

Servers Today, December 31, 2023

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

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: JUNE REYES

Invocation: GASPAS 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

Song Leader: JUNE REYES

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BESTRE 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 January 7, 2024

Investigating the Truth
(Luke 1:1-4)

Speaker: JONATHAN A. RAMOS

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

Invocation: JESSE BESTRE

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-26

Scripture Reading: ALTON BAYLA

Prayer for the Bread: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Cup: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: GIL GERON

Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON

Announcement: ANNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JONATHAN A. RAMOS

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BADDAS FAMILY

Communion: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED


Worship Coordinator: JESSE BESTRE | ART TACAY

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INFORMER



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1000+ served in MARCH
LU medical mission

A total of 1,119 patients were served in the recent MARCH FOR CHRIST MEDICAL-DENTAL-OPTICAL-SPIRITUAL MISSION in Rimos 3, Luna, La Union and in Luzong, Bangar, La Union last December 8 & 9, 2023. Twenty brethren from Midtown participated in various capacities. They include brethren Alexandre Ciencia, Graciela Ciencia, Lorie Austria, Evelyn Ignacio, Hannah Ignacio, Angeline Linggon, Kaesha Palaypayon, Fely Rojo, Lailany Palaypayon, Julius Rojo, Solomon Palaypayon, Kaelin Palaypayon, Ruth Camora, Jun Reyes, Lemuel Glori, Vangie Glori, Abe Linggon, Julus Udan, Felix Olidan, Luz Olidan, Macrina Espiritu, and Kai Olidan. They were joined by spouses Shemer & Tin Sameon and sister Macrina Espiriu.

632 patients were served in Luna while 487 were served in Luzong, Bangar. There were two patients, namely, brother Salvador Sabado, 72 y/o and sister Virginia Madarang, 76 y/o who got baptized in a nearby swimming pool as a result of the spiritual counseling done simultaneously with the medical mission. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Brother Maril discharged;
now back home in Tuba

Midtown brethren welcome back home brother Maril P. Bayating Sr. who was discharged from the hospital last Sunday, December 24, 2023. He was admitted at the PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER in Quezon City for a CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT SURGERY (CABG). He is now recuperating in his residence in Poblacion, Tuba.

Brother Maril and his family express unceasing gratitude to the Lord God Almighty as well as to the congregation for the ceaseless prayers offered in his behalf. By God's grace and mercy, he is now on his way to full recovery. He asks to be included in prayers as he intends to fulfill his noble task as one of the newly installed elders of the Midtown congregation. He was installed *in absentia* during the 40th Anniversary of Midtown in a Pasasalamat celebration at the RIVERVIEW WATERPARK HOTEL, Nangalisan, Tuba last December 17, 2023.Ω

"If you want a happy ending,
that depends, of course,
on where you stop your story."

READ Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

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Wagangs host young
adults yearender activity

Last Wednesday, December 27, 2023, spouses Dexter & Denise Abance—Wagang hosted the YOUNG ADULTS YEARENDER LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP dubbed “DEKADEKADANG PAGKAKAKAIBIGAN,” a testament of true and time-tested friendship and camaraderie. Brother Ryan Anthony Bestre who has come home for the holidays from his Manila-based occupation, facilitated the Devotional and the sharing of thoughts, insights, blessings, and experiences. The group testified to the fact that “*whatever will be, will be,*” or “*Que Sera Sera*” based on Ecclesiastes 9:11.

Those who made it to the fellowship include Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Mervin & Kat Oliva, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Ezra & Kana Valdez, JJ & Mahaysha Ramos, Aljian Po, Rachel Bestre, Edward Peñaranda, Jun Reyes, and with the special participation of spouses Annan & Nelly Bayla. Kids present were Zayna Albay, Lhuke & Padmei Geron, Kidatan Ramos, and Dumanay Valdez, the next generation to build strong friendships and partnership in serving the Almighty God. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Ministers preside in
Quezon Hill housewarming

Brothers Annan Bayla and Andy Bestre together with their spouses presided over a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL AND HOUSEWARMING FELLOWSHIP in celebration of the completion of the dwelling place of spouses Philip Stephen & Mary Rose Aruta—Cayabyab and family located on Iron St., Middle Quezon Hill, this city, Monday afternoon of December 18, 2023. Brother Annan Bayla discussed the SEVEN LAWS OF STEWARDSHIP based on Matthew 25:14-30. Family and friends of the couple graced the occasion. All thanks and praises to God! Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
December 24, 2023

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....5

ADULTS.....146

GRADES 1-22

YP EEZ.....15

GRADES 3-4.....6

CHILDREN.....20

GRADES 5-6.....6

GUESTS.....5

H.S./COL.....15

TOTAL.....186

YAs22

TOTAL.....56

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP35,570.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*ELLA GAROY

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNE 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:

*MICHELLE YANG—OYLER

Safety in Israel:

*JESSICA MARIANO

Safe Travel:

*HOLIDAY BREAK VACATIONISTS

*JONAH & CELIA CIRILO (FROM CANADA TO PHILIPPINES)

*ABRAM CIRILO & FAMILY (JAPAN)

*JERRY GAWE (LASILAS COC)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—RESUMES JANUARY 9, 2024 | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MERGER CLASSES TODAY—GRADES 3-4 WITH HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE CLASSES AND GRADES 5-6 WITH YOUNG PRO CLASSES | DECEMBER 31, 2023

NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST JOINT FELLOWSHIP TODAY—AT LASILAS, ON DECEMBER 31, 2023

MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP—JANUARY 20, 2024

SIGN UP FOR THE LADIES STEERING GROUP FOR THE MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP—LADIES WHO WERE UNABLE TO JOIN THE DRAW LOTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE STEERING GROUPS MAY SIGN UP ON ANY OF THE GROUPS AS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

MORE NEWS MORE NEWS MORE NEWS

Ladies enjoined to add names to steering groups

30+ participants enjoy young people's yearender

Next year's LADIES STEERING GROUP for the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP has been formed and is hereby published for the congregation's information. The List of Members of each Steering Group is by no way final, i.e., more names are expected to be added to the list. The ladies are advised to add their names on the list posted on the LADIES' BULLETIN BOARD. The initial list is as follows:

1ST STEERING GROUP: Marlene Samonte, Luz Olidan, Lorie Austria, Nancy Bayla, Fely Flores, Josie Selmo, Cot Espinosa, Vanessa Barad...

2ND STEERING GROUP: Minda Oliva, Jovy Mabesa, Carina Lacaba Janet Fernandez Jizza Aquino Kana Perdigon...

3RD STEERING GROUP: Kesha Oliva Clarita Cachero, Beth Sevilla, Cora Ozo, Maureen Soriano, Janet Ramos ...

4TH STEERING GROUP: Cecilia Ramos Josie Yapyapen, Nelly Bayla, Norma Aping, Maribel Sunggay, Jane Bestre, Me-an Gonzales, Ruth Trinidad...

The newly formed steering groups are to set up their meetings in order to carry out their planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting, and budgeting. The first steering group will be meeting very soon to prepare for the first LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP on January 20, 2024.Ω

Volunteers needed for 2024 usual tasks

- Midtown brethren are encouraged to check the Bulletin Boards for volunteers in various tasks such as the following:
1. Prepare the Communion Bread for the Lord's Supper. Makes unleavened bread good for an attendance of at least 200. Supply must be fresh every Sunday and be available before the Assembly Time.
 2. Prepare the Grape Juice for the Lord's Supper. Prepares the cups in trays good for at least 200 attendance every Sunday, both morning and evening worship assemblies. Also, to wash used cups if no volunteers sign up for the washing.
 3. Bring flowers to be arranged by sister Irene Lagsaman. Cash may be donated for the purchase of flowers.
 4. Volunteers to wash Communion Cups.Ω

This year's YOUNG PEOPLE'S YEAR-ENDER CAMP dubbed "GENZ: GENERATION ZEAL" based on Titus 2:11-14 inspired the young people to seek to cultivate a 'Generation Zeal' among them—young Christians who stand out by living with purpose, taking responsibility, and embracing their faith and identity in Christ.

Starting with the "AMAZING RACE," the young people realized the incredible influence they wield in today's world, shaped by technology and immersed in a culture that often strays from what's right. With the activities, the young people were empowered having realized that they can make a real difference in actions, in speech, and in thoughts.

Culminating activities were done at the PANAAYAMAN PLAYGROUND in Orengao, Taloy Sur, Tuba, courtesy of the Bayatings. The participants express appreciation to the Bayatings for the generosity and the hospitality. Serving as Devotional Speaker was brother Jonathan Ramos Sr. who encouraged the participants that "It's OK NOT TO BE OK" based on Psalms 139:13-14. This helped the youth to gain "UNDERSTANDING & CONTROLLING EMOTIONS." On the other hand, brother Ryan Bestre facilitated a fishbowl discussion on the topic, "HOW GENZ'S CAN DEAL WITH SOCIAL MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY ISSUES." Serving as Overall Facilitators include brethren Ezra Valdez, Jizza Aquino, Maureen Soriano, Demi Tacay, Charis Bayla, Angela Ramos, Amber Po, Aldian Po, O'neil Gonzales, Kaelin Palaypayon, and Novan Kepes.

The participants representing Midtown, Nangalisan, La Trinidad, Tocmo, and NLEX congregations were Allison Gapungli, Alexis Sunggay, Levi Josiah Calixtro, Laisha Montes, Raiza Andaya, Shaira Andaya, Alton Mark Bayla, Andrew Dumawa, Luke Dumawa, Ian Dumawa, Kajem Kitma, Jacinth Perdigon, Jezrylle Bugtong, Raven Cados, Josh Darius Martin, Dylan Luis, Jearllan Jec-Jec, Henry Udan, Jester Ibarra, Christian Gonsoden, Yzer, Nilo Tacdoy, Alvin Andrada, Rod Acosta, Dezzel Bato, Valery Bugtong, Hannay Cangoy, Eudelyn, and Rio Gale.

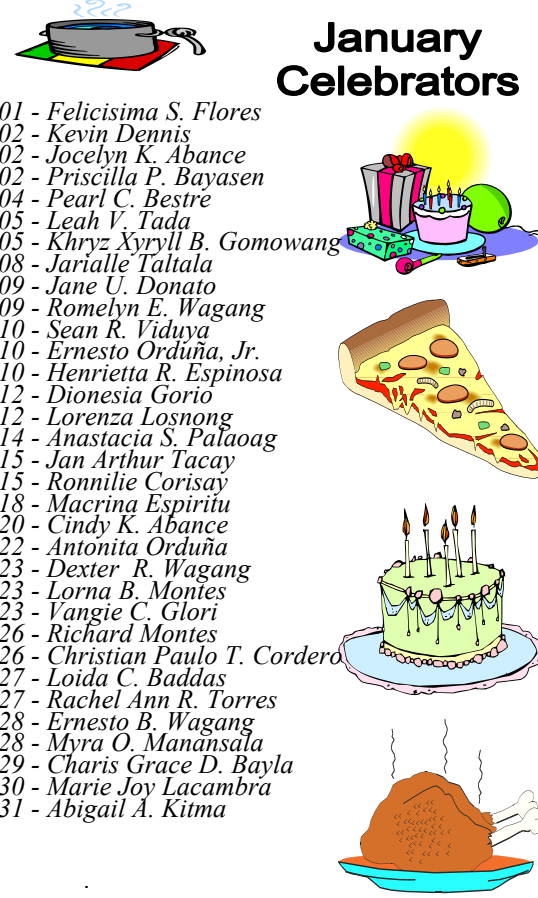
Brother Ezra A. Valdez, Midtown's youth minister, reiterated his appreciation for the usual active participation and cooperation of the Youth Ministry for yet another successful activity. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

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 - 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
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 - 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
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 - 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 :
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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



01 - Felicisima S. Flores
02 - Kevin Dennis
02 - Jocelyn K. Abance
02 - Priscilla P. Bayasen
04 - Pearl C. Bestre
05 - Leah V. Tada
05 - Khryz Xyryll B. Gomowang
08 - Jarialle Taltala
09 - Jane U. Donato
09 - Romelyn E. Wagang
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12 - Dionesia Gorio
12 - Lorenza Losnong
14 - Anastacia S. Palaoag
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15 - Ronnilie Corisay
18 - Macrina Espiritu
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26 - Richard Montes
26 - Christian Paulo T. Cordero
27 - Loida C. Baddas
27 - Rachel Ann R. Torres
28 - Ernesto B. Wagang
28 - Myra O. Manansala
29 - Charis Grace D. Bayla
30 - Marie Joy Lacabra
31 - Abigail A. Kitma

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		SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY	
 6:00-8:00 PM 		• Singing & Prayers & MESSAGE: 6:30–6:15 • LORD'S SUPPER & GIVING: 6:15–6:30 • Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40	

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