

Servers Today, March 10, 2024

The Temptation of the Son of Man (Luke 4:1-13)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: JESSE BESTRE

Invocation: GREG KITMA

Intercessory Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7

Scripture Reading: IRA NORTH PO

Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: CHRIS OLIVA

Prayer for the Giving: LEM GLORI

Closing Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: JESSE BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: BAYATING FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GONZALES 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 March 17, 2024

The Announcement of Jesus' Ministry (Luke 4:14-30)

Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JEPHTAN TANGONAN

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8

Scripture Reading: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUIZADA

Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Giving: O'NIEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JEPHTAN TANGONAN

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

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Mission & Vision

We are committed to give God glory, praise, and honor as we serve in making disciples of Christ. We envision ourselves to be a congregation of worshippers of God in spirit and in truth, and to be a living demonstration of the presence and power of our Lord Jesus Christ in a community of faith, hope, and love.

"Every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory."

READ 1 Peter 5:8-11

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

March 3, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

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

GRADES 1-28

GRADES 3-4.....11

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S./COL.....19

Yas19

TOTAL.....67

ADULTS.....171

YP EEZ.....19

CHILDREN.....39

GUESTS.....7

TOTAL.....236

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP55,515.00

A N N O U N C E M E N T S !

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

1st QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP—MEETING RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY.

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.

*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

*DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVES

Safe Travel:

*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN, (LA TRINIDAD CHURCH)

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON (NEGROS MISSION ON MARCH 15—MAY 4, 2024)

*NAWEW FAMILY (BACOLOD)

NAOMI ministry luncheon fellowship today

All widows are enjoined to participate in today's Luncheon Fellowship of the NAOMI MINISTRY FOR WIDOWS at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Rd. at 12:00—2:30 PM. The activity is sponsored by sister Rebecca Ciencia—Celera and is assisted by CARERS, a group of ladies who have committed themselves in helping take good care of the various needs of widows in the church. The ministry is in obedience to 1 Timothy 5:16 and James 1:27.

At present, Midtown has about twenty-five (25) widows in its list. With this number, it gives the leadership that a like ministry to Widows be considered as a regular ministry at Midtown.

For interested parties, please coordinate with sister Ruth Trinidad who acts as the coordinator and contact person for the widows at Midtown.Ω

Midtown celebrates with Abance-Bayating family

A good number of Midtown brethren joined the ABANCE-BAYATING FAMILY in a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL in gratefulness to the Lord God Almighty for the recovery of brother Maril Bayating, Sr. and for the opportunity of celebrating the 72nd birth anniversary of sister Letty Bayating at the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK in Nangalisan, Tuba last Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as the speaker in the DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in which he discussed “THE GREAT FAITHFULNESS OF GOD” based on Lamentations 3:22-24. He reiterated that because God is faithful, believers have become recipients of His grace, of His gifts, and of His goodness.

Spouses Maril & Letty Bayating, together with their family, expressed appreciation for the presence of the brethren and their friends in the occasion. All praises to God!Ω

Bakakeng Central resident baptized into Christ

Midtown brethren rejoices with the host of angels in Heaven for the new birth of sister CHARISSE CLARE ANDAYA—FABIA, a resident of Sto. Niño Subdivision, Bakakeng Central. Her decision to be baptized into Christ Jesus came right after she completed her study of the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES at the BIBLE STUDY CENTER with brother Ezra Valdez. A number of brethren together with sister Charisse's family witnessed the baptism on Saturday evening, March 2, 2024.

Sister Charisse is married to Michael Fabia with whom she has two children, Clarence Karrie and Miya Chrishelle. The family had been attending Midtown's Worship Assembly for sometime now. Her mother, sister Norma Andaya and her sibling, sister Charmaine, were themselves baptized late last year.

Midtown 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 minister conveys sympathies to Agtarap family

Brother Arnan Bayla, one of Midtown's staff ministers, served as facilitator and devotional speaker in a vigil service to comfort the family of the late Mr. Elpidio G. Agtarap at the St. Peter Chapel, Marcos Highway, this city, Wednesday evening, March 6, 2024. The deceased was 77 years old and was the grandfather and guardian of two former pupils of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC). Faculty and staff of BPFLC were with brother Arnan Bayla to convey sympathies. The bereaved family expressed appreciation for the uplifting devotional. All glory and praises to God the Father!Ω

TEMPTATION ON THE SON OF MAN

LUKE 4:1-13

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, EDD

Introduction: Luke 4:1-13, we find the devil doing these things with Jesus. Testing Jesus, Tempting Him during His forty days in the wilderness. The Devil is desperately seeking to stop Jesus from doing the work that our Heavenly Father commissioned Him to do.

These texts help us to deal with Temptation like what Jesus did. It will be very difficult for us, but we can learn how Jesus Triumphed over Temptations.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING TEMPTATION

- 1. To Become more like Jesus (2 Cor. 3:18)
- 2. To Become more Aware of Satan’s Devices (2 Cor. 2:11)
- 3. To Become more Equipped Against Temptations (2 Tim. 3:16,17)
- 4. To give hope to others in their struggle against temptations (2 Tim. 2:26)

#1 WE MUST RELY ON THE SUPERIORITY OF THE SON OF GOD.

FIRST TEMPTATION: To turn Stone into bread-Lk.4:3;Matt.4:3(Lust of the flesh)

- Physical needs must not be priority in life (Deut. 8:2,3)
- Satan Offers a Shortcut (food without work)Gen. 3:17-19;Jas. 5:7
- Heb. 2:18 states, “Since He Himself was tempted in that He has suffered, He is able to help those who are tempted.” Thus, we must rely on the superiority of the Son of God.

#2. WE MUST BE AWARE OF THE SCHEMES OF SATAN

SECOND TEMPTATION: Satan Showed All the Kingdoms-Lk.4:6-8 (Lust of the Eyes)

Deut.6:13. “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”. Our task is to worship, serve, trust, and love and leave the rest to God.

3. WE MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH GOD’S NOBLE METHODS FOR THE SAINTS

THIRD TEMPTATION: (Pride of Life) Satan uses scriptures-Ps.91

"For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life— is not from the Father but from the world." (1 John 2:16)

FIVE STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

- 1. Time with God (Jn.5:7)
- 2. Be Ready to be Tempted, especially after success(Matt.26:41)“Watch and pray so you will not fall into temptation”)
- 3. Be Filled with the Holy Spirit (Lk.4:1)
- 4. Be armed with the Scripture (Eph.6:10-18“...put on the armor of God...”; 1 Peter 4:11-“ If any man speaks let him speak as the oracle of God...”)
- 5. Be Ready for Further Attacks (1 Pet.5:8)“...your enemy the Devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour”

Conclusion: We learned from our lesson the following:

- 1. Importance of Studying Temptation.
- 2. We must Rely on the Superiority of the Son of God.
- 3. We must Be Aware of the Schemes of Satan.
- 4. We must Be Equipped with God’s Noble Methods for the Saints.

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

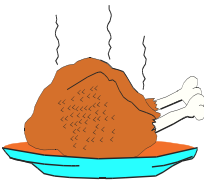
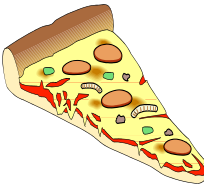
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



March Celebrators

- 02 - Marilou Pelle
- 03 - Vicky Batnag
- 03 - Kyla Sue Tacay
- 04 - Jade Eunice Bugnay
- 05 - Carina Mabesa
- 09 - Donnel Gonzales
- 10 - Letty Bayating
- 10 - Rachel Bestre
- 11 - Ma. Vanessa A. Barad
- 12 - Greg Kitma
- 12 - Kajem Kitma
- 12 - Kaelin R. Palaypayon
- 12 - Graciela Badua-Ciencia
- 12 - Euanclyde Aguinaldo
- 13 - Desiree Baddas-Nierves
- 13 - Phroitlander Abance
- 14 - Randolph Tugay-an
- 15 - Ira North Po
- 15 - Cristian Paul Austria
- 17 - Alicia E. Lalas
- 17 - Zyneth Lagsaman
- 17 - Paterson Kitma
- 17 - Sheila Balangitan
- 20 - Justin Baban, Jr.
- 21 - Cecilia Alvarez
- 21 - Demi Rose Tacay
- 23 - Joseph Roncal
- 24 - Maryann Valdez
- 24 - Jael C. Amador
- 25 - Amber Phoelen Po
- 26 - Micah Abance
- 26 - Sylvia Baggao
- 27 - Donna-Gee Geron
- 27 - Annika Rimando
- 28 - Karizza Mae Bayla
- 28 - Melissa Licupa
- 30 - Mona Gayve
- 30 - Marlene Samonte
- 31 - Marivic C. Durano



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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