

Servers Today, February 25, 2024

John's Role in Introducing the Son of Man (Luke 3:1-22)

Speaker:

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

Communion:

NELS & CHARIS BAYLA

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 March 3, 2024

The Genealogy of the Son of Man (Luke 3:23-38)

Speaker:

JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader:

KAJEM KITMA

Invocation:

JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer:

DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text:

GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading:

DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Bread:

RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Cup:

DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving:

GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Closing Prayer:

GREG KITMA

Announcement:

ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker:

JOJO RAMOS

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KAJEM KITMA

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CLARITA CACHERO

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INFORMER



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31 ladies participate in monthly devotional

Thirty-one ladies participated in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at Midtown's Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, February 17th. Those who made it include sisters Kaesha Palaypayon, Pia Lopez, Maryjo Dugaysan, Vanessa Acosta, Fely Rojo, Dinah Austria, Edith Latonio, Carina Mabesa, Ruth Trinidad, Anastacia Palaoag, Josie Selmo, Grace Abance, Marlene Samonte, Kana Valdez, Janet Perdigon, Cot Espinosa, Minda Oliya, Fely Flores, Maribel Sunggay, Bibita Buendia, Lorigrace Austria, Luz Olidan, Angela Ramos, Nelly Bayla, Lily Soriano, Dionesia Martin, Sarah Sameon, Nancy Bayla, Maureen Soriano, and Belen Interior.

Sister Lorigrace Bayla—Austria, now retired from her work as MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICER of the TUBA MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES OFFICE, served as facilitator on “GOING IN PEACE” based on 1 Samuel 25:35. She reiterated that having a peaceful disposition caused by a reconciled relationship with the Lord leads one away from Mental Health issues. May the Lord be praised!Ω

"One of the most beautiful blessing we have been given is the chance to repent."

READ Luke 13:1-8

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Loved ones of Baddas family baptized into Christ

Midtown brethren praise the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates brother Rommel P. Nierves, husband of sister Desiree C. Baddas—Nierves, and sister Jael C. Amador, fiancé of brother Jonee C. Baddas, for having put on Christ in baptism on February 21, 2024. They both had been consistently attending Midtown's Worship Assembly and Bible studies and has caused them their decision to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior in baptism. Brother Rommel Nierves had his Seekers Lessons during his Premarital Counseling Course with brother Arnan Bayla in June last year.

Spouses Dante & Loida Baddas and family are delighted with this development and are thankful of the congregation's support for their spiritual growth as a family. Brother Rommel left the country last Friday to work as seafarer for eight months. All praises and glory be to the Lord God! Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD February 18, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....8 GRADES 1-29 GRADES 3-4.....11 GRADES 5-6.....7 H.S./COL.....16 YAs14 TOTAL.....65

ADULTS.....154 YPEEZ.....30 CHILDREN.....35 GUESTS.....6 TOTAL.....225

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP52,623.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• MONTHLY YOUTH CARE GROUP—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | TODAY, FEB 25TH @ 1:00—5:00 PM.

• METROWIDE YOUTH CAMP—DON'S VACATION HOUSE, BALITE FALLS, BRGY HALANG, ALINGARO RD., AMADEO CAVITE | MARCH 27-30, 2024 | REGISTRATION FEE: P990.00

• 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 | 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.

Youth care group and merger classes today

The MONTHLY YOUTH CARE GROUP goes on as planned today at 1:00—5:00 PM. Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's Youth Minister together with the Young Adults will be facilitating today's activities at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL. All young people are encouraged to spend today's afternoon in fellowship, fun, games, and devotionals.

Also, the MERGING OF THE GRADES 3&4 CLASS WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CLASS as well as THE GRADES 5 & 6 CLASS with the YOUNG PRO CLASS will push through as scheduled today during the Bible Study Hour at 9:30-10:25 AM.

Meanwhile, a good number of Midtown brethren and friends had a great time in a Basketball Game at the Bakakeng Central Basketball Court last Sunday, February 18th at 8—10 PM. The next game will soon be announced by brother Ezra Valdéz. Watch for it! Praise the Lord! Ω

Midtown brethren visit and serve in Sookan, Bakun

Brethren Felix & Luz Olidan, Arnan, Nelly, & A-mark Bayla, together with Rolly, Phillip, & Andrew Dumawa, and Rachel Cabuenas served with the brethren at the SOOKAN CHURCH OF CHRIST in Sookan Gambang, Bakun, Benguet last Sunday, February 18, 2024. Brother Arnan served as the Bible Study facilitator, brother Felix as songleader, and brother Phillip as Sermon Speaker. Sister Nelly and A-mark Bayla took charge of the Sunday School.

The congregation were encouraged to have been visited and are looking forward to another like occasion. To recall, the late brother Vic Dumawa, was instrumental in planting the gospel seed in the area long time ago. Brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as apprentice preacher there in 1988. All glory and praises to God the Father!Ω

JOHN THE BAPTIZER'S ROLE IN INTRODUCING THE SON OF MAN

Luke 3:1-22

Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | February 25, 2024

I. JOHN THE BAPTIZER PREPARES THE WAY FOR THE LORD

John 3:1-6

- JOHN CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME TO INTRODUCE THE SON OF MAN
 - John's existence has a certain purpose.
 - God's plans for introducing His Son was to be fulfilled at the right time.
- JOHN CAME AT THE RIGHT PLACE TO INTRODUCE THE SON OF MAN
 - John's existence was in the right situation.
 - God's plans for introducing His Son was in place and it happened where He wanted it.
- JOHN CAME AS THE RIGHT PROPHET TO INTRODUCE THE SON OF MAN
 - John's existence has been prophesied.
 - God's plans for introducing His Son happened with the right instrument.

II. JOHN THE BAPTIZER PREACHES A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE

John 3:7-14

- JOHN PREACHED FOR PEOPLE TO REPENT OF THEIR PRIDE
 - One's ancestral pride brings no salvation.
 - Repentance requires a personal decision to humble oneself.
- JOHN PREACHED FOR PEOPLE TO REPENT OF SELFISHNESS & GREED
 - One must leave self-centeredness and live right.
 - Repentance requires personal awareness of one's responsibility over others.
- JOHN PREACHED FOR PEOPLE TO PRODUCE FRUITS OF REPENTANCE
 - One must prove one's repentance with change.
 - Repentance requires turning away from sins and turning toward God.

III. JOHN THE BAPTIZER BAPTIZES THE TRUE BAPTIZER

John 3:15-22

- JOHN DENIES BEING THE CHRIST AND INTRODUCES THE SON OF MAN
 - John fulfills his task of pointing people to the Lord.
 - Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, is the good news who alone can bring salvation to man.
- JOHN INTRODUCES JESUS AS THE ONE TO BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE
 - John points to one more powerful than him.
 - Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, is the only One who can save and judge.
- JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS WHICH PAVED THE WAY TO JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY AS THE CHRIST
 - John fulfills his task of 'preparing the way for the Lord.'
 - Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, was made known with testimony of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

2 Timothy 1:8-9 NIV”

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Luke 3:1-22

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 - John 3:1-6
- JOHN THE BAPTIZER PREACHES A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE
 - John 3:7-14
- JOHN THE BAPTIZER BAPTIZES JESUS, THE TRUE BAPTIZER
 - John 3:15-22

APPLICATION:

- Like John the Baptizer, in what ways can we as disciples prepare the way for others to know Christ?
 - By making wise use of our time such that we do not lack the time in sharing the good news.
 - By making wise use of every situation that calls for the preaching or sharing of the gospel.
 - By overcoming any hindrance that may get in the way of sharing the good news of salvation.
 - By making oneself a willing instrument in the fulfillment of the Great Commission of making disciples of all nations.
 - "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some..." 1 Corinthians 9:22 NIV

APPLICATION:

- Like those to whom John the Baptizer preached to, in what ways can we show repentance?
 - Knowing that we tend to become proud, we must be careful that we don't pride ourselves with accomplishments, be it in or out of the church, lest we merit ourselves instead of glorifying God.
 - Knowing that we tend to be selfish, we must practice sharing what we have with those in need.
 - Knowing that we tend to get corrupted, we must be do our tasks not for ourselves but for the Lord.
 - Knowing that we tend to be discontented with what's there is, we must restrain ourselves.
 - "I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds." Acts 26:20 NIV

APPLICATION:

- Like John the Baptizer who fulfilled his task of introducing Jesus Christ, in what ways have we been introducing Jesus Christ to others?
 - Have we been using our time to talk about Jesus our Lord with our loved ones?
 - Have we been keen in using situations to share the gospel?
 - Have we been using our spiritual gifts, talents, resources in contributing to the fulfillment of the Great Commission?
 - Have we been overcoming our timidity or fear of rejection such that we have become courageous in sharing the gospel of salvation?
 - "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16 NIV

How can Christians be like John the Baptizer ?

- Like John the Baptizer, let us prepare the way for others to come to know Christ Jesus our Lord as Saviour and King.
- Like John the Baptizer, let us encourage one another to continually and be consistently repentant of our sins and shortcomings.
- Like John the Baptizer, let us fulfill our task of introducing Jesus Christ to others that they too may have eternal life.

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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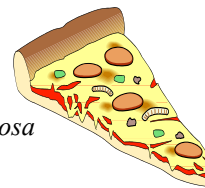
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



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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