

**Servers Today, March 24, 2024**

**The Authority of Jesus Over Demons (Luke 4:31-37)**

Speaker: *JASPER PERDIGON*  
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Invocation: *MARIL BAYATING, SR.*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *JUNE REYES*  
 Communion Text: *GALATIANS 3:23-29*  
 Scripture Reading: *JOSH MARTIN*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *DANTE BADDAS*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *RICHARD BESTRE*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *DEXTER WAGANG*  
 Closing Prayer: *GASPAR BALDO, JR.*  
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *JASPER PERDIGON*  
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 To Bring Flowers: *BAYATING FAMILY*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 Usher/ettes: *KITMA 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 31, 2024**

**SYMPOSIUM on Midtown's Vision, Mission, Goals**

Speaker: *ELDERS & DEACONS*  
 Song Leader: *CHRIS OLIVA*  
 Invocation: *GIL GERON*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*  
 Communion Text: *1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-26*  
 Scripture Reading: *DONNEL GONZALES*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *IRA PO*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *SAM QUEZADA*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *LEM GLORI*  
 Closing Prayer: *JULIUS ROJO*  
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *ELDERS & DEACONS*  
 Song Leader: *CHRIS OLIVA*  
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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.

**"Only by facing your fears can you stop them from having power over you."**

**READ 2 Timothy 1:7**

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**32 attend ladies devo & luncheon fellowship**

The members of the 1ST QUARTER STEERING GROUP of the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP, namely, Lorigrace Austria, Vanessa Barad, Nancy Bayla, Mary Jo Dugaysan, Cot Espinosa, Fely Flores, Luz Olidan, Kaesha Palaypayon, Marlène Samonte, and Josephine Selmo, express appreciation for the usual active participation of the ladies of the congregation in the 1st quarter activities. In a bid to realize the three-fold functions of the church, i.e., BENEVOLENCE, EDIFICATION, AND EVANGELISM (BEE), the ladies were set to become busy BEES and have geared their activities towards BEE. The next ladies steering group is encouraged to plan their activities towards becoming benevolent, edifying, and evangelistic.

The 2ND QUARTER STEERING GROUP is composed of sisters Minda Oliva, Jovy Mabesa, Carina Lacaba, Janet Fernandez, Jizza Mae Aquino, Kana Valdez, Lily Soriano, and Jocelyn Calixtro. More are needed to join this steering group.

There will be a brief meeting for the 2ND STEERING GROUP with the 1ST STEERING GROUP right after the morning Worship Assembly today. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

**Tuba senior citizens get 1 more citizenship by new birth**

The congregation gives all praises and glory to the Almighty God for the new birth of sisters MARLYN MARCELO BULATAO and PERLA BAGSINGIT TABCAO last Tuesday afternoon, March 19, 2024. Brother Andy Bestre baptized them after having earlier studied the SCHEME OF REDEMPTION.

The new disciples of Christ are residents of Poblacion, Tuba, and are actively attending the TUBA CARE GROUP that meets at the BAYATING RESIDENCE every Tuesday evening. They too are active members of the TUBA POBLACION SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION. Having been born again, they now have become fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household (Ephesians 2:19). Both are grateful for their friends, sisters Ruby Suanding, Sonia Cariño—Abance, Josie Yapyapen, and Nida Gabriel, for having invited them to study God's word and learn of the pure gospel of salvation. All glory to the Heavenly Father!Ω

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD**  
 March 17, 2024

ATTENDANCE	
<b>REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM &amp; PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....10</b>
ADULTS.....127	GRADES 1-2 .....8
YPPEEZ.....37	GRADES 3-4.....8
CHILDREN.....31	GRADES 5-6.....5
GUESTS.....5	H.S./COL.....15
TOTAL.....200	YAs .....22
	TOTAL.....68
OFFERING	
AM & PM TOTAL: <b>Php52,880.00</b>	

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>FOR GOOD HEALTH &amp; RECOVERY BRETHREN:</b> *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	<b>*ERNIE ORDUÑA</b> *FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE *MARIL BAYATING SR. *NOVELITO ABANCE *JANET FERNANDEZ *RONELIZA PERALTA *BERNABE IGNACIO	<b>REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:</b> *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *HORACIO C. RAMOS *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY	<b>SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE</b> *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT *ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL	<b>OTHER CONCERNS</b> <b>Safe Pregnancy:</b> *MICHELLE YANG—OYLER *DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVES	<b>Safe Travel:</b> *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON (NEGROS MISSION ON MARCH 15—MAY 4, 2024) *FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (MONCADA, TARLAC)
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—On March 26, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **PANAGKAKADUA FELLOWSHIP**—BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, RIMANDO RD. | MARCH 27-30, 2024 | REGISTRATION FEE: P750.00 PER PARTICIPANT WILL BE PAID FOR BY MIDTOWN.
- **METROWIDE YOUTH CAMP**—DON'S VACATION HOUSE, BALITE FALLS, BRGY HALANG, ALINGARO RD., AMADEO CAVITE | MARCH 27-30, 2024 | REGISTRATION FEE: P990.00
- **46TH NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—FCG HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, KIDAPAWAN CITY, COTABATO | JULY 16-19, 2024 | REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE: P6,000.00 | MIDTOWN TO SHOULDERS 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.

**Staff ministers, elders & deacons set staff meeting Mondays**

In a bid to effectively carry out the three-fold function of the church, i.e., BENEVOLENCE, EDIFICATION, AND EVANGELISM (BEE), the elders and deacons have set a regular STAFF MEETING with the staff ministers, namely, brothers Arnan Bayla, Andy Bestre, Jesse Reuben Bestre, and Ezra Valdez, every Monday at 3:00—4:30 PM. This meeting will also be used to coordinate the various tasks and activities of the staff ministers. Above all, the meeting is set to spend time praying for the ministries of the congregation as well as to pray for and to support the ministers in their tasks. For the greater glory of the Lord God Almighty!Ω

**Midtown brethren convey sympathies to Marcelo family**

Last Sunday afternoon, March 24, 2024, a number of Midtown brethren gathered at the INSAS RESIDENCE in Barangay Ambiong, this city, for a DEVOTIONAL SERVICE to comfort the bereaved Insas & Marcelo family due to the passing away of their loved one, brother Johnson D. Marcelo. He was 57 years old.

Brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as speaker while brother Andy Bestre served as songleader in the devotional. The deceased succumbed to a massive heart attack Saturday morning, March 16th, and is survived by his wife, three children, and four grandchildren. He remained a faithful disciple of Christ until his demise. His life is glory to God.Ω

**LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW & THE UNJUST JUDGE**

Luke 18:1-8  
ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | MARCH 3, 10, 17, 2024

**LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW & THE UNJUST JUDGE**

Luke 18:1-8

- UNLIKE UNBELIEVERS, DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY AND TO NOT GIVE UP
  - Luke 18:1
- UNLIKE THE IMPORTUNATE WIDOW, DISCIPLES OUGHT TO PRAY LIKE CHILDREN OF GOD
  - Luke 18:2-5
- UNLIKE THE UNJUST JUDGE, GOD WILLINGLY HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYERS
  - Luke 18:6-8

**I. UNLIKE UNBELIEVERS, DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY AND TO NOT GIVE UP**

Luke 18:1

- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST DESIRE TO RECOGNIZE THE LORD'S WILL
  - It is not a choice to not seek guidance. It is important to heed the Lord's teachings.
  - Pray constantly for wisdom knowing that God's wisdom liberates us.
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST LEARN TO PRAY ALWAYS
  - It is not an alternative to pray. It is the God-given instrument for victorious living.
  - Pray continually and in all circumstances believing that God is not limited by time.
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST LEARN TO NOT LOSE HEART OR GIVE UP IN PRAYING
  - It is not an option to give up or lose heart. It is vital to be persistent in faith.
  - Pray unceasingly believing that something will happen. Pray Until Something Happens!

**APPLICATION:**

- In contrast with the world, what makes a disciple of Christ live victoriously?
  - If society is like a rotting corpse (Luke 17:37), then the "atmosphere" in which we live in is being slowly polluted, and this is bound to affect our spiritual lives. But when we pray, we draw on the "pure air" of heaven, and this keeps us from fainting.
  - If we want to stay alive, it should be natural for us to breathe likewise with prayer - it should be the natural habit of our lives, the "atmosphere" in which we constantly live.
  - If we pray without ceasing, we will have holy desires in our hearts that are in the will of God, and we will be constantly in loving communion with the Father, petitioning Him for His blessing.

**II. UNLIKE THE IMPORTUNATE WIDOW, DISCIPLES OUGHT TO PRAY LIKE CHILDREN OF GOD**

Luke 18:2-5

- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST NOT GIVE UP PRAYING FOR THEY ARE NOT STRANGERS
  - Unlike the widow, we are related to God.
  - While we must be persistent, there is no need to be overly demanding.
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST NOT GIVE UP PRAYING FOR THEY HAVE A JUST FATHER
  - Unlike the widow, we approach a throne of grace.
  - While we must be persistent, there is no need to demand for justice.
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST NOT GIVE UP PRAYING FOR GOD'S RICHES ARE AVAILABLE
  - Unlike the widow, we claim what's promised.
  - While we must be persistent, there is no need for a pestering attitude.

**APPLICATION:**

- In contrast with the unbeliever's pesky attitude, how would disciples of Christ be different?
  - Recognizing our relationship to God, we must be confident we will receive a blessed answer to our prayers.
  - Recognizing that we have a just Father, we must rest assured that if a poor widow got what she deserved from a selfish judge, how much more will God's children receive what is right from a loving Heavenly Father!
  - Recognizing that God's riches are made available for asking, we must remember that if we fail to pray, our condition spiritually will be just like that of the poor widow. That should encourage us to pray!

**III. UNLIKE THE UNJUST JUDGE, GOD WILLINGLY HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYERS**

Luke 18:6-8

- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WILL READILY RECEIVE JUSTICE FROM GOD THE FATHER
  - Unlike the unjust judge, God judges right.
  - It must be comforting to approach and to pray to a righteous God.
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WILL BE LISTENED TO WILLINGLY BY GOD THE FATHER
  - Unlike the unjust judge, God readily listens.
  - It must be reassuring that our prayers and petitions reach the right ears.
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST REMAIN FAITHFUL UNTIL CHRIST'S RETURN
  - Unlike the unjust judge, God expects persistence.
  - It must be inspiring for us to know God is cheering us on to finishing the race despite the challenges we meet on the way.

**APPLICATION:**

- In contrast with the selfish attitude of the unjust judge, in what ways can disciples be different?
  - Knowing that it is comforting to approach a righteous God, let us also become approachable in such a way that others are comforted.
  - Knowing that our petitions and prayers are listened to by a compassionate God, let us also become good listeners in such a way that we become reassuring towards others, making them feel less anxiety and uncertainty.
  - Knowing that we are inspired by God's persistent faithfulness towards us, let us also become faithful and true to God and towards others, making them feel inspired to endure and not faint.

**What are important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Persistent Widow and Unjust Judge?**

- As disciples, we ought to be confident to pray at all times since we are expected by God to not give up and to not lose heart.
- As disciples, we ought to be confident to pray at all times since we are children of God of whom rich spiritual blessing are made available for the taking.
- As disciples, we ought to be confident to pray at all times since we know we have a Heavenly Father who willingly hears and answers our prayers.

“ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to anyone who seeks help from him. It is good to continue to hope and wait silently for the Lord to save us.

Lamentations 3:25-26 GWT ”

**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 - Euan Clyde 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 Gaye
- 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 <b>LORD'S SUPPER and OFFERING</b> 9:00-9:30	Prayers & <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 9:35-10:25	Singing, Prayers & <b>MESSAGE</b> 10:30-11:10	Greetings & <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> 11:10-11:20
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**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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