

Servers Today, April 28, 2024

Jesus Changes Failure to Success (Luke 5:17-26)

Speaker: *ALTON MARK BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Invocation: *GASPAR BALDO, JR.*
 Intercessory Prayer: *MERVIN OLIVA*
 Communion Text: *HEBREWS 10:1-10*
 Scripture Reading: *KEMUEL PERDIGON*
 Prayer for the Bread: *O'NIEL GONZALES*
 Prayer for the Cup: *CHRIS OLIVA*
 Prayer for the Giving: *JERRY MARTIN*
 Closing Prayer: *JUNE REYES*
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *ALTON MARK BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *KAJEM KITMA*
 To Bring Flowers: *PEARL BESTRE*
 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*

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 May 5, 2024

Jesus Changes the Old to New (Luke 5:27-39)

Speaker: *JESSE BESTRE*
 Song Leader: *JUN REYES*
 Invocation: *ERNE WAGANG*
 Intercessory Prayer: *LEM GLORI*
 Communion Text: *COLOSSIANS 3:1-4*
 Scripture Reading: *JOSH MARTIN*
 Prayer for the Bread: *DANTE BADDAS*
 Prayer for the Cup: *DAN-GIL GERON*
 Prayer for the Giving: *DONNEL GONZALES*
 Closing Prayer: *CHARLIE ABANCE*
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Afternoon Speaker: *JESSE BESTRE*
 Song Leader: *JUN REYES*
 To Bring Flowers: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *GERON FAMILY*

Communion: *KESHA OLIVA*
 Worship Coordinator: *ANDY BESTRE | ART TACAY*



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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.

"When a deep injury is done to us, we never heal until we forgive."

READ Mark 11:25

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
 April 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....10
ADULTS.....185	GRADES 1-26
YPPEEZ.....25	GRADES 3-4.....8
CHILDREN.....32	GRADES 5-6.....3
GUESTS.....3	H.S./COL.....25
TOTAL.....245	Yas19
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OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PPh49,820.00

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	*ERNE 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 *MARILZA 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: *DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVEZ	Safe Travel: *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON (NEGROS MISSION ON MARCH 15—MAY 4, 2024) *FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (HK) *JOJO & JANET RAMOS (USA) *GIL GERON & COMPANY (NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST TODAY)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—APRIL 30, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **STAFF MEETING WITH ELDERS & DEACONS**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 29, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 PM.
- **MIDTOWN YOUTH CARE GROUP**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | TODAY, APRIL 28, 2024 | 1—5 PM.
- **ACU LADIES DAY**—ACU, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN, MAY 25, 2024 | 7 AM—5 PM. | REG FEE: P50.00
- **TEACH THE TEACHERS SEMINAR**—ACU,BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | MAY 20-22, 2024 | LADIES ONLY
- **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.

ACU invites lady teachers for seminar & fellowship

All current and aspiring lady teachers are invited to attend a free 3-day seminar dubbed TEACH THE TEACHER SEMINAR at the ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ACU) on May 20-22, 2024. The seminar features a practicum and Arts & Crafts in addition to Lesson Preparation. Trainers are from USA and seasoned speakers from the Philippines. On May 25, 2024, a Saturday, all ladies are enjoined to participate in ACU's 11th LADIES DAY. Interested parties are encouraged to register early by signing up on the Sign Up Sheet posted on the Women's Ministry Bulletin Board. Meanwhile, MIDYEAR CLASSES are also available for men on May 27—July 17, 2024. Please contact the ministers for more information. For God's greater glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Minister takes sabbatical leave until yearend

Brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, one of Midtown's staff ministers, has availed of an 8-month SABBATICAL LEAVE effective May 1—December 31, 2024. Midtown's elders and deacons approved his application on the understanding that such leave is without pay, and his rightful incentives will be pro-rated. With this development, brother Jesse's functions will be delegated to the other staff ministers. But even as he will be on sabbatical leave, he has expressed that he will seize usual involvement in the work of the congregation whenever he is available. The leadership of the congregation enjoins the brethren to recognize this development and to pray for brother Jesse's endeavors.Ω

Midtown brethren comfort Caballero-Austria family

Midtown brethren conveyed sympathies to the CABALLERO—AUSTRIA FAMILY in the passing away of their loved one, sister FELICIDAD CABALLERO—AUSTRIA. A good number of brethren joined in a DEVOTIONAL SERVICE at the St. Peter Chapels, Marcos Highway the other past Saturday, April 20, 2024. Brother Arnan Bayla served as the devotional speaker while brother Andy Bestre facilitated the community singing. The deceased succumbed to stroke or cerebral vascular accident, and passed on to Abraham's side on April 19, 2024. She is survived by children & children in-law, namely, Marlene & Steven Lee, Myrna, Melinda, Myra Dinah Blancas—Austria, Lorigrace Bayla-Austria, six grandchildren, Cristian Paul and Thea Marie, Lawrence and Cristy, Sheryl Lee, and Neko who is married to Angelica Madronio -Austria with whom the deceased has one great grandchild, Angelo James. The bereaved family expressed appreciation for the sympathies, prayers, comforting messages, and support.Ω

Midtown to help in Naguilian church work

In an effort to address an appeal from the dear brethren of the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST for help in conducting their SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AND FELLOWSHIP, Midtown has put the same in its mission agenda. But while the plans for strengthening the congregation in Naguilian is still being ironed out, tentative schedules have been set. Also, while some elders and deacons are not available to take charge of the matter, initial steps have been made. As of the moment, brother Gil Geron has taken the challenge to make the initial step in helping the Naguilian brethren by making a visit today and do a survey of the needs there. Incidentally, brother Gil's kin and relatives are actively involved with the Lord's work there. He and his wife, Diana, are serving with the brethren in Naguilian today. Brother Gil is serving as Sermon speaker while brother Noel Espinosa is facilitating the Bible Study.Ω

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE PRAYERS OF THE PHARISEE & THE PUBLICAN

Luke 18:9-14
ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | MARCH 24, 31, APRIL 7, 2024

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE PRAYERS OF THE PHARISEE & PUBLICAN

Luke 18:9-14

- DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO AVOID SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS
- Luke 18:9
- DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO AVOID SELF-EXALTATION
- Luke 18:10-12
- DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO ACT IN HUMILITY
- Luke 18:13-14

I. DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO AVOID SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Luke 18:9

- SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A SIN WE ALL MUST RECOGNIZE
 - It is a negative trait that goes against the righteousness of God.
 - We must be aware that making our own standards of righteousness condemns us.
- SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS GROWS FROM THE ROOT OF SELF-DECEPTION
 - It is one believing he is something when he is nothing, and that he has not sinned.
 - We must be aware that relying on one's own righteousness is futile and dangerous.
- SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS AND CONTEMPT FOR OTHERS ARE CLOSELY ALLIED
 - It is a trait that naturally makes one overcritical and look down on others.
 - We must be aware that by comparing ourselves to others, we are led to despise them.

APPLICATION:

1. What do we need to be aware of in order for us to avoid the sin of self-righteousness?
 - 4 Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done and won't need to compare himself with someone else. 5 Each of us must bear some faults and burdens of his own. For none of us is perfect! Galatians 6:4-5 TLB
 - If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-10 NIV
 - 12 So be careful, if you are thinking, "Oh, I would never behave like that!" - let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin. 1 Cor 10:12-13 TLB

II. DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO AVOID SELF-EXALTATION

Luke 18:10-12

- SELF-EXALTATION IS A SIN WE ALL MUST RECOGNIZE
 - It is a negative trait that is contrary to the mind and nature of God.
 - We must be aware that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- SELF-EXALTATION GROWS FROM THE CORE OF PRIDE
 - It is a subtle, hypocritical spirit often appearing religious or spiritual.
 - We must be aware that pride comes before a fall.
- SELF-EXALTATION CAUSES DESTRUCTION TO THE HEART IT OCCUPIES
 - It defeats itself for it ends in abasement.
 - We must be aware that he who exalts oneself will be humbled.

APPLICATION:

2. What do we need to be aware of in order for us to avoid the sin of self-exaltation?
 - "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." Rom 12:3 NIV
 - "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited." Rom 12:16 NIV
 - "Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died." Acts 12:23 NIV

III. DISCIPLES OUGHT ALWAYS TO ACT IN HUMILITY

Luke 18:13-14

- HUMILITY IS A VIRTUE WE ALL MUST RECOGNIZE AND DEVELOP
 - It is a most positive trait that is compatible with the mind and nature of God.
 - We must be convinced that grace comes to the most humble of heart.
- HUMILITY EMANATES FROM AN APPROPRIATE SELF-CONCEPT
 - It comes from a proper idea about who we are and our judgments about ourselves.
 - We must be convinced that we are sinners needing the mercy of a just God.
- HUMILITY LEADS ONE TO BE JUSTIFIED AND BE EXALTED
 - It is a trait required for one to be removed from a state of condemnation into a state of grace.
 - We must be convinced that he who humbles himself before God will be exalted.

APPLICATION:

3. What do we need to be convinced of in order to be justified?
 - "And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor 6:11 NIV
 - "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38-39
 - "All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 8 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5-6 NIV

“ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13 NIV

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What are important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican?

1. As disciples, we ought always to avoid self-righteousness. Let's not compare ourselves with one another.
2. As disciples, we ought always to avoid self-exaltation. Let's not think of ourselves more highly than we ought.
3. As disciples, we ought always to act in humility. Let's not forget that God will exalt those who humble themselves.

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 - Roxane 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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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		SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY	
6:00-8:00 PM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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