

Servers Today, 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

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BAYLA FAMILY

Communion: JANE BESTRE

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 February 4, 2024

The Advent of the Son of Man (Luke 2:1-20)

Speaker: JULIUS UDAN

Song Leader: JESSE BESTRE

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: JOSH MARTIN

Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: SAM QUEZADA

Closing Prayer: DAN-GIL GERON

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: JESSE BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BADDAS FAMILY

Communion: NELS & CHARIS BAYLA


Worship Coordinator: JESSE BESTRE | ART TACAY

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INFORMER



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31 participate in ladies devo & luncheon fellowship

Thirty-one ladies actively participated in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at Midtown’s Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11 AM—3PM. Those who made it include sisters Kaesha & Kaelin Palaypayon, Maribel Sunggay, Bing Buendia, Fely Flores, Josie Yapyapen, Alice Lalas, Josie Selmo, Nancy Bayla, Lorie Austria, Edith Latonio, Cot Espinosa, Kana Valdez, Marlene Samonte, Mary Jo Dugaysan, Jane Bestre, Janet Perdigon, Lulu Bondoc, Kesha Oliva, Janet & Angela Ramos, Minda Oliva, Lily Soriano, Cora & Rowana Ozo, Angie Linggon, Evelyn Ignacio, Dionesia Martin, Ruth Trinidad, Lala Geron, and Lindsay Cabero.

Sister Lala Geron facilitated the discussions and activities pertaining to “SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS FACING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES” in which she underscored emulating the unconditional love of the Lord Jesus in compassionately understanding and helping people deal with mental health struggles. The ladies are grateful to sister Lala Geron’s informative presentation. Praise the Lord!Ω

"Fill your mind and heart with God's Word and you will have no room for Satan's lies."

READ Hebrews 4:12

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Senior citizen's caregiver baptized into Christ

Last Wednesday, January 24, 2024, sister EDITH BAUTISTA LATONIO of Urdaneta City, Pangasinan was baptized into Christ by brother Andy Bestre at Midtown’s baptistery. Being sister Nancy Bayla’s caregiver, she had been faithfully attending Midtown’s assemblies, fellowships, and Bible studies for a couple of years. Lately, she had a formal Bible Study with sister Ruth Trinidad which led to her decision to be born again. She was first born on December 14, 1966.

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty for this development and congratulates sister Edith Latonio as the newest disciple of Christ at Midtown for now. She will be continuing her formal Bible Study with sister Ruth Trinidad. May the Lord God be praised and glorified! Ω

Couples care group learn to set couple goals

This year’s first meeting of the COUPLES CARE GROUP registered twenty (20) attendees, namely, Dex & Den Wagang, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Gil & Diana Geron, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Richard Bestre, and Lulu Bondoc. Said care group met Saturday evening, January 20, 2024, at Midtown’s Assembly Hall.

Spouses Dex and Den Wagang served as the facilitators for the discussions on COUPLE GOALS. It was emphasized that marriage enrichment happens with the conscious effort of working out goals to strengthen the marriage relationship. Topping the list of Couple Goals is to make one’s marriage glorify the Lord God Almighty, the author of marriage.

Spouses Chris and Kesha Oliva are slated to facilitate the next Couples Care Group on February 24, 2024. All glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

January 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....8

GRADES 1-26

GRADES 3-4.....10

GRADES 5-6.....5

H.S./COL.....14

YAs16

TOTAL.....59

ADULTS.....171

YP EEZ.....30

CHILDREN.....39

GUESTS.....4

TOTAL.....244

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP62,170.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

*DONNA GERON

*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*DAN SAMEON

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

*DITH ZAMORA

*TESS KITMA

*LOIDA BADDAS

*BERNARD IGNACIO

*JONATHAN ENERVA

*CESAR ACOSTA

*JOCelyn CALIXTRO

*JOVITA BONDOC

*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

*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN & Co. (TOCMO CHURCH OF CHRIST)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—MINISTRIES REORGANIZATION, PLANNING, AND GOAL SETTING ON JANUARY 30, 2024 | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | TODAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 | 1—5 PM | ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUNG ADULTS, AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN THE YOUTH MINISTRY INVITED.

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.

Midtown brethren console Alcayde family of BCOC

The TGIF CARE GROUP and a good number of Midtown brethren gathered at the auditorium of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, Rimando Rd., to join the devotional-vigil service conducted to comfort the bereaved family of the late sister Linda Alcayde. She was 83 years old when she succumbed to a lingering illness (Lung Cancer) at her residence on January 23, 2024. She is survived by her husband, brother Teofilo Alcayde, one of the elders serving with the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST. She is also survived by her two children, Norman & Nancy, a daughter-in-law, Glad, and seven grandchildren.

Nightly devotionals are held until Sunday evening of January 28th. Funeral service will be on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 8 o’clock in the morning at the BCOC Auditorium culminating in a Committal Service at the Pyramid Memorial in Kias, this city.Ω

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER

Luke 16:1-15

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 2024

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER

Luke 16:1-15

- DISCIPLES MUST LEARN TO ACT SHREWDLY
 - Luke 16:1-8a
- DISCIPLES MUST LEARN TO HANDLE EARTHLY WEALTH
 - Luke 16:8b-13
- DISCIPLES MUST LEARN TO NOT LOVE MONEY
 - Luke 16:14-15

APPLICATION:

1. In what ways can we as disciples of Christ act shrewdly?
- Let us use our resources wisely because they belong to God and not to us.
 - As stewards of the material wealth in our possession, whether much or little, we must exercise moral responsibility in using it.
 - Let us put our money in good use and not for wicked or evil purposes.
 - Money has a lot of power, so we must use it thoughtfully and carefully.
 - Let's examine our own lives to see how faithful we have been as stewards of what God has given to us.
 - We must use our material goods in a way that will foster faith and obedience.

APPLICATION:

2. In what ways can we improve in handling our earthly wealth?
- By knowing and setting our priorities straight as required of us by God, we would know how to use the money or wealth entrusted to us.
 - By being keen and sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we would know where to spend the wealth or money in our possession.
 - By recognizing what is important and foremost in the Lord's agenda, we can easily make our budgets accordingly.
 - By realizing that our lives and our resources will one day end, so it behooves us to use them wisely.

APPLICATION:

3. In what ways can we improve in avoiding the trap of loving money?
- By reminding ourselves that we cannot serve God and Money. We must decide to serve God and make use of money as servants.
 - By knowing where to lay up our treasures. Let's lay up treasures in Heaven where it won't get corrupted, destroyed, or stolen.
 - By knowing where allegiance is due. We must resolve to remain loyal to the Lord and not to his gifts.
 - By reminding ourselves that the Lord will not forsake us.
 - By loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And to love others as we love ourselves. Jesus is my life, He is my satisfaction, He guides me, He sustains me.

What are important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Shrewd Manager?

- As disciples, we must learn to act shrewdly. We must use our material goods in a way that will foster faith and obedience.
- As disciples, we must learn to handle earthly wealth properly. Realizing that our lives and our resources will one day end, it behooves us to use them wisely.
- As disciples, we must learn to not love money. Instead, let's love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And to love others as we love ourselves. Jesus is my life, He is my satisfaction, He guides me, He sustains me.

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Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 NIV ”

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)

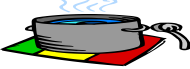
- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption: A. God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption: B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption: C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption: D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption: 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

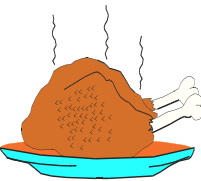
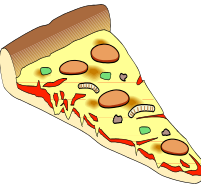
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



January Celebrators

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02 - Kevin Dennis
02 - Jocelyn K. Abance
02 - Priscilla P. Bayasne
04 - Pearl C. Bestre
05 - Leah V. Tada
05 - Khryz Xyryll B. Gomowang
08 - Jarielle Taltala
09 - Jane U. Donato
09 - Romelyn E. Wagang
10 - Sean R. Viduya
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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.

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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