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Yearend bonus for church staff on December 3 & 10

As has been the congregation's practice to give YEAREND BONUSES to Midtown's full-time ministers in appreciation for their dedication to the work in the MINISTRY OF THE WORD and in the Lord's vineyard, a SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION will be made on two Sundays, one on December 3, 2023 and another on December 10, 2023. From this special collection, the congregation will be giving yearend bonuses to four (4) staff ministers, namely, brothers Arnan Bayla, Andy Bestre, Jesse Reuben Bestre, and Ezra Valdez. The congregation is enjoined to pray and to prepare for this praiseworthy endeavor in order to follow the Biblical instruction that those who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching (1 Timothy 5:17). For God's glory!Ω

Midtown men's retreat in Negros Oriental in 2024

With the open invitation of the TAYASAN CHURCH OF CHRIST that is hosting the ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING & BIBLE CAMP in Tayasan, Negros Oriental on March 28—30, 2024, the men of the congregation meeting in the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM are inclined to join the said camp. An idea of having a MEN'S RETREAT came up sometime later which eventually formed the concept of having a MEN'S RETREAT by attending said Bible Camp. In addition to attending the Bible camp, a side trip to visit tourist spots in the area will be in the agenda. So the plan is to be in Negros earlier than the Bible Camp for the side trip. Interested parties from the congregation are most welcome but confirmation of participation is needed on or before November 28, 2023 in order to allow ample time for bookings. Participants are to shoulder their own travel expenses. Registration fees will be shouldered by Midtown. Interested parties who cannot decide by November 28th, may still join without the benefit of bookings on promo fares and will have to pay regular fares. Lord willing, the plans will push through smoothly.Ω

"Mastery sought outside the wisdom from above will always be limited in knowledge."

READ 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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Ramoses update Midtown of Australian trip

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos, currently in Australia, updates Midtown of their activities through Midtown's Church Forum account on Messenger. They have recently actively participated in the ASIA PACIFIC ELDERS, DEACONS, & SPOUSES (APEDS) FORUM & FELLOWSHIP hosted by the BELMORE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST in Melbourne, Australia. In their latest message, they will be preaching at a Filipino Fellowship with members of the Belmore Road church and their invites. They will be inviting spouses Anthony & Romalyn Wagang and Ayvon & Sheryl Martin to the group and be serving with the Belmore Road church every Sunday. Also, the Ramoses will be serving two other congregations, namely, GREATER DANDENONG and WESTERN MELBOURNE. Spouses Anthony & Romalyn will accompany them to these congregations. Lord willing, spouses Ayvon & Sheryl Martin will be able to place their membership and serve with the BELMORE ROAD CHURCH, together with Ton & Rom Wagang, prays the Ramoses. Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos will be back home November 21st. They solicit the congregation's prayers for their safe trip and to thank God for the opportunity to serve. Ω

Cotabato congregation appreciates cash donation

The CHURCH OF CHRIST IN SAN FELIPE, San Felipe, Tantangan, South Cotabato, through their minister, brother Peter Bangngayon Jr., conveys heartfelt thanks for the cash donation of P5,000.00 from Midtown recently. The donation, as solicited, will be used in the construction of a facility that will serve the congregation's ministry towards specially abled children in the area. Praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

November 12, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....150	PRESCHOOL.....14
YP EEZ.....30	GRADES 1-2 .....6
CHILDREN.....33	GRADES 3-4.....9
GUESTS.....10	GRADES 5-6.....9
TOTAL.....220	H.S./COL.....25
	YAs .....27
	TOTAL.....90

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP60,349.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—On November 21, 2023 |@ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | TODAY, 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 | MONDAY, 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

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

Luke 14:1-24

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | OCT. 22 - NOV. 5 & 12, 2023 AM

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

Luke 14:1-24

- BEWARE OF FALSE POPULARITY AS SEEN IN THE GUESTS
  - *Luke 14:7-11*
- BEWARE OF FALSE HOSPITALITY AS SEEN IN THE HOST
  - *Luke 14:12-14*
- BEWARE OF FALSE SECURITY AS SEEN IN THE JEWS
  - *Luke 14:15-24*

I. BEWARE OF FALSE POPULARITY AS SEEN IN THE GUESTS

Luke 14:7-11

- SELF-IMPORTANCE BRINGS ABOUT FALSE ACTIONS
  - *"The guests picked the places of honor."*
  - Society usually has a false emphasis on oneself: Reputation over character
- SELF-IMPORTANCE BRINGS ABOUT HUMILIATION
  - *"Humiliated, you will have to take the least important place."*
  - Society usually has a false view of success: Self-promotion
- SELF-IMPORTANCE DISREGARDS THE VIRTUE OF TRUE HUMILITY
  - *"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled."*
  - Society usually has a false view of humility: Pride in disguise

II. BEWARE OF FALSE HOSPITALITY AS SEEN IN THE HOST

Luke 14:12-14

- BE CONCERNED OF DOING THINGS OUT OF SELFISH MOTIVES
  - *"And so you will be repaid."*
  - Society usually has a false emphasis on hospitality: For the favor to be returned.
- BE CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF THE "LESS FORTUNATE" PEOPLE
  - *"Invite the poor, crippled, lame, blind."*
  - Society usually has a biased treatment of others: The lack of concern for the needy.
- BE INCLINED WITH THE UNSELFISH ATTITUDE OF SACRIFICE AND SERVICE
  - *"They cannot repay you."*
  - Society usually has a wrong concept of charity: For one's profit.

III. BEWARE OF FALSE SECURITY AS SEEN IN THE JEWS

Luke 14:15-24

- BE CAUTIOUS OF PUTTING ONE'S SECURITY ON ONE'S MERITS
  - *"Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast..."*
  - We normally put security on our Self-confidence and Self-righteousness.
- BE CAUTIOUS OF PUTTING OFF MAKING DECISIONS IN RELATION TO GOD'S INVITATIONS
  - *"Please excuse me, I cannot come..."*
  - We normally decide in relation to what we value and in relation to time.
- BE CAUTIOUS OF PUTTING IN DANGER OUR SECURE POSITION
  - *"Not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet."*
  - We normally think of God's graciousness and forget about God's judicial anger.

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28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

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APPLICATION:

1. In what ways can we watch ourselves to avoid getting into false recognition or popularity?
  - Refuse to find self-worth from outward sources. Instead, find one's worth from how God regards us.
  - Refuse to find appreciation and approval from the world. Instead, long for the Father's commendation.
  - Refuse to be provoked by what "impresses" or "status" - usually by the standards of the world. Instead, be driven by the "things above and not by things below."
  - Refuse to be motivated by "things light and swollen." Instead be influenced by "things weighty and solid."
  - Refuse the temptation of feeling important or of self-promotion. Instead, be passionate in promoting only our Lord God Almighty who alone is all-important!

APPLICATION:

2. In what ways can we watch ourselves to avoid practicing false hospitality?
  - Be not steered by pride and selfishness. Instead have a mindset of love and grace towards others.
  - Be unconcerned of the approval of men. Instead desire the praise of God.
  - Be unconcerned of the temporary recognition of our good deeds on earth. Instead desire the eternal reward in heaven. On the day of judgment, many who today are first in the eyes of men will be last in God's eyes, and many who are last in the eyes of men will be first in the eyes of God (Luke 13:30). This is the true blessing.
  - Be inclined in laying up treasures in heaven (Matt 6:20) and becoming "rich toward God" (Luke 12:21).

APPLICATION:

3. In what ways can we watch ourselves to avoid embracing false security?
  - Let's hunger and thirst for God's righteousness (Matt 5:6) that we may be filled in the great banquet.
  - Let's be careful we don't get preoccupied with earthly security and comfort, worldly pursuits and occupations, pleasures, and the like.
  - Let's take solemn warnings that we do not treat God's invitations or calls lightly (Isaiah 55:6; Prov 1:24-33).
  - Let's not put our confidence on tomorrow (Prov 27:1).
  - Let's keep thinking about our souls for what good is it if we have gained the whole world and yet forfeit our souls (Mark 8:36)? We also must make men think about their souls by sharing the gospel of salvation in Christ.

What are important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Great Banquet?

1. Let us watch ourselves to avoid getting into false recognition or popularity by refusing the temptation of feeling important and instead be passionate in promoting only our Lord God Almighty.
2. Let us watch ourselves to avoid practicing false hospitality by being inclined in laying up treasures in heaven and becoming "rich toward God."
3. Let us watch ourselves to avoid embracing false security by thinking about the security of our souls for what good is it if we have gained the whole world and yet forfeit our souls?

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?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
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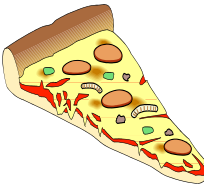
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



November Celebrators

02 - Crisiamae Castillo  
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21 - Marjorie Solomon  
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23 - Minda G. Oliva  
23 - Lorigrace Bayla-Austria  
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25 - Angelika Navalta  
27 - Leonard Basil  
29 - Brigida Mandapat  
30 - Sonia Abance



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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