

Servers Today, 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

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BESTRE 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 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: GLORI FAMILY

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

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Mission & Vision

To give God glory, praise, and honor, we are committed to serve and to make disciples of Christ. We envision ourselves to be a congregation of worshipers 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.

"A faithful Christian does not make holy living an accidental thing, but is his great concern."

READ 2 Corinthians 7:1

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

February 25, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....11

ADULTS.....143

YPPEZ.....13

CHILDREN.....35

GUESTS.....9

TOTAL.....200

GRADES 1-2 .....8

GRADES 3-4.....12

GRADES 5-6.....1

H.S./COL.....13

YAs .....22

TOTAL.....67

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP64,310.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—ON MARCH 5, 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.

28 YPs attend covenant of love Sunday afternoon

Attendance in the YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY ASSEMBLY held at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Sunday afternoon, February 25, registered 28 which includes Ezra, Kana, Sheema, Jacy, Jasper, A-mark, Charis, Lougai, Raiza, Shaira, Ozara, Laisha, Kate, Maureen, Amber, Jephthan, Jesse, Kasmir, O'neil, Ela, Allison, Julianne Terry, Kajem, Klarissa, Kinsha, Shauli, Alexis, and Vanessa. Brother Ezra Valdez facilitated the discussions on the "COVENANT OF LOVE" based on Deuteronomy 7:9.

Earlier, 56 registered for the BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP hosted by the La Trinidad congregation in Puguís the other past Saturday, Feb. 24. Brothers Ezra Valdez and Johnny Payangdo represented Midtown.

There will be no joint care group in March to give way to the PANAGKAKADUA FELLOWSHIP. Midtown is slated to host the joint Care Group in April.Ω

Ramoses back from 2 weeks SG mission trip

Midtown welcomes back spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos from a 2-week mission trip in Singapore on February 17-26, 2024. In their meetings with the elders, deacons, and key leaders of PASIR PANJANG CHURCH OF CHRIST, their conversations revolved around plans for ministries, towards Filipino Professionals working in Singapore and the Filipino Friends Fellowship (FFF) with which they spent two Sundays of workshops about SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES ON PRAYERS. The planning is in time with the congregation's upcoming occupancy of their newly built church building by the end of this month. Also, the couple served with the young people of PP at a YOUTH HUDDLE DINNER FELLOWSHIP in which they had the opportunity to talk about mission work and to inspire them to get involved in missions. Brother Jojo got a chance to serve in the communion by doing a short talk about the Lord's SACRIFICE on one Sunday.

The elders, deacons, leaders, and the congregation send their greetings to Midtown. All praises and glory be to the Lord God! Ω

BPFLC promotes mission work & benevolence

The BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC), an educational ministry operated by members of the Midtown congregation, has made another mission project in promoting benevolence and compassion amongst its pupils and school community recently. BPFLC conducted a "SHARE-A-BOOK" MINISTRY in which the MIGUEL PALISPIS INTEGRATED SCHOOL (MPIS) in Balangabang, Tabaan Norte, Tuba, was this year's recipient. Faculty & Staff, parents, guardians, and pupils of BPFLC trooped to MPIS and distributed to students and teachers used and brand new books, Bibles, tote bags, library implements, and brand new slippers. The same school was the recipient of BPFLC's "SHARE-A-JOY" Ministry way back in 2014.

Earlier, BPFLC conducted a "SHARE-A-JOY" ministry at the BESONG-SADDLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL last December 2023. All praises to God!Ω

4th quarter FS posted on the bulletin board

The Administrative & Finance Ministry has recently released the FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT covering the months of October, November, and December of 2023. Said FS was adapted after having been subjected to scrutiny and after being duly audited in the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM.

The FS is posted on the Bulletin Board for the congregation's perusal and appreciation of the faithful stewardship at Midtown. All glory and praises to God the Father!Ω

**LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD**

Matthew 20:1-16

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | JAN. 28 – FEB. 25, 2024

**I. GOD REWARDS BASED UPON THE USE OF OPPORTUNITIES HE GIVES US**

Matthew 20:1- 8

- RECOGNIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK FOR THE LORD
  - Working in the Lord's vineyard is an open invitation. It's a choice to make at any time.
  - Everyone is given time and chance to serve.
- RECOGNIZE THAT THE LORD COMMENDS THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK
  - Working in the Lord's vineyard is an opportunity to avoid idleness.
  - Everyone is expected to be available and be useful in fulfilling the Lord's agenda.
- RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS SURE REWARD FOR THOSE WHO WORK
  - Working in the Lord's vineyard is an opportunity to be blessed.
  - Everyone who works at any given chance to promote the Lord's agenda will surely be rewarded according to the Lord's choice.

**II. GOD REWARDS BY GRACE, NOT BY OUR WORTHINESS**

Matthew 20:9-12

- RECOGNIZE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD'S MINDSET
  - Think in terms of grace.
  - Everything in the Christian life is by grace from start to finish.
- RECOGNIZE THAT AS SERVANTS, WE MUST NOT GRUMBLE AGAINST OUR MASTER
  - Think in terms of gratitude.
  - Everything we do for the Lord should make us joyful, not ending up grumbling.
- RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONCEPT OF FAIRNESS IS IN GOD'S VIEWPOINT, NOT IN OURS
  - Think in terms of trusting in the Lord.
  - Everything is in God's control and so let Him keep the accounts, not us keeping records.

**III. GOD REWARDS ACCORDING TO HIS SOVEREIGN WILL**

Matthew 20:13-16

- RECOGNIZE THAT GOD WILL NEVER BE UNFAIR
  - Avoid focusing on what we think we deserve.
  - Every time, God's decisions are unfathomable or beyond our capacity to fully understand.
- RECOGNIZE THAT GOD HAS IN MIND THE BEST JUDGMENT
  - Avoid focusing on our own judgments.
  - Every time, God's decisions takes precedence or is supreme over ours.
- RECOGNIZE THAT GOD HAS ALL THE RIGHT OVER HIS WEALTH
  - Avoid focusing on earthly wealth.
  - Every time, God has the sole prerogative of how to dispense His wealth.

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36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Matt 9:36-38 NKJV”

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**APPLICATION:**

1. In what ways can we as disciples of Christ be useful in the Lord's vineyard?

- Making use of the opportunities to serve presented before us causes us to be productive.
- Seeking to be of service to God and to our fellowmen leads us to be useful.
- Making oneself available for any task puts us in a position of helpfulness.
- Refusing to decline requests that we honestly know is within our ability to fulfill.
- Being mindful of the use of our time such that all our obligations are fulfilled and not neglected.
- Equipping oneself for every good work such that one has no reason to excuse oneself.

**APPLICATION:**

2. In what ways can we as disciples of Christ get used to living by grace?

- Watching out for our attitude towards rewards as favor or grace, and not something we deserve.
- Being careful that we don't count, assess, and compare what we have done against other disciples' work.
- Recognizing that in God's kingdom, everything is new and we must be careful not to bring old mindsets regarding rewards, rights, and bargains.
- Being thankful of the opportunity to serve knowing that serving in itself is rewarding.
- Refusing to keep records or accounts of our work but allowing God to keep the accounts.

**APPLICATION:**

3. In what ways can we as disciples of Christ be more submissive to the Lord's will?

- By always reminding ourselves that our God is sovereign, i.e. He is an all-knowing God who has our best interest in His agenda. God the Father knows best.
- By always reminding ourselves that we have limitations in fully understanding God's will for us but it should be sufficient for us to know that his will is good, acceptable, perfect, and for our welfare (Jer 29:11; Romans 12:2).
- By always acknowledging the limitations of our own judgments, and as such, I'd better depend on God's profound wisdom revealed in the Holy Scriptures.
- By always acknowledging that it is God who enables us to produce wealth as He deems fit, and as such, I'd better focus on Him who is the source of all my blessings.

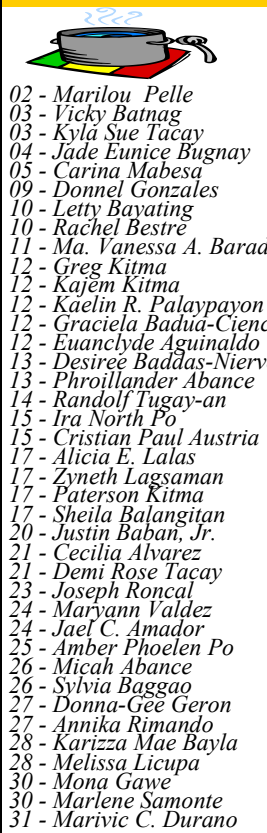
**What are Important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard?**

1. As disciples, we must be useful in the Lord's vineyard making use of every opportunity to serve presented before us knowing that many who are first will be last and many who are last will be first.

2. As disciples, we must get used to living by grace knowing that everything in the Christian life is by grace from start to finish, and that rewards are favors from God and not something we think we deserve.

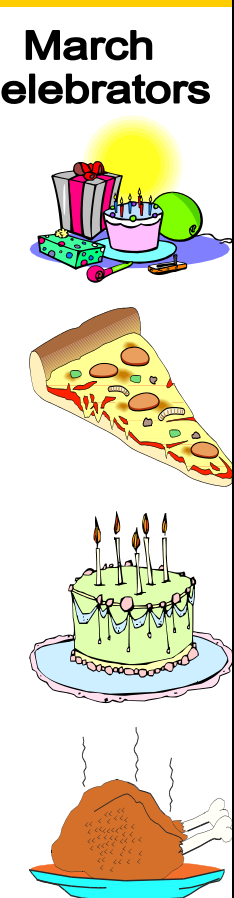
3. As disciples, we must always submit to the Lord's will knowing that his will for us is always good, acceptable, perfect, and for our welfare.

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 Phoenel Po  
26 - Micah Abance  
26 - Sylvia Baggao  
27 - Donna-Gee Geron  
27 - Annika Rimando  
28 - Karizza Mae Bayla  
28 - Melissa Licupa  
30 - Mona Gave  
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.

**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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**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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