

Servers Today, September 1, 2024

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

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

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: ERNIE WAGANG

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

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

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 8, 2024

The Disciple's Greatest Responsibility (Luke 10:25-37)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: JEPHTAN TANGONAN

Intercessory Prayer: JASPER PERDIGON

Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:6-10

Scripture Reading: KHEIF WALANG

Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: ABE LINGGON

Prayer for the Giving: JOSH DARIUS MARTIN

Closing Prayer: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: SONIA CASTILLO ABANCE

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: YOUNG PEOPLE

Communion: KESHA OLIVA


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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.

“Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.”

READ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

August 25, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....223

YP EEZ.....20

CHILDREN.....34

GUESTS.....4

TOTAL.....281

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....14

GRADES 1-2 .....6

GRADES 3-4.....5

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S./COLL.....20

YAs .....22

TOTAL.....75

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP56,003.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

SIGN UP FOR NAGUILIAN AND NANGALISAN INVOLVEMENT —PLS SEE BULLETIN BOARDS. THANKS!

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.

15 participate in young people's monthly care group

Midtown Young People's monthly CARE Group was held at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Sunday afternoon with 15 participants. Brother Jasper Perdigon served as speaker in the devotional in which he challenged fellow youths to effectively manage or deal with “THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHRISTIAN YOUTH” based on Romans 12:1-3. Earlier, 16 Young Adults took advantage of the holiday the other past Friday, August 23, to be with spouses Natzy & Sheema Orpilla who now reside in Bauang, La Union. Brother Janriel Abance facilitated the group's devotional at a café in the area. All glory and praise to God!Ω

Brethren visit and serve ailing sisters in Christ

Due to a serious debilitating illness, sister Lorenza Losnong, an active member of this congregation, can no longer attend Midtown's worship assemblies and activities. Midtown brethren, namely, Sixto Aaos, Linda Yaneza, Lori & Dinah Austria, Cel Ramos, Beth Sevilla, Carina Lacaba, Janet Perdigon, and Lou Villanueva, had been visiting her and attending to her needs for the past few months. Lately, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, spouses Andy & Jane Bestre, sisters Ruth Trinidad and Cora Ozo, made separate home visits at her residence in Irisan. Meanwhile, spouses Ernie & Letty Wagang recently visited sister Melba Licupa at her residence at the Old Forestry Compound, this city. The couple reports that due to old age and dementia, the dear sister is unable to leave her house. Most recently, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, Lorie Austria, and Ruth Trinidad visited sister Josie Yapyapen who was confined at the BGHMC due to another stroke. She is now recuperating at her residence in Poblacion, Tuba. The congregation is enjoined to keep the aforementioned dear sisters in prayers. Grace and mercy of the Lord God Almighty be upon us all!Ω

Midtown welcomes newly baptized preacher's mom

Last Sunday, the Midtown congregation welcomed sister ANGELINE KEPES PAYANGDO, mother of brother Johnny Payangdo. She was baptized into Christ Jesus for the remission of sins by brother Jayvee Carreon, a preacher serving with the PASAY METRO SOUTH CHURCH OF CHRIST. This happened after she had requested for a mind-opening study of the Scriptures. While in the city, she will be actively involved with the Midtown congregation. Metrosouth is the congregation where brother Johnny Payangdo serves as preacher. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Midtown brethren console Dereje family

A number of Midtown brethren conducted a devotional service to comfort the bereaved family of the late Mr. Gerald Theodore S. Dereje at the BAGUIO MEMORIAL CHAPEL last Wednesday evening, August 28, 2024. He was the father of sister Kate Dereje, an active member of the Midtown congregation. Brother Ezra Valdez served as speaker while brother Arnan Bayla served as the songleader and facilitator. They were with spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, Nelly, Amark & Charis Bayla, Mau Soriano, Gracelynn Abance, Jasper & Kemuel Perdigon, Jizza Aquino, Austin Cortez, and Kenneth Solang. The deceased was the lone casualty of the fire that gutted his house and a number of nearby houses at Campo Filipino last August 27th. He was 61 years old and is survived by his wife and two grown up children. The bereaved family, relatives, and friends expressed appreciation for the encouraging devotional service. Praise the Lord!Ω

# Life's Uncertainties

*“Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” (John 14:5)*

Many times along life’s way we face uncertainties, opposition, and even doubt. When we do, it is helpful to recognize that those who lived with Christ when He was here on Earth faced the same perplexities. His answers and assurances to them in John 14 are meant for us as well.

**“Let not your heart be troubled,”** He said (John 14:1)—an emphatic command that could be rendered “Don’t continue to be troubled.” The solution: “Ye believe in God, believe also in me.” We believe God can supply all the answers to our troubles. But Christ is God! He is the solution. He is “the way, the truth, and the life” (14:6) and is the *only* solution, for “no man cometh unto the Father, but by [Him].”

**He is the way.** “In my Father’s house are many mansions....I go to prepare a place for you. And...I will come again, and receive you unto myself” (14:2-3). Whatever else may befall us, our destiny is sure. His reputation is at stake, for He has promised a place in the Father’s house.

**He is the truth.** Peter had just been informed of his coming denial (13:38), that he would openly assert a lie. Jesus said He is “the truth.” “The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but of the Father that dwelleth in me” (14:10). Words and thoughts not in accordance with His are not “truth,” we can be sure of that.

**He is the life.** Speaking of His imminent death, Christ said, “Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards” (13:36), indicating their own eventual persecution and martyrdom. Yet their ultimate victory, as well as comfort (14:16-18), were assured.

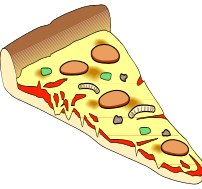
How can those things be? “Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name,” Christ said, “that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (14:13). JDM

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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

## September Celebrators

- 01 - Micah Jane T. Banatao
- 02 - Elpidio Mariano
- 05 - Katrina B. Oliva
- 05 - Edgar Enecillo
- 06 - Josephine W. Selmo
- 07 - Jemuel S. Reyes
- 08 - Michael A. Yang
- 09 - Ellen B. Bugnay
- 10 - Alma C. Reyes
- 11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
- 11 - Mahaysha W. Kitma
- 11 - Julieann Terry P. Badecao
- 13 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
- 13 - Kristine B. Sameon
- 13 - Sonia Castillo Abance
- 14 - Abraham Insas
- 15 - Sixto B. Aqas
- 15 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
- 15 - Aracelli Pelle
- 16 - Jeremiah Gawe
- 16 - Hannah B. Ignacio
- 17 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
- 17 - Jhovrick Baban
- 17 - Efren Colcol
- 18 - Arturo Arambulo
- 18 - Leemar P. Simon
- 19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
- 20 - Faith A. Bayating
- 20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
- 20 - Failyln Campoas
- 21 - Mark Wagang
- 22 - Joyce A. Kitma
- 23 - Virgie D. Baldo
- 24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
- 24 - Jerry Martin
- 24 - Kathlyn Booc
- 26 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
- 26 - Celia A. Cirilo
- 26 - Thea Marie B. Austria
- 26 - Lawrence B. Austria
- 17 - Rommel P. Nierves
- 27 - Aricka G. Basto
- 28 - Dan-Gil Geron
- 29 - Nainer P. Nawew
- 30 - Glen M. Gawe
- 30 - Zelfa Baoid



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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 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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