

Servers Today, August 4, 2024

Special Topic from Guest Speaker

Speaker: KENNETH WILKEY

Song Leader: JEPHTAN TANGONAN

Invocation: GIL GERON

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4

Scripture Reading: IRA PO

Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: O'NIEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: PAT KITMA

Closing Prayer: MAR BAYATING

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: KENNETH WILKEY

Song Leader: JEPHTAN TANGONAN

To Bring Flowers: LORIGRACE AUSTRIA

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: KITMA FAMILY

Communion: LORI & CHRISTY AUSTRIA

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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 11, 2024

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

Guest 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.

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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.

"Since the devil fears the Shepherd, the only safe place for the sheep is by the side of the Shepherd."

READ Psalm 23

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

July 28, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....10

GRADES 1-26

GRADES 3-4.....4

GRADES 5-6.....9

H.S./COLL.....23

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TOTAL.....81

ADULTS.....195

YP EEZ.....23

CHILDREN.....34

GUESTS.....8

TOTAL.....260

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: P h P 59,622.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—AUGUST 6, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

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.

BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER ENROLMENT & OPENING OF CLASSES— ENROLMENT RUNS UNTIL AUGUST 9, 2024 | ELEMENTARY PARENTS' ORIENTATION—AUGUST 12-13 | ELEMENTARY PUPILS ORIENTATION—AUG. 14-15 | ELEMENTARY CLASSES BEGIN AUG. 20, 2024 (TUESDAY) | PRESCHOOL PARENTS ORIENTATION—AUG. 16 | PRESCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AUG. 27, 2024.

22 participate in rainy Bible encounter at RVH

Twenty-two young people and young adults were undeterred by Typhoon Carina in pursuing this year's RAINY BIBLE ENCOUNTER (RBE) held at the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK HOTEL, Nangalisan, Tuba last July 24 & 25, 2024. Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's Youth Minister, together with a number of young adults facilitated the 2-day activity. The RBE is a version of the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for young people in High School and College. Participants learned to appreciate how they were "FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE" by the Creator based on Psalm 139:14. Accordingly, the young people developed an appropriate self-concept aligned to God's ways.

Earlier, a number of brethren trooped to Sookan, Gambang, Bakun, Benguet and conducted a 2-day VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) for the SOOKAN CHURCH OF CHRIST last July 13-14, 2024. The Baylas and the Dumawas together with Renzo Allaria and Maureen Soriano facilitated the activity. Some American brethren, namely, Matt, Paula, & Philip Henderson, Jack Wilkinson, Chris Carson, and Bryan Harris co-facilitated the Sookan Outreach VBS. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Midtown welcomes brother Ken Wilkey & company

Midtown is privileged to have brother Ken Wilkey, long-time missionary in the Philippines, to serve as SERMON SPEAKER in TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSEMBLY. He will also be teaching a JOINT BIBLE CLASS including all Adult and Young Adult classes at the ASSEMBLY HALL.

Earlier last Saturday, August 3, brother Ken served as speaker in a special SHEPHERDING CLASS held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL. A number of men and women spearheaded by the elders and deacons participated in the class which culminated in a LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP. Informal conversational exchange on various topics on church leadership followed thereafter in the afternoon. Brother Ken, fondly called as Uncle Ken, is accompanied by brother Phillip Dumawa, a minister serving with the INSTRUCCION CHURCH OF CHRIST in Sampaloc, Manila. Thanks be to God!Ω

Ramoses back from Malaysia respite trip

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos recently returned from a Spiritual Retreat, "RESPITE FOR WEARY CAREGIVERS AND LEADERS" hosted by the SEREMBAN CHURCH OF CHRIST in Seremban, Malaysia last July 24-29, 2024.

The invitation to the event was through brother Tan Beng Chuan of the PASIR PANJANG (SINGAPORE) CHURCH OF CHRIST. He was the organizer of the event in collaboration with AGAPE ASIA.

Besides fellowship and encouragement with like-minded Christian leaders, participants were equipped with disciple-making skills for evangelism and building communities as well as trained with personal spiritual formation. For God's greater glory!Ω

Olidans serve and celebrate in local church anniversaries

Spouses Felix & Luz Olidan Jr. together with their son, Kai, served with the brethren at the Alabama congregation in Dasmariñas, Cavite last Sunday, July 28th. In celebration of the congregation's 5th Anniversary, brother Felix served as the GUEST SPEAKER and challenged the Alabama brethren to "CONTINUE TO RUN THE RACE OF LIFE FAITHFULLY" based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Earlier, on July 21, brother Felix also served as GUEST SPEAKER for the 11th Anniversary of the BINMALEY CHURCH OF CHRIST in Pangasinan. He was accompanied by the Palaypayons, Rojos, and sisters Luz and Ruth Trinidad. Praise the Lord!Ω

Ordinary Matters

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

(1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)

Ordinary isn't a quality most people aspire to. Are you discontent with the daily grind of routine? Are you unsatisfied with being a member of an *ordinary* church, having an *ordinary* family, having *ordinary* friends, and working an *ordinary* job? Is there a grand accomplishment that you're seeking, just waiting for God to give His stamp of approval? It's hard to not be influenced by the sirens of worldly success.

But **the Lord is pleased with the ordinary work of our hands. Ordinary doesn't necessarily mean mediocre.** In fact, Jesus lived His first 30 years in complete obscurity, faithful to His God, family, and friends, and increasing *"in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man"* (Luke 2:52).

God can and does bring His children to the fullness of Christ in the unexceptional things of life (Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 4:13). We may not be famous or extraordinary, but **it should be enough to know that God values and uses those living obedient and ordinary lives for His glory.** *"This should be your ambition: to live a quiet life, minding your own business and doing your own work, just as we told you before.* (1 Thessalonians 4:11 TLB).

Our Lord challenges believers to transform the world by serving Him in both our vital and ordinary roles. We need to hold ourselves close to Him in all the routines of life. **A renewed appreciation for the ordinary life begins with loving our Lord Jesus Christ and expressing that love by obeying His commands found in Scripture.** *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen"* (2 Peter 3:18). CCM

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 - B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
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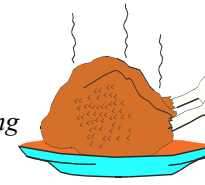
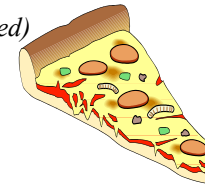
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



August Celebrators

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
01 - Lorena Ariston-Baban
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. Enecillo



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



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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