

Servers Today, September 15, 2024

The Disciple's Greatest Blessing (Luke 10:38-42)

Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10

Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE

Prayer for the Bread: ONEIL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: MERVIN OLIVA

Prayer for the Giving: LEMUEL GLORI

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

To Bring Flowers: SONIA CASTILLO ABANCE

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BAYATING FAMILY

Communion: KESHA OLIVA

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

Servers for September 22, 2024

The Power of Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

Invocation: MARIL BAYATING SR.

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

Scripture Reading: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Prayer for the Bread: JERRY MARTIN

Prayer for the Cup: EZRA VALDEZ

Prayer for the Giving: JULIUS ROJO

Closing Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

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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;

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

September 8, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....186

YP EEZ.....26

CHILDREN.....42

GUESTS.....5

TOTAL.....260

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL.....15

GRADES 1-2 .....7

GRADES 3-4.....5

GRADES 5-6.....10

H.S./COL.....26

YAs .....18

ADULT Classes..125

TOTAL.....206

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP65,062.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 | 11:30 AM—2:30 PM | C/O THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP

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 | 9 AM—3 PM | SELECTED BOOKS WORTH READING AVAILABLE | FREE ENTRANCE, COFFEE, AND TEA.

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

\*FLORA CAMPOAS

- \*CLYDE ABANCE
- \*MELBA LICUPA
- \*NIDA GABRIEL
- \*CHARLIE ABANCE
- \*BERNABE IGNACIO
- \*MARIL BAYATING, SR
- \*LILY SORIANO
- \*ADRIAN SAINGAN
- \*JOSIE YAPIYAPEN
- \*RUTH TRINIDAD

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

- \*CARMEN VILLANUEVA
- \*MARILIZA ANDALLO
- \*DIANA TAGUIBA
- \*PHILIP BADUA
- \*FRANKY SANCHI
- \*RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN
- \*IAN PAJANTOY
- \*JAYVEE MAGPAYO
- \*GASPAR NAWEW
- \*JERALD BACOV

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—NIERVES

Safe Travel:

- \*LOURDES VILLANUEVA (EU)
- \*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN JR (PUERTO PRINCESA CHURCH OF CHRIST)

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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.

Ladies devo & luncheon fellowship this Saturday

This month's LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP is scheduled on Saturday, September 21, 2024. All ladies are cordially invited to participate in the activity which the THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP is currently preparing for everyone's delight and learning. The ladies in charge of this include sisters Kesha Oliva, Clarita Cachero, Beth Sevilla, Cora, Rowana, & Rossana Ozo, Maureen Soriano, Janet & Angela Ramos, Dyna Austria, Bing Buendia, and Lala Geron.

Meanwhile, the ladies who intend to participate in the ANNUAL BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP which will be held on November 30, are advised to sign their names up on the SIGN-UP SHEET posted on the BULLETIN BOARD. All glory and praise to God!Ω

Nonagenarian laid to rest at Pyramid Memorial Park

A number of Midtown brethren, namely spouses Felix & Luz Olidan Jr., Ruth Trinidad, Ezra Valdez, and Arnan Bayla conducted the MEMORIAL & COMMITTAL SERVICE in honor of the late sister MARINA CUENCO MABESA. She was the eldest sister of the Mabesa siblings, all active members of the Lord's church. She passed on to Abraham's side April 7, 2024 in San Diego California at the age of 90, and was cremated on April 29th. Her ashes were brought in to the country from the USA by spouses Benjamin & Cecilia Mabesa and Corine Mabesa for interment at the PYRAMID MEMORIAL PARK, Kias, this city last Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

Brother Arnan Bayla officiated the MEMORIAL & COMMITTAL SERVICE together with Midtown brethren. Close relatives and friends of the deceased including Jaysie Javier, Jovy Mabesa, Benjamin & Cecilia Mabesa and Corine Mabesa together with Aida Notarte—Dumpit, were among those who conveyed sympathies. Again, our condolences!Ω

“When we focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that we are always abundantly blessed.”

READ 2 Corinthians 9:8

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Young adults meet for monthly CARE group

The other past Saturday, September 7, 2024, some young adults of the congregation gathered for a rich CARE group discussion. Focused on the theme of "REALIZING GOD'S DIRECTION AND PURPOSE," the group explored Psalms 139:13-16. The facilitator, brother Christopher Oliva, guided a meaningful exploration of the group's personal journeys and God's divine plan for their lives. Participants included Mervin, Kathrina & Kesha Oliva; Dexter and Denise Wagang; Jerry & Tina Gawe; Ezra & Kana Valdez; Maureen Soriano, Amber Po, Richard and Jesse Bestre; Riza Alegrid, Janriel Abance, and Lady Angela Ramos. They shared their insights, experiences, and challenges, fostering a supportive and uplifting atmosphere. They're excited to announce that the next CARE group meeting will be scheduled soon and hope to have more participants at the next meeting. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Midtown brethren serve with Naguilian and Nangalisan

Spouses DodoY & Sarah Sameon, together with brother Jeremiah Gawe and Gil Geron, served with the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST last Sunday. Brother DodoY handled the BIBLE STUDY & OPEN FORUM while brother Jerry Gawe delivered the sermon.

Meanwhile, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan hit the road to serve with the Nangalisan brethren meeting at Riverview and at Lasilas. Brother Felix Olidan delivered both the Bible Study and the sermon last Sunday.

On September 22, the KITMA CARE GROUP will be serving with the Nangalisan brethren. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

# Wait on the Lord

*“Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.”  
(Psalm 37:34)*

In spite of the occasional successes of the wicked, we are to “wait on the LORD.” The Hebrew word used in this passage for “wait” is unusual. The term *quvah* describes the “binding together” of strings to make a cord. The same word was used to “collect” the water and dry land into separate areas on the third day of creation.

It carries the idea of anticipation toward useful results and does not mean to “hang around and wait.” It does not imply useless boredom, waiting for something to happen. **The essence of the term is to be alert, watching the events and activities of the Lord and reacting to His timing and direction.** Indeed, the word is translated “look” as often as any other term.

The great promise of “eagle’s wings” recorded by Isaiah tells us that the source of our victory comes from the Lord alone: “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

That great promise, which is a comfort to so many, is based on the fact that the “Creator of the ends of the earth” is the One making the promise (Isaiah 40:28).

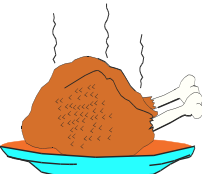
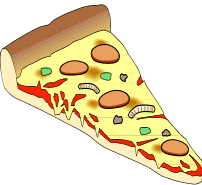
As Psalm 37 comes to a close, the summary contains both instructions and blessings: “Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But...the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD; he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him” (Psalm 37:37-40). HMM III

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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
- 03 - 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 - Failyn 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
- 27 - Rommel P. Nierves
- 27 - Aricka G. Basto
- 28 - Dan-Gil Geron
- 29 - Nainer P. Nawew
- 30 - Glen M. Gawe
- 30 - Zelfa Baoid



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

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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
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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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