

Servers Today, 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: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JULIUS UDAN

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: 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 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: HEBREWS 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


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25 participate in general youth assembly Sunday

Twenty-five young brethren participated in last Sunday afternoon’s YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY held at Midtown’s Assembly Hall. Ezra & Kana Valdez, Jacinth & Jasper Perdigon, Kajem Kitma, Nathan & Justin Literato, Reuben Senesan, Melchi & Jizza Aquino, Charis & Amark Bayla, Jesse Bestre, Riza Alegrid, Shaira & Raiza Andaya, Laisha Montes, Hannah Ignacio, Abraham Linggon, Lougai Fermin, Sherman Bestre, Riyu Albay, Angela Ramos, Vanessa Barad, and Kate Dereje.

The assembly kicked off with an Icebreaker and a Devotional followed by an activity, “Creating Your Own Timeline.” Presentation of Youth Leaders, and a Year’s Plan Revealed.

The assembly was highlighted with the appointment of three youth leaders as follows: Jasper Perdigon, leading the "ORGANIZATION," Alton Mark Bayla, overseeing the "SPORTS," and Kajem Kitma, heading the "ARTS & MUSIC." The purpose of these task forces is to help youth identify how they can use their skills and talents in ministry. Each task group conducted group discussions to enhance current plans and activities for the youth.

For any questions or suggestions about the Youth Ministry, please approach brother Ezra Valdez.Ω

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength."

READ Matthew 6:25-34

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NCOC minister is today's speaker @ Midtown

Brother Julius P. Udan, minister of the Gospel serving with the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, is today’s sermon speaker at Midtown. This beloved minister is also here to have the opportunity to appear to the congregation and to personally express his gratitude to the brethren for the continuous support of the Lord’s work in Nangalisan.

It is with great joy that the Nangalisan congregation is steadily faithful in serving the Lord through evangelism, edification, and benevolence. Brother Julius Udan, assisted by brother Sixto Aoas, continue to be involved in various ministries in edifying the congregation especially the twelve new disciples baptized in 2022, mostly from Lasilas. His work includes his being a chaplain for the Philippine National Police, and for Barangay Nangalisan. He is also a member of the Lupon Tagapamayapa of said barangay. Last year, there were four additional disciples in Nangalisan. To date, there are nearly 50 active members. There are a number of members being activated.

Midtown, through the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM, continues to support brother Julius Udan in his capacity as church minister until NCOC has become capable of fully supporting him financially. Praise God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

January 28, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....150

YP EEZ.....20

CHILDREN.....38

GUESTS.....6

TOTAL.....214

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

GRADES 1-27

GRADES 3-4.....8

GRADES 5-6.....5

H.S./COL.....20

Yas18

TOTAL.....70

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP53,190.00

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

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

Safety in Israel:

*JESSICA MARIANO

Safe Travel:

*ARNAN & NELLY BAYLA & Co. (CAVITE)

*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (AMBIONG CHURCH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—PLUS MINISTRIES REORGANIZATION, PLANNING, AND GOAL SETTING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024 | 12:00—3:00 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

COVENANT OF LOVE—HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE, LA CHESA, IRISAN | FEBRUARY 10, 2024 | TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON | FOR SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS | FOR INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT BROTHER EZRA VALDEZ

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.

Midtown's young adults to join covenant of love

In place of the annual "TRUE LOVE WAITS" hosted by the Midtown congregation, single young adults (at least 18 years old) are enjoined to participate in the "COVENANT OF LOVE," an activity geared towards helping young adults appreciate God’s profound and time-tested principles on LOVE, COURTSHIP, AND MARRIAGE.

The HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE located at Purok 3, La Chesá, Km 7, Irisan, will be hosting this event on February 10, 2024, a Saturday. The time will be announced later.

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown’s youth minister, is one of the invited speakers.

For interested participants, kindly approach brother Ezra Valdez or contact him at 0977-160-8271. Ω

Olidans edify brethren in Tocmo, Itogon, Benguet

Last Sunday, January 28th, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, Kai Olidan, and Macky Espiritu served with the TOCMO CHURCH OF CHRIST in Itogon, Benguet. Brother Felix served as sermon speaker and shared a lesson on “RUN THE RACE OF LIFE FAITHFULLY” based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Twenty brethren, mostly women, 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

THE WORD OF GOD

Modern Man vs. God's Word

Rick Cunningham

Every generation breeds a crop of "modern men". Modern men are those who think they know more than every generation before them. They hold the past in contempt. They believe themselves to be wise. If only *they* could be in control, everything would be perfect.

Modern men are intrigued by the novel. New ideas, new methods, new approaches are all so appealing. Modern thinkers seem to take into consideration up-to-the-minute wisdom. To them, old ways failed because information was unavailable, undeveloped, outmoded, outdated, or obsolete.

Modernists have given us modern art (contrasted with the works of Michelangelo), modern music (compared with the music of Beethoven), and modern literature (in contrast to the writings of Shakespeare). But worst of all,

modernists have sought to replace the Word of God with man's own pale philosophical ideas.

God's Word is old; it does not change with the times. It does not consider the modern trends. It stands as a rock against man's fickle ways. And thank God it does! God's Word is our only true source of wisdom in a world infatuated with its ever-changing "modern ways".

Remember Proverbs 30:5,6: *"Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar."*

God and His Word never change. There we will find stability in an ever-changing world. †

Rick Cunningham is the preacher for the Main Street congregation in Big Spring, Texas, USA.

Every day let God say something to you through His Word.
Every day say something to God through prayer.
Every day say something to someone for God.
Every day do something for someone for God.
— Clarence DeLoach

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

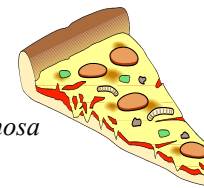
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470
Andy Bestre @ 0916-343-8539

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
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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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