

Servers Today, December 24, 2023

Living for the Lord
(Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:8)

Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWE

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8

Scripture Reading: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Cup: SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Giving: DANTE BADDAS

Closing Prayer: DODOY SAMEON

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWE

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

To Bring Flowers: BAYATING FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GONZALES FAMILY

Communion: LADY JANET RAMOS

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 31, 2023

The Conclusion of the Matter
(Ecclesiastes 12:9-14)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: JUNE REYES

Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR

Intercessory Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: O'NIEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Giving: DEXTER WAGANG

Closing Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

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Communion: LADY JANET RAMOS

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

324 celebrate 40th anniversary & Pasasalamat

A total of 324 worshipers including children and guests attended the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY at the 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & PASASALAMAT at Riverview Waterpark Hotel in Nangalisan, Tuba, last Sunday, December 17th. The Nangalisan and Bokod congregations joined the celebration and conveyed jubilations over the Lord’s work being done at Midtown. Special presentations from Midtown’s Young Adults & Young People as well as from the Sunday School children contributed to a fitting celebration of the future of the Lord’s work.

The few men selected for the task of serving as elders, namely, Maril P. Bayating Sr. (*in absentia*), Jonathan A. Ramos, Santiago B. Sameon II, and Ernesto B. Wagang as well as those tested to serve as deacons, namely, Gegory C. Kitma and Felix L. Olidan Jr., have finally been formally installed in a fitting program presided by Midtown’s ministers.

Again, Midtown thanks RIVERVIEW for the usual accommodation, generosity, and hospitality. Thanks too for the ladies who sponsored the fruits and deserts. God bless you all richly!Ω

Well baby girl born to Magalong-Sagulo family

Midtown rejoices with spouses Clifford and Raquel Sagulo for the successful delivery of their firstborn, a well baby girl named CYAN NYX MAGALONG SAGULO through caesarean section at the BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER (BGHMC) last November 21, 2023 at 4:40 in the morning. She weighed 3.05 kg at birth.

The thankful parents convey deep appreciation for the prayers unceasingly offered by the congregation on their behalf. “*Words cannot express our appreciation,*” they conveyed, as they have waited for this for many years. All thanks to the Lord!

Meanwhile, sister Raquel also expressed appreciation for Midtown’s prayers, sympathies, and support for her deceased mother, the late sister Florence Magalong who passed on to Abraham’s side on December 8, 2023. The deceased was buried in Mankayan, Benguet last December 13, 2023.Ω

"There is nothing holier, better, and safer than to content ourselves with the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ alone."

READ Psalm 144:15

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Midtown hall serves as Bible study & counseling center

Midtown’s EVANGELISM MINISTRY, recognizing the increasing number of mental health concerns, praises the Lord God Almighty for the opportunity of reaching out to the community through the BIBLE STUDY CENTER (BSC) set up at Midtown’s Assembly Hall on weekdays and weekends. The opening of said BSC kicked off with a Devotional facilitated by brothers Felix Olidan Jr. and Jesse Bestre last Tuesday, December 19th. There were 19 in attendance.

Midtown brethren can direct anyone to the BSC for counseling. Volunteer receptionists are on post to receive them and to refer them to SPIRITUAL COUNSELORS which include the ministers, elders, deacons, and Bible teachers. The goal is to offer help by having open conversations with those seeking help through Biblical Counseling.

Meanwhile, a new church signboard has been installed at the frontage of the Marlett’s Building. This includes the advertisement for free Bible study and Biblical counseling. Thanks to the brethren who helped brother Julius Rojo realize the project.

A GROUP CHAT (GC) ACCOUNT initiated by brother Jojo Ramos will be constructed for the purpose of receiving prayer concerns and requests for the PRAYER MINISTRY. All praises to the Lord God Almighty! Ω

Midtown church receives appreciation from RNHS

Having served as Spiritual Counselors at the ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (RNHS) last year, the MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST was among those presented with a CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION during the school’s 14th Foundation Anniversary last December 15, 2023. Brother Ezra Valdez personally received the certificate as well as some tokens. He also received the certificate for Heritage Bible College. Praise God! Ω

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Updated 2023 list of baptism records 17

Midtown praises the Lord Almighty for the opportunity of preaching and teaching the pure gospel of Christ Jesus which brought the addition of seventeen (17) new brethren to the Lord's church at Midtown to date. Most of them received their certificates of baptism last Sunday. The certificates unclaimed last Sunday will be awarded today and in the succeeding Sundays. Sister Jacy Perdigon's certificate will be presented to her during the announcement portion today since her name was missed out in the list last Sunday (APOLOGIES FROM THE MI STAFF). So far, the Lord has entrusted to the Midtown congregation the following this 2023:

1. Vanessa A. Barad—baptized March 6
2. John Gehris Oyler—baptized March 14
3. Jacinth K. Perdigon—baptized March 21
4. Mark N. Quizana—baptized April 3
5. Sherman C. Bestre—baptized April 4
6. Jephtha Fernandez—baptized April 21
7. Sonia Cariño Abance—baptized May 7
8. Eric K. Quijencio—baptized May 24
9. Kimberly I. Golingab—baptized May 24
10. Ruby A. Suanding—baptized June 11
11. Noelle Jane A. Barad—baptized July 14
12. Norma D. Andaya—baptized September 1
13. Kheif A. Walang—baptized October 29
14. Juanita Fernandez—baptized November 5
15. Rhianne Nawew—baptized November 17
16. Charmaine Rivera—baptized November 25
17. Mary Rose Cayabyab—baptized Dec. 2 Ω

Young Bestre officiates Bacaoat-Poncio Nuptial

Brother Jesse Reuben M. Bestre, one of Midtown's licensed solemnizing officers, officiated the wedding of brother Emmerzon Winnie Bacaoat and sister Nelialeen Pa-ang Poncio, at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST auditorium last Wednesday morning, December 20, 2023. The couple are members of the AMBIONG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet. Brother Emmerzon used to attend worship assemblies at Midtown in his younger days, his parents being former members of this congregation. Being residents of Ambiong, the family have since placed their membership with the Ambiong congregation. Reception followed at the groom's residence. The couple and their families appreciated the ceremony. Praise the Lord! Ω

Youth ministry boosts young people's activities

Brother Ezra A. Valdez, Midtown's youth minister, reports a couple of activities involving the young people of the congregation this month. Past activities include the following:

1. QUARTERLY PICNIC FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN—done at the picnic grounds of CAMP JOHN HAY on December 2 (Saturday). It was hosted by the YOUTH MINISTRY. Facilitators included brethren Ezra & Kana Valdez, Jizza Aquino, Chad & Laisha Montes, and Raiza & Shaira Andaya. The outing was highlighted by the singing of spiritual songs, Bible Story telling (Parable of the Lost Sheep), and group games. There were sixty in attendance.

2. BOWLING & HANGOUT FELLOWSHIP—Done at the Puyat Sports at Centermall and at the Rooftop Gardens of SM City Mall on December 8 (Friday). The youth played bowling and had a sumptuous meal at the famous Good Taste Restaurant. Fellowship continued at SM City Mall. There were 22 in attendance.Ω

Youth yearender activity on December 27 & 28

The YOUTH MINISTRY is preparing for the YOUNG PEOPLE'S YEARENDER ACTIVITY scheduled on December 27 & 28, 2023 (Wednesday & Thursday). Activities include the traditional "AMAZING RACE" to kick off at downtown Baguio and culminating in a SLEEPOVER CAMP at the PANAYAYAMAN PLAYGROUND at Oregao, Km. 15 Marcos Highway, Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet.

Please bring your Bible, Notes & Pen, Phone, Water bottle, Clothes good for 2 days, Basic Toiletries (Towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.), Pocket money, Greedy man's gift worth 150 (optional), Packed lunch on the 27th, Beddings. REGISTRATION FEE is P150.00.

Participants are expected to gather at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC), Mezzanine Floor of Infinita Café, Laperal Building, Session Road on December 27th @ 8:30 in the morning. Activities start at 9 AM. If a waiver is needed, kindly approach brother Ezra Valdez. The activity will start on December 27 at 9:00 AM and will end approximately on December 28 at 1:00 in the afternoon.

This year's theme for the YEARENDER ACTIVITY is GENERATION ZEAL (GENZ) based on Titus 2:11-14. See you there!Ω

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
- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement: 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

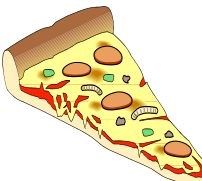
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



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
12 - Eric K. Quijencio
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 Oea 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
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MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

6:00-8:00 PM	• 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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