

Servers Today, March 2, 2025

Thankfulness (Luke 17:11-19)

Speaker: JANRIEL ABANCE
 Song Leader: KAEM KITMA
 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
 To Bring Drinks: JESSICA MARIANO
 Usher/ettes: BESTRE FAMILY

Communion: COT ESPINOSA
 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 9, 2025

Preparedness (Luke 17:20-37)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA
 Song Leader: JUN REYES
 Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG
 Intercessory Prayer: JESSE BESTRE
 Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10
 Scripture Reading: JOSH DARIUS MARTIN
 Prayer for the Bread: MERVIN OLIVA
 Prayer for the Cup: O'NEIL GONZALES
 Prayer for the Giving: MARIL A. BAYATING JR.
 Closing Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG
 Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
 Afternoon Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA
 Song Leader: JUN REYES
 To Bring Flowers: LORIE AUSTRIA
 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.

“Thankfulness is the quickest path to joy.”

READ Psalm 28:7

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Over 30 participate in love, courtship, marriage seminar

Eighteen YOUNG ADULTS and thirteen YOUNG PEOPLE actively participated in last Sunday afternoon's seminar on LOVE, COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL. Brother Ezra Valdez facilitated discussions about "LOVE," brother Dexter Wagang on "COURTSHIP," and spouses Dan Gil and Lala Geron on practical and Biblical concepts of "MARRIAGE."

Due to time constraints, the supposed GENERAL ASSEMBLY for both YAs and YPs ministries did not materialize and is yet to be rescheduled.

Meanwhile, the YOUTH MINISTRY are about to start with the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) preparations by the second week of March. Since BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) ends the School Year 2024-2025 on June 6, 2025, and the opening of public schools will be on June 16, 2025, Midtown's VBS needed to be scheduled on June 9-13, 2025. Volunteers are much needed for this very soon! All thanks to the Lord!Ω

Tuba residents baptized into Christ Tuesday night

After having attended Midtown's Sunday Worship Assembly and the Tuba Care Group a number of times, JOSELITO KITMA ABANCE and JERWIL PLACIDO BARDOLAZA, were baptized into Christ Jesus for the remission of sins at Midtown's baptistery last Tuesday evening, February 25, 2025. Brother Arnan Bayla assisted them in carrying out their desire to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

A good number of relatives and loved ones as well as Midtown brethren attended the momentous occasion.

Brothers Joselito and Jerwil are the son and the son-in-law, respectively, of spouses Novelito & Josie Abance of Poblacion, Tuba.

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty for this development as well as congratulates and welcomes the newest brothers in Christ and prays for their continued spiritual growth. They intend to take up their NEW LIFE LESSONS during the Sunday morning Bible Study Hour. All praise and glory to our Great Redeemer!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD February 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE	
REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....184	PRESCHOOL.....15
YPPEEZ.....21	GRADES 1-25
CHILDREN.....41	GRADES 3-4.....7
GUESTS.....5	GRADES 5-6.....10
TOTAL.....251	H.S.....17
	COL/YAs.....17
	ADULT Classes..150
	TOTAL.....221
OFFERING	
AM&PM: P57,125.00	

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

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** — MARCH 4, 2025 | 12—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—AT THE GREEN LIVING ROOM, MT. COSTA, LONGLONG ROAD, LAMTANG, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 | 8:20 AM—1:00 PM. | FREE TRANSPORTATION WILL WAIT AT THE IRISAN JEEPNEY STATION AND WILL LEAVE AT EXACTLY 8:00 AM | PRE-REGISTER ON OR BEFORE MARCH 9, 2025. PLEASE SEE SIGN-UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD. NOTE: IN RELATION TO THIS OCCASION'S LESSON TOPIC, NO CHILDREN ALLOWED AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU!
- **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.

Midtown's minister officiates thanksgiving in BFAR-CAR

At the invitation of sister Lois June Balagtey—Fermin, Regional Director of BFAR-CAR, brother Arnan Bayla served in officiating a THANKSGIVING & BLESSING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE at the BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES—CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION(BFAR-CAR) in Guisad, this city, last Tuesday morning, February 25, 2025. The devotional was in expression of gratitude to the Lord God Almighty for the recent acquisition of three brand new vehicles for use by the agency. In his devotional message, he reiterated that with “BEING DEDICATED IN SERVING” comes rewards based on Colossians 3:23-24. He also included in the prayers for the Lord to guide those who would operate the vehicles and to keep them from harm's way. For the Lord's praise and honor!Ω

Midtown brethren serve in Nangalisan joint fellowship

Last Sunday, February 23, 2025, a number of Midtown brethren served at the JOINT FELLOWSHIP of the NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST with brethren of Lasilas and of Riverview at their meeting place at the Riverview Water Park Resort, Nangalisan, Tuba. Brother Jesse Bestre served as SERMON SPEAKER in which he delivered a timely message on the IMPORTANCE OF AGAPE LOVE based on 1 Corinthians 13. He was accompanied by his wife, Riza, and sister Lulu Bondoc who took charge of the children's class. For God's greater glory!Ω

Lessons from the Rich Fool

“But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”
(Luke 12:20)

This sobering verse gives in a nutshell God’s evaluation of people whose dominating concern is the accumulation of material possessions. Such a person is, by the Lord’s own testimony, a fool.

But before the man in this parable became a covetous fool, he first became a self-centered clod, interested only in his own desires. In the verses comprising his monologue (Luke 12:17-19), he used the personal pronouns “I” and “my” no less than 11 times and then even addressed himself using the pronoun “thou” or “thine” twice more.

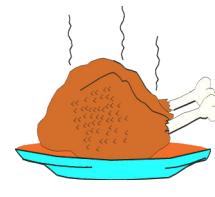
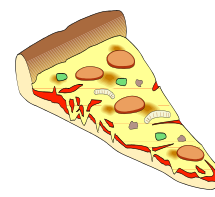
Satan was the first to be covetous and proud: “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:...I will be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:13-14). Lucifer’s primeval, self-seeking covetousness brought rebellion and sin into the angelic host and then into the human family. Ever since his fall, he has used this deadly sin of self-centeredness to keep men away from God and to lead them into all kinds of other overpowering sins.

In the case of the rich man, his pampering of self had led him into a life of such greed and covetousness that he was still concerned only with his own personal comfort (“eating and drinking”) right up to the day of his death. He “thought within himself” (Luke 12:17), giving no thought whatever to God’s will or the fact that all his possessions really belonged to God. Multitudes over the ages have been overtaken by this same sin of self-centered covetousness, perhaps never more pervasively than in modern America, even among American Christians. To anyone of such covetous spirit, the day may soon come when the Lord will say, “Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.” HMM

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

March Celebrators

- 02 - Marilou Pelle
- 03 - Vicky Batnag
- 03 - Kyla Sue Tacay
- 04 - Jade Eunice Bugnay
- 05 - Carina Mabesa
- 09 - Donnel Gonzales
- 10 - Letty Bayating
- 10 - Rachel Bestre
- 11 - Ma. Vanessa A. Barad
- 12 - Greg Kitma
- 12 - Kajem Kitma
- 12 - Kaelin R. Palaypayon
- 12 - Graciela Badua-Ciencia
- 12 - Euancyde Aguinaldo
- 13 - Desiree Baddas-Nierves
- 13 - Phroillander Abance
- 14 - Randolph Tugay-an
- 15 - Ira North Po
- 15 - Cristian Paul Austria
- 17 - Alicia E. Lalas
- 17 - Zyneth Lagsaman
- 17 - Paterson Kitma
- 17 - Sheila Balangitan
- 20 - Justin Baban, Jr.
- 21 - Cecilia Alvarez
- 21 - Demi Rose Tacay
- 23 - Joseph Roncal
- 24 - Maryann Valdez
- 24 - Jael C. Amador
- 25 - Amber Phoelen Po
- 26 - Micah Abance
- 26 - Sylvia Baggao
- 27 - Donna-Gee Geron
- 27 - Annika Rimando
- 28 - Karizza Mae Bayla
- 28 - Melissa Licupa
- 30 - Mona Gawe
- 30 - Marlene Samonte
- 31 - Marivic C. Durano



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

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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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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		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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