

Servers Today, December 1, 2024

A Political Question About Justice (Luke 13:1-9)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: MARIL BAYATING SR.

Intercessory Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: JUN REYES

Prayer for the Giving: JULIUS ROJO

Closing Prayer: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GLORI FAMILY

Communion: NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

PM Bible Study:

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 December 8, 2024

A Legal Question About the Sabbath (Luke 12:54-59)

Speaker: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

Invocation: EZRA VALDEZ

Intercessory Prayer: JHUN REYES

Communion Text: JOHN 6:53-58

Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE

Prayer for the Bread: LEEMAR SIMON

Prayer for the Cup: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Giving: JERRY MARTIN

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN


Usher/ettes: AUSTRIA FAMILY

Communion: NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA

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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 worshippers 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.

“The way to correct wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.”

READ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

November 24, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....193

YP EEZ.....21

CHILDREN.....46

GUESTS.....5

TOTAL.....265

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....15

GRADES 1-2 .....3

GRADES 3-4.....10

GRADES 5-6.....10

H.S.....21

COL/YAs.....17

ADULT Classes..154

TOTAL.....230

OFFERING

REGULAR: PhP34,510.00

SPECIAL: PhP41,890.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

\*GLORIA YANG

\*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

\*DONNA GERON

\*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

\*JEHMELO OFRENEO

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:

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family matters

building grace-based relationships

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM —DECEMBER 3, 2024 | 12:00—4 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

CHURCH PLANNING WORKSHOP—DECEMBER. 3, 2024 | 3:00—5:00 PM

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY ON MARRIAGE & FAMILY —Today, Dec. 1, 2024 @ 9:30-10:30 AM | SPEAKER: BROTHER ED POBLETE, FORMER MISSIONARY AT MIDTOWN. | HS, COLLEGE, YA’S, & ADULT CLASSES SUSPENDED.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE YEAREND BONUS OF CHURCH STAFF —DECEMBER 1 & 8, 2024.

MIDTOWN CHURCH CAMP—AT THE RIVERVIEW WATERPARK HOTEL, NANGALISAN, TUBA | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 | 9 AM—8 PM | THEME: LIVING WITH PURPOSE (PROVERBS 19:21) | SIGN UP TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY ONLY.

YOUNG PEOPLE WITH PARENTS CARE GROUP & FELLOWSHIP—MIDTOWN HALL | DEC. 8, 2024 @ 1:00 —5:00 PM | PLEASE CONTACT BROTHER EZRA VALDEZ FOR DETAILS

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

READING CENTER—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY | OPENS 9 AM—CLOSES 3 PM

Midtown welcomes Pobletes; brother Ed speaks today in BS

Midtown brethren welcomes back brother Ed Poblete and his wife, sister Sherry who are in the country for a brief vacation with family and friends. Contrary to what was announced earlier, only spouses Ed & Sherry are visiting Midtown as their other family members were afflicted with stomach problems and needed to rest in Manila until their flight back to the USA. Brother Ed will be discussing a study on MARRIAGE & FAMILY at the Adult Bible Class at the Midtown Assembly Hall today. All other classes except the elementary classes are suspended today to give way to this rare opportunity. Earlier, the Pobletes were able to meet with a number of brethren who have known them in the 80's and 90's in various functions. A quick visit, they are bound to leave for Manila at 1 PM today. A LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP to meet and greet the former missionaries at Midtown follows right after the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY today. The Lord bless you and keep you!Ω

Sign up for free transpo for pasasalamat today

In preparation for the fast approaching Midtown's PASASALAMAT & 41ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on December 15th, please sign up today and next Sunday, December 8th, for the FREE TRANSPORTATION if availing of this service. OPTION 1: Hired Jeepneys (PUJ) will leave Midtown at exactly 8:00 AM for RIVERVIEW via circumferential road. OPTION 2: If coming from downtown Baguio, free PUJ transportation will also be provided from BDO Legarda (near City Hall) to take you to Riverview at exactly 8:00 AM. Please note that you are expected to take the same Jeepney to transport you back to your point of origin. The same Jeepneys will leave RV at 3:30 PM, so be prepared to leave RV around 3 PM. The SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES for the PASASALAMAT will be out next Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to plan and prepare for this event. For the greater glory of the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Olidan serves as speaker in church anniversaries

Brother Felix L. Olidan Jr., one of Midtown's deacons, served as GUEST SPEAKER in the 18TH ANNIVERSARY of the POBLACION LINGAYEN CHURCH OF CHRIST last Sunday, November 24th. He discussed "WINNING THE CHRISTIAN RACE" based on Hebrews 12:1-3. The other past Sunday, November 17th, brother Felix was the invited sermon speaker at the 13TH ANNIVERSARY of the DAU CHURCH OF CHRIST in Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga. There he and his wife, Luz Olidan, met sister Cristy Tacay who has moved residence in Pampanga to live with her daughter, Roxanne, and to babysit her grandchild. Sister Cristy will be attending the Dau congregation from thereon. For God's greater glory, honor and praise!Ω

Special contribution for staff's yearend bonus today

As has been the congregation's tradition to give YEAREND BONUSES to Midtown's staff ministers in appreciation of their dedication to the work in the MINISTRY OF THE WORD and in the Lord's vineyard, a SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION will be made today. Another round of special contribution will be made next Sunday especially for those who are unable to give today. The congregation will be giving bonuses to five (5) church staff, namely, brothers Arnan Bayla, Andy Bestre, Jesse Reuben Bestre, Ezra Valdez, and Angela Ramos. Praise the Lord!Ω

# 2024 MIDTOWN CHURCH CAMP

All members of the Midtown congregation including their families, especially new members, are invited to join the MIDTOWN CHURCH CAMP.

- Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2024
- Time:** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Venue:** River View Water Park Hotel
- Theme:** Living With Purpose
- Scripture:** "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

•**Features:** Potluck Lunch, Open Snack Pantry, KKB Room Accommodation (Discounted rates), Dinner (c/o Midtown), Free Transportation (for reimbursement), Free Sunday Breakfast (included in room accommodation), devotionals, and use of swimming pools.

**OVERVIEW**  
The camp aims to foster spiritual enrichment, deepen relationships among members, and create meaningful experiences through prayers, singing, devotionals, group dynamics, fellowship, fun & games, mentoring, and spiritual conversations. It will culminate in Midtown's Worship Assembly and *Pasasalamat & 41st Anniversary celebration* on Sunday morning, December 15, 2024.

- OBJECTIVES**
- Spiritual Growth:** Encourage participants to grow in their faith and discipleship.
  - Fellowship:** Strengthen relationships among church members and encourage spiritual and meaningful conversations.
  - Evangelism:** Provide opportunities for outreach through invited guests.
  - Rest and Renewal:** Help participants rejuvenate physically, mentally, and spiritually.
  - Celebration:** To foster an attitude of gratitude through the culminating thanksgiving Sunday worship service.

- PROPOSED PROGRAM**  
**December 14, 2024 | Saturday**
- 9:00-10:00 am** — Church Camp Preparation/Set Up by Camp Volunteers/Facilitators
  - 10:00-10:30 am** — Arrivals & Registration
  - 10:30-11:00 am** — Opening Prayer, Singing, Welcome & Orientation
  - 11:00-11:45 am** — 1<sup>st</sup> Devotional: Living With Purpose (Proverbs 19:21)
  - 11:45-12:00 pm** — Lunch Preparation/Set-Up
  - 12:00-1:30 pm** — POTLUCK Lunch Fellowship
  - 1:30-2:00 pm** — Room Assignment & Check-In
  - 2:00-4:00 pm** — Rest & Recreation, Open Pantry & Spiritual Conversations
  - 4:00-5:30 pm** — Fun & Games at the pool area
  - 5:30-6:30 pm** — Rest and Preparation
  - 6:30-7:30 pm** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Devotional: Soul Work—Best Day, Worst Day | Group Dynamics
  - 7:30-8:30 pm** — Dinner Fellowship
  - 8:30-10:00 pm**—Coffee, Spiritual Conversations, mentoring & counseling, Youth Fellowship, Swimming.

- December 15, 2024 | Sunday**
- 7:00-8:30 am** — Complimentary Breakfast for those who checked in at the hotel.
  - 9:00-11:00 am** — Midtown's Pasasalamat & 41st Anniversary Celebration and Worship Assembly
  - 11:00 - 12:00 pm** — Lunch Fellowship
  - 12:30 pm** — ROOM CHECK-OUT
  - 12:30 - 4:00 pm** — Swimming
- GUIDELINES:**
- Target Participants:** 50-100 Midtown church members & their guests, Registration starts November 24 and ends December 8, 2024. Youth participants ages 15-20 years old without parents/guardians must secure a written permission.
  - Transportation:** Private vehicles, Asin Jeepneys - Free transportation, Refundable Fare.
  - Food:** Potluck Food for Lunch Fellowship on Saturday—Share your favorite recipe or CPA (Chicken Pork Adobo). Pantry (water, unlimited coffee-barako, peanut butter sandwich, cakes & snacks for kids c/o Midtown Budget. Dinner Fellowship (River View Restaurant Meals c/o Midtown), Sunday Complimentary Breakfast for those who checked in at the hotel.
  - Accommodation:** KKB (*Kanya-Kanyang Bayad*) — Families/Married couples in 2-4 Bedrooms or Family Rooms | Male & Female groupings in Dorms, or private rooms which will be categorized as registration commences. Those attending the Camp for the activities only (Stay-out) are welcome but need to register for food preparation.
  - Room Rates:**  
Inclusive Breakfast and swimming  
Check In Time: 2:00 PM | Check Out Time: 12:00 Noon
  - BEDSPACE | DOUBLE DECK BEDS (MAIN BUILDING)**  
Room #1 and #3 | 15 pax/room | P7,500.00/room
  - FAMILY ROOM | 3 QUEEN SIZE BEDS (MAIN BUILDING)**  
Room #5 & 4 | 6 pax/room | P3,600.00/room
  - STANDARD ROOMS | 1 QUEEN SIZE BED (MAIN BUILDING)**  
Room # 6-9 | 2 pax/room | P1,800.00/room
  - BEDSPACE-DOUBLE DECK BEDS (RIVERSIDE BLDG.)**  
Room #14 & 15 | 25 pax/room | P12,500.00/room
  - FAMILY ROOM | 3 QUEEN SIZE BEDS + 1 SINGLE SIZE BED (RIVERSIDE BLDG.)** Room #16,17,19,20 | 7 pax/rm | P4,600.00
  - FAMILY ROOM | 3 QUEEN SIZE BEDS (RIVERSIDE BLDG)** Room #18 | 6 pax/room | P4,600.00
  - ECONOMY ROOM | 1 DOUBLE SIZE BED (EXTENSION BLDG.)** Room #21-23 1st Floor | #36-40 2nd Floor | 2 pax/room P1,600.00/room
  - STANDARD ROOM | 2 DOUBLE BED SIZE BEDS (EXTENSION BLDG.)** Room #21-23 1st Floor | #31-33 2nd Flr | 4 pax/rm Room #24 & 34—1 Double Deck Bed + 1 Double Size Bed P2,600.00/room
  - STANDARD ROOM—3 DOUBLE DECKS (EXTENSION BLDG)** Room #25 1st Flr | Room #35 2nd Flr | 6 pax/room | P3,100.00
  - NOTE: CHILDREN CHARGES:**  
4 ft & above considered as adult or PP500.00/pax excess in room capacity.  
Below 4 ft —P200.00/pax excess in room capacity only
  - POOL RATES:**  
Inclusive of Free Shed or Tables (Depends on Capacity)  
DAY SWIM: 7:00 am—4:00 pm—P200.00/ pax kids or adults  
NIGHT SWIM: 4:00 pm—9:30 pm only (Hotel area) P220.00/pax kids or adults
  - GENERAL REMINDERS:**  
Pets are not allowed inside.  
Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.  
Rates are subject to change without prior notice.

Prepared by: Jojo Ramos FOR THE EQUIPPING MINISTRY

## EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES [VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

### A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 – Introduction to the Bible
- LESSON NO. 3 – How We Got the Bible
- LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

### B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
A. God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:  
F. Where Will Your Life End?

### C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

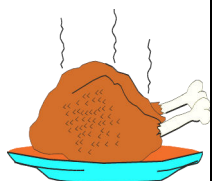
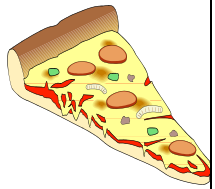
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- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
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- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement:  
Becoming Christians Only  
Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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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

## December Celebrators

- 01 - Denise A. Wagang
- 02 - Linda A. Yaneza
- 02 - Janet B. Ramos
- 02 - Ma. Alexis J. Sunggay
- 03 - Rowena L. Quezada
- 04 - Erika Abijar
- 04 - Rachel Cabuenas
- 05 - Daisy Calzo
- 08 - Josephine A. Baban
- 09 - Gracelynn Abance
- 09 - Marilyn Joy B. Gamboa
- 10 - Dencio B. Abance
- 11 - Jovita R. Bondoc
- 14 - Santiago B. Sameon II
- 14 - Edith Latonio
- 16 - Christian S. Parohinog
- 16 - Mark Joseph N. Quizana
- 17 - Jane M. Bestre
- 20 - Gaspar Baldo, Jr.
- 20 - Jess Perdigon
- 21 - Sotero Denis
- 21 - Kinsha C. Glori
- 22 - Jess Solomon
- 22 - Diana Jane Geron
- 23 - Rosita Go
- 23 - Sherman C. Bestre
- 23 - Padmei Lara Geron
- 24 - Noel Espinosa
- 24 - Crispina Tugay-an
- 26 - Arlene G. Rimando
- 26 - Kaesha R. Palaypayon
- 26 - Sharon Kosgey
- 29 - Aldian R. Po
- 29 - Xelli Qea E. Parohinog
- 30 - Analyn B. Aronza



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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