

Servers Today, April 27, 2025

The King Who Offers Peace (Luke 19:28-48)

Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: ARNAN BAYLA

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10

Scripture Reading: JOSH DARIUS MARTIN

Prayer for the Bread: O'NEIL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Giving: JULIUS ROJO

Closing Prayer: MARIL P. BAYATING SR.

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JESSE BESTRE

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: RIZA BESTRE

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: MARTIN 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 May 4, 2025

The Authority of Jesus (Luke 20:1-19)

Speaker: O'NEIL GONZALES

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: JHUN REYES

Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:1-5

Scripture Reading: LIAM ANDRE SALUD

Prayer for the Bread: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Cup: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: SOL PALAYPAYON

Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: O'NEIL GONZALES

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

To Bring Flowers: TRINING C. TRINIDAD

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: PALAYPAYON FAMILY

Communion: KESHA OLIVA

Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | JESSE BESTRE

THE

MIDTOWN

Official weekly publication of the Midtown Church.
(A Church of Christ Serving You)

INFORMER



Vol. XLI No. 17

April 27, 2025

Baguio City, Philippines

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.

500+ youth participate in national youth camp 2025

Five hundred thirty-six (536) youth were officially registered as participants in the recently concluded NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP held at the LIVING HOPE CAMP in Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet last week. Midtown's participants included the following SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS: Kheif Lee Roi Walang, Jeremie Craig Licupa, Josh Darius Martin, Josiah Calixtro, Noelle Jane Barad, Rowana Ozo, and Sheirlyln Sagulo. Vanessa Barad and Alton Mark Bayla attended the COLLEGE GROUP. The YOUNG ADULT participants were Ezra and Kana Valdez, Jesse and Riza Bestre, Amber Phoelen Po, Jizza Mae Aquino, Maureen Soriano, Ronald Villaruz, Janriel Abance, and Alexis Sunggay. After the camp, Midtown's participants had a brief meeting facilitated by Midtown's youth minister, brother Ezra Valdez, for the purpose of sharing their personal experiences, impressions, and lessons learned. Among the impressions, everyone enjoyed the camp immensely with the given opportunity of having met with other youth from the CHURCHES OF CHRIST nationwide. Also, the participants made new friends and reconnected with old ones. They appreciated the activities and, most importantly, they were spiritually nourished with the word of God. The participants expressed their gratitude to Midtown for covering their REGISTRATION FEES. All glory and praise to God!Ω

“Only the Lord offers a promise of a unique kind of peace that surpasses the peace offered by the world.”

READ John 14:27

INSIDE PAGE:

The Light and the Sun...page 2

April Birth Anniversaries...page 3

Evangelistic Lesson Series...page 3

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

April 20, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....184

YP EEZ.....23

CHILDREN.....51

GUESTS.....21

TOTAL.....278

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....25

GRADES 1-27

GRADES 3-4.....6

GRADES 5-6.....10

H.S.....24

COL/YAs.....22

ADULT Classes..168

TOTAL.....262

OFFERING

AM&PM: P49,728.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 29, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM

WELCOME BACK TO THE CONGREGATION'S REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTICIPANTS TO THE NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT — HELD IN TAGAYTAY CITY ON APRIL 22-25 | MIDTOWN HAD 24 DELEGATES.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL & BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER | JUNE 9—13, 2025 | PARTICIPANTS: PRESCHOOL—GRADE 7

READING CENTER—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | 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

*ERMALYN UDAN (SAFE PREG-NANCY & DELIVERY)

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*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:

*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN JR. (GRACE PARK CALOOCAN CHURCH OF CHRIST)

*SHINAR CIENCIA (BACK TO USA)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

VBS preparation under way; kicks off June 9th

This year's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) will be held come June 9—13, 2025, just the week before the opening of public schools in the country. Preps are now under way. The theme of VBS 2025 is “It's NOT ABOUT ME!” based on Philippians 1:21 which will focus on “LIVING MY PURPOSE—TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN.” As a sequel to the previous themes of the VBS, the organizers pray that this will support the continuity of the LESSONS BEING LEARNED. LAST YEAR'S THEME WAS “I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE” based on Psalm 139:14, which was a sequel to VBS 2023's “LEGO BUILD EACH OTHER UP” based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Like in all previous VBS, this year's motif is inspired by CARS, the animated sports comedy-adventure film produced by Pixar Animation Studios for Walt Disney Pictures. The following is the LESSON OVERVIEW of the VBS 2025: “Knowing my identity that I am a child of God, so loved and treasured by my Heavenly Father, what then is my story? What gives me meaning and purpose? How should I live? Where am I in a world full of expectations? Many times I feel pressured by the norms and values of society. The dictates of the world can be overwhelming; it can rob off our focus in our Lord God Almighty. It may be easy to say, “I believe God has plans set for us,” however, to live our life day by day speaking and honoring our Father in every way may come as a different story.” VBS 2025 focuses on leading back the child to the BIG STORY, of recognizing our ultimate purpose in life which is to live and die for Christ, thus the theme, “It's NOT ABOUT ME! For God's greater glory and honor!Ω

The Light and the Sun

"The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun." (Psalm 74:16)

One of the traditional "discrepancies" attributed by the skeptics to the Genesis account of creation is the fact that there was "light" (Hebrew *or*) on the first day of the creation week, but God did not create the "lights" (Hebrew *ma-or*) to rule the day and the night until the fourth day.

However, it is interesting that modern evolutionary cosmologists find no problem in having light before the sun. According to their speculative reconstruction of cosmic history, light energy was produced in the imaginary "Big Bang" 15 billion years ago, whereas the sun "evolved" only five billion years ago. Thus, even in their attempts to destroy the divine revelation of Genesis, they inadvertently find it necessary to return to its concepts. Light energy somehow had to be "prepared" before the sun and other stars could ever be set up to serve as future generators of light energy. **The fact that light is an entity independent of the sun and other heavenly bodies is one of the remarkable scientific insights of the Bible.** As the basic form of energy (even intrinsic in the very nature of matter, as expressed in the famous Einstein equation), it is significant that the first recorded word spoken by the Creator was **"Let there be light"** (Genesis 1:3).

In this chapter, the psalmist is entreating the Lord of light, the Creator of all things, to deliver His people from those who are seeking to destroy all genuine faith in the true God of heaven. **"The tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually"** (Psalm 74:23). Nevertheless, **"God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth"** (v. 12). The mighty God of creation, who established and controls all the basic energies of the cosmos and their manifestation on the earth, is fully able to defeat His enemies and establish His people. We can be sure of that. HMM

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

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

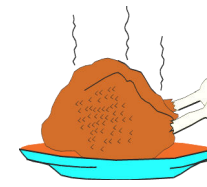
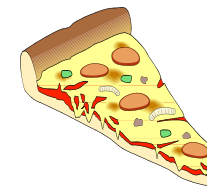
Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470
Ezra Valdez @ 0977-160-8271
Jesse Bestre @ 0916-543-7746

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

01 - Jon Alfred Cirilo
01 - Leonalyn Portelo
02 - Jolian Ibrahim
02 - April Acop
03 - Sheema Valdez
04 - Lolita Abance
05 - Letty Wagang
05 - Herminia Acena (Deceased)
05 - Jamielyn Yaneza
05 - Leonida Umis
06 - Eunice Cordero
06 - Aries John Igoy
07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay
08 - Erika Brillantes
09 - Gloria Yang
09 - Marilyn Bulatao
09 - Noah Valdez
09 - Irish Kate Abansi Ebil
12 - Susan Weng
13 - Ma. Rowena Cordero
14 - Cristy Loren Austria
14 - Kurt Austin Rimando
14 - Michael Gorio
16 - Lhuke Danhill Geron
17 - Liram Chad Montes
21 - Frank Abraham Linggon
21 - Sheryl Carame-Martin
21 - Chloe Alexis Zamora
23 - Roxanne Tacay
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

MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Top Floor Marlett's Bldg.
KM 4 MARCOS HIGHWAY, BAGUIO CITY, PHILS.
e-mail - midtownphcoc@yahoo.com
Midtown website: www.midtownchurchbaguio.org

Editorial Staff & Ministers:
Arnan A. Bayla Phone: 0918-698-6470
Ezra V. Valdez Phone: 0977-160-8271
Jesse M. Bestre Phone: 0916-543-7746

ELDERS: Maril P. Bayating Sr., Jonathan A. Ramos,
Santiago B. Sameon II, Ernesto B. Wagang
DEACONS: Gregory C. Kitma, Felix L. Olidan Jr.