

Servers Today, November 5, 2023

Meaning Found in Divine Authority (Ecc. 6:10-12)

Speaker: SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: GREG KITMA

Intercessory Prayer: JESSE BESTRE

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Bread: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Cup: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Giving: DEXTER WAGANG

Closing Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BAYLA 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 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



Midtown hosts BB joint care group & symposium

Seventy-five (75) young people from various congregations in the Baguio—Benguet area gathered at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL for the BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP the other past Saturday afternoon of October 28th. Discussions in the devotional centered on “Remembering the Greatest Sacrifice: The Death of Jesus Christ” to rightly cause one to offer one’s body as a living sacrifice based on Romans 12:1-2. Discussions were facilitated by brother Ezra Valdez together with Midtown’s young people. Group activities were all enjoyed by the participants and are looking forward to the next joint fellowship. Glory to God!

Meanwhile, twenty-eight (28) youth leaders in the Baguio-Benguet area participated in last Sunday’s symposium on “TRUTH BE TOLD: EXPOSING THE MYTH OF EVOLUTION” at Midtown’s Assembly Hall at 1:30—5:00 PM. Brothers Jasper Perdigon and Alton Mark Bayla ably served as facilitators. All the participants were given a free copy of the book, “TRUTH BE TOLD” courtesy of brother Jojo Ramos who was instrumental in procuring the same.Ω

"What gives the Word of God authority is simply the fact that it is the word of God."

READ Hebrews 4:12-13

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LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

October 29, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....159

YP EEZ.....20

CHILDREN.....32

GUESTS.....4

TOTAL.....215

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....7

GRADES 1-2 .....5

GRADES 3-4.....8

GRADES 5-6.....6

H.S./COL.....18

Yas .....17

TOTAL.....61

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP51,525.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—On November 7, 2023 |@ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 | @ 11:30 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 30, 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

| • P R A Y E R L I S T •              |                          |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: |                          | SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE                           |
| *GLORIA YANG                         | *ELLA GAROY              | *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT |
| *JOSEFA JOSAYAN                      | *LORENZA LOSNONG         | *ON-GOING SEEKERS’ BS                        |
| *DONNA GERON                         | *ERNIE ORDUÑA            | *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS                       |
| *PRISCILLA BAYASEN                   | *FLORA CAMPOAS           | *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL          |
| *DAN SAMEON                          | *CLYDE ABANCE            |  |
| *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON                | *MELBA LICUPA            |  |
| *DITH ZAMORA                         | *NIDA GABRIEL            |  |
| *TESS KITMA                          | *CHARLIE ABANCE          |  |
| *LOIDA BADDAS                        |                          | OTHER CONCERNS                               |
| *BERNARD IGNACIO                     | REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:   | Safe Pregnancy:                              |
| *JONATHAN ENERVA                     | *CARMEN VILLANUEVA       | *RAQUEL MAGALONG -SAGULO                     |
| *CESAR ACOSTA                        | *MARILIZA ANDALLO        |  |
| *JOCelyn CALIXTRO                    | *DIANA TAGUIBA           | Safety in Israel:                            |
| *JOVITA BONDOC                       | *PHILIP BADUA            | *JESSICA MARIANO                             |
| *FLORENCE MAGALONG                   | *LILLIAN JADORMIO GUMBAN |  |
|                                      | *HORACIO C. RAMOS        | Safe Travel:                                 |
|                                      | *FRANKY SANCHI           | *OLIDANS (LUNA, LA UNION)                    |
|                                      |                          | *JOJO & JANET RAMOS (AUSTRALIA)              |

Brethren join Taloy Sur devo & housewarming

At the invitation of spouses Anthony James & Aubrey Abance—Flores and family, a number of brethren joined in a BLESSING & THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in gratefulness of the completion of the new home of the FLORES FAMILY located at No. 0265 Marcos Highway, Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet last Monday, October 30, 2023 at 11 o’clock in the morning. Brother Arnan Bayla, together with brother Lemuel Glori and sister Ruth Trinidad, presided in the DEVOTIONAL in which he encouraged the new homeowners to be faithful stewards of their new home. A community Luncheon Fellowship followed afterwards.

Brother Anthony James Flores thanked the Lord God Almighty and all those who took part in making their dream a reality. In behalf of his family, he also thanked the well-wishers. Glory to God!Ω

Tuba teenager receives Jesus the Saviour in baptism

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty for the baptism of KHEIF LEE ROI ABANCE WALANG at Midtown’s baptistery last Sunday afternoon. Brother Ezra Valdez, having facilitated the study of the SCHEME OF REDEMPTION with Kheif, baptized him into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Brother Kheif, born August 9, 2007, is the firstborn son of spouses Mark & Darylle Jane Walang, both active members of this congregation. The couple together with beloved relatives expressed appreciation for this praiseworthy development.

Brother Kheif will proceed to study the New LIFE LESSON SERIES with brother Ezra Valdez every Saturday morning. All praise and glory to God!Ω

Ramoses invited to APEDS forum in Australia

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos will be leaving the country on November 7th to attend the ASIA PACIFIC ELDERS, DEACONS, & SPOUSES (APEDS) in Melbourne, Australia on November 10 & 11, 2023. The APEDS will be hosted by the BELMORE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST on 100 Rostrevor Parade, Mont Albert North, Victoria. This year’s theme is “REVITALISING THE CHURCH” in which participants are expected to learn about practical resources which can help with church growth and ministry.

Earlier, brother Jojo Ramos served as the facilitator in the COUPLES CARE GROUP that met at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL last October 28th. He discussed an “Introduction to Mental Health.” Those who made it include Dex & Den Wagang, Gil & Diane Geron, Cris & Keshia Oliva, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Richard Bestre, and Lulu Bondoc.Ω

# MEANING FOUND IN DIVINE AUTHORITY

Ecclesiastes 6:10-12

## Introduction:

Alexander Woollcot met G. K. Chesterton for lunch at a London restaurant. Chesterton expounded on a variety of philosophical topics, including the relationship between power and authority. “If a rhinoceros were to enter this restaurant, there is no denying he would have great power here. But I should be the first to rise and assure him that he had no authority whatever.”

- 1. ACKNOWLEDGE GOD’S PREMINENCE** (Ecc. 6:10) “Whatever one is, he has been named already, For it is known that he is man; and he cannot contend with Him who is mightier than he.” (NKJV)
  - Solomon tells us that *it is known what man is. Whatever exists has already been named.* The act of naming shows ownership and dominion over the named object and accurately understands it. This means God knows us intimately and fully understands what man is.
  - There is a purpose for everything in God’s world. God knows the plan and outcome of our lives. Even if truth evades man, *he cannot dispute with Him who is stronger than he.*
  - The known man has no choice but to fall under the authority of the mighty God.” He cannot judge God or override His might.
- 2. SUBMIT TO GOD’S POWER** (Ecc. 6:11) “Since there are many things that increase vanity, How is man the better?”
  - Seeing there be many things that increase vanity. The passage means the distractions of business, the cares of life, constant disappointments, that make men feel hollow and unsatisfied with the nature of labor, wealth, and earthly goods. Certain things are in our own power to do or not to do, attributing all that happens to fate, or God's decree. That by his ordinance will be performed by man: good or evil. What is man the better? What profit has man from such speculations or words of skepticism. No profit.
- 3. TRUST IN GOD’S PLAN** (Ecc. 6:12) “For who knows what is good for man in life?, all the days of his vain life which he passes like a shadow? Who can tell a man what will happen after him under the sun?”
  - No one *knows* what is the best (*good*) course of action *during man’s lifetime.* It is *futile* to try to live as though this is not reality during the *few years* we live on earth. We are finite creatures with infinity in our hearts.
  - Our days are fleeting and we *spend* them like a *shadow.* A shadow reflects, but does not have real substance. Like the appearance of vapor. No matter what we produce in this life, it will not last on this earth. All will decay. All will be forgotten. Eventually, this earth will perish.
  - Apart from God, humanity is full of futility. All meaning and purpose is ultimately derived from God. Solomon ends with an admonition to trust and obey God because this is what makes the most sense for our lives. Prov. 3:5,6 says “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your path.”

## Conclusion:

In our study we learned: 1. Acknowledged God’s Preeminence, 2. Submit to God’s Power, and 3. Trust in God’s Plan.

Santiago B. Sameon II

## 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
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God’s Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
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  - Becoming Christians Only
  - Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord’s Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

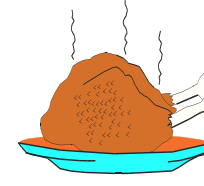
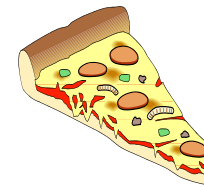
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



## 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  
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16 - Rebecca Garcia  
18 - Kristalyn Saingaw  
18 - Andrew Nawew  
18 - Dionesia Martin  
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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

## 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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