

Servers Today, April 13, 2025

Seeking and Saving the Lost (Luke 19:1-10)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: JEREMY CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving: MARK QUIZANA

Closing Prayer: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: MELECIA ABANCE

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: MONTES FAMILY

Communion: JANE BESTRE

Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

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 April 20, 2025

Faithful Stewardship (Luke 19:11-27)

Guest Speaker: PHILLIP DUMAWA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: LUKE 22:14-20

Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE

Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: LEMUEL GLORI

Prayer for the Giving: JHUN BAYATING

Closing Prayer: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWE

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: RUTH TRINIDAD

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN


Usher/ettes: PALAYPAYON FAMILY

Communion: JANE BESTRE

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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.

“The will of God will take us wherever the grace of God can sustain us.”

READ 2 Corinthians 12:9

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NYC kicks off Wednesday in La Trinidad campsite

Sixteen YOUNG PEOPLE and YOUNG ADULTS from Midtown are going to participate in the NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP which will be held at the facilities of the LIVING HOPE CAMP located at Taroy, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet on April 16—19, 2025.

Those who have registered include brethren Vanessa & Noelle Jane Barad, Alexis Sunggay, Kheif Walang, Josh Darius Martin, Jeremie Craig Licupa, Sherilyn Sagulo, Alton Mark Bayla, Ezra Valdez, Maureen Soriano, Ronald Villaruz, Janriel Abance, Jesse & Riza Bestre, Jizza Aquino, and Demi Rose Tacay.

Meanwhile, the Nangalisan congregation is also sending three of their Young People, namely, Jean, Jasper, and Angelica Ibarra, to attend the NYC.

The other past Saturday evening of April 5, 2025, seventeen young men played a friendly game of Basketball at the facilities of the Bakakeng Central Barangay Hall. A number of players are from other congregations. To God be the glory!Ω

24 Midtown ladies to join 47th NLR in Tagaytay city

Twenty-four ladies from Midtown have registered in the 47TH NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT to be held at the CCT TRAINING CENTER in Tagaytay City on April 22-25, 2025. They are sisters Norma Aping, Dinah Austria, Lorigrace Austria, Virgie Baldo, Jane Bestre, Clarita Cachero, Evelyn Ignacio, Carina Lacaba, Alice Lalas, Angeline Linggon, Marilyn Nacatab, Luz Olidan, Keshia Oliva, Minda Oliva, Corazon Ozo, Roneliza Peralta, Cecilia Ramos, Angela Ramos, Janet Ramos, Marlene Samonte, Elizabeth Sevilla, Ruth Trinidad, Lou Villanueva, and Gloria Yang.

The group will be practicing for their cultural presentation this week in preparation for the CULTURAL PRESENTATION NIGHT on April 23, 2025. For God's glory!Ω

Midtown's elder speaks in shepherding seminar

Brother Jonathan ‘Jojo’ Ramos, one of Midtown’s elders, was one of the invited resource speakers in a an ELDERSHIP SEMINAR at the chapel of the SGMA (SOUTHERN GREATER MANILA AREA) CHURCH OF CHRIST located at Everlasting Circle, Greenheights Village, Muntinlupa City the other past Saturday, March 29, 2025. He discussed “THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD.”

He served as speaker back to back with brother Sandy Detherage, an American missionary who used to serve as an elder in his home congregation in the USA. Both speakers inspired a good number of men representing the congregations in Muntinlupa City to prepare themselves to serve as shepherds or elders in their home congregations. For God’s greater glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Midtown brethren serve in Balaoan, La Union

At the invitation of the congregation, brother Gil Geron served as speaker in the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AND JOINT FELLOWSHIP of the CHURCHES OF CHRIST in Balaoan, La Union last March 30, 2025. He based his discussion on “BEARING MUCH FRUIT” from the Lord’s command in John 15:8. Incidentally, one truth seeker was baptized into Christ Jesus during the occasion. He was accompanied by his family.

Today, brother Gil Geron and family are serving with the brethren at the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST. He and his family have made a commitment to help in the Lord’s work there every second Sunday of the month. Others interested to help in the work are urged to contact brother Gil Geron for more details. For God’s glory and praise!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

April 6, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....208

YP EEZ.....22

CHILDREN.....48

GUESTS.....4

TOTAL.....282

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....21

GRADES 1-2 .....8

GRADES 3-4.....5

GRADES 5-6.....10

H.S.....20

COL/YAs.....20

ADULT Classes..154

TOTAL.....238

OFFERING

AM&PM: P63,128.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 15, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM

• ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 15, 2025 | 2:45 PM

• NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT — CCT RETREAT & TRAINING CENTER, TAGAYTAY CITY | APRIL 22-25, 2025

• NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | APRIL 16-19, 2025 | HOST: HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST | LAST CALL FOR ATTENDEES TODAY!

• READING CENTER—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | CLOSED ON FRIDAY (HOLIDAY)

• 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

\*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

\*ERMALYN UDAN (SAFE PREG-NANCY & DELIVERY)

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

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\*MARILIZA ANDALLO

\*DIANA TAGUIBA

\*IAN PAJANTOY

\*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


SAFE TRAVEL:

\*GIL GERON & COMPANY (NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST)

\*FELIX JR & LUZ OLIDAN (LASILAS CHURCH OF CHRIST)

\*YOUTH CAMPERS (NYC)

\*VACATIONISTS

 family matters

building grace-based relationships

## SEEKING AND SAVING THE LOST

Luke 19:1-10

Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | April 13, 2025

## SEEKING AND SAVING THE LOST

Luke 19:1-10

- IT TAKES A SEEKING SINNER TO FIND SALVATION
  - Luke 19:1-4
- IT TAKES A SEEKING SAVIOR TO FIND SALVATION
  - Luke 19:5-7
- IT TAKES A REPENTING HEART TO FIND SALVATION
  - Luke 19:8-10

### I. IT TAKES A SEEKING SINNER TO FIND SALVATION

Luke 19:1-4

- ACKNOWLEDGES DESIRE TO SEE THE SAVIOR JESUS
  - "He wanted to see who Jesus was..."
  - The desire to be saved comes from the good news about Jesus.
- ACKNOWLEDGES OBSTACLES TO SEE THE SAVIOR JESUS
  - "Being a short man...because of the crowd"
  - The desire to be saved causes one to overcome all hurdles to know the Savior.
- ACKNOWLEDGES WAYS TO SEE THE SAVIOR JESUS
  - "So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree"
  - The desire to be saved makes one act and use every possible means to meet the Savior.

### II. IT TAKES A SEEKING SAVIOR TO FIND SALVATION

Luke 19:5-7

- JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO FIND THE SEEKER
  - "When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up"
  - Jesus finds those who seek Him at the right time and at the right place.
- JESUS CALLS THE SEEKER TO COME TO HIM IMMEDIATELY
  - "Zacchaeus, come down immediately..."
  - Jesus invites the seeker to come to 'come down' or to readily humble himself.
- JESUS DESIRES THE SEEKER TO RECEIVE HIM
  - "I must stay at your house today."
  - Jesus demands that the seeker allows Him to dwell in him.
  - Jesus "has gone to be the guest of a sinner," and this does not bother Him.

### III. IT TAKES A REPENTING HEART TO FIND SALVATION

Luke 19:8-10

- ACKNOWLEDGES JESUS AS THE LORD
  - "Look, Lord!..."
  - It is important to admit and confess Jesus as both the Christ and our Lord to be saved.
- ACKNOWLEDGES A NEED TO BE SELFLESS
  - "Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor..."
  - It is important to have a change of heart to be able to do good works.
- ACKNOWLEDGES A NEED TO CORRECT ONE'S MISTAKES
  - "If I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
  - It is important to produce fruits of repentance to be truly repentant.

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

### APPLICATION:

1. As disciples of Christ, what can we do to assist seekers desire to be saved?
  - Knowing that the desire to be saved comes from hearing the good news about Jesus the Savior, let us keep on preaching or sharing the pure gospel of salvation.
  - Knowing that those who desire to be saved can face hurdles, let us be compassionate, patient, and kind, to help seekers overcome obstacles.
  - Knowing that those who desire to be saved need to meet the Savior, let us become instruments in leading them to meet the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - "God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-5 NIV

### APPLICATION:

2. As disciples of Christ, how can we be more like Jesus in seeking out those who are lost?
  - Like our Lord Jesus who calls Zacchaeus by name, let us demonstrate personal interest and genuine love towards seekers.
  - Like our Lord Jesus who invites himself to Zacchaeus's house, without fearing people's criticisms, let us demonstrate our willingness to be with the lost.
  - Like our Lord Jesus who urged Zacchaeus to "come down immediately," let us demonstrate in our actions that salvation is an urgent matter.
  - "For he says, "I heard you at the acceptable time, and in the day of salvation I helped you." Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation!" 2 Corinthians 6:2

### APPLICATION:

3. As disciples of Christ, how can we allow our faith to lead to tangible changes in our lives and in our relationships with others?
  - Like Zacchaeus who admits and confesses Jesus as Lord, let us demonstrate in our lives that we are under the control of the Lord Jesus so much so as to give up our own will to that of the Lord's will.
  - Like Zacchaeus who was led to do good works as a result of his repentance, let us repent of our falling short of being disciples, that we may do good works.
  - Like Zacchaeus who demonstrated a transformed life, let us be aware of the things we need to change in our life.
  - "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2 NIV

### As disciples of Christ, how can we be involved in seeking and saving the lost?

1. Let us assist seekers desiring to be saved by preaching or sharing the pure gospel of salvation and by being compassionate, patient, and kind, to help seekers overcome obstacles.
2. Let us demonstrate personal interest and genuine love towards seekers, without fearing other people's criticisms, by demonstrating our willingness to be with the lost and to demonstrate in our actions that salvation is an urgent matter.
3. Let us allow our faith to lead to tangible changes in our lives by repenting of our falling short of being disciples, giving up our own will and do God's will of seeking and saving the lost which is the Lord's mission, our mission!

## 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
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- 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 :

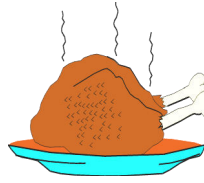
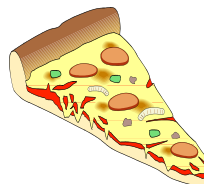
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



## April Celebrators

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02 - Jolian Ibrahim  
02 - April Acop  
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05 - Leonida Umis  
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07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay  
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21 - Sheryl Carame-Martin  
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24 - Leonides Ompang  
28 - Melchizedek Aquino  
28 - Lougai Fermin  
29 - Elizabeth Donato



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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