

Servers Today, February 11, 2024

The Adoration of the Baby Jesus (Luke 2:21-38)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE

Intercessory Prayer: LEM GLORI

Communion Text: HEREWS 10:1-10

Scripture Reading: ALTON BAYLA

Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving: JEPHTAN TANGONAN

Closing Prayer: JULIUS ROJO

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GLORI FAMILY

Communion: NELS & CHARIS BAYLA

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 18, 2024

The Advancement of the Boy Jesus (Luke 2:39-52)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: GREG KITMA

Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Communion Text: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: CHRIS OLIVA

Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Giving: ANTHONY JAMES FLORES

Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

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Brethren encouraged to bring friends to BSC

Since the opening of the BIBLE STUDY CENTER late last year, a number of seekers have come to study the Word of God as well as availed of Biblical Counseling. Since most of the seekers are women, sister Ruth Trinidad had been doing the teaching and the counseling. In line with this, the leadership of Midtown appeals for more women teachers and counselors. Sister Ruth Trinidad is most willing to train women interested in getting involved with teaching at the BIBLE STUDY CENTER. Because more women have been seeking counsel, more women teachers are needed she says.

At the moment, volunteer receptionists include sisters Me-an Gonzales, Luz Olidan, Jane Bestre, Fely Rojo, Janet Ramos, and Sarah Sameon doubling as Bible teacher & Counselor. Teachers, mostly men, include brothers Arnan Bayla, Felix Olidan Jr., Dodoy Sameon, Ezra Valdez, Andy Bestre, Jojo Ramos, and Jesse Bestre. Brother Julius Rojo also comes and makes himself available for any task.

Special arrangements for schedules outside the BIBLE STUDY CENTER are most welcome. The Bible teachers are more than willing to take schedules anywhere they may be needed. Please contact any of the teachers. May the Lord be praised! Ω

"Don't be discouraged.
It's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock."

READ 2 Peter 3:14-18

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Heritage hosts Baguio Benguet joint care group

A total of 98 young people including eight from Midtown participated in the BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP hosted by the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE at La Chesa, Irisan, this city, the other past Saturday afternoon of January 27, 2024. Those who attended from Midtown were brethren Ezra, Melchi, Clark, Nathan, Justin, Maureen, Lindsay, and Rowana.

Discussions focused on "ENDURING LOVE," inspired by the prophet Hosea. The Lesson Summary is as follows: 1. God's Unchanging Love: Hosea illustrates God's unwavering love for His people, despite their repeated disobedience, 2. Symbolic Representation: The marriage metaphor portrays sin, judgment, and God's forgiving love, revealing the depth of His commitment, 3. Warning Against Turning Away: Hosea's message warns of consequences for turning away from God, emphasizing the importance of faithfulness, 4. Personal Reflection: The Israelites' actions serve as a mirror for self-examination, prompting accountability for one's own relationship with God, 5. Gospel Empowerment: The gospel empowers believers to love the seemingly unlovable, echoing Hosea's call to love difficult individuals. Praise be to the Lord God! Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

February 4, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....13 GRADES 1-27 GRADES 3-4.....12 GRADES 5-6.....6 H.S./COL.....14 YAs16 TOTAL.....72

ADULTS.....165 YPEEZ.....18 CHILDREN.....38 GUESTS.....1 TOTAL.....222

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP53,928.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—On February 13, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT—DULY AUDITED AND APPROVED FOR POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR THE CONGREGATION'S PERUSAL.

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

BIBLE STUDY CENTER—At THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | OPEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FOR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY AND BIBLICAL COUNSELLING | BRING ANYONE INTERESTED IN A FORMAL BIBLE STUDY COURSE OR BRING ANYONE WHO WOULD NEED COUNSELING OR NEEDING SOMEONE TO TALK TO.

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

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*PHILIP BADUA

*LILIAN JADORMIO GUMBAN

*HORACIO C. RAMOS

*FRANKY SANCHI

*RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN

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:

*JESSE BESTRE & Co. (EUROPE)

Midtown minister officiates wedding in Alfonso, Cavite

Brother Arnan Bayla, licensed solemnizing officer and minister, solemnized the marriage of brother Carl Cedric Ciencia Celera to Ms. Inez Margarita Diestro Montenegro of Parañaque City, NCR at the AZIENDA VERDE ALFONSO, Del Pilar St., Alfonso, Cavite last Sunday afternoon, February 4th. Brother Carl is the firstborn son of spouses Jun & Rebecca Celera, active members of the congregation in Imus, Cavite. Earlier, the couple completed their Premarital Counseling Course, “PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD’S WAY” through Zoom Cloud Meetings and in person with brother Arnan Bayla.

The couple appreciated the wedding ceremony as well as the premarital counseling sessions they took up with the church minister. Praise the Lord! Ω

Olidans edify brethren in Ambiong, LT, Benguet

Last Sunday, February 4th, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, served with the AMBIONG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet. Brother Felix served as sermon speaker and shared a lesson on “NOT BECOMING WEARY OF DOING GOOD” based on Galatians 6:9-10. More than twenty brethren were in attendance. They were very appreciative of the visit and are looking forward to many more in the near future. All glory and praise to God the Father!Ω

Jephthah

Jack Harriman

Jephthah is remembered, first and foremost, as the man who made a rash vow. He vowed that *“what-ever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me...it shall be the Lord’s, or I will offer it up as a burnt offering”* (Judges 11:31). We all know the rest of the story, and Jephthah will forever be remembered as a result of that vow. But he ought to be remembered as a man who overcame a very poor childhood.

The day he was born, he already had two serious problems. He was the son of a father who was unfaithful to his marriage vows. His mother was a harlot. Jephthah was absolutely blameless, yet he bore the consequence of their sins. He grew up an outcast in the community and in his own home. When his father died, his brothers disinherited him and drove him out of the community. This is a young man who had every excuse to be filled with hatred and bitterness, and desirous of an opportunity to get even.

And the opportunity comes. The powerful Ammonites are about to invade, and Israel has no proven leader. In desperation, they beg

Jephthah to return and be their military savior. We would expect him to rejoice at their peril and to laugh at their request. But instead, he leads Israel in victory and becomes the judge of Israel for six years.

Jephthah did not let a bad childhood ruin the rest of his life, and you don’t have to either. Put the past behind you. Turn off the replay machine. Stop fantasizing about what might have been, and start planning and working toward what *can* be.

Jack Harriman is the preacher for the Center Street congregation in Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA.

The difference between average and top people can be explained in three words...and then some. The top people do what is expected of them, and then some. They are thoughtful of others; they are considerate and kind, and then some. They meet their responsibilities and obligations fairly and squarely, and then some. They are good friends to their friends and can be counted on in an emergency, and then some.

—Bulletin Digest

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

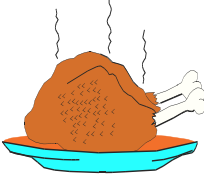
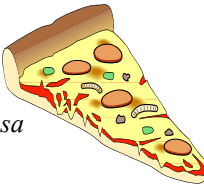
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes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



February Celebrators

- 01 - Elizabeth A. Sevilla
- 02 - Irene B. Lagsaman
- 02 - Josiah Levi A. Calixtro
- 05 - Maryann M. Gonzales
- 07 - Frank Valdez
- 07 - Federick Walang
- 07 - Trinidad C. Trinidad
- 08 - Christopher G. Oliva
- 09 - Shemer M. Sameon
- 09 - Silvestre B. Andaya III
- 11 - Reeve M. Callejo
- 13 - Adrian Saingan
- 14 - Clarita Cachero
- 14 - Christian Daniel R. Espinosa
- 15 - Vernie Pucay
- 16 - Charlie B. Abance
- 17 - Jasper Edwin B. Bugnay
- 18 - Carlo Jake T. Banatao
- 20 - Roger R. Wagang
- 21 - Kana K. Perdigon-Valdez
- 22 - Josias B. Aquino
- 22 - Eden Mariano
- 22 - Renilo S. Lalù
- 23 - Andy E. Bestre
- 23 - Florence B. Patang
- 24 - Judith O. Sison
- 24 - Teresita W. Kitma
- 24 - Shamae A. Ramos
- 24 - Mika Grace B. Lalù
- 25 - Jonah A. Cirilo
- 26 - Elma G. Bugtong



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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