

Servers Today, September 22, 2024

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

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

Invocation: MARIL BAYATING SR.

Intercessory Prayer: ART TACAY

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

Song Leader: CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

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

Servers for September 29, 2024

Symposium:  
The 4 T's of Stewardship

Symposium Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: JOHN 6:53-58

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: EZRA VALDEZ

Prayer for the Cup: CHRISTOPHER OLIVA

Prayer for the Giving: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Closing Prayer: DODOY SAMEON

Announcement: GREG KITMA

Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: SONIA CASTILLO ABANCE

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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 15, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....230

YP EEZ.....19

CHILDREN.....38

GUESTS.....5

TOTAL.....275

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....15

GRADES 1-2 .....4

GRADES 3-4.....5

GRADES 5-6.....11

H.S.....19

COL/YAs .....18

ADULT Classes..160

TOTAL.....232

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:  
PhP55,316.00

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

\*ERNIE ORDUÑA

\*FLORA CAMPOAS

\*CLYDE ABANCE

\*MELBA LICUPA

\*NIDA GABRIEL

\*CHARLIE ABANCE

\*BERNABE IGNACIO

\*MARIL BAYATING, SR

\*LILY SORIANO

\*JOSIE YAPYAPEN

\*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:

\*KITMA CARE GROUP (NANGALISAN)

\*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN JR. (USR)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

SYMPOSIUM NEXT SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 | 9:30—10:30 AM

ONLINE YOUTH CARE GROUP THURSDAYS— STARTS SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 @ 6:00—7:30 PM.

ANNUAL BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP—MOUNT CREST HOTEL FUNCTION HALL | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 | 8:00 AM—5:00 PM | SIGN UP UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29, 2024.

SIGN UP FOR NAGULIAN 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—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY | OPENS 9 AM—CLOSES 3 PM

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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.

NLR 2025 discounted registration now open

The 47th NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT which will be held at the TAGAYTAY CONVENTION AND TRAINING CENTER on April 22-25, 2025 has began accepting registration. The discounted registration of P6,000.00 per participant will be until December 31, 2024. As such, all interested ladies at Midtown are encouraged to register early, on or before the said date. A SIGN-UP SHEET is now posted on the Bulletin Board.

Meanwhile, the deadline for registration for the BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP which will be held at the MOUNT CREST HOTEL, Legarda Road, this city, on November 30, 2024 will be on September 29, 2024. All interested parties are advised to sign up as soon as possible. Please see the Bulletin Board for the Sign-Up Sheet. All glory and praise to God!Ω

Kitma CARE group serves in Nangalisan today

The KITMA CARE GROUP is helping in today's WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the Nangalisan brethren at the RIVERVIEW Meeting place at 8:00 AM as well as at the AMBI RESIDENCE at 11:00 AM in Lasilas. Said group led by brother Greg Kitma will be supplementing the Nangalisan brethren in facilitating the Bible Study hour, Sunday School for children, and the Sermon.

The intensified involvement of the Midtown congregation in the Nangalisan congregation is due to the duly approved LEAVE OF ABSENCE recently filed by brother Julius Udan, Nangalisan's full-time minister.

Earlier, brother Ezra Valdez together with brother Sixto Aoas took charge of the FRIDAY HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP at the AMBI RESIDENCE in Lasilas last week. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Couples use proverbs in marriage enrichment

Spouses Eric & Jing Sacayanan of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST served as facilitators for this month's COUPLES CARE GROUP that met at the MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday evening, September 14th. The group discussed chapter three of the BOOK OF PROVERBS with which they had a fruitful sharing about the Wisdom of God as foundational in God's design of the institution of marriage.

Those who participated include spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos, Gil & Diana Geron, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Dex & Den Wagang, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Ezra Valdez, and Lulu Bondoc. Spouses Ezra & Kana Valdez will be next month's facilitators. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Midtown's minister conducts devotional in BFAR's fischcon

At the invitation of sister Lois June Balagtey-Fermin, OIC Regional Director of the BUREAU OF FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES—CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (BFAR-CAR), brother Arnan Bayla served as facilitator and speaker at the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in the OPENING PROGRAM of the agency's 61ST FISH CONSERVATION CELEBRATION. Said devotional was held at the Cordillera Hall of BFAR-CAR on Easter Rd., Guisad, this city last Monday morning.

Brother Arnan Bayla encouraged the participants to BUILD EACH OTHER UP based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and 1 Peter 4:8-10 in aid to realizing this year's theme, "SAMA-SAMA TUNGO SA MAUNLAD AT LIKAS -KAYANG PANGISDAAN SA BAGONG PILIPINAS." He also reiterated in his message that BFAR has a God-given mandate (Genesis 1:26) and as such the task they do is in direct obedience to the Creator. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

SCRIPTURE AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.” (Psalm 19:7-9)*

Most Christians spend little time in the Word of the Lord, and this is a great tragedy. It is the necessary food for health and joy in our spiritual lives. “The sincere milk of the word” (1 Peter 2:2) is for “newborn babes,” and the “strong meat” is for those who are not “unskilful in the word of righteousness” (Hebrews 5:12-13). “Thy words” are also “honey to my mouth” (Psalm 119:103), and “every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD” is the very bread by which “doth man live” (Deuteronomy 8:3).

Not only are the Scriptures basic in salvation (2 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 1:23) but also in sanctification and cleansing day by day: “That he might sanctify and cleanse [the church] with the washing of water by the word” (Ephesians 5:26).

The Scriptures also provide daily guidance for those who will use their directions: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105). Every Christian must be a seed-sowing witness for Christ, and “the seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11). **In the Christian’s armor, the sole offensive weapon is “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17), and this means a victorious life and testimony for the Christian who uses it.**

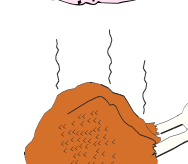



The wonderful testimony of David in our text is the Old Testament equivalent of the great assertion by Paul in 2 Timothy 3:16: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” HMM

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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

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  
08 - Helen Lamarid—Gonzales  
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
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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