



**"God's handiwork in creation is clear for everyone to see and that no one has an excuse not to believe in a Creator."**

**READ Romans 1:20**

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**Servers Today, August 11, 2024**

**Discipleship is Trusting in the Lord (Luke 9:37-43)**

Speaker: *JOJO A. RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *KAJEM KITMA*  
 Invocation: *GREG KITMA*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *MERVIN OLIVA*  
 Communion Text: *HEBREWS 9:11-15*  
 Scripture Reading: *KHEIF WALANG*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *DANTE BADDAS*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *SAM QUEZADA*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *JANRIEL ABANCE*  
 Closing Prayer: *FELIX OLIDAN, JR.*  
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *KAJEM KITMA*  
 To Bring Flowers: *LORIGRACE AUSTRIA*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 Usher/ettes: *GERON FAMILY*

Communion: *LORI & CHRISTY AUSTRIA*  
 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 August 18, 2024**

**Discipleship is Learning to Love (Luke 9:44-56)**

Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*  
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Invocation: *MARIL BAYATING SR.*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Communion Text: *ROMANS 6:1-10*  
 Scripture Reading: *ALTON MARK BAYLA*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *JASPER PERDIGON*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *EZRA VALDEZ*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *DEXTER WAGANG*  
 Closing Prayer: *GREG KITMA*  
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*  
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 To Bring Flowers: *LORIGRACE AUSTRIA*  
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 Usher/ettes: *KITMA FAMILY*

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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.

**37 participate in shepherding class**

Thirty-seven men and women participated in the SHEPHERDING & CHURCH LEADERSHIP CLASS facilitated by brother Ken Wilkey at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday, August 3, 2024. A Luncheon Fellowship followed afterwards. There were 21 men and 16 ladies. The elders present were brothers Maril Bayating Sr. and Jojo Ramos. Brothers Dodoy Sameon and Ernie Wagang didn't make it to the seminar as both were on travel. Both deacons, Felix Olidan Jr. and Greg Kitma were also present. Discussions centered on the church as family and the elders are to act as fathers who protects, provides, and leads in the household of God. Deacons are to do the same by assisting in the work of elders or shepherds. Brother Ken also posed a question to emphasize this truth: "What would the church be like if I treated it as I do my family?" and "What would be my family be like if I treated it as I do the church?"

Midtown expressed deep appreciation for the edifying lessons shared by brother Ken to the congregation with a humble token of appreciation after last Sunday's worship assembly. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

**90 attend BB youth joint CG hosted by Ambiong**

Ninety young people actively participated in the BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP hosted by the Ambiong congregation last Saturday afternoon, August 3. It was held at the auditorium of the PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE, Rimando Road, this city. Three represented Midtown, namely, brethren Ezra Valdez, Maureen Soriano, and Amber Po. The next Joint CG will be hosted by Baguio church.

Meanwhile, 29 young men were in a basketball fellowship at the Central Bakakeng Basketball Court evening of August 3. A number of the participants are from sister congregations and some are friends of the young people. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

**Ladies devo & luncheon fellowship this Saturday**

This month's MONTHLY LADIES DEVO & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP will be held at Midtown's Assembly Hall this Saturday, August 17th at 11:30 AM—2:30 PM.

The 3RD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP, composed of sisters Kesha Oliva, Clarita Cachero, Beth Sevilla, Cora Ozo, Maureen Soriano, Janet Ramos, Angela Ramos, Dyna Austria, Rowana Ozo, Bing Buendia, Rossana Ozo, and Lala Geron, is in charge of the activities for this Saturday's devotional and fellowship.

Last month's MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP was attended by 22 ladies who appreciated an ECHO SEMINAR of the lessons learned from the theme, "KONTENTO KA NA BA?" of the recent 46th NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT held in Kidapawan City, South Cotabato. Thanks be to God!Ω

**Sign up for commitment for LU ministry involvement**

With the official involvement of the Midtown congregation with the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, a SIGN-UP SHEET for SERMON SPEAKERS and BIBLE STUDY GROUP FACILITATORS is now posted on the Bulletin Board waiting to be filled in by anyone interested in getting involved. Midtown's schedule to serve with the said congregation in La Union has been changed from 4th Sundays to 2nd Sundays. Soon, a LADIES FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY to be held on 2nd Saturdays will be conducted by Midtown ladies.

Today, brother Ezra Valdez is serving as SERMON SPEAKER while brother Janriel Abance is facilitating the BIBLE STUDY HOUR for the Naguilian congregation. They are with brother Gil Geron. For God's greater glory!Ω

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD August 4, 2024**

ATTENDANCE	
<b>REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM &amp; PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class</b>
ADULTS.....226	PRESCHOOL.....15
YPPEEZ.....22	GRADES 1-2 .....5
CHILDREN.....44	GRADES 3-4.....8
GUESTS.....10	GRADES 5-6.....11
TOTAL.....302	H.S./COLL.....22
	YAs .....00
	TOTAL.....61

**OFFERING**  
 AM & PM TOTAL:  
 Php67,510.00

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>FOR GOOD HEALTH &amp; RECOVERY</b>	*FLORA CAMPOAS	<b>SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE</b>
<b>BRETHREN:</b>	*CLYDE ABANCE	*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT
*GLORIA YANG	*MELBA LICUPA	*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS
*JOSEFA JOSAYAN	*NIDA GABRIEL	*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS
*DONNA GERON	*CHARLIE ABANCE	*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL
*PRISCILLA BAYASEN	*JANET FERNANDEZ	
*DAN SAMEON	*BERNABE IGNACIO	<b>OTHER CONCERNS</b>
*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON	*MARIL BAYATING, SR	<b>Safe Pregnancy:</b>
*DITH ZAMORA	*LILY SORIANO	*DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVES
*TESS KITMA		<b>Safe Travel:</b>
*BERNARD IGNACIO	<b>REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:</b>	*GLEN GAWE (BACK TO NZ)
*JONATHAN ENERVA	*CARMEN VILLANUEVA	*EZRA VALDEZ, GIL GERON, & JANRIEL ABANCE (LA UNION)
*CESAR ACOSTA	*MARILIZA ANDALLO	
*JOCELYN CALIXTRO	*DIANA TAGUIBA	
*JOVITA BONDOC	*PHILIP BADUA	
*ELLA GAROY	*FRANKY SANCHI	
*LORENZA LOSNONG	*RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN	
*ERNIE ORDUÑA	*IAN PAJANTOY	
	*JAYVEE MAGPAYO	
	*GASPAR NAWEW	



**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—AUGUST 13, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP** —AUGUST 17, 2024 | 11:30—2:30 PM
- **READING CENTER OPENS FRIDAYS**—THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL TURNS INTO A READING CENTER EVERY FRIDAY AND IS OPEN TO EVERYBODY | SELECTED BOOKS WORTH READING AVAILABLE | FREE ENTRANCE, COFFEE, AND TEA.
- **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.
- **POST OFFICE BOX**—MIDTOWN'S POST OFFICE BOX NO. 376 IS CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE ACCOUNT AND IS OPEN FOR FREE USE BY MEMBERS OF MIDTOWN TO RECEIVE PARCELS. PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH SECRETARY OF ANY INTEREST TO USE THE SAID P.O. BOX. THANKS.

# The Designed Creation

*“Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?”*

(Psalm 94:8-9)

**T**he concept of evolution is nothing but brute-like foolishness. If an automobile presupposes an automaker, and a clock implies a clockmaker, surely the infinitely more intricate and complex eyes and ears of living creatures require an eye-maker and an ear-maker! **“The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them” (Proverbs 20:12).**

The most basic of all scientific laws—the law of cause and effect (no effect greater than its cause)—becomes utmost nonsense if the cosmos is the product of chaos and the universe evolved by chance. **“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God” (Psalm 14:1).**

Every creature, from the single-cell amoebae to the amazing human body, bears the impress of intricate planning and construction. The notion that such complex structures could evolve by random mutations and natural selection is simply a measure of the audacity of human rebellion and the absurdity of humanistic reasoning. Such things never happen in the real world, and there is no real scientific evidence whatever for “vertical” evolution from one kind to a higher kind. The only “evidence” for evolution is the fact that the leaders of intellectualism believe it, and the only reason they believe it is because of their frantic desire to escape God. **“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools” (Romans 1:22).**

The ear did not evolve; it was *planted*. The eye did not happen by chance; it was *formed*. Every wise man and woman will say with the psalmist, **“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well” (Psalm 139:14).** HMM

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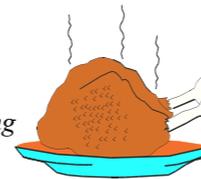
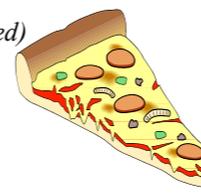
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



## August Celebrators

- 01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
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- 02 - Aubrey Abance—Flores
- 03 - Pia Guelles
- 04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa
- 04 - Kendall Alvarez
- 07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.
- 08 - Melina Igoy
- 08 - Belen A. Navalta (deceased)
- 09 - Kheif Walang
- 10 - Sarah M. Sameon
- 10 - Janet K. Perdigon
- 11 - Manolo A. Bayla
- 12 - Fely R. Rojo
- 13 - James Kevin Cadiz
- 15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin
- 15 - Jacob U. Donato
- 16 - Llona Baddas-Manalo
- 16 - Bibita ‘Bing’ T. Buendia
- 17 - Pia T. Lopez
- 20 - Norma B. Abance
- 20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew
- 23 - Anthony R. Wagang
- 23 - James Kevin O. Cadiz
- 24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.
- 25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio
- 26 - Keshia Kitma—Oliva
- 26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane
- 27 - Jill B. Cados—Bugnay
- 28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
- 29 - Jacinth K. Perdigon
- 31 - Rodeliza Q. Encillo



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
MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS		SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY	
6:00-8:00 PM		• 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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