

Servers Today, 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

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: KITMA 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 December 3, 2023

Live While You are Alive
(Ecclesiastes 9:1-10)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: JESSE BESTRE

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Communion Text: EPHESIANS 2:3-10

Scripture Reading: GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Giving: DAN-GIL GERON

Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

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INFORMER

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Brethren to sign up early for Pasasalamat & 40th anniversary

In order to prepare for the fast approaching PASASALAMAT & 40TH ANNIVERSARY celebration of the Midtown congregation on December 17, 2023, the church forum meeting last Tuesday agreed that brethren sign up early for the FREE TRANSPORTATION to and from RIVERVIEW WATER PARK. As usual, there will be two pick-up points. One at Midtown and another at BDO-Legarda near the City Hall. Kindly sign up as soon as possible. Sign-up sheets are now posted on the Bulletin Boards. Please sign in all the names of your family members as well as your friends and guests who will be attending the Pasasalamat. Signing up will be until December 10. Transportation vehicles are hired PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEYS (PUJ). Sign up soon! Thank you!Ω

Signage installed; calls for free Bible study & counseling

In a bid to enhance the evangelistic efforts of the congregation, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has approved the making of a new signage that includes the invitation for free BIBLE STUDY & COUNSELING. Thanks to brother Julius Rojo who volunteered to fabricate the frame and to install the signage with the help of brothers Lemuel Glori, Jerry Gawe, and Dante Baddas. Thanks too to brother Jesse Bestre for the design. Receptionists are needed for a Bible Study & Counseling Center to be set-up soon at the Midtown Hall during weekdays. Praise the Lord!Ω

Midtown welcomes back Ramoses from Australia

Midtown welcomes back home spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos who arrived in the country from their 2-week travel to Australia that was full of edifying developments such as their meeting with Midtown brethren now living in Australia. They were also able to encourage congregations to set up a mission work where spouses Ayvon & Sheryl Martin are located. The APEDS (Asia Pacific Elders & Deacons and Spouses) Forum they attended proved to be a blessing as it gave them the opportunity to edify the Filipino brethren there. Praise the Lord!Ω

"People who walk by faith don't see obstacles, they see opportunities."

READ 2 Corinthians 5:7

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Archer aims for Christ, baptized into Christ

Midtown brethren praise the Almighty God for the decision of RHIANNE KYLE A. NAWEW, born November 17, 2006, to be born again on November 17, 2023 at the age of 17. After having completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES, she was baptized into Christ by brother Ezra Valdez at Midtown's baptistery the other past Friday just before the start of the FRIDAY CARE GROUP (FCG). Brethren attending the FCG witnessed the baptism and welcomed sister Rhianne. Celebration of her new birth as well as her birthday followed after the FCG's devotional. Sister Rhianne, the youngest child of spouses Nainer and Rica Nawew, is a member of the UNIVERSITY OF BAGUIO ARCHERY TEAM. The family rejoices with this development, so is the Midtown congregation and the hosts in Heaven. Glory to God!Ω

33 ladies build each other up in luncheon fellowship

Thirty-three (33) ladies attended last Sunday's MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP at Midtown's Assembly Hall at 12:00—3:00 PM. The 4TH QUARTER STEERING GROUP appreciated the usual active participation. Sisters Amber Po, Grace Abance, and Maureen Soriano facilitated last Sunday's devotional in which they engaged the ladies in group activities reinforcing "BUILD EACH OTHER UP" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11. This was the last of it this year. Lord willing, the same will resume on January 20, 2024.

Meanwhile, a new set of STEERING GROUPS was formed among the ladies last Sunday through draw lots. Other ladies will be given an opportunity to sign up in the STEERING GROUPS soon. It will soon be posted on the Bulletin Board. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
November 19, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....167

YP EEZ.....15

CHILDREN.....38

GUESTS.....5

TOTAL.....225

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....11

GRADES 1-27

GRADES 3-4.....11

GRADES 5-6.....7

H.S./COL.....12

YAs11

TOTAL.....59

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP51,396.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—On November 28, 2023 |@ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• 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: BASILIO RESORT, POBLACION, BOKOD | GUEST SPEAKER: BROTHER FELIX OLIDAN JR.

• SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR STAFF'S YEAREND BONUS—On December 3 & 10, 2023

• 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

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

*DONNA GERON

*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*DAN SAMEON

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

*DITH ZAMORA

*TESS KITMA

*LOIDA BADDAS

*BERNARD IGNACIO

*JONATHAN ENERVA

*CESAR ACOSTA

*JOCELYN CALIXTRO

*JOVITA BONDOC

*FLORENCE MAGALONG

*ELLA GAROY

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNIE ORDUÑA

*FLORA CAMPOAS

*CLYDE ABANCE

*MELBA LICUPA

*NIDA GABRIEL

*CHARLIE ABANCE

*RUTH TRINIDAD

*MARIL BAYATING SR.

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*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:

*RAQUEL MAGALONG -SAGULO

*MICHELLE YANG—OYLER

Safety in Israel:

*JESSICA MARIANO

Safe Travel:

*JOJO RAMOS, FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN & Co. (BOKOD)

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

The Thief in the Church

Charles Cash

Someone has said, "The greatest challenge to faith is not intellectual at all, but rather shallow indifference." As I see it, the greatest threat from within the church is not false doctrine, vile sins, or even the loss of faith, but rather simple indifference.

Indifference is "the thief in the church". It robs the church of our time, our talents, and our support. Indifference kidnaps the members out of Sunday School and worship, saps the enthusiasm of members, sabotages all kinds of good programs, and takes the pleasure out of serving Jesus.

Of all problems in the church, indifference is the most difficult to deal with because it is not identified as an evil behavior or attitude. Many Christians are not *against* what we are trying to do, nor are they really *for* it. They're just indifferent!

There is a saying, "Trust a person little who praises everyone; trust a person less who criticizes everyone; trust a person least who is indifferent."

People can change their minds. A man's right to hold a certain view does not mean that view is right. One can be led to a fuller knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. Christians can be "equipped" for greater service and guided in fruitful ministries for the Lord. We can grow and mature as we correct our mistakes and become more like Jesus, but not if we are indifferent. Why? Because those who are indifferent do not see that there is error or sin in their attitude. After all, they're not committing a crime or even a moral sin! So, where is the wrong?

Another word for indifferent could be "lukewarm". One of Jesus' harshest condemnations was for those who come into this category. He warned: *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth"* (Revelation 3:15,16). †

Today, too many churches are spiritual hospitals
filled with spiritually sick saints,
rather than barracks
filled with dedicated and trained
soldiers of the cross.
— Selected

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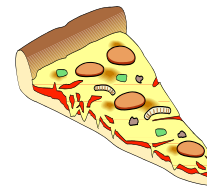
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



November Celebrators

02 - Crisiamae Castillo
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 Saingan
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
25 - Norma D. Andaya
27 - Leonard Basil
29 - Brigida Mandapat
30 - Sonia Cariño 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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