

Servers Today, January 19, 2025

The Joy of Finding  
(Luke 15:1-10)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: JUN REYES

Invocation: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Intercessory Prayer: ART TACAY

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:9-14

Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE

Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Giving: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: JUN REYES

To Bring Flowers: ROSSANA ANDAYA

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: RAMOS FAMILY

Communion: LORI AUSTRIA

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 January 26, 2025

The Joy of Returning  
(Luke 15:11-24)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: JOJO RAMOS

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: O'NEIL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE

Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: KAESHA PALAYPAYON

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: AUSTRIA FAMILY

Communion: LORI AUSTRIA

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD  
January 12, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....158

YP EEZ.....27

CHILDREN.....49

GUESTS.....5

TOTAL.....239

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....13

GRADES 1-2 .....5

GRADES 3-4.....8

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S.....23

COL/YAs.....23

ADULT Classes..145

TOTAL.....239

OFFERING

AM&PM: P76,621.00 + 10K YEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — JANUARY 21, 2025 | 12—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS & ENLISTMENT—EVERYBODY IS ENJOINED TO VOLUNTEER OR ENLIST IN THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF THE CONGREGATION COME SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 @ 9:30-10:30 AM

• BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUTH JOINT CARE GROUP FELLOWSHIP —MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 | 1:00—5:00 PM | Host: MIDTOWN YOUTH

• NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—TAGAYTAY CITY | APRIL 22-25, 2025

• 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.

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

\*GLORIA YANG

\*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

\*DONNA GERON

\*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

\*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

\*DITH ZAMORA

\*TESS KITMA

\*BERNARD IGNACIO

\*JONATHAN ENERVA

\*JOCELYN CALIXTRO

\*JOVITA BONDOC

\*ELLA GAROY

\*LORENZA LOSNONG

\*ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR.

\*FLORA CAMPOAS

\*CLYDE ABANCE

\*MELBA LICUPA

\*NIDA GABRIEL

\*CHARLIE ABANCE

\*MARIL BAYATING, SR

\*LILY SORIANO

\*AIKO PAROHINOG—GOMEZ

\*RUTH CAMORA

\*SONIA CARINO ABANCE

\*EDDIE LAGSAMAN

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

\*MARILIZA ANDALLO

\*DIANA TAGUIBA

\*PHILIP BADUA

\*FRANKY SANCHI

\*RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN

\*IAN PAJANTOY

\*JAYVEE MAGPAYO

\*GASPAR NAWEW

\*JERALD BACOY

\*JEHMEL 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:*

\*ERNIE & LETTY WAGANG (CN)

\*JAMES & THELLE CADIZ (HK)

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INFORMER

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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.

Call for enlistment in various ministries next Sunday

In last Tuesday’s church forum, the body approved that the BIBLE STUDY HOUR (9:30-10:30 AM) next Sunday, January 26, 2025, will be devoted to the presentation of the congregation’s 2025 PLAN OF ACTION FOR EVANGELISM, EDIFICATION, AND BENEVOLENCE. Right after the presentation, an OPEN FORUM ensues to accommodate clarifications and queries. After which, everyone is encouraged to enlist for involvement in the various ministries they prefer. As of the moment, five major ministries are awaiting additional members. These include ADMINISTRATIVE, EQUIPPING, EVANGELISM, EDIFICATION, AND BENEVOLENCE. There are SUB-MINISTRIES under each of these major ministries to choose from also.

Everyone is encouraged to desire to get involved according to their SPIRITUAL GIFTS, HEART, ABILITIES, PERSONALITY, AND EXPERIENCE (SHAPE). All glory and praise to Him!Ω

Midtown to host BB joint youth fellowship this Saturday

Midtown’s young people will be serving as hosts for this year’s first meeting of the monthly BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP & FELLOWSHIP at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 1—5 PM.

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown’ youth minister, together with the young people are preparing for this event with the resolve to set the pace in excellently hosting a great gathering of youth in the Baguio-Benguet area. In line with this, all young people together with the support of the young adults, are enjoined to actively involve themselves not only in the preparation but also in the implementation of the program and activities on the day of the event.

Meanwhile, the HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST and the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE have announced their hosting of the NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP at the LIVING HOPE CAMP at Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet on April 16-19, 2025. Registration has also been opened. For God’s greater glory!Ω

Tuba seniors elect new set of officers 2025-2028

The TUBA POBLACION PROPER SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION has duly elected a new set of officers to serve for 2025-2028 last January 4, 2025. Brother Charlie B. Abance, outgoing president, has served the association for three consecutive full terms, and now gives full support to the newly elected president, sister Josephine ‘Josie’ Wallace—Selmo, who shall serve the association from 2025-2028.

Thankfully, with this development, the DEVOTIONAL SERVICE being conducted by brother Arnan Bayla each time the association meets on the first Saturday of the month will continue under the leadership of sister Josie Selmo.

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty for this development as well as prays for all the newly elected officers as they continue to serve the spiritual needs of the members of the association. All glory and praise to Him!Ω

“Do not complain about growing older - many are denied the privilege.”

READ Psalm 92:12-15

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Couples CG promotes Biblical stewardship

Spouses Gil & Diana Geron, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Chris & Keshia Oliva, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Jerry & Tina Gawe, and sister Lulu Bondoc gathered for the first meeting of the COUPLES CARE GROUP this year the other past Saturday evening of January 11, 2025. Discussions in the devotional was on MAKING MARRIAGE A SOURCE OF GOD’S GLORY THROUGH BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP. For His honor and glory!Ω

# THE GOOD FIGHT

*"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."*

(1 Timothy 6:12 NIV)

Scripture frequently refers to the Christian life and work in athletic or combative terms. When all things are considered, **reason compels the Christian to enter into the race and fight.**

**First, our Commander is worth following.** He leads us into battle and stands with us on the front lines, receiving the fiercest fire: "Let us run with patience the race....**Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

**Second, we are well-armed and protected.** The "whole armour of God" includes the **girdle of "truth,"** the **"breastplate of righteousness,"** shoes of **"the preparation of the gospel of peace,"** **"the shield of faith,"** **"the helmet of salvation,"** and **"the sword of the Spirit,** which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:13-17). The warrior's mouth is filled with prayers and bold speech (vv.18-20), **his sword has no scabbard, and his back has no armor, for retreat is unthinkable.**

**Third, the goal of our fight urges us on.** We strive to undermine the kingdom of darkness and to fill it with light. **Each must battle on to exalt our Leader and to champion His Word.** "Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Hebrews 12:3).

**Fourth, to the victor belong the spoils.** "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne" (Revelation 3:21). **We will trade our battle armor for robes, washed and made "white in the blood of the Lamb"** (Revelation 7:14). **Our helmet will be replaced by an "incorruptible" crown** (1 Corinthians 9:25)—**"a crown of righteousness,** which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give [us] at that day" (2 Timothy 4:8). JDM

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- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
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- 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

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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  
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- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement:  
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- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
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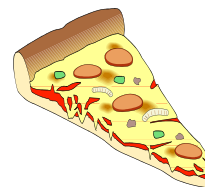
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

## January Celebrators

01 - Felicisima S. Flores  
02 - Kevin Dennis  
02 - Jocelyn K. Abance  
02 - Priscilla P. Bayasen  
04 - Pearl C. Bestre  
05 - Leah V. Tada  
05 - Khryz Xyryll B. Gomowang  
08 - Jarielle Taltala  
09 - Jane U. Donato  
09 - Romelyn E. Wagang  
10 - Sean R. Viduya  
10 - Ernesto Orduña, Jr.  
10 - Henrietta R. Espinosa  
10 - Lara Chauncey Montes  
12 - Dionesia Gorio  
12 - Lorenza Losnong  
14 - Anastacia S. Palaoag  
15 - Jan Arthur Tacay  
15 - Ronnilie Corisay  
18 - Macrina Espiritu  
18 - Oscar Sison Jr.  
20 - Cindy K. Abance  
22 - Antonita Orduña  
23 - Dexter R. Wagang  
23 - Lorna B. Montes  
23 - Vangie C. Glori  
26 - Richard Montes  
26 - Christian Paulo T. Cordero  
27 - Loida C. Baddas (deceased)  
27 - Rachel Ann R. Torres  
28 - Ernesto B. Wagang  
28 - Myra O. Manansala  
29 - Charis Grace D. Bayla  
29 - Xyrus Macario  
30 - Marie Joy Lacambra  
31 - Abigail A. Kitma



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

### MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS



6:00-8:00 PM



### SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

• 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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