

Servers Today, November 17, 2024

Beware of Carelessness
(Luke 12:35-53)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:1-5

Scripture Reading: LEEMAR SIMON

Prayer for the Bread: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Cup: EZRA VALDEZ

Prayer for the Giving: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Closing Prayer: MARIL BAYATING SR.

Announcement: JANRIEL ABANCE

Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: RAMOS FAMILY

Communion: MARIBEL SUNGGAY

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

PM Bible Study:

Servers for November 24, 2024

Beware of Spiritual Dullness
(Luke 12:54-59)

Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: DEXTER WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:6-9

Scripture Reading: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Bread: KHEIF WALANG

Prayer for the Cup: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: JULIUS ROJO

Closing Prayer: DODOY SAMEON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: PALAYPAYON FAMILY

Communion: MARIBEL SUNGGAY

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
November 10, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....198

YP EEZ.....23

CHILDREN.....45

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....268

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....17

GRADES 1-23

GRADES 3-4.....7

GRADES 5-6.....11

H.S.....23

COL/YAs.....22

ADULT Classes..159

TOTAL.....242

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL:
PhP67,003.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM —NOVEMBER 19, 2024 | 12:00—4 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• CHURCH PLANNING WORKSHOP—NOVEMBER 19, 26, & DEC. 3, 2024 | 3:00—5 PM

• SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SISTER LILY SORIANO —NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

• BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP—MT. CREST HOTEL, LEGARDA ROAD | NOVEMBER 30, 2024 @ 8:00 AM—4:00 PM | Host: NLEX CHURCH OF CHRIST | REGISTRATION HAS ENDED.

• NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—TAGAYTAY CITY | APRIL 22-25, 2025 | SIGN UP UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2024.

• 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

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

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*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*HARLEY SAMEON

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

*DITH ZAMORA

*TESS KITMA

*BERNARD IGNACIO

*JONATHAN ENERVA

*CESAR ACOSTA

*JOCELYN CALIXTRO

*JOVITA BONDOC

*ELLA GAROY

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR.

*FLORA CAMPOAS

*CLYDE ABANCE

*MELBA LICUPA

*NIDA GABRIEL

*CHARLIE ABANCE

*BERNABE IGNACIO

*MARIL BAYATING, SR

*LILY SORIANO

*CARLOTA CERA

*SHAMAE RAMOS

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*PHILIP BADUA

*FRANKY SANCHI

*RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN

*IAN PAJANTOY

*JAYVEE MAGPAYO

*GASPAR NAWEW

*JERALD BACOV

*JEHMELOFRENEO

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT

*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS

*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS


*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

OTHER CONCERNS

Safe Travel:

*FELIX JR. & LUZ OLIDAN (DAU, PAMPANGA)

*EDDIE POBLETE & FAMILY (USA TO PHILIPPINES)




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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.

“Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters.”

READ Matthew 12:36

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Former missionary to visit Midtown soon

Brother Joseph Edward ‘Eddie’ Poblete, former missionary at Midtown in the 80’s and 90’s, has communicated and expressed his desire to visit the congregation on the last weekend of this month and on the first Sunday of December. He and his family together with four (4) grandkids will be joining the Midtown Worship Assembly on December 1, 2024. Taking the opportunity, the leadership has requested him to serve as speaker for a special study on Marriage and Family during the Bible Study Hour on December 1st. In line with this, the High School Class, the College and Young Adults Class, and all Adult classes will be suspended in order for them to attend brother Eddie’s special study class. A LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP follows right after the Worship Assembly to meet, greet, and catch up with the Poblete family. A DINNER FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL is planned Saturday evening, November 30th, with former young people who have been attending the former BOKAWKAN CARE GROUP. All praises and glory to the Lord God Almighty for this development.Ω

Special collection for sister Lily next Sunday

A formal appeal for prayer, support, and financial help addressed to the congregation was recently received from sister Maureen Soriano, daughter of sister Gregoria ‘Lily’ Soriano in the recent TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM. The letter contained the latest health condition of sister Lily Soriano, a long-time active member of this congregation. She has been examined to have CORONARY HEART DISEASE—ATRIAL SEPTAL DEFECT with PULMONARY HYPERTENSION and her condition is going from bad to worse. Her next and only remaining option now is for her to undergo surgery (ASD device closure) the soonest. The procedure including professional fees is estimated at Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP500,000.00) at the PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER. In response to the appeal, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has approved that there be a SPECIAL COLLECTION next Sunday, November 24, 2024, right after the regular passing of bags for the offering. The congregation is encouraged to prepare for this opportunity to excel in the grace of giving. For the greater glory of the Lord God Almighty!Ω

60 join kiddie Sunday school indoor fun fair

A good number of SUNDAY SCHOOL children together with their families actively joined in the various fun and games at the KIDDIE SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN FAIR held at the MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday afternoon, November 16th. The Sunday School teachers, namely, Kesha Oliva, Angela Ramos, Nelly Bayla, Maureen Soriano, and Gracelynn Abance, organized the event with the cooperation of parents and guardians. There were 35 children and 25 adults including parents, guardians, and other family members. The FUN FAIR also served as a YEARENDER ACTIVITY for the Sunday School children. For God’s glory alone! Ω

Midtown represented in practical christianity seminar

Midtown was represented as participant in the 27TH PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY SEMINAR held at the MANILA SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM in Sampaloc, Manila. Sister Nelly Bayla and brother Alton Mark Bayla participated in the seminar on “PARAKALEO: THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT” which was discussed by brothers Ken Wilkey and Brian Garnett last November 1-2, 2024. The Lord be praised.Ω

BEWARE OF CARELESSNESS

LUKE 12:35-53
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, ED.D.

CARELESSNESS (Luke 12:35-48) is connected with covetousness, for he who is absorbed in the things of earth is not getting prepared for those of heaven. It must be noted that He comes before daybreak (Luke 12:38) thus, the need to watch.

On the topic of readiness and accountability Jesus Has much to say related to His Second Coming. Religious leaders miserably failed in distinguishing when Jesus was with them in His three-year ministry on earth, likely they will miss out on His Second Coming! Jesus wants His disciples to focus on eternal value rather than temporary worldly pursuits like the Gentiles. They need to take their stewardship seriously and perform the will of their Master even though His return date is uncertain.

I. WATCH AND WAIT (LK.12:35-40)

To be ready for the Lord's return, we must be like servants who are dressed and ready for action, with lamps burning. This means we should live a life of readiness and anticipation, being spiritually prepared at all times. Being prepared involves staying close to the Lord through prayer, studying His Word, and being mindful of our actions and behavior. Weariness of waiting for the return of Jesus on account of uncertainty. Jesus delays His coming to save more people from judgment in the last days.

>Servants Be Ready

We should be like those servants who eagerly waited for their master to come to the wedding feast. Joyful expectation for the Lord's return, when we will be united with Him in the heavenly glory. This anticipation should cause us to live our lives with hope and confidence in the promises of God by setting our focus on things above (Col.3:2).

>Christ's Coming is Unknown

Luke 12:35-38,urge us to prioritize spiritual preparedness, remain vigilant in our faith, and actively serve others. Let us set our lives on how we can be more prepared for Christ's return and shine brightly as beacons of His love in a world in need of hope. We heed the call to stay active in faith, serve others selflessly, and keep the light of Christ burning brightly in all things we do.Paul says in whatever you do, Col.3:17,do it all for the glory of God. Be prepared to give a testimony of your faith, or respond with the word of God, in season and out of season (2 Tim.4:2). Wait patiently for the Lord's coming!

II. WORK PATIENTLY FOR THE LORD'S COMING! (Lk.41-48)

Jesus message for His disciples and elders who were going to be given the charge to shepherd the flock of God. And that message was — I want you to be ready, feed My sheep; make sure they get the pure milk of the Word; that they are fed with the rich meat of the Word of God; protect them from wolves; shepherd their souls; while the world is caring about what they can get out of those sheep, you be concerned to serve and help those sheep , building them up and encourage them in their time of need. That's what Jesus was saying to the disciples, to the elders, but He was also speaking for us all. And the "for us all" is this — "to whom much is given, much is required." The judgment of leaders will be correspondingly heavy, since more is required of them because of their privileged position (Lk.12: 47,48; James 3:1).

>Doing! (Lk.12:43)

The master instructs His servants to patiently do their work while waiting for their master's coming. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, much is expected of him.

>The Master Does Not Excuse Ignorance

Ignorance of the Divine shall not wholly excuse the sinner, he shall be beaten, but his stripes shall be few, his damnation shall be gentle compared with a minister's, that knows his Master's will but does not teach others,...God looks upon the ill-behaved ministers as the greatest transgressors. Acts 17:30-21-27

The master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him: Ready or not, one day the master *will* come. When He comes, He will punish those who were not ready and will reward the ready.

CONCLUSION:

Luke 12:51-53 emphasize the importance of being prepared by:

- I. WATCHING AND WAITING (LK.12:35-40)
- II. WORKING PATIENTLY FOR THE LORD'S COMING! (Lk.41-48)

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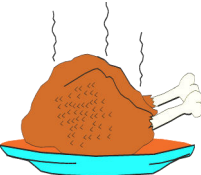
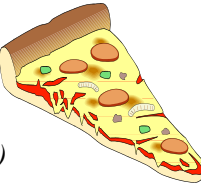
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

November Celebrators

- 02 - Crisiamae Castillo
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- 05 - Shinar S. Ciencia
- 06 - Neko James Austria
- 06 - Marian Cheska Denis-Moriarty
- 07 - Ruth Camora
- 10 - Felix L. Olidan, Jr.
- 11 - Darrylle Jane A. Walang
- 11 - Jasper K. Perdigon
- 11 - Ariadne L. Cadias
- 13 - Sean Nove Isaac Bestre
- 13 - Cristy Tacay
- 14 - Ian Xavier B. Colcol
- 15 - Ma. Cecilia B. Colcol
- 15 - Lily Soriano
- 16 - Rebecca Garcia
- 17 - Rhianne Kyle A. Nawew
- 18 - Kristalyn Saingan
- 18 - Andrew Nawew
- 18 - Dionesia Martin
- 20 - Marina Mabesa (Deceased)
- 21 - Sharon S. McMillin
- 21 - Rhona Barad
- 21 - Marjorie Solomon
- 21 - Kristine M. Denis
- 21 - Novelito B. Abance
- 22 - Jonathan Enerva
- 23 - Minda G. Oliva
- 23 - Lorigrace Austria
- 24 - Ma. Lourdes Cera
- 25 - Churchill S. Parohinog
- 25 - Angelika Navalta
- 25 - Norma D. Andaya
- 25 - Charmaine Rivera
- 27 - Leonard Basil
- 28 - Rowana Ozo
- 29 - Perla B. Tabcao
- 29 - Brigida Mandapat
- 30 - Sonia Cariño Abance



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
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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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