# The MIDTONN Informer

### Servers Today, May 5, 2024

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

JESSE BESTRE Speaker: Song Leader: JUN REYES ERNIE WAGANG Invocation 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 DONNEL GONZALES Prayer for the Giving: Closing Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE Announcement: ANDY BESTRE Afternoon Speaker: JESSE BESTRE Song Leader: JUN REYES To Bring Flowers: DORIS MADTIS To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

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

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#### How To Become a **Biblical Christian**

1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, I 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 12, 2024

# Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath (Luke 6:1-11)

ARNAN BAYLA Speaker: Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE Invocation: GREG KITMA Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7 Scripture Reading: IRA PO Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE Closing Prayer: MAR BAYATING, SR. ANDY BESTRE Announcement Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE To Bring Flowers: DORIS MADTIS To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

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"Obedience is the positive side of repentance."

READ Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Mission 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 worshipers of God in spirit and in truth, and to be a living Vision demonstration of the presence and power of our Lord Jesus Christ in a community of faith, hope, and love.

# Midtown seeks for fulltime church secretary

In the most recent TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM, the elders and deacons and members of the TCF approved the hiring of a FULL-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY to work from Sundays to Thursdays with a Monthly Basic Salary of Php 12,900.00. Benefits include 13th Month Pay, SSS, PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG employer's share; Year-end bonus; Rice & Communication Allowance, and paid vacation and sick leaves. QUALIFICATIONS include the following: 1. Not a recent convert; 2. College graduate or equivalent; 3. Has administrative experience; 4. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite; 5. Excellent organizational and time management skills; 6. Strong written and verbal communication skills; 7. Able to handle confidential information with discretion; 8. Not over 50 years old.

Applications must be addressed to the ELDERS & DEACONS and will be received until May 15, 2024. For God's greater glory, praise, and honor! $\Omega$ 

# Congregation reminded of propriety in worship

In keeping with the Biblical injunction that everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way (1 Corinthians 14:40), Midtown brethren are reminded of the following:

1. The last two rows of seats at the rear-most portion of the assembly hall shall be reserved for parents & guardians with infants or very young children. **2.** Please come on time so as not to miss the Lord's Supper. If and when missed in the morning, one is encouraged to avail of it in the afternoon worship assembly. 3. Except in the Communion, avoid eating & drinking during the Worship Assembly. If and when needful to eat & drink, kindly do so first at the coffee station at the back portion of the hall, and then return to one's seat. 4. Avoid unnecessary chatting with seatmates so as not to distract others. May the Almighty God be glorified and others be edified with the congregation's compliance. $\Omega$ 

# Reviewer seeks Savior. baptized into Christ

Midtown praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates brother NOVAN FONGWAN KEPES for having decided to be baptized as soon as he completed his study of the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Arnan Bayla last Monday, April 29, 2024.

The new brother is not unknown to many in the congregation for he has been attending the FRIDAY CARE GROUP and a number of

church functions in the past.

Brother Novan recently graduated BS Civil Engineering at the Saint Louis University and is currently reviewing for the Licensure Examinations. While reviewing, he has taken the time to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. The congregation rejoices with him and prays for his spiritual growth as well as for his professional growth. All glory and praise to the Almighty One. $\Omega$ 

# 72 participate in Baguio-Benguet joint youth CG

Seventy-two young people representing a good number of congregations in the Baguio-Benguet area gathered for the JOINT BB YOUTH CARE GROUP hosted by Midtown the other past Saturday, April 27, 2024 @ 1:00-5:00 PM. Brother O'neil Gonzales served as the DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER in which he discussed about PRIDE, JUSTICE, AND RESTORATION based on the book of Obadiah. He reiterated that God's people must take the warning against pride, revenge, and bitterness. The lesson also reminds us that we serve a powerful, sovereign God who loves and protects His children.

The Nangalisan Church of Christ will be the next host of the BB JOINT CARE GROUP on May 25, 2024 will be held at the Function Hall of the RIVERVIEW HOTEL Ω

## LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD April 28, 2024

#### ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY **REGULAR WORSHIP** SCHOOL + **ASSEMBLY** Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....10 AM & PM GRADES 1-2 .....9 ADULTS.....152 GRADES 3-4.. YPEEZ.. ..19 GRADES 5-6..... CHILDREN... ..53 H.S./COL/.. GUESTS. YAs ...227 TOTAL.... TOTAL.

## OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP53.430.00

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BRETHREN: \*GLORIA YANG \*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

\*DONNA GERON \*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

\*DAN SAMEON

\*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON \*DITH ZAMORA

\*TESS KITMA \*LOIDA BADDAS \*BERNARD IGNACIO

\*JONATHAN ENERVA

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\*JAYVEE MAGPAYO

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT \*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

GLORI FAMILY

\*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS \*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH

THE GOSPEL

OTHER CONCERNS

Safe Pregnancy: \*DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVES

Safe Travel:

\*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON (NEGROS MISSION ON MARCH 15—MAY 4, 2024) \*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (HK) \*JOJO & JANET RAMOS (USA) \*GREG KITMA & COMPANY (NANGALISAN CHURCH OF

CHRIST TODAY)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—MAY 7, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- STAFF MEETING WITH ELDERS & DEACONS—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | MAY 6, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 PM. WANTED: FULL-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY—APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED UNTIL MAY 15, 2024
- 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.

#### **LESSONS FROM** THE PARABLE OF THE **TWO SONS**

Matthew 21:28-32

ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | APRIL 21, 28, May 5, 2024

THERE MUST **BE A CHANGE** WITHIN THAT LEADS **OBEDIENCE** 

WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO MAKE A
CHOICE TO SERVE OR NOT TO SERVE
The first son makes a negative choice of
not serving the Father.
Understand that serving the Father is a
choice we have to make.
WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO MAKE
CHANGES IN OUR DECISIONS
The first son changes his mind to serve
the Father.

The first son changes his mind to serve the Father.

Understand that we can change our minds to make a better decision.

WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS
The first son makes a move to work in the vineyard despite his previous decision not to.

Understand that action, not words, is most important in the Lord's service.

Matt. 21:28-29

THERE MUST BE **ACTION TO PROVE OBEDIENCE**  WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY
TO OBEY AND SERVE
The second son makes a positive answer

The second son makes a positive answer to the opportunity to serve his father.
The chief priests and elders were hypocrites, saying something they will not actually do. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT WHAT WE SAY WE WILL DO
The second son does not make use of his opportunity to do what he is suppose to do.
The chief priests and elders were deliberately not interested in obedience. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT INACTION IS TANTAMOUNT TO DISOBEDIENCE
The second son's inaction reveals his true intention leading to his conviction.

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The chief priests and elders didn't intend to obey God leading to their condemnation. Matthew 21:30

THERE IS NO RIGHTEOUSNESS. BY SIMPLY RESPONDING YES

Matthew 21:31-32

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result of convincing proofs and truth.

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18 NIV

WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT OUR 'YES'
SHOULD MEAN COMMITMENT
The chief priests and elders did not mean to follow the way of righteousness.
A commitment made to the Lord must cause us to work right in God's vineyard.
WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT OUR 'YES'
SHOULD BE COUPLED WITH REPENTANCE
The chief priests and elders did not change their hearts & minds about Jesus Christ.
A commitment made to the Lord must cause us to make up one's mind to do what is right.
WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT OUR 'YES'
SHOULD BE COUPLED WITH BELIEF
The chief priests and elders did not believe at all despite the evidences.
A commitment made to the Lord must be a result of convincing proofs and truth.

 THERE MUST BE A CHANGE WITHIN THAT LEADS TO OBEDIENCE ■ Matthew 21:28-29

 THERE MUST BE ACTIONS TO PROVE ONE'S OBEDIENCE

Matthew 21:30

 THERE IS NO RIGHTEOUSNESS BY SIMPLY RESPONDING 'YES'

Matt. 21:28-32

**TWO SONS** 

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#### APPLICATION:

1. What decisions have we made that needs to be changed now?

Having decided to follow an easier but wrong path?

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#### APPLICATION:

2. What commitments have we made that we may

What commitments have we made that we may have been neglecting?

Holding on to the truth and teachings of Jesus Christ?

Serving only one Master, the Lord Jesus?

Seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?

Commitment to benevolence, edification, and evangelism?

Denying one self and taking up one's cross?

Loving one another? Forgiving one another?

Praying for one another? Caring for each other?

Bearing another husband?

Being a loving husband?
Being a submissive wife?
Being an obedient child?
Commitment to chastity and fidelity?
Commitment to moral excellence and holy living?

#### APPLICATION:

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3. What matters of righteousness have we responded 'yes' to but have remained not acted upon?

"Yes Lord, I'll seek first your kingdom."

"Yes Lord, I'll seek first your righteousness."

"Yes Lord, I'll seek first your righteousness."

"Yes Lord, I'll love my neighbor as I love myself."

"Yes Lord, I'll love my neighbor as I love myself."

"Yes Lord, I'll love my enemies."

"Yes Lord, I'll love my spouse more than myself."

"Yes Lord, I'll love my spouse more than myself."

"Yes Lord, I'll love the truth, nothing more or less."

"Yes Lord, I'll love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength."

"Yes Lord, whatever I do, I'll work at it with all my heart, as working for you Lord, not for men."

"Yes Lord, I'll love you above all else."

"Yes Lord, I'll go and make disciples..."

#### What are important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Two Sons?

There must be change within that leads to obedience. Actions speak louder than words in service of the Lord.

There must be actions to prove one's obedience. Inaction is tantamount to disobedience and unbelief.

There is no righteousness by simply responding yes. A commitment made to the Lord should be coupled with repentance, belief, and action.

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

# May Celebrators

03 - Benjamin Balawas

03 - Elvie Omaging 05 - Erolyn Canlas

06 - Ricky Rimando

06 - Jizza Mae Aquino 08 - Ruby Panganiban

11 - Cindy Lacambra

11 - Princess Elipane 12 - Dante Baddas 12 - Gil Geron

12 - Gil Geron 12 - May Flor Acquiadan 14 - Ethan B. Sameon 14 - Fransley Mae Amplayo 15 - Jessica Mariano 16 - Melecia Abance

16 - Klarissa Glori 16 - Juanita Fernandez

19 - Maureen Soriano

19 - Chito Salviejo 20 - Carlota Cera

20 - Jonalyn Castillo 21 - Rolando Castillo

21 - Melba N. Licupa

21 - Ma. Corazon Ozo 22 - Carlos Gonzales

23 - Jeannette F. Sarauer

23 - Alexa Senesan

25 - Alexandre James Ciencia

26 - Norma Aping 28 - Elena Carame

28 - Elcid Pelpelic

29 - Francisco Fermin

29 - Rainelle Kiara Nawew 31 - Margaret Golda Yang

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

6:00-8:00 PM

31 - Elizabeth Salviejo



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: Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470 Andy Bestre @ 0916-343-8539

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Singing & Prayers LORD'S SUPPER and OFFERING 9:00—9:30

**Prayers** BIBLE STUDY 9:35—10:25

Singing, Prayers Greetings MESSAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:30—11:10 11:10—11:20

#### 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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