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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.

"You never know how strong you are until being strong is your only choice."
READ Philippians 4:13
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Servers Today, 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: *AMBER PHOELN PO*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *BADDAS FAMILY*

Communion: *PERDIGON FAMILY*
 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 April 28, 2024

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

Speaker: *ALTON MARK BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Invocation: *GASPAR BALDO, JR.*
 Intercessory Prayer: *MERVIN OLIVA*
 Communion Text: *HEBREWS 10:1-10*
 Scripture Reading: *O'NIEL GONZALES*
 Prayer for the Bread: *CHRIS OLIVA*
 Prayer for the Cup: *JERRY MARTIN*
 Prayer for the Giving: *JUNE REYES*
 Closing Prayer: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Announcement: *ALTON MARK BAYLA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Song Leader: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
 To Bring Flowers: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *BESTRE FAMILY*

Communion: *PERDIGON FAMILY*
 Worship Coordinator: *EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY*

25 ladies participate in communion bread baking

Last Saturday's Monthly Ladies Devotional & Luncheon Fellowship had a special activity, Learning "How to BAKE COMMUNION BREAD," facilitated by the 2ND QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP. Those who made it in the workshop include sisters Bing Buendia, Mabel Sunggay, Joyce Kitma, Edith Latonio, Lily Soriano, Carina Lacaba, Jane Bestre, Janet Perdigon, Ruth Trinidad, Marlenc Samonte, Angela Ramos, Cora Ozo, Lulu Bondoc, Dionesia & Diane Martin, Lori Austria, Nancy Bayla, Norma Aping, Josie Selmo, Keshia Oliva, Cot Espinosa, Minda Oliva, Amber Po, Jizza Aquino, and Kana Valdez. Everyone appreciated the activity and are looking forward to having a chance in preparing the LORD'S SUPPER TABLE soon. Glory to the Heavenly Father!Ω

Marcoville resident baptized into Christ

Midtown praises the Lord God Almighty and congratulates sister PIA TAVARA LOPEZ, a resident of Barangay BAL-MARCOVILLE, this city, for having received the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism on April 11, 2024. She was baptized by brother Jonathan 'Jojo' Ramos at Midtown's baptistery after having earlier completed the SEEKERS LESSONS SERIES with sisters Janet and Angela Ramos at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC) located at Infinita Cafe, Laperal Bldg., Session Road. The newest sister in Christ hails from Aggoo, La Union and is a relative of sister Cot Espinosa. Sister Pia continues to study the NEW LIFE LESSON SERIES with sister Angela. All praises and glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
 April 14, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....12
ADULTS.....149	GRADES 1-28
YP EEZ.....20	GRADES 3-4.....7
CHILDREN.....32	GRADES 5-6.....2
GUESTS.....10	H.S./COL.....15
TOTAL.....211	YAs22
	TOTAL.....66

OFFERING
 AM & PM TOTAL:
 Php52,230.00

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 *JANET FERNANDEZ *RONELIZA PERALTA *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR.	REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *JAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *LEONARDA MIRANDA	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
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BPFLC conducts thanksgiving devo for victory in YMCA olympics

Brother Aman Bayla facilitated a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE for the purpose of giving the Lord God Almighty praises, glory, and honor and in celebration of the victory of pupils of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) in the YMCA ACADEMIC & CULTURAL OLYMPICS held on April 13 & 14, 2024. BPFLC emerged as the OVERALL CHAMPION (Team A) as well as OVERALL 1ST RUNNER UP (Team B) in the Elementary Level, besting participating schools in Baguio and Benguet. Among the contestants are children of Midtown members as well as MIDTOWN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL goers, namely, Lara Chauncey B. Montes and Graciella Marie Castillo (1st Place in the Dance Group), Maril A. Bayating III (1st Place in Vocal Solo), Dylan Salud & Joses Licdan (1st Place in Bible Quiz), Jedajah Licdan & Adam Joaquin Elago (3rd Place in Bible Quiz), Hannah Saguil (1st Place in Quiz Bee) Brooklyn Whaley (2nd Place in Draw & Tell), and Liam Viclar (4th Place in Tula), Hazel Llanez (4th Place, Draw & Tell). Glory to God!Ω

Couples clap for home harmony & stability

The COUPLES CARE GROUP meeting held at Midtown's Assembly Hall the other past Saturday evening, April 13, 2024 discussed in their devotional, "KEEPING HARMONY IN THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP IN ORDER TO CREATE STABILITY IN THE HOME." The activity facilitators, spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa underscored the appreciation of four main points to realize this, namely, COMMUNICATE openly, LOVE unconditionally, ACCEPT your spouse, and PRAY unceasingly (CLAP). There were eight couples present, namely, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Dexter & Den Wagang, Chris & Keshia Oliva, Alex & Ruth Uy, and Noel & Cot Espinosa, together with brother Richard Bestre. The Couples CARE Group looks forward to another meaningful meeting next month. For God's greater glory.Ω

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—APRIL 23, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **STAFF MEETING WITH ELDERS & DEACONS**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 22, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 PM.
- **BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP**—THEME: PRIDE, JUSTICE, AND RESTORATION | MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 | 1—5 PM.
- **MIDTOWN YOUTH CARE GROUP**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 | 1—5 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.

JESUS CHANGES SICKNESS TO HEALTH

Luke 5:12-16
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | April 21, 2024

JESUS CHANGES SICKNESS TO HEALTH

Luke 5:12-16

- JESUS CHRIST MAKES HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR HEALING
 - Luke 5:12
- JESUS CHRIST WILLS TO HEAL EVEN THE UNTOUCHABLE
 - Luke 5:13-14
- JESUS CHRIST WILLS TO HEAL PAST BEYOND THE PHYSICAL
 - Luke 5:15-16

APPLICATION:

1. Like the leper, in what ways can we as disciples "see" our Lord Jesus?
 - Let us realize that, in times of sickness, we are to be reminded that, with the fallen state of mankind, we cannot be physically healthy all the time.
 - Let us realize that whatever we are sick of, we can find healing by praying to the Lord God Almighty. But we must also recognize the will of God on the matter. Let His will be done.
 - Let us realize that, while we may desire to be healed, it is important for us to also understand that the Lord has the sole prerogative to heal us.
 - "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 3 John 2-3 NIV

APPLICATION:

2. Like Jesus Christ, in what ways can we as disciples reach out to the so-called untouchables?
 - Let us be so compassionate to make those who are sick find hope in Christ Jesus, the true healer.
 - Let us be so benevolent to make those who are sick feel so cared for and that they are not left on their own to deal with their ailment and all the effects it brings to usual life.
 - Let us be so kindhearted to help those who are sick look past their physical illness, and realize that the inner man's health is most important.
 - "...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... Eph 3:14-17 NKJV

APPLICATION:

3. Like the multitude, in what ways can we be sensitive as to what to learn from sickness and health?
 - Let us realize that our true well-being comes with learning about Jesus as the True Healer who alone can make us whole.
 - Let us realize that everybody needs to learn the message of healing through Jesus Christ, and that we must share the good news enthusiastically.
 - Let us realize, above all, that spiritual health is more important than physical health and that this only comes through the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - "May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together — spirit, soul, and body — and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. 1 Thess 5:23 MSG

How does Jesus Christ the Healer change sickness to health ?

1. First, Jesus Christ makes Himself available to anyone seeking for healing and salvation. He is the only hope. Will we desperately seek Him?
2. Second, Jesus Christ wills to heal everyone who comes to Him, even the so-called untouchables. He reaches out and touches us. Will we allow Him to touch our lives?
3. Third, Jesus Christ wills to heal past beyond the physical. He will heal us from everything caused by the fall of man. He will restore us whole. Will we allow Him to mend our souls more than our bodies?

I. JESUS CHRIST MAKES HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR HEALING

Luke 5:12

- JESUS THE HEALER IS JUST AROUND TO BE SEEN
 - "When he saw Jesus"
 - Those who seek desperately to be healed will find the true healer.
- JESUS THE HEALER HAS THE POWER OVER ANY SICKNESS
 - "Suffering from a dreaded skin disease"
 - Those who find the true healer can be healed of any sickness.
- JESUS THE HEALER HAS THE BEST JUDGMENT OVER ONE'S IMPLORATION
 - "Sir, if you want to, you can make me clean"
 - Those who beg the true healer believe in the wisest decision over their imploration.

II. JESUS CHRIST WILLS TO HEAL EVEN THE UNTOUCHABLE

Luke 5:13-14

- JESUS THE HEALER REACHES OUT TO THE UNTOUCHABLE
 - "Jesus reached out"
 - Those afflicted with disease need not despair for there is hope in Jesus Christ.
- JESUS THE HEALER TOUCHES THE UNTOUCHABLE
 - "Jesus reached out and touched him"
 - Those who are unclean or impure need not lose heart for Jesus wills to touch them.
- JESUS THE HEALER SENDS THE UNTOUCHABLE FOR FULL RESTORATION
 - "Go straight to the priest and let him examine you"
 - Those who are healed by Jesus will find more than healing but also purification.

III. JESUS CHRIST WILLS TO HEAL PAST BEYOND THE PHYSICAL

Luke 5:15-16

- JESUS THE HEALER SENDS A MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR WELL-BEING
 - "News about Jesus spread all the more widely"
 - Those who heard about Jesus cannot but share the good news.
- JESUS THE HEALER SENDS A MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR MANY
 - "Crowds of people came to hear Him"
 - Those many people who heard news about Jesus came to hear (verify, understand, realize).
- JESUS THE HEALER SENDS A MESSAGE OF WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT
 - "He would go away to lonely places where He prayed"
 - Those who are keen realize that there is more to well-being than what is physical. It's spiritual.

“ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10-11 NIV

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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

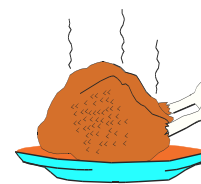
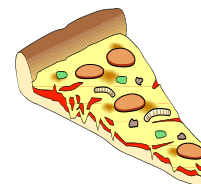
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



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
- 17 - Liram Chad Montes
- 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.

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

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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