

Servers Today, 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

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 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

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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.

“It's easy to avoid our responsibilities, but we cannot evade the consequences of avoiding our responsibilities.”

READ Galatians 6:7-10

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

September 1, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....201

YP EEZ.....20

CHILDREN.....41

GUESTS.....15

TOTAL.....277

SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class

PRESCHOOL.....15

GRADES 1-24

GRADES 3-4.....7

GRADES 5-6.....8

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

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TOTAL.....77

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: P h P 48,053.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

YPeez and YA's boost fellowships on heroes day

In keeping with Hebrews 10:25 and taking advantage of the holiday, a number of young men and women of the congregation gathered for a BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP AND CATCHING UP at CAMP JOHN HAY on August 26th, a national public holiday celebrating NATIONAL HEROES DAY. Brethren Dexter & Denise Wagang, O'neil & Donnel Gonzales, Aricka Basto, Ezra & Kana Perdigon, and Jonathan Jr. & Mahaysha Ramos enjoyed the fellowship of like-minded brethren.

In the afternoon of the same day, the young people had a Devotional at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER. Afterwards, brethren Ezra & Kana, Jacinth Perdigon, Riyu Albay, Austin Cortez, Millicent Sison, and Noelle Jane Barad spent time playing Board Games. All glory and praise to God!Ω

Midtown brethren grace Burgos church anniversary

At the invitation of brother Federico Lopez, a minister serving with the BURGOS CHURCH OF CHRIST in Burgos, Pangasinan, brother Felix Olidan Jr., served as GUEST SPEAKER in the 14TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the congregation last Sunday. A number of brethren from Midtown, namely, Julius & Fely Rojo, Solomon & Lani Palaypayon, Lem & Vangie Glori, Gaspar Jr. & Virgie Baldo, Sonny & Ella Garoy, and Luz Olidan conveyed Midtown's jubilations. Brother Shem Sameon and family were also with the group. He facilitated the Bible Study.

Meanwhile, spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Charis Bayla, Rolly Dumawa, and Rachel Cabuenas, conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late sister Crescencia Calosa Mayor at Sta. Monica, Rizal, Nueva Ecija the other past Saturday, August 31, 2024. Brother Arnan Bayla served as songleader and facilitated a devotional to praise the Lord's faithfulness as well as to comfort the mourners. The family expressed appreciation for the support. Ω

Both Nangalisan worship assemblies now in the morning

The Nangalisan congregation has come up with a new schedule in their worship assemblies effective today, September 8th. The brethren meeting at the Riverview facility will be gathering at 8-10 AM and the brethren meeting in Lasilas will be gathering at 10:30 AM—12:00 PM. This way, Midtown's intensified involvement with the Nangalisan work will be maximized—able to serve in both locations. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

51 join kiddie Sunday School picnic @ CJH

This quarter's SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS' PICNIC was held at the Scout Hill, CAMP JOHN HAY, the usual venue, at 8:30 AM to 12 Noon the other past Saturday, August 31, 2024. Fifty-one individuals including Sunday School kids and their families enjoyed the fellowship, fun, and fair. The picnic started with the usual DEVOTIONAL led by the kids themselves with Adam Joaquin Elago as SONG LEADER, Riyu Albay led the OPENING PRAYER, Thirdy Bayating related the BIBLE STORY, “The Feeding of the 5000” from John 6:1-15, Lhuke Geron shared the BIBLE LIFE APPLICATION, “I am made with a purpose.” : The devotional was closed in PRAYER by Ethan Craig Wanawan. The Sunday School teachers, namely, sisters Kesha Oliva, Grace Abance, Angela Ramos, and Maureen Soriano facilitated the games. Fellowship in meals came after the fun fair with Haseo Dalang leading in the prayer for the POTLUCK LUNCH FELLOWSHIP.

The parents and guardians expressed appreciation for the opportunity of building great memories for the kids. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

THE DISCIPLES' GREATEST PRIVILEGE

Luke 10:1-24
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | Sept. 1, 2024

I. PRIVILEGED TO BE SENT TO THE HARVEST FIELD

CHOOSEN TO WORK FOR THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

- Jesus commands: "Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."
- Jesus defines the urgency and dangerous condition of the task the disciples were sent for.

CHOOSEN TO BRING PEACE WHEN THEY ENTER A HOUSE

- Jesus said: "First say, 'Peace to this house.'"
- Jesus reiterates a ministry of reconciliation.

CHOOSEN TO BRING THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR TO THE PEOPLE

- Jesus says: "Tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'"
- Jesus sends disciples as His ambassadors.

Luke 10:1-9

II. PRIVILEGED TO HAVE AUTHORITY IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

GIVEN AUTHORITY TO TELL PEOPLE OF THE COMING JUDGMENT

- Jesus said: "But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you."
- Jesus gives warnings through His disciples.

GIVEN AUTHORITY TO PRONOUNCE JUDGMENT AGAINST UNBELIEVERS

- Jesus said: "Go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you.'"
- Jesus makes pronouncements through disciples.

GIVEN AUTHORITY TO OVERCOME ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY

- Jesus declared: "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."
- Jesus assures His disciples of His omnipotence.

Luke 10:10-19

III. PRIVILEGED TO REJOICE THAT THEIR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

DECLARED ADMISSION TO HEAVEN

- Jesus declares: "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
- Jesus tells us what we must truly rejoice about.

DECLARED AS RECIPIENTS OF THE REVELATIONS OF THE FATHER

- Jesus says: "...revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."
- Jesus identifies humility as requirement.

DECLARED TO HAVE SEEN WHAT THE PROPHETS, AND KINGS HAVE NOT SEEN

- Jesus declares: "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see..."
- Jesus reveals that a disciple is blessed to have known the truth and the Gospel of Jesus.

Luke 10:20-24

“ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. ”

Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

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- Luke 10:1-9

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- Luke 10:10-19

PRIVILEGED TO REJOICE THAT THEIR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

- Luke 10:20-24

Luke 10:1-24

APPLICATION:

1. What lessons do we learn from the privilege of being sent out to the harvest field?

- Let us take it as a privilege to talk to all the world about the Creator of the world.
- Let us recognize that we did not choose the Lord but He chose us. God chose us for a purpose—just the way we are—not because we're worthy, but because He is truly worthy to be talked about, praised, and worshiped.
- Our life and purpose are God's idea. He chose us to be a part of His "Plan A" for reaching the world for His Kingdom's sake. And get this, there is no plan B. Let us evangelize or we fossilize.
- "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last."- John 15:16

APPLICATION:

2. What lessons do we learn from the privilege of having authority in the name of the Lord?

- Let us take it as a privilege to call people's attention to the Lord's warnings knowing that they utterly need it too.
- Let us recognize that we are not responsible for saving anyone but we are responsible for telling everyone. Realizing the Lord's omnipotence, we just trust and obey.
- Our message is God's idea. He wants us to become instruments of His salvation, but nobody will realize the need to be saved if there is not a message of judgment, of wrath, of punishment, and of hell. Let us talk of the whole counsel of God.
- "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God." - Acts 20:26-27

APPLICATION:

3. What lessons do we learn from the privilege of rejoicing that our names are written in heaven?

- Let us take it as our greatest privilege to know that, as disciples of Christ, our names are written in heaven. It is a good reminder that, since the names of the 72 are unimportant, ours are, too. It is the name of Jesus Christ alone who deserves all attention and glory!
- Let us recognize that humbling ourselves before God leads us to understand and receive God's message of salvation - for blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Our salvation is God's idea for He so loved us.
- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

As disciples of Christ, what would be our greatest privilege?

1. Let us take it as a privilege to talk to all the world about the Creator of the world. He chose us to be a part of His "Plan A" in reaching the world for His Kingdom's sake. There is no plan B. Let us evangelize or we fossilize.

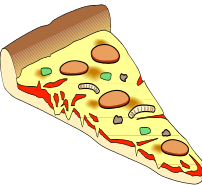
2. Let us take it as a privilege to call people's attention to the Lord's warnings knowing they utterly need it too. Nobody will realize the need to be saved if there is not a message of judgment, of wrath, of punishment, and of hell. Let us talk of the whole counsel of God.

3. Let us take it as our greatest privilege to know that our names are written in heaven. But while this is to be our greatest reason to rejoice, it is the name of Jesus Christ alone who deserves all attention and glory!

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. Aogas
- 15 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
- 15 - Aracelli Pelle
- 16 - Jeremiah Gawe
- 16 - Hannah B. Ignacio
- 17 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
- 17 - Jhovrick Baban
- 17 - Efrén Colcol
- 18 - Arturo Arambulo
- 18 - Leemar P. Simon
- 19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
- 20 - Faith A. Bayating
- 20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
- 20 - Failyñ 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 SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

6:00-8:00 PM	•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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