

Servers Today, 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

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BADDAS 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 25, 2024

The Baptism of the Son of Man (Luke 3:1-22)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: JUNE REYES

Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4

Scripture Reading: JOSH MARTIN

Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: O'NIEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: KITMA FAMILY

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INFORMER



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Midtown ladies serve as speakers in devotionals

Sister Luz E. Olidan, wife of brother Felix Olidan Jr., was the invited guest speaker for the LADIES DEVOTIONAL of the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE and the HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST last Tuesday evening, February 13, 2024. She discussed to more than twenty young ladies her first-hand experiences and observations in reinforcement of her topic, “BEING A MISSIONARY’S WIFE.”

Earlier, on February 10th, sister Janet Ramos served as speaker for the LADIES FELLOWSHIP at the UPPER SESSION ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST. There were thirty-one in attendance who appreciated the discussion on “THE POWER of A PRAYING WOMAN.”

Meanwhile, the congregation conveys appreciation to sister Corazon Ozo for donating a new set of curtains now in use in the ASSEMBLY HALL, and for washing the old curtains. Also, thanks much to sister Letty Wagang for donating new kitchen needful implements in place of the old ones. May the Lord be praised! Ω

Couples and youth get a dose of covenant of love

Eighty young people got a dose of Godly wisdom pertaining to LOVE, COURTSHIP, & MARRIAGE from God’s Word in a seminar dubbed “COVENANT of LOVE” at the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE last Saturday, February 10, 2024. Brother Ezra Valdez was one of the speakers. Six young people from Midtown participated.

Meanwhile, the COUPLES CARE GROUP also had their monthly gathering at Midtown’s Assembly Hall the other past Saturday evening of February 10, 2024. Spouses Chris & Kesha Oliva served as facilitators in the discussion on “EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HUSBAND & WIFE.” Twenty-two were in attendance including Gil & Diana Geron, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Dex & Den Wagang, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Felix & Luz Olidan, Richard Bestre, and Lulu Bondoc. They look forward to the next. Praise the Lord! Ω

"Never be afraid to entrust an unknown future to a known God."

READ Proverbs 3:5-6

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Former guv widow baptized into Christ

Midtown brethren praise the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates sister Ruby Lim Panganiban for having put on Christ in baptism on February 8, 2024. She had completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with sister Ruth Trinidad and was baptized by brother Andy Bestre at Midtown’s baptistery. She and her family is known and is a good friend of the Wagangs who invited her to study the Word. She happens to be the widow of the former governor of Benguet, the late Hon. Jaime Paul B. Panganiban, who served in the province’s capitol in 1992-1995.

She had attended Midtown’s most recent PASASALAMAT and has since then been attending Midtown’s worship assembly. She continues to take up her NEW LIFE LESSON SERIES with sister Ruth Trinidad at the Bible Study Center every Wednesday morning.

The congregation welcomes the newest sister in Christ at Midtown and prays for her continued spiritual growth. All praises and glory be to the Lord God! Ω

Midtown ministers to bereaved Ridon family

Midtown brethren conducted nightly devotionals during the vigil service in honor of the late Mr. Vicente S. Ridon at Chapel B of the Church of the Resurrection along Magsaysay Avenue, this city, last February 10 & 11, 2024. The deceased was the brother of sisters Fely Rojo and Lailany Palaypayon. He is survived by her wife, four children and children in law, eight grandchildren, three siblings, and a good number of nephews and nieces. He was 64 years old.

The bereaved Ridon Family expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the devotionals that paved the way to their comfort and peace. Brothers Arnan Bayla and Felix Olidan Jr. served as devotional speakers. All glory and praises to God the Father!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

February 11, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

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

GRADES 1-23

GRADES 3-4.....10

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S./COL.....16

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TOTAL.....234

TOTAL.....59

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP55,450.00

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

*JANET FERNANDEZ

*RONELIZA PERALTA

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

Safe Travel:

*JESSE BESTRE & Co. (EUROPE)

*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN, ARNAN & NELLY BAYLA, ERNIE WAGANG, & Co. (SOOKAN)

*JOJO & JANET RAMOS (SINGAPORE)

*LOU VILLANUEVA (JAPAN)

*LANI & KAELIN PALAYPAYON (JAPAN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—On February 20, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- YOUTH CARE GROUP—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 25, @ 1:00—5:00 PM.
- BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP—LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST | SATURDAY, FEB 24 | 1-5 PM
- NAOMI MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP—BAGUIO-RIMANDO CHURCH | MARCH 10, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM
- 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 | MIDTOWN TO SHOULDER 50% OF REGISTRATION FEE.
- 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.

THE EXTRAORDINARY ADVANCEMENT OF THE BOY JESUS

LUKE 2:39-52

Santiago B. Sameon II, BTh, EDD

INTRODUCTION:

It has been said that absenteeism is a point of weakness, nevertheless, it is a mark of strength if it is spent for a worthy cause of attaining the goal of purposeful service as reflected by Jesus’ response when His anxious human parents confronted Him, to which He said, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house” (John 14:2).

#1. THE EXTRAORDINARY SON OF GOD

Luke, tells us of Jesus’ life from infancy until adulthood: Physically He grew stronger. Intellectually and Spiritually, He grew in wisdom and the grace of God was on Him (Lk.2:40). He progressed in wisdom and physical development (“stature”) and in favor with God and man.

In His humanity, He submitted to His human parents. Though in His Deity Jesus knew all things. He had to grow in Godly wisdom and understanding of His Divine mission. The point is, Jesus was fully human and fully God.

In our day, several cults deny the true Deity of Jesus. If He is not eternal God, we have no Savior, because His death on the cross had no merit beyond Himself. So we must affirm both the true humanity of the sinless Jesus along with His true and undiminished Deity. When He took on human flesh, He voluntarily laid aside some of His Divine attributes and took on the form of a servant for the sake of our salvation (Phil. 2:5-12). As a man, Jesus showed us how human life is to be lived in constant dependence on the Father and obedience to His will. The Jesus whom we should imitate is the extraordinary Son of God in human flesh.

#2. THE EXTRAORDINARY SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF THE BOY JESUS

Four Necessary things about Spiritual Growth:

- Spiritual growth normally takes time (1 Pet. 2:2)
- Spiritual growth involves interest in the Word of God (2 Pet. 3:18)
- Spiritual growth should be focused in two directions: Towards God and toward others (Lk. 2:52).
- Spiritual growth can get off track if we are not on guard (1 Kings 18:37).

#3. THE EXTRAORDINARY OBEDIENCE OF THE BOY JESUS

“He went down with them to Nazareth, and continued in subjection to them (Lk.2:51).It is amazing that Jesus would return home to Nazareth and submit to parents who had no real hold of who he was and what he was called to do, yet he did submit and obey them.

#4. THE EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT OF JESUS TO GOD’S PURPOSE

Even at age12, Jesus was clear on the priority of His commitment to God’s purpose: “Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?”(Lk.2:49). Jesus prioritized His commitment to the Heavenly Father above His earthly parents. “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose” (Lk.4:43). “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day” (Lk.9:22). (Lk. 24:7 [suffer, die, be raised]; Lk.24:26 [suffer and come into glory]; and Lk.24:44 [Scripture about Him must be fulfilled]. These passages show that Jesus did not come to do His own will, but the will of His Father who sent Him.

CONCLUSION: In summary we learned about:

- #1. THE EXTRAORDINARY SON OF GOD,
- #2. THE EXTRAORDINARY SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF THE BOY JESUS,
- #3. THE EXTRAORDINARY OBEDIENCE OF THE BOY JESUS and,
- #4. THE EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT OF JESUS TO GOD’S PURPOSE. AMEN?

SBS II: 2.18.2024-MIDTOWN

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

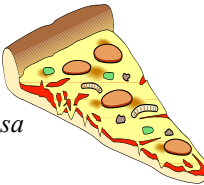
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



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. Lalu
- 23 - Andy E. Bestre
- 23 - Florence B. Patang
- 24 - Judith O. Sison
- 24 - Teresita W. Kitma
- 24 - Shamae A. Ramos
- 24 - Mika Grace B. Lalu
- 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

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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