

Servers Today, January 21, 2024

The Announcement of Jesus' Birth (Luke 1:26-56)

Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

Communion Text: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Scripture Reading: GASPAR BALDO, Jr.

Prayer for the Bread: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE

Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GONZALES FAMILY

Communion: JANE BESTRE

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 January 28, 2024

The Advent of John the Baptizer (Luke 1:57-80)

Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES

Communion Text: HEBREWS 9:11-15

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: O'NIEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: GIL GERON

Prayer for the Giving: DEXTER WAGANG

Closing Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE

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INFORMER



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Kiddie Sunday School fam-outing this Saturday

All children attending the MIDTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL (Elementary Grades or 0 years old up to 12 years old) and their family are enjoined to participate in the QUARTERLY KIDDIE SUNDAY SCHOOL FAM-OUTING at the CAMP JOHN HAY PICNIC GROUNDS on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM—2:30 PM. As originally initiated by parents and teachers of Midtown's Sunday School, the outing will continue to be a POTLUCK LUNCH. The assigned MENU is as follows: Fried Chicken and Rice, Bottled fruit Juice Drink or Yakult (Volunteers needed to bring these). Others are free to bring add-on potluck. Also, bring picnic equipment if available. Devotionals, Bible Story Telling, singing, fun, games, prizes, and surprises await all participants. For further details, please contact sister Nelly Bayla @ 09171881115.Ω

"Not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do is one secret of happiness."

READ Ephesians 6:5-7

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Backseats to be reserved for toddlers and babysitters

The congregation praises the Almighty God for the growing number of young children brought to the worship assemblies. The parents are to be commended for bringing them to the assembly despite the challenges. To support them and to help make things easier for them, the men and women meeting in last TUESDAY'S CHURCH FORUM agreed that the seats at the backmost portion of the ASSEMBLY HALL will be reserved for babysitters and parents with young children. This will give them easy access to the CRY ROOM OR PACIFYING ROOM. Meanwhile, parents are encouraged to have their young children sit with them during the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY. It would also be helpful to orient the children with this matter at home by parents and by teachers at their Sunday School classes so that everything be done in order (1 Corinthians 14:40). Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

January 14, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....12

ADULTS.....153

YP EEZ.....20

CHILDREN.....47

GUESTS.....3

TOTAL.....223

GRADES 1-26

GRADES 3-4.....9

GRADES 5-6.....5

H.S./COL.....17

Yas18

TOTAL.....64

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP54,397.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—ON JANUARY 23, 2024 | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUTH JOINT CARE GROUP—HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE, LA CHESA, IRISAN, BAGUIO CITY | SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 | 1:00—5:00 PM

KIDDIE SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY FAM-OUTING—CAMP JOHN HAY | JANUARY 27, 2024 | 11 AM

46TH NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—FCG HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, KIDAPAWAN CITY, COTABATO | JULY 16-19, 2024 | REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE: P6,000.00 | SENIOR CITIZENS & PWDs AND EARLY REGISTRATION UNTIL MAY 31, 2024—P5500.00

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.

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*ELLA GAROY

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNIE ORDUÑA

*FLORA CAMPOAS

*CLYDE ABANCE

*MELBA LICUPA

*NIDA GABRIEL

*CHARLIE ABANCE

*MARIL BAYATING SR.

*NOVELITO ABANCE

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

Safe Travel:

*JESSICA MARIANO

Safe Travel:

*JAMES & KRYSTELLE CADIZ (HK-PH-HK)

Baguio church to host 2024 Panagkakadua

The BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST located at 18 Rimando Road, this city will be hosting the NAKRISTIANOAN A PANAGKAKADUA or “Christian Fellowship” on March 27-30, 2024. This year's theme is “PANAGTALINAED A NAANDUR ITI TENGNGAT PANNUBOK” based on 2 Cor 4:8-9. Registration Fee is pegged at P750.00 per participant. Participants who will stay in the chapel and dormitory of the Philippine Bible College are to bring their own sleeping equipment such as sleeping bags and tents (optional), and personal paraphernalia. As usual, there will be contests to join such as Bible Location, Bible References, Duet, Quartet, Congregational Chorus, Sports Competition (Men's Basketball, Table Tennis, Chess), and Poster-making (for 12—17 years old only). As per Midtown's policy, Registration Fees will be paid for from the congregation's General Funds. This way, more will be encouraged to join church activities that promote the spiritual welfare of the brethren. May the Lord be glorified!Ω

Midtown brethren console bereaved Yang family

Midtown and Heritage brethren alternately conducted vigil services to comfort the bereaved family of the late MR. CHING CHIH YANG who passed away in his residence last January 5, 2024 at the age of 65. He was the husband of sister Gloria Alvarez—Yang. Midtown's ministers and deacons took turns in delivering messages during the nightly devotionals from January 7—13, 2024. The FUNERAL SERVICE was conducted by the brethren from the MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST at the BEYOND THE SUNSET CREMATORIUM, Tagadi Road, Upper Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet last Sunday afternoon, January 14, 2024. Brethren from HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST were also present. The ALVAREZ—YANG FAMILY extends their gratefulness for the sympathies, comforting presence, and for the nightly vigil services. Thanks and praises to God! Ω

The Uncompromising Loyalty of Naboth

P. R. Swamy

In 1 Kings 21 we have a heart-touching story of Naboth, who died as a martyr for his loyalty to God. He was a just man suffering with dignity and patience. He was a Jezreelite. Josephus in his Antiquities 8:13 says that Naboth was of an illustrious family. He had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, 25 miles from Samaria. Ahab, king of Samaria, wanted to purchase this property. And Ahab spoke to Naboth saying, *“Give me thy vineyard that I may have it for a garden of herbs because it is near unto my house, and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it or if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money”* (v.2).

It seems that it was a fair deal. In all probability, Ahab was making the kind of offer that would have appealed to himself, personally. But Naboth said to Ahab, *“The Lord forbid it me that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.”* He did not want to do anything in violation of God’s law (Leviticus 25:23; Numbers 36:7). Naboth had too much respect for the Law to yield. He flatly refused to accept the king’s offer.

Anyone else in Naboth’s position would have normally agreed to a

request being made by so important a person as the King. And it was a profitable deal: a better vineyard or enough money to buy a better vineyard. Who would miss such an offer?

But Naboth was a different man. He wanted to please God more than men. Knowing the kind of man Ahab was, and the harshness of Jezebel, Naboth probably had some idea of what could happen to someone who angered the king. Jezebel took matters into her own hands and held a “kangaroo court” before the elders. With the help of false witnesses, they accused and executed Naboth, thereby gaining possession of his vineyard.

Because of his loyalty to God, Naboth was killed. He died as a martyr. We have examples of others throughout the Old Testament, as well as the New, whose love for God brought them to their deaths, rather than deny or disobey Him.

Brethren, do we have such a loyalty for our God, like Naboth? In these changing times, it may be that Christians will be brought to such a point of persecution that we will have to choose between obedience to God or man. Which will it be? †

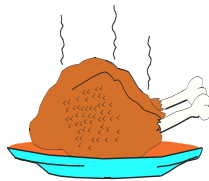
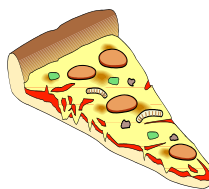
P.R. Swamy preaches the Gospel in Bangalore, India.

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



January Celebrators

- 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
- 10 - Sean R. Viduya
- 10 - Ernesto Orduña, Jr.
- 10 - Henrietta R. Espinosa
- 12 - Dionesia Gorio
- 12 - Lorenza Losnong
- 14 - Anastacia S. Palaoag
- 15 - Jan Arthur Tacay
- 15 - Ronnilie Corisay
- 18 - Macrina Espiritu
- 20 - Cindy K. Abance
- 22 - Antonita Orduña
- 23 - Dexter R. Wagang
- 23 - Lorna B. Montes
- 23 - Vangie C. Glori
- 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 Lacambra
- 31 - Abigail A. Kitma



Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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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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