

Servers Today, February 23, 2025

**Forgiveness and faithfulness
(Luke 17:1-10)**

Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Invocation: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*
 Communion Text: *ISAIAH 53:1-5*
 Scripture Reading: *LEEMAR SIMON*
 Prayer for the Bread: *DAN-GIL GERON*
 Prayer for the Cup: *JULIUS ROJO*
 Prayer for the Giving: *JESSE BESTRE*
 Closing Prayer: *ERNIE WAGANG*
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Afternoon Speaker: *JERRY GAWE*
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
 To Bring Flowers: *CECILIA ALVAREZ*
 To Bring Biscuits: *JESSICA MARIANO*
 To Bring Drinks: *JESSICA MARIANO*
 Usher/ettes: *GERON FAMILY*

Communion: *CORAZON OZO*
 Worship Coordinator: *EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY*

PM Bible Study:

How To Become a Biblical Christian

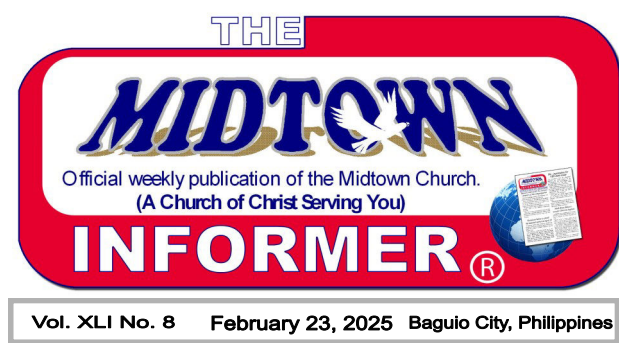
1). *Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.*
 2). *Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.*
 3). *Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24*
 4). *Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.*
 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 March 2, 2025

**Thankfulness
(Luke 17:11-19)**

Speaker: *JANRIEL ABANCE*
 Song Leader: *JUN REYES*
 Invocation: *JULIUS ROJO*
 Intercessory Prayer: *JESSE BESTRE*
 Communion Text: *GALATIANS 3:23-29*
 Scripture Reading: *JEREMY CRAIG LICUPA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *MARK QUIZANA*
 Prayer for the Cup: *MERVIN OLIVA*
 Prayer for the Giving: *MARIL 'JUN' BAYATING JR.*
 Closing Prayer: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *JANRIEL ABANCE*
 Song Leader: *JUN REYES*
 To Bring Flowers: *FELY ROJO*
 To Bring Biscuits: *JESSICA MARIANO*
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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.

“There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.”

READ Ephesians 4:32
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**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
February 16, 2025**

ATTENDANCE

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| REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM | SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| ADULTS.....202 | PRESCHOOL.....20 |
| YPPEEZ.....20 | GRADES 1-26 |
| CHILDREN.....47 | GRADES 3-4.....5 |
| GUESTS.....4 | GRADES 5-6.....10 |
| TOTAL.....273 | H.S.....16 |
| | COL/YAs.....15 |
| | ADULT Classes..164 |
| | TOTAL.....242 |

OFFERING
AM&PM: P58,955.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** — FEBRUARY 25, 2025 | 12—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PEOPLE PLUS LOVE, COURTSHIP, AND MARRIAGE SEMINAR**—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | TODAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 | 1:00—5:00 PM.
- **MENTAL HEALTH & MINISTERIAL CARE**—ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | FEBRUARY 24-27, 2025 | FREE ADMISSION | CONTACT BROTHER JOJO RAMOS FOR DETAILS.
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | APRIL 16-19, 2025 | HOST: HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST | RESERVATION ONGOING | EARLY REGISTRATION ADVISED!
- **READING CENTER**—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY | OPENS 9 AM—CLOSES 3 PM
- **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.

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:
 *GLORIA YANG
 *JOSEFA JOSAYAN
 *PRISCILLA BAYASEN
 *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON
 *DITH ZAMORA
 *TESS KITMA
 *BERNARD IGNACIO
 *JONATHAN ENERVA
 *JOVITA BONDOC
 *ELLA GAROY
 *LORENZA LOSNONG
 *ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR.
 *FLORA CAMPOAS
 *CLYDE ABANCE
 *MELBA LICUPA
 *NIDA GABRIEL
 *CHARLIE ABANCE

***MARIL BAYATING, SR**
 *LILY SORIANO
 *EDDIE LAGSAMAN

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:
 *CARMEN VILLANUEVA
 *MARILIZA ANDALLO
 *DIANA TAGUIBA
 *PHILIP BADUA
 *IAN PAJANTOY
 *GASPAR NAWEW
 *JERALD BACOY
 *JEHMELO OFRENEO

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
 *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT
 *ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS
 *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS
 *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL



BPFLC is overall champion in academic & cultural olympics

A THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL was conducted by brother Arnan Bayla last Monday evening, February 17th, at the MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL to celebrate the victory of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) which emerged as OVERALL CHAMPION in the recently concluded YMCA ACADEMIC & CULTURAL OLYMPICS held at the YMCA Building, this city on February 15-16, 2025. Contestants include children who attend MIDTOWN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, namely, Lhuke Danhill Geron & Dylan Salud (2nd Place Quiz Bee), Aqi Elago (1st Place Bible Quiz), Sander Bestre (2nd Place Bible Quiz), Rhenz Fagta (1st Place Dance), Sophie Sison (1st place Vocal Solo), and Hannah Saguil (3rd Place Essay Writing). BPFLC topped all events (Bible Quiz, Quiz Bee, Dance, Vocal Solo) except for Tula, Draw & Tell, and Essay Writing which garnered 2nd places. Included in the thanksgiving is the passing of BPFLC pupils in the National Competitive Exams for the Philippine Science High School in which Hannah Geron Saguil is one of them, and also for the participation of BPFLC's athletes in the Palarong Panglungsod which includes Althon Nathe Manalo and JC Fernandez. All thanks to the Lord!Ω

Gov't retiree baptized into Christ Wednesday night

After having a number of the SEEKERS LESSONS SERIES with brethren Arnan Bayla and Charlie Abance together with sisters Priscilla Bayasen and Anastacia Palaoag, MS. AIDA PALISPIS SAINGAN decided to be baptized last Wednesday evening, February 19, 2025. Sister Aida, a recently retired government employee, is the youngest sibling of sister Priscilla Saingan—Bayasen. She is also an active member of the SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION of Poblacion Proper, Tuba. A couple of times, she has attended the Sunday Worship Assembly at Midtown. The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty for this development as well as congratulates and welcomes the newest sister in Christ. She is committed to continue with her New Life Lesson Series at sister Priscilla's residence at Poblacion, Tuba every Monday & Wednesday afternoon. All praise and glory to our Great Redeemer!Ω

Midtown brethren serve in Naguilian and N. Ecija

On February 9, 2025, a number of Midtown brethren served with the NAGUILLIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST. Brother Mervin Olivia served as song leader, brother Jesse Bestre as facilitator of the BIBLE STUDY on BEING A GREAT CHURCH LEADER, and brother Gil Geron delivered message on Faith, Hope & Love based on 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3. Last Sunday, February 16th, spouses Dodo & Sarah Sameon served with the CABANATUAN CHURCH OF CHRIST in Barangay Pamaldan, Cabanatuan City. They had a visitation on Saturday and then accompanied their son, brother Shemer Sameon, who served as Guest Speaker on Sunday morning. For God's greater glory!Ω

Cindy Abance and Jerwel Bardolaza wedded in civil ceremony

Midtown brethren praise the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates sister Cindy Kitma Abance, daughter of spouses Novelito & Josie Abance, who exchanged marital vows with Mr. Jerwel Bardolaza of Kapangan, Benguet at the office of the Municipal Mayor of Tuba last Monday, February 17, 2025. The newlywed are co-workers at the LORIMAR'S MINIMART for sometime now. They too actively attend Midtown's Sunday Worship Assembly and the POBLACION TUBA CARE GROUP that meets at the Bayating Residence. God bless you!Ω

FORGIVENESS AND FAITHFULNESS

LUKE 17:1-10

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, BTh, EDD

INTRODUCTION: The Christian life has responsibilities, both toward God and fellowmen. We reflect today on teachings on a common theme to be generously others-oriented. We love ourselves a great deal and have much concern for self-centeredness, which is a great amount of challenge to look away from the vanity- mirror and see God and other's need!

I. WARNING AGAINST STUMBLING BLOCKERS (Lk. 17:1-2). Jesus taught his disciples, that it is inevitable that there are occasions where human faith will be challenged that cause us to stumble. Mature followers successfully cope up with these distresses, knowing the results of sin's consequences. But none of these should be the causal agent inciting doubt that pull people away from a weak to a strong faith in God.

LESSON: Jesus likens a stumbling brother tied to a millstone around one's neck to emphasize the severity of leading others astray. This test believers to think of their actions and the consequences, reinforcing that our conduct should encourage and uplift others, rather than harm. 1 Thess. 5:11 ; Heb.10:25

II. THE JOY OF FORGIVING OTHERS (Lk.17:3,4). Jesus presents a radical approach to forgiveness. He commands His fol-lowers to forgive anyone who repents, emphasizing that forgiveness is not just a one-time act but a continual procedure. Jesus demonstrates the power of forgiveness which reflects God's mercy toward humanity.

LESSONS GLEANED:

1. Be generous in forgiving, but also caring for others to speak out about sins. God handles the punishment for people that do us wrong. Rom. 12:19.
2. Forgiveness should be unlimited. Matt.18:22; Lk. 17:3,4
3. God doesn't forgive us If we don't forgive others. Matt. 6:14,15

III. THE SUPREMACY OF FAITH (Lk.17:5,6). The disciples asked a desire for increased faith, prompting Jesus to teach them about the potential of even a little amount of faith, like that of a mustard seed. This shows that faith's value lies not in its size but in its genuine trust in God. Jesus encourages His followers that genuine belief has the power to change and achieve the impossible.

LESSONS LEARNED:

1. Let us possess strong faith in God. 1 Cor. 16:13:
2. Faith can be developed. This includes faith in God and in ourselves. David believed that he could beat the giant Goliath based on his faith and on God. Eph. 6:10

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVANTHOOD (Lk. 17:7-10). Jesus challenges conservative expectations regarding servants. He teaches that a servant's fulfillment of their duties should not lead to seek praise or recognition. He stressed a humble attitude that recognizes serving as an inborn responsibility and humble dedication to others, rather than by public accolades approval and praises.

LESSONS OBTAINED:

1. Humble dedication to others rather than public accolades and praises.
2. Follow Christ" examples as a servant:" I did not come to be served but to serve." Matt.20:28-34
3. The Christian as a servant. If anyone serves me, he must follow me;...the Father will honor him. John 12:26.
4. Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, showing true leadership in serving others. (John 13:3-8).
5. Jesus teach servanthood by His example in John 13:12,15

CONCLUSION: In summary

1. Our conduct should encourage and uplift others, rather than harm. 1 Thess. 5:11 ; Heb.10:25
2. Be generous in forgiving. Forgive when they repent because they will in turn forgive you someday.
3. Forgiveness should be unlimited. Matt. 18:22; LK17:3,4
4. God doesn't forgive us if we don't forgive others. Matt. 6:14-15
5. Let us possess strong faith in God. 1 Cor. 16:13
6. Faith can be developed. Eph.6:10
7. Humble dedication in serving others. Heb.6:10,11; Phil.2:3,4; Mk.10:45
8. Follow Christ's examples as a servant. Matt.20:28-34; John 12:26; John 13:3-8; John 13:12,15

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)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- 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

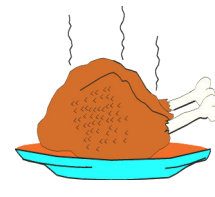
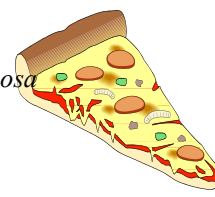
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

February Celebrators

- 01 - Elizabeth A. Sevilla
- 02 - Irene B. Lagsaman
- 02 - Josiah Levi A. Calixtro
- 02 - Jazmine M. Delacruz
- 05 - Maryann M. Gonzales
- 07 - Frank Valdez
- 07 - Federick Walang
- 07 - Trinidad C. Trinidad
- 08 - Christopher G. Oliva
- 09 - Shemer M. Sameon
- 09 - Silvestre B. Andaya III
- 11 - Reeve M. Callejo
- 11 - Mary Rose Cayabyab
- 13 - Adrian Saingan
- 14 - Clarita Cachero
- 14 - Christian Daniel R. Espinosa
- 15 - Vernie Pucay
- 15 - Marilyn P. Nacatab
- 16 - Charlie B. Abance
- 17 - Jasper Edwin B. Bugnay
- 18 - Carlo Jake T. Banatao
- 20 - Roger R. Wagang
- 21 - Kana K. Perdigon-Valdez
- 22 - Josias B. Aquino
- 22 - Eden Mariano
- 22 - Renilo S. Lulu
- 23 - Andy E. Bestre
- 23 - Florence B. Patang
- 24 - Judith O. Sison
- 24 - Teresita W. Kitma
- 24 - Shamae A. Ramos
- 24 - Mika Grace B. Lulu
- 25 - Jonah A. Cirilo
- 25 - Chaslyn A. Saingan
- 26 - Elma G. Bugtong
- 27 - Novan F. Kepes



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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

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| 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

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| 6:00-8:00 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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