

Servers Today, 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
Announcement:ARNAN BAYLA
Afternoon Speaker:ALTON MARK BAYLA
Song Leader:JESSE BESTRE
To Bring Flowers:GLORI FAMILY
To Bring Biscuits:C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks:C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes:BADDAS FAMILY

Communion:LADY JANET RAMOS
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 December 10, 2023

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

Speaker:ARNAN A. BAYLA
Song Leader:CHRISTOPHER OLIVA
Invocation:DODOY SAMEON
Intercessory Prayer:JUNE REYES
Communion Text:HEBREWS 9:11-15
Scripture Reading:JASPER PERDIGON
Prayer for the Bread:O'NIEL GONZALES
Prayer for the Cup:JEPHTHAN TANGONAN
Prayer for the Giving:JERRY MARTIN
Closing Prayer:SOL PALAYPAYON
Announcement:ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker:ARNAN A. BAYLA
Song Leader:CHRISTOPHER OLIVA
To Bring Flowers:GLORI FAMILY
To Bring Biscuits:C/O MIDTOWN
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Midtown brethren serve in Bokod and Nangalisan

A number of Midtown brethren served in various capacities with the brethren in Bokod and in Nangalisan, Tuba last Sunday, November 26th. Brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as Sermon Speaker in the celebration of the 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BOKOD congregations held at the WAIS RESIDENCE in Pito, Bokod. He was with brethren Jojo Ramos, Luz Olidan, and spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa. Meanwhile, brother Jeremiah Gawe served as Sermon Speaker in the JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the Lasilas congregation with the Riverview brethren held at the chapel of the Nangalisan congregation at Riverview last Sunday. He was accompanied by brothers Jesse Bestre and Aldian Po. All praise to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

"Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some storms come to clear your path."

READ Mark 4:35-41

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
November 26, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....8
ADULTS.....160	GRADES 1-27
YP EEZ.....23	GRADES 3-4.....11
CHILDREN.....38	GRADES 5-6.....6
GUESTS.....21	H.S./COL.....19
TOTAL.....242	YAs21
	TOTAL.....72

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP50,530.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—ON DECEMBER 5, 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—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
- MARCH FOR CHRIST MEDICAL-DENTAL—OPTICAL MISSION—LUNA, LA UNION | DEC. 8 & 9, 2023
- FRIDAY CARE GROUP YEARENDER—ROJO-PALAYPAYON RESIDENCE, IRISAN | DEC. 15, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*ELLA GAROY
*LORENZA LOSNONG
*ERNIE ORDUÑA
*FLORA CAMPOAS
*CLYDE ABANCE
*MELBA LICUPA
*NIDA GABRIEL
*CHARLIE ABANCE
*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:
*MARCH FOR CHRIST MEDICAL MISSION PARTICIPANTS IN LUNA, LA UNION ON DEC.. 8 & 9

Free calendars to be distributed today

Three Hundred calendars are now available for distribution to the congregation beginning today. Each family is entitled to take one. Some will also be shared to the Nangalisan and Bokod brethren. Should there be extra copies left by December 17th, the same will be given away to those who would need more. Request for extra copies after December 17th may be addressed to brother Andy Bestre. The congregation thanks brother Art Tacay for facilitating the calendars' printing job order in time for the Pasasalamat! Praise the Lord!Ω

Special contribution for staff's yearend bonus today

As has been the congregation's tradition to give YEAREND BONUSES to Midtown's full-time ministers in appreciation to their dedication to the work in the MINISTRY OF THE WORD and in the Lord's vineyard, a SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION will be made today. Another round of special contribution will be made next Sunday especially for those who are unable to give today. The congregation will be giving bonuses to four (4) ministers, namely, brothers Arnan Bayla, Andy Bestre, Jesse Reuben Bestre, and Ezra Valdez. Praise the Lord!Ω

Midtown's ladies is biggest delegation in BBCLF

Twenty-nine ladies from Midtown attended the 21ST BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP (BBCLF): "WOMAN OF WORTH" held at the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE located in Barangay Irisan, this city, last Monday, November 27th. Total attendance was 227 from 17 congregations. Midtown's delegation was the largest which includes sister Nancy Bayla as the oldest participant at the age of 85. Those who made it from Midtown were Jovy Mabesa, Norma Aping, Minda Oliva, Ruth Trinidad, Lois Fermin, Beth Sevilla, Jane Bestre, Carina Lacaba, Josie Selmo, Ruby Suanding, Josie Yapyapen, Cora Ozo, Clarita Cachero, Lori Austria, Edith Latonio, Dinah Austria, Virgie Baldo, Letty Wagang, Alice Lalas, Cel Alvarez, Gloria Yang, Luz Olidan, Nelly Bayla, Fely Flores, Bing Roxas, Maribel Sunggay, Sarah Sameon, and Ruth Camora. The 22nd BBCLF will be hosted by the NLEX CONGREGATION. To God be the glory!Ω

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF THE LOST SHEEP AND COIN

Luke 15:1-10

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | NOVEMBER 19, 26, DEC 3, 2023

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF THE LOST SHEEP AND COIN

Luke 15:1-10

- REALIZE THE VALUE OF WHAT WAS LOST
 - "One lost sheep" / "One lost coin"
- REALIZE THE COST OF SEARCHING FOR WHAT WAS LOST
 - "Go after the lost" / "Search carefully"
- REALIZE THAT THE SUCCESSFUL SEARCH IS WORTH CELEBRATING
 - "There will be more rejoicing in heaven"

I. REALIZE THE VALUE OF WHAT WAS LOST

Luke 15:1-10

- THERE IS VALUE TO EVERYTHING EVEN THE SEEMINGLY INSIGNIFICANT
 - The lost sheep is 1/100; the lost coin is 1/10.
 - Jesus is pointing out to the Pharisees that sinners are valuable beyond estimation.
- THERE IS VALUE PLACED TO SOMETHING BY ITS OWNER
 - The shepherd sees the value of his sheep; the woman sees the value of her coins.
 - Jesus is pointing out to the Pharisees that God values everyone for everyone is His.
- THERE IS VALUE IN REALIZING GOD'S LOVE & COMPASSION FOR THE LOST
 - The value of something is based on how God values it and not on our standards.
 - Jesus is pointing out to the Pharisees that their standards lack love and compassion.

II. REALIZE THE COST OF SEARCHING FOR WHAT WAS LOST

Luke 15:1-10

- THERE IS TIME & RESOURCES SPENT IN SEARCHING FOR WHAT WAS LOST
 - Required to spend in God's work.
 - Jesus is pointing out that a good steward willingly spends to find the lost.
- THERE IS ENERGY SPENT IN SEARCHING FOR WHAT WAS LOST
 - Required to labor in God's mission.
 - Jesus is pointing out that a good steward readily labors to find the lost.
- THERE IS RISK OR HAZARD INVOLVED IN SEARCHING FOR THE LOST
 - Required to take risks in order to succeed.
 - Jesus is pointing out that a good steward willingly takes risk to find the lost.

III. REALIZE THAT THE SUCCESSFUL SEARCH IS WORTH CELEBRATING

Luke 15:1-10

- THERE IS A CELEBRATION OF JOY IN FINDING WHAT WAS LOST
 - Rejoicing for one sinner who repents.
 - Jesus is pointing out that the joy of the Lord is leading sinners to repent.
- THERE IS CELEBRATION OF JOY RESULTING FROM THE GRACIOUS INTERCESSION
 - Rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God.
 - Jesus is pointing out that seeking and saving the lost is a divine calling.
- THERE IS CELEBRATION OF JOY SHARED WITH OTHERS
 - Rejoicing with friends and neighbors.
 - Jesus is pointing out that success in searching the lost is a congregational joy.

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

What are important lessons do we learn from the Parables of the Lost Sheep & Coin?

1. Let us realize the value of people according to God's sentiments remembering that God valued ('so loved') His people as to send His one and only Son to save sinners.
2. Let us the value of taking part (laboring & rejoicing) in God's mission of seeking and saving the lost for this is the very reason He sent His one and only Son Jesus Christ.
3. Let us realize the value of genuine repentance – that it leads one to finding one's way (or being found) back to whom we belong – God.

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:

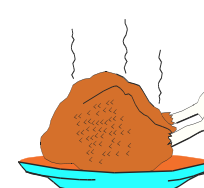
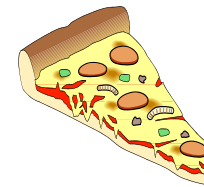
1. Keep in mind that Midtown's Pasasalamat to be held at the Function Hall at the Top Floor of the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK HOTEL is primarily a fellowship and a worship assembly and not an outing. 2. As such, please come in proper attire and disposition. 3. The assembly shall start at exactly 9 o'clock in the morning, so please be at the venue before 9 AM. Travel time from downtown Baguio to Riverview usually takes thirty (30) minutes. 4. 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. 5. 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. 6. Once at the venue, kindly follow the directions of the designated ushers/usherettes. 7. Lunch will be served through controlled buffet by the catering service authorized personnel only. 8. 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. 9. Please strictly observe the resort's rules and regulations. Wear proper swimming attire. 10. 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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