

**Servers Today, April 14, 2024**

**Jesus Changes Failure to Success (Luke 5:1-11)**

Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Invocation: *GIL GERON*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*  
 Communion Text: *COLOSSIANS 3:1-4*  
 Scripture Reading: *DONNEL GONZALES*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *KAJEM KITMA*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *JASPER PERDIGON*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *DANTE BADDAS*  
 Closing Prayer: *SOL PALAYPAYON*  
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 To Bring Flowers: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 Usher/ettes: *RAMOS FAMILY*

Communion: *PERDIGON FAMILY*  
 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 April 21, 2024**

**Jesus Changes Sickness to Health (Luke 5:12-16)**

Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*  
 Song Leader: *JESSE BESTRE*  
 Invocation: *MARIL BAYATING, SR.*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *DEXTER WAGANG*  
 Communion Text: *HEBREWS 9:1-15*  
 Scripture Reading: *IRA PO*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *RICHARD BESTRE*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *SAM QUEZADA*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *JULIUS ROJO*  
 Closing Prayer: *GREG KITMA*  
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*  
 Song Leader: *JESSE BESTRE*  
 To Bring Flowers: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*  
 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.

**"What may seem like a disappointment could be God setting us up for a rescue. Trust His plan even when we don't understand the path."**

**READ 1 Peter 5:10-11**

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**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD**  
 April 7, 2024

**ATTENDANCE**

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....12
ADULTS.....153	GRADES 1-2 .....7
YPEEZ.....20	GRADES 3-4.....13
CHILDREN.....41	GRADES 5-6.....7
GUESTS.....6	H.S./COL/.....20
TOTAL.....220	YAs .....15
	TOTAL.....74

**OFFERING**

**AM & PM TOTAL: PPh69,430.00**

**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 *JANET FERNANDEZ *RONELIZA PERALTA *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR.	<b>REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:</b> *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *JAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO	<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—NIERVEZ
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—APRIL 16, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **STAFF MEETING WITH ELDERS & DEACONS**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 15, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 PM.
- **MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 | 11:00 AM—2:30 PM | C/O THE 2ND QUARTER STEERING GROUP | INCLUDES COMMUNION BREAD PREPARATION WORKSHOP | BRING YOUR APRONS IF YOU HAVE.
- **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.

**21 participate in Midtown's monthly youth CG**

Last Sunday afternoon's YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY CARE GROUP was attended by brethren Ezra & Kana, Lougai, Jasper, Kemuel, Maureen, Amber, Melchester, Raven, Millicent, Shaira, Raiza, Laisha, Kheif, Riyu, Nathan, Justin, Kajem, Jesse, Riza, Aldian, and Johnny. Brother A-mark Bayla served as DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER in which he discussed "VICES & VIRTUES" based on 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. He underscored that "*Vices are harmful pollutants that tarnish our inner sanctity and affect our spiritual well-being, relationships, and society. In contrast, virtues serve as tools to cleanse and uplift our inner sanctuary, allowing us to honor God and reflect the grace bestowed upon us. As we journey through life, we strive to rid ourselves of vices and adorn ourselves with virtues, honoring the sanctity within us and glorifying God in all that we do.*" Glory to the Heavenly Father!Ω

**25 men & women participate in church finance workshop**

Twenty-five brethren participated in the two-day workshop on CHURCH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT conducted at MIDTOWN'S HALL on April 9-10, 2024. The participants include brethren Maril Bayating, Jojo Ramos, Ernie Wagang, Arnan Bayla, Andy & Jesse Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Ruth Trinidad, Janet Perdigon, Lori Austria, Lois Fermin, Lorna Montes, Mary Jane Abance, MJ Dugaysan, Angela Ramos, Gil Geron, Gaspar Baldo Jr., Julius Udan, Julius Rojo, Teri Denis, Charlie Abance, Lemuel Glori, and Sixto Aoas. Sister Rachel Cabuenas served as resource speaker on the FUNDAMENTALS OF CHURCH MANAGEMENT which formed part of the basis of the formulation of Midtown's financial management scheme. Brother Greg Kitma served as the OVER-ALL FACILITATOR assisted by brothers Ezra Valdez and Jesse Bestre. The workshop output will soon be shared to the congregation in due time. For God's glory and praise!Ω

**2 San Pascual residents baptized into Christ**

Two residents of Barangay San Pascual, an adjoining Barangay of Nangalisan, namely, ALYSSA JANE VILLANUEVA, born February 23 1995, and CRESANTA QUINONES FRIGILLANA, born May 1, 1999, were born again on April 3, 2024, having been baptized into Christ at the Anapol River in San Pascual, Tuba, Benguet.

Brother Julius Udan baptized the new sisters in Christ after having completed a series of Bible study at their residence. They also attend the assembly of saints in Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

**Ramoses to leave for USA mission trip**

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos are traveling to California and Texas, USA from April 19-May 13, 2024 for mission-related activities. On their first week, they will visit MISSION RESOURCE NETWORK in Texas for partnership agreements in relation to Recruiting Filipino Missionaries, Training & Mentoring Filipino Missionaries, and Emerging Leadership Development. They will also be undergoing MENTORING & TRAINING IN MISSION MANAGEMENT. They are also set to meet with the Stathopulos, former missionaries to Midtown, and with a retired missionary couple from Vietnam. On their 2nd week, they will be attending the PEPPERDINE HARBOR LECTURESHIP, "Running With Perseverance". On their 3rd week, they will be teaching in the Mission Class at SIBI Texas. Brother Jojo will speak in the Morning Chapel where he will be introducing the Diaspora Missiology. Their last 4 days in the US will be in San Diego ministering to the Filipino BIBAK community. For God's greater glory.Ω

# HOW TO PLEASE THE LORD

“So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.” (2 Corinthians 5:9 NIV)

In this verse, Paul expresses the strong desire to be “pleasing to” (the idea behind “accepted of”) the Lord Jesus Christ. It should likewise be our own ambition—whatever we do and wherever we are—to please Him. This, of course, will make a difference in what we do and where we go!

The Scriptures give us a number of specific ways in which we can be confident of pleasing Him. For example, “we then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves” (Romans 15:1). That is, our criterion should be pleasing Him—not ourselves. Similarly, we are warned that “they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:8). That is, our thoughts and deeds must not be governed by worldly considerations.

By suffering, willingly, for His sake, we can please Him. “If, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable [well-pleasing] with God” (1 Peter 2:20).

“Without faith it is impossible to please him” (Hebrews 11:6). We must walk by faith if we would please the Lord. This is not faith in the abstract but specific truth—faith to believe the revealed Word of God and to act on that faith.

God is pleased with generosity. “But to do good and to communicate [to share what we have with others, for His sake] forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” (Hebrews 13:16). This certainly includes sharing the gospel as well as our material possessions. “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God” (1 Thessalonians 2:4).

Finally, when our ways please the Lord, we have this gracious promise: “Whatever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22). HMM

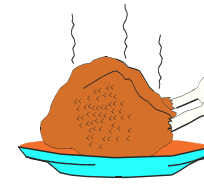
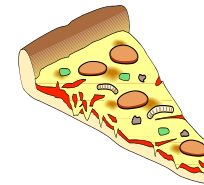
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



## April Celebrators

- 01 - Jon Alfred Cirilo
- 01 - Leonalyn Portelo
- 02 - Jolian Ibrahim
- 02 - April Acop
- 03 - Sheema Valdez
- 04 - Lolita Abance
- 05 - Letty Wagang
- 05 - Herminia Acena (Deceased)
- 05 - Jamielyn Yaneza
- 05 - Leonida Umis
- 06 - Eunice Cordero
- 06 - Aries John Igoy
- 07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay
- 08 - Erika Brillantes
- 09 - Gloria Yang
- 09 - Marilyn Bulatao
- 09 - Noah Valdez
- 09 - Irish Kate Abansi Ebil
- 12 - Susan Weng
- 13 - Ma. Rowena Cordero
- 14 - Cristy Loren Austria
- 14 - Kurt Austin Rimando
- 14 - Michael Gorio
- 21 - Frank Abraham Linggon
- 21 - Sheryl Carame-Martin
- 21 - Chloe Alexis Zamora
- 23 - Roxanne Tacay
- 24 - Leonides Ompang
- 28 - Melchizedek Aquino
- 28 - Lougai Fermin
- 29 - Elizabeth Donato



Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

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### 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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