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(A Church of Christ Serving You)

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.

“When I put God first, God takes care of me and energizes me to do what really needs to be done.”

READ Matthew 6:19-33

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Servers Today, August 25, 2024

Discipleship is Putting the Lord First (Luke 6:57-62)

Speaker: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Song Leader: *JANRIEL ABANCE*
 Invocation: *ERNE WAGANG*
 Intercessory Prayer: *ART TACAY*
 Communion Text: *HEBREWS 9:11-15*
 Scripture Reading: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *JERRY MARTIN*
 Prayer for the Cup: *DONNEL GONZALES*
 Prayer for the Giving: *EZRA VALDEZ*
 Closing Prayer: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Song Leader: *JANRIEL ABANCE*
 To Bring Flowers: *LORIGRACE AUSTRIA*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *BAYLA 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 September 1, 2024

The Disciple's Greatest Privilege (Luke 10:1-24)

Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Invocation: *EZRA VALDEZ*
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*
 Communion Text: *ROMANS 6:1-10*
 Scripture Reading: *RICHARD BESTRE*
 Prayer for the Bread: *ONEIL GONZALES*
 Prayer for the Cup: *LEMUEL GLORI*
 Prayer for the Giving: *SAM QUEZADA*
 Closing Prayer: *ERNE WAGANG*
 Announcement: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Afternoon Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 To Bring Flowers: *SONIA CASTILLO ABANCE*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *BESTRE FAMILY*

Communion: *KESHA OLIVA*
 Worship Coordinator: *EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY*

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
August 18, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....236	PRESCHOOL.....15
YPPEEZ.....21	GRADES 1-25
CHILDREN.....36	GRADES 3-4.....5
GUESTS.....1	GRADES 5-6.....11
TOTAL.....288	H.S./COLL.....21
	YAs20
	TOTAL.....79

OFFERING
AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP53,190.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: *GLORIA YANG *JOSEFA JOSAYAN *DONNA GERON *PRISCILLA BAYASEN *DAN SAMEON *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON *DITH ZAMORA *TESS KITMA *BERNARD IGNACIO *JONATHAN ENERVA *CESAR ACOSTA *JOCELYN CALIXTRO *JOVITA BONDOC *ELLA GAROY *LORENZA LOSNONG *ERNE ORDUÑA	REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *GASPAR NAWEW *JERALD BACOY	FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE *JANET FERNANDEZ *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR *LILY SORIANO	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: *LONG WEEKEND TRAVELERS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—AUGUST 27, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **SIGN UP FOR NAGUILIAN AND NANGALISAN INVOLVEMENT** —PLS SEE BULLETIN BOARDS. THANKS!
- **KIDDIE SUNDAY SCHOOL POTLUCK OUTING**— CAMP JOHN HAY PICNIC GROUNDS | SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024 @ 8:00-11:30 AM | FOR INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT SISTER NELLY @ 09171881115
- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S CARE GROUP** —TODAY @ 12:00—4:00 PM | LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
- **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.
- **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.

TCF mulls on various concerns and needs

The men and women meeting for the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM (TCF) mulled about a number of concerns such as the continuous updating of the Membership Pictorial Directory, upgrading of the computer used in the pulpit, Evangelism, Education, & Benevolence Updates, and the posting of the latest Financial Statement.

To facilitate the updating of the directory, it was agreed that the brethren are urged to submit their latest 2x2 pictures, preferably with white background, before the end of September 2024. If acceptable to the brethren, their pictures may be taken on the spot by designated photographers. Sunday School teachers are also advised to take solo pictures of their students during their class hours.

To facilitate the recording of the Sunday worship assembly, the computer in the pulpit was upgraded by brother Andy Bestre last week.

Update on Evangelism, Edification & Benevolence which highlights the ongoing Bible studies and other activities is now posted on the Bulletin Board.

The Treasurer's report of the STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY—AUGUST is also posted on the Bulletin Board for the congregation's perusal. All glory to God!Ω

Baguio-Benguet christian ladies fellowship on Boni day

This year's BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the NLEX CHURCH OF CHRIST at the MOUNT CREST HOTEL HALL on Legarda Road on November 30, 2024, a national public holiday in commemoration of BONIFACIO DAY, at 8:00 AM—4:00 PM. Registration is pegged at P200.00 per participant which will be shouldered by Midtown funds. Midtown ladies 12 years old and above are enjoined to save the date and participate in this annual event that Midtown started 22 years ago. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Octogenarian baptized in Bokod last Sunday

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos served with the congregation meeting in the house of brother Alfonso Malapit in Jang-jang, Bokod last Sunday. The Dugaysans, members from the Pito congregation joined the worship assembly in Jang-jang. With them was Mr. LITO MANGAGUID, 84 years old grandfather of sisters MJ Dugaysan and father of sister Martha Dugaysan. After the worship assembly, brother Lito Mangaguid surrendered his life to Christ Jesus by being baptized for the remission of sins in the Bokod river. He is an avid reader of the *Kalanguya* Bible at their home and was curious about baptism and Christ's church leading to seek. Praise God for the Bokod congregation's encouragement, he is now part of God's family in Bokod. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Midtown's minister officiates wedding in La Trinidad

Brother Arnan Bayla, licensed Solemnizing Officer, officiated the marriage of brother Arjay P. Tanasa of Itogon, Benguet and sister Cathleya A. Gonsoden of Sagada, Mt. Province at the BSU Gym, Km. 6 La Trinidad, Benguet last Saturday morning, August 24, 2024. The couple are both active members of the LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST. Both undertook the premarital counseling course, PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY, with brother Arnan Bayla for the past two months.

Midtown brethren graced the joyous occasion including spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos and Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan who stood as one of the principal witnesses, and sister Nelly Bayla. Praise the Lord!Ω

The Rock of Offense

“Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.” (Jeremiah 13:16)

The figurative representations of Christ as the foundation rock of the great spiritual house of God (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6) and also as the water-yielding rock of sustenance in the wilderness (1 Corinthians 10:4) are two of the great symbols of the Bible.

But for those who reject Him, He becomes “a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense....And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken” (Isaiah 8:14-15).

Not only will the stone cause such a one to stumble, but Jesus said, “And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder” (Matthew 21:44). This figure is taken from the fall of the great image in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. “Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet...and brake them to pieces” (Daniel 2:34). All the kingdoms of the world were represented in the image, but “the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth” (Daniel 2:35).

“Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient” (1 Peter 2:7-8).

Thus, the stone of stumbling, which is Christ, is also the Word, and it is deadly dangerous to stumble over the holy Scriptures. One should give glory to God before darkness falls and he stumbles upon the dark mountain in the shadow of death. HMM

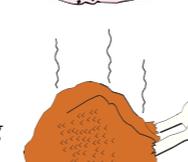
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1

August Celebrators







01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
01 - Lorena Ariston—Baban
02 - Aubrey Abance—Flores
03 - Pia Guelles
04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa
04 - Kendall Alvarez
07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.
07 - Renzo W. Allaria
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
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. Encicillo

Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

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- 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
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 - 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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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: 6:30–6:15 • LORD’S SUPPER & GIVING: 6:15–6:30 • Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40	

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