

Servers Today, December 10, 2023

Think Wisely About Wisdom  
(Ecclesiastes 9:11-18)

Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Afternoon Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

ARNAN A. BAYLA

CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

DODOY SAMEON

JUNE REYES

HEBREWS 9:11-15

JASPER PERDIGON

O'NIEL GONZALES

JEPHTHAN TANGONAN

JERRY MARTIN

SOL PALAYPAYON

ANDY BESTRE

ARNAN A. BAYLA

CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

GLORI FAMILY

C/O MIDTOWN

C/O MIDTOWN

KITMA FAMILY

Communion:

Worship Coordinator:

LADY JANET RAMOS

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 17, 2023

Thanksgiving Message  
(Pasasalamat & 40th Anniversary)

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ERNIE WAGANG

GREG KITMA

HEBREWS 10:1-10

KAJEM KITMA

JESSE BESTRE

EZRA VALDEZ

LEMUEL GLORI

JOJO RAMOS

ARNAN BAYLA

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**INFORMER**



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Next Sunday is Midtown's 40th anniversary & Pasasalamat day

Next Sunday, December 17, 2023 is Midtown's PASASALAMAT DAY AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at the TOP FLOOR of the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK HOTEL at Km. 16, Asin Road, Nangalisan, Tuba. Everyone is enjoined to prepare for this occasion and get to meet and greet brethren from the Bokod and Nangalisan congregations. Kindly read and be guided by the GUIDELINES FOR THE PASASALAMAT on Page 3 of this bulletin.

The SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES is as follows:

•9:00—10:30 AM.....PART ONE  
WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

•10:35—11:15 AM.....PART TWO  
INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

•11:15—11:30 AM.....PART THREE  
AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM  
PRESENTATION FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

•11:30-11:45 AM.....PART FOUR  
CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE—TAKING

•12:00—1:00 PM.....PART FIVE  
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

•1:00—3:00 PM .....PART SIX  
FUN & GAMES AT THE HALL AND SWIMMING

•3:00—3:30 PM.....PART SEVEN  
DEPARTURE TIME FROM RIVERVIEW Ω

Final list of elders & deacons for installation

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM praises the Lord God Almighty for the privilege of presenting to the congregation the FINAL LIST OF PROSPECTIVE ELDERS & DEACONS from the previous LIST OF NOMINEES released on October 29, 2023. Those who will be installed as elders and as deacons on December 17, 2023 are as follows:

FOR ELDERS: Brothers Maril P. Bayating Sr., Jonathan A. Ramos, Santiago B. Sameon II, and Ernesto B. Wagang.

FOR DEACONS: Brothers Gregory C. Kitma and Felix L. Olidan Jr.

Again, may the Lord God Almighty be glorified and honored for this wonderful development!Ω

"We will never be afraid to trust an unknown future when we trust a known God."

READ Jeremiah 29:11-13

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Mother of 2 baptized on December 2

Midtown brethren praise the Almighty God for the decision of MARY ROSE ARUTA—CAYABYAB, born February 11, 1993, to be born again on December 2, 2023. After having completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES, she was baptized into Christ by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery the other past Saturday afternoon.

Sister Mroze, as she is fondly called, is the wife of brother Philip Stephen G. Cayabyab, long time active member of this congregation since his youth. She has been attending Midtown's Sunday Worship Assembly with her husband and two children, Yuji Ralf Steven, 10 y/o, and Yumicko Stephen, 8 y/o.

Midtown welcomes the youngest sister in Christ and prays for her continued spiritual growth. Again, glory, praise, and honor to God for this development!Ω

Ramoses host couples care group yearender

Twenty-six brethren from Midtown and other congregations attended the COUPLES CARE GROUP'S YEARENDER DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP hosted by spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos at their residence at San Luis, This city, the other past Saturday, December 2nd, which was sister Janet's birthday.

Spouses Jojo & Janet facilitated the sharing of life experiences and insights in the area of emotional support, quality time, intimacy, gratitude, conflict resolution, communication, acknowledgment, and forgiveness. Those who made it include Gil & Diana Geron, Dan -Gil & Lala Geron, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Felix & Luz Olidan, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Natz & Anri Ramos, JJ & Mahay Ramos, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Dex & Den Wagang, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Alex & Ruth Uy, Richard Bestre, and Lulu Bondoc. The COUPLES CARE GROUP praises God for the spiritually filled lessons, for the active participation, and for the warm fellowship.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
December 3, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

ADULTS.....168

YP EEZ.....18

CHILDREN.....34

GUESTS.....10

TOTAL.....230

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....11

GRADES 1-2 .....6

GRADES 3-4.....9

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S./COL.....13

YAs .....20

TOTAL.....67

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP59,410.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—ON DECEMBER 12, 2023 |@ 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• PASASALAMAT & 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION— RIVERVIEW WATERPARK HOTEL, NANGALISAN, TUBA, BENGUET | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

• SIGN UP FOR FREE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM RIVERVIEW FOR THE PASASALAMAT— UNTIL DECEMBER 10, 2023 | CHOOSE FROM 2 PICK UP POINTS: MIDTOWN OR BDO LEGARDA

• SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR STAFF'S YEAREND BONUS—Today, DECEMBER 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

• FRIDAY CARE GROUP YEARENDER—ROJO-PALAYPAYON RESIDENCE, IRISAN | DEC. 15, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

• SYMPATHIES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE SIS. FLORENCE MAGALONG, DIED DEC. 8, 2023.

THINKING  
WISELY  
ABOUT  
WISDOM

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18  
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | December 10, 2023

**I. WISDOM IS VITAL BUT IS SUBJECT TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE FUTURE**

- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE CAN'T WHOLLY DEPEND ON ABILITIES
  - It is wise to accept one's limitations.
  - It causes us to think about ourselves with sober judgment, abilities aren't forever.
- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT TIME AND CHANCE HAPPEN TO US ALL
  - It is wise to accept one's lot in life.
  - It causes us to understand that we aren't in control over all circumstances.
- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT OUR FUTURE
  - It is wise to accept one's unknown future.
  - It causes us to trust in what God gives and be totally occupied with gladness of heart.

Eccl. 9:11-12

**II. WISDOM DELIVERS BUT MAY NOT BE APPRECIATED AND REWARDED**

- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT OUR WISDOM CAN BE UNAPPRECIATED
  - It is wise to accept that wisdom can be despised.
  - It causes us to readily take rejections and of being ignored.
- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT OUR WISDOM CAN GO UNREWARDED
  - It is wise to accept that wisdom is undervalued.
  - It causes us to not expect others to listen to us nor to praise us for wisdom shared.
- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT OUR WISDOM IS BETTER THAN OUR STRENGTH
  - It is wise to accept the limitations of strength.
  - It causes us to seek wisdom over worldly success even if it is not readily honored.

Eccl. 9:13-16

**III. WISDOM IS OF VALUE BUT MAY BE NULLIFIED BY A LITTLE FOLLY**

- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT CAN BE OVERPOWERED BY POWERFUL FOOLS
  - It is wise to accept that power supersede wisdom.
  - It causes us to acknowledge that we live in a fallen world that would not honor God.
- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT CAN BE OVERPOWERED BY CONFLICT
  - It is wise to accept that conflicts supplant wisdom.
  - It causes us to acknowledge that our human nature can get the better of us.
- WISDOM IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT CAN BE SPOILED BY ONE SINNER
  - It is wise to accept that wisdom is unheeded.
  - It causes us to acknowledge that wisdom is better, but often times foolishness is "weightier."

Eccl. 9:17-18

“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.”

1 Cor 2:1-5 NIV

**THINKING WISELY ABOUT WISDOM**

- WHILE WISDOM IS VITAL, IT IS SUBJECT TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE FUTURE
  - Ecclesiastes 9:11-12
- WHILE WISDOM DELIVERS, IT MAY BE UNAPPRECIATED AND UNREWARDED
  - Ecclesiastes 9:13-16
- WHILE WISDOM IS OF VALUE, IT MAY BE NULLIFIED DUE TO A LITTLE FOLLY
  - Ecclesiastes 9:17-18

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18

**APPLICATION:**

- How should we respond to the fact that wisdom is subject to the uncertainties of this life?
  - We must not put our faith on wisdom but on the One who makes us wise.
  - We must not act arrogantly for having the privileges of possessing the upper hand. Instead we must humble ourselves before the Creator.
  - We must avoid all kinds of conceit knowing that we can die any time.
  - We must avoid trusting in ourselves but to trust in the Lord God Almighty alone.
  - "It is better to trust and take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust and take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes." Psalm 118:8-9 AMP

**APPLICATION:**

- How should we respond to the fact that wisdom can go unappreciated and unrewarded?
  - We must take comfort in knowing that wisdom can be despised, unheeded, and unrewarded. It should no longer surprise us if people choose foolishness.
  - We must never be discouraged in sharing words of wisdom. Also, accept wise counsel from anyone.
  - We must remain steadfast in our resolve to pursue, to trust, and to obey God's wisdom.
  - We must not rely on the benefits of wisdom, but to totally rely on the eternal and only wise God.
  - "He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not — to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 1 Corinthians 1:28-29 NIV

**APPLICATION:**

- How should we respond to the fact that wisdom may be nullified by a little folly?
  - We must understand that we live in a fallen world that goes by the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life.
  - We must discipline ourselves by keeping in step with the Holy Spirit to keep us from falling into folly.
  - We must take caution in the way that we make use wisdom as to avoid wasting it on the "unworthy."
  - "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you." Matthew 10:11-13 NIV

How should Christians apply wisdom to have a life?

- ALWAYS THINK that while wisdom is vital, it is subject to variables and the uncertainty of the future. So, accept one's limitations, one's lot in life, and one's unknown future.
- ALWAYS THINK that while wisdom delivers, it may be unappreciated and unrewarded. So, be ready to accept rejections, persecutions, and cancellations.
- ALWAYS THINK that while wisdom is of great value, it may be nullified by a little folly. So, be ready to accept anything that may happen in this life.

GUIDELINES FOR THE 2023 PASASALAMAT & 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As a brotherly reminder for everyone for the orderly conduct and optimum enjoyment of the PASASALAMAT & 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on December 17, 2023, the congregation is enjoined to abide by the following guidelines:

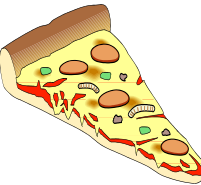
- Keep in mind that Midtown's Pasasalamat to be held at the Function Hall at the Top Floor of the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK HOTEL is primarily a fellowship and a worship assembly and not an outing.
- As such, please come in proper attire and disposition.
- The assembly shall start at exactly 9 o'clock in the morning, so please be at the venue before 9 AM. Travel time from downtown Baguio to Riverview usually takes thirty (30) minutes.
- Transportation will be provided for free from Midtown via circumferential road to Riverview and vice versa. Hired jeepneys (PUJ) will leave Midtown at exactly 8 AM. The same will leave Riverview at 3:30 PM. Please note that you are expected to ride the same jeepney going back to Midtown. PLEASE SIGN UP NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 10 IF YOU WILL TAKE THIS OPTION. Please find the SIGN UP sheets on one of the bulletin boards.
- If coming from downtown Baguio, free PUJ transportation will also be provided from BDO Legarda (near City Hall) to take you to Riverview at exactly 8 AM. If you take this option, you are expected to take the same jeepney to transport you back to town. The same will leave Riverview at 3:30 PM. PLEASE SIGN UP NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 10 IF YOU WILL TAKE THIS OPTION. Please find the SIGN UP sheets on one of the bulletin boards.
- Once at the venue, kindly follow the directions of the designated ushers/usherettes.
- Lunch will be served through controlled buffet by the catering service authorized personnel only.
- Strictly no swimming before the designated time of swimming which is at one o'clock (1PM). Parents and guardians shall take full responsibility of watching over their children's safety.
- Please strictly observe the resort's rules and regulations. Wear proper swimming attire.
- Kindly advise your guests to abide by the guidelines. THANKS & GOD BLESS!

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



December Celebrators

01 - Denise A. Wagang  
02 - Linda A. Yaneza  
02 - Janet B. Ramos  
02 - Ma. Alexis J. Sunggay  
03 - Rowena L. Quezada  
04 - Erika Abijar  
05 - Daisy Calzo  
08 - Josephine A. Baban  
09 - Gracelynn Abance  
09 - Marilyn Joy B. Gamboa  
10 - Dencio B. Abance  
11 - Jovita R. Bondoc  
14 - Santiago B. Sameon II  
16 - Christian S. Parohinog  
16 - Mark Joseph N. Quizana  
17 - Jane M. Bestre  
20 - Gaspar Baldo, Jr.  
20 - Jess Perdigon  
21 - Sotero Denis  
21 - Kinsha C. Glori  
22 - Jess Solomon  
22 - Diana Jane Geron  
23 - Rosita Go  
23 - Sherman C. Bestre  
23 - Padmei Lara Geron  
24 - Noel Espinosa  
24 - Crispina Tugay-an  
26 - Arlene G. Rimando  
26 - Kaesha R. Palaypayon  
26 - Sharon Kosgey  
29 - Aldian R. Po  
29 - Xelli Qea E. Parohinog  
30 - Analyn B. Aronza



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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