

Servers Today, July 21, 2024

Discipleship is Experiencing the Word (Luke 8:41-56)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES

Communion Text: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA

Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Giving: LEM GLORI

Closing Prayer: GIL GERON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JONATHAN PALITAYAN

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GONZALES FAMILY

Communion: MABEL SUNGGAY

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

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 July 28, 2024

Discipleship is Serving the Lord (Luke 9:1-17)

Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR.

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: MATTHEW 26:26-30

Scripture Reading: JOSHUA MARTIN

Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: MERVIN OLIVA

Closing Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

July 14, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....12 GRADES 1-2.....8 GRADES 3-4.....0 GRADES 5-6.....10 H.S./COLL.....21 YAs .....21 TOTAL.....72

ADULTS.....194 YPEEZ.....21 CHILDREN.....33 GUESTS.....4 TOTAL.....252

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP47,374.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!


- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—JULY 23, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— JULY 27, 2024 | 11:00 AM—2:30 PM
- YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER— RIVERVIEW WATERPARK | JULY 23-24, 2024 | REGISTRATION: P250.00 | WAIVER AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM BROTHER EZRA VALDEZ
- MOVING UP SUNDAY— MIDTOWN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GOERS TO BE OFFICIALLY ADMITTED IN THEIR NEW RESPECTIVE CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 @ 9:30 AM.
- 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.

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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 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.

VBS directors thank crew and sponsors

In the VBS VICTORY CELEBRATION held at the K—FLAVORS BUFFET along Legarda Rd., evening of July 15th, brothers Alton Mark Bayla, Jasper Perdigon, and Kemuel Perdigon, this year's VBS directors expressed great appreciation for all the members of the VBS crew for their dedication and sacrifices which greatly contributed to a successful VBS 2024. Fifty-eight (58) individuals composed this year's VBS crew. Please find the list of VBS Crew on page 3 of this bulletin.

The directors also specially mentioned profound gratitude to all the generous sponsors of the meals for the VBS crew all throughout the preparation time, during the event, and the post-event activities including the VBS Victory Celebration Dinner. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Olidan is speaker in various congregations in northern Luzon

Last Sunday, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan together with brother Felixander Kai Olidan, served with the brethren of the SINAONGAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, San Agustin, Isabela. Brother Felix served as Bible teacher and Sermon speaker.

Earlier, the Olidans served as principal witnesses in the wedding of sister Karen Joy Senica, former member of the WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST, and brother George Moore in Isabela last July 13.

While in the area, they visited former members of the Wanchai congregation including sisters Pearly Bartome and Joy Retumban, then proceeded to Victoria, Aglipay, Quirino to visit sister Myrna Torres. Brother Felix served as speaker at the AGLIPAY CHURCH OF CHRIST, in Aglipay Quirino. In their last leg of their trip back home, they visited sister Tessie Agana Acosta in Cordon, Isabela and sister Bellaflor Laya at Santa Cruz, Bagabag, NV.

Today, brother Felix will be serving as sermon speaker at the BINMALEY CHURCH OF CHRIST in Binmaley, Pangasinan. Glory to God!Ω

Ladies monthly devo & luncheon fellowship on Sat

Due to the participation of a number of ladies in the recently concluded National Ladies Retreat, the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP supposedly scheduled every third Saturday of the month has been moved to Saturday, July 27, 2024. All ladies are encouraged to participate in this fellowship as the lessons learned in the recent NLR will be echoed in the devotional.

The members of the THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP that will take charge of this event include sisters Kesha Oliva, Clarita Cachero, Beth Sevilla, Cora, Rossana Marie, & Rowana Ozo, Maureen Soriano, Janet and Angela Ramos, Dyna Austria, Bing Buendia, and Lala Geron.

Meanwhile, the participants in the 46TH NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT express appreciation for the congregation's all-out support and the unceasing prayers for their safety. All glory to the Lord God!Ω

Castillo-Baddas family express thanks for sympathies

The remains of the late sister LOIDA CASTILLO BADDAS was laid to rest at the TUBA MUNICIPAL CEMETERY at Bomasgao, Poblacion, Tuba last Monday morning, July 15, 2024. Brothers Arnan Bayla and Andy Bestre together with many Midtown brethren presided in the FUNERAL SERVICE.

Brother Dante Baddas and his family, relatives, and in-laws, expressed appreciation for the brethren's undying support, unceasing prayers, nightly visits & devotionals, and all the words of comfort during their time of bereavement.

The congregation continues to pray for the Lord's comforting presence for the family.Ω

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Matthew 25:14-30  
ARNAN BAYLA | MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | JUN 30, JUL 7, 14, 2024

I. STEWARDSHIP DEMANDS THE SERVANT'S ABILITY

- THE LORD ENTRUSTS HIS PROPERTY TO HIS ABLE SERVANTS
  - Servants are deemed able as to be entrusted with the Lord's property.
  - In becoming disciples, we count the cost to become servants by choice (*doulos*).
- THE LORD ENTRUSTS HIS PROPERTY PROPORTIONAL TO THE SERVANT'S ABILITY
  - Servants are all privileged with at least one talent according to one's capability.
  - In becoming disciples, we discover the spiritual gifts God has given us.
- THE LORD ENTRUSTS HIS PROPERTY TO HIS SERVANTS TO USE WITH LIBERTY
  - Servants are given the freedom of how to manage or to make use of the opportunity.
  - In becoming disciples, we are given occasions and chances to serve for the Lord's gain.

Matt. 25:14-15

II. STEWARDSHIP DEMANDS THE SERVANT'S ASSIDUITY

- THE LORD EXPECTS HIS SERVANTS TO UTILIZE THE TALENTS WELL
  - It is not a steward's option to not use the talents entrusted to him or her.
  - Servants must exercise utmost diligence in using his or her talents.
- THE LORD EXPECTS HIS SERVANTS TO INVEST THE TALENTS WELL
  - It is not a steward's option to divest the talents entrusted to him or her.
  - Servants must exercise carefulness or good judgment to doubly gain from one's talents.
- THE LORD EXPECTS HIS SERVANTS TO MANAGE THE TALENTS WELL
  - It is not a steward's option to incur losses with the talents entrusted to him or her.
  - Servants must employ good management in order to prevent losses.

Matthew 25:16-18

III. STEWARDSHIP DEMANDS THE SERVANT'S ACCOUNTABILITY

- THE LORD REQUIRES THAT WE COURAGEOUSLY TAKE TASKS
  - Resist the natural tendency to be afraid of taking responsibility.
  - Realize that we are accountable of anything entrusted to our care.
- THE LORD REQUIRES THAT WE DUTIFULLY DISCHARGE OUR DUTIES
  - Resist the natural temptation to be negligent or uncaring about our obligations.
  - Realize that we are answerable to how we carry out our responsibilities.
- THE LORD REQUIRES THAT WE FAITHFULLY OBEY GOD'S WILL
  - Resist the natural inclination to be disobedient.
  - Realize that we are accountable for every action we take towards God's commands.

Matthew 25:19-30

“For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: “As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.’” 12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12 NIV

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  - Matthew 25:19-30

Matt. 25:14-30

APPLICATION:

1. As Christian stewards, how can we make use of our God-given talents to serve?

- Recount one's confession of faith and renew one's commitment to be a servant. (Matthew 20:28)
- Acknowledge one's capabilities or S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Ability, Personality, Experience). Given this SHAPE, we are to be on the look out for opportunities where we fit best to serve which in turn will benefit the church and fulfill the Lord's purposes.
- Recognize the trust and the expectation of the Lord towards us. How will we prove ourselves to be trustworthy?
- 1 Chronicles 9:13 – “Very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.” | 2 Corinthians 3:6 – “God has made us able ministers of a new covenant.”

APPLICATION:

2. As Christian stewards, what is expected of us with the talents entrusted to us?

- We are expected to put into good use every talent entrusted to us. By utilizing what we have, we get what we do not have.
- We are expected not to ignore, neglect, misuse, or misapply our talents, our treasures, our time, and the truth. By investing what we have, we avoid losing what we have.
- We are expected to be productive citizens of the Kingdom. By managing everything entrusted to us, we multiply God's grace.
- “May grace and peace be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:2 AMP)

APPLICATION:

3. As Christian stewards, how can we better exercise accountability?

- We must work on our fear of the Lord so much so as to courageously welcome every work the Lord God Almighty has prepared for us to do.
- We must nurture in us the love for the Lord so much so as to cheerfully fulfill one's duties.
- We must cultivate in us the love of the Lord's warnings so much so as to resist temptations to be lazy about our discipleship.
- “So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” 2 Cor 5:9-10

What are important lessons do we learn from the Parable of the Talents?

- As able stewards, let us make use of our God-given spiritual gifts, heart-felt compulsions, abilities, personality and experiences to serve in the God's kingdom. By utilizing what we have, we get what we do not have.
- As assiduous stewards, let us not to ignore, neglect, misuse, or misapply our talents, our treasures, our time, and the truth. By investing what we have, we avoid losing what we have.
- As accountable stewards, let us work on our fear of the Lord so much so as to courageously become productive citizens of the Kingdom. By managing everything entrusted to us, we multiply God's grace.

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



## July Celebrators





01 - Melita B. Cados  
03 - Brian B. Colcol  
06 - Joven Domasig  
06 - Kyle Mikael Cordero  
07 - Jonathan B. Ramos Jr.  
07 - Noelle Jane Rhone Barad  
08 - Maricel S. Aguinaldo  
09 - Krystelle Olidan-Cadiz  
09 - Charles D. Ouilondrino  
09 - Genevieve Mokyat  
10 - Michelle Yang-Oyler  
11 - Arnan A. Bayla  
12 - Jeremie Craig Y. Licupa  
12 - Nida Gabriel  
14 - Rossana B. Andaya  
14 - Jesse Reuben Bestre  
14 - Mark Brian Beliaco  
14 - Ruby Suanding  
15 - Diane B. Colcol  
15 - Jocelyn A. Calixtro  
15 - Beverly D. Bugtong  
16 - Rosa B. Aquino  
16 - Rochelle Acosta  
16 - Josephine N. Yapyapen  
17 - Solomon Palaypayon  
19 - Jeffrey M. Albay  
19 - Maribel J. Sunggay  
19 - Melissa R. Sison  
22 - Lady Angela B. Ramos  
25 - Jan Michael Cirilo  
25 - Corazon Gawe  
25 - Louise Bawas  
27 - Ruth Trinidad  
30 - Nancy Bayla  
30 - Christine G. Guanzon  
31 - Fernando M. Yabut

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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