

Servers Today, April 6, 2025

Of Being Blind & of Seeing
(Luke 18:35-43)

Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Afternoon Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

Communion:

Worship Coordinator:

EZRA A. VALDEZ

CHRIS OLIVA

GREG KITMA

JUN REYES

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28

JOSH DARIUS MARTIN

LEEMAR SIMON

O'NEIL GONZALES

JULIUS ROJO

JOJO RAMOS

ANDY BESTRE

EZRA A. VALDEZ

CHRIS OLIVA

ALICE LALAS

C/O MIDTOWN

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GONZALES FAMILY

JANE BESTRE

ART TACAY | JESSE BESTRE

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;

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MERVIN OLIVA

GALATIANS 3:23-29

JEREMY CRAIG LICUPA

DONNEL GONZALES

DANTE BADDAS

MARK QUIZANA

SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

ANDY BESTRE

ARNAN BAYLA

ANDY 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 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.

“The one thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.”

READ 2 Corinthians 4:1-4

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Kitma and TGIF CGs join for fellowship & celebration

The other past Friday evening, March 28th, over sixty (60) Midtown brethren, mostly attendees of the TGIF (THANK GOD IT’S FRIDAY) CARE GROUP, gathered with the KITMA FRIDAY CARE GROUP at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL for a special JOINT CARE GROUP in celebration of a number of birth anniversaries falling in the month of March. Brother Joseph Benedict Roncal, a long-time member of this congregation before moving to the USA, sponsored the sumptuous dinner catered by NAINER’S DINER. He conveys warmest regards to the congregation.

Brother Ezra Valdez served as speaker in the devotional in which he discussed the THANKSGIVING PSALM (Psalm 100). He reiterated the beauty and blessedness of acknowledging God’s goodness in all occasions. The brethren joyfully thanks the Lord God for the opportunity of giving thanks to the Lord God Almighty! To God be the glory!Ω

30 participate in 1st youth CG with parents & guardians

The first ever YOUNG PEOPLE’S CARE GROUP WITH PARENTS & GUARDIANS at Midtown kicked off last Sunday afternoon, March 30. This activity aims to foster parental leadership and support that will enhance the young people's spiritual growth through a collaborative participation of parents in the YOUTH MINISTRY. The parents prepared the fellowship lunch and the prizes for the group activities and the devotional that they themselves facilitated. Thanks to the parents who participated, brethren Dan Gil & Lala Geron, Mark & Darylle Walang, Jerry & Dionesia Martin, Maribel Sunggay, Lorna Montes, Silvestre & Rossana Andaya, Janet Perdigon, and Anthony Salud.

Last Sunday’s theme was "CHARACTER & INTEGRITY," and the discussions revolved around the following key lessons: 1. Building good character starts early with values like honesty, fairness, and kindness. Jesus is the perfect example of good character for us to follow; 2. Self-control is key to having strong character and making good choices; 3. Character is tested in tough times and enduring hardships builds character; 4. True integrity means doing the right thing, even when it is hard and no one is watching. Insights were based on Galatians 2:20.

The young people present include Jasper Perdigon, Jacinth Perdigon, Liam Salud, Riyu Albay, Sherman Bestre, Sander Bestre, Marcson Walang, Kheif Walang, Lluke Geron, Raiza Andaya, Shaira Andaya, Alexis Sunggay, Laisha Montes, Melchi Aquino, and Jeremie Craig Licupa. Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown’s youth minister, together with his wife, Kana, and daughter, Dumanay, were around to oversee the activity and to serve in various capacity. For God’s glory!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD
March 30, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....218

YPPEEZ.....25

CHILDREN.....43

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....288

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....17

GRADES 1-25

GRADES 3-4.....8

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S.....16

COL/YAs.....17

ADULT Classes..196

TOTAL.....264

OFFERING

AM&PM: P62,350.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 8, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM

MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025 @ 11:30 AM—2:30 PM | C/O SECOND QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP

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 | RESERVATION ONGOING | REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 28, 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.

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:

*BPFLC LAKBAY —ARAL (SUBIC, APRIL 8, 2025)

*CARLOS GONZALES (BACK TO KSA)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

BPFLC pupils top science high entrance exams

Pupils of BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC), an EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY operated by members of the Midtown congregation, recently topped the ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENGINEERING PROGRAM (STEP) OF THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL.

A number of pupils who also attend MIDTOWN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL passed including Marcson Walang, 6th; Lara Montes, 14th; Hannah Saguil, 17th; Jihoon Dalang, 17th; Lluke Geron; and Althon Manalo. Passers include Jairus Galanza, 3rd; Mihr Santos, 6th; Jaerylle Waywaya, 10th; Aiofe Balusdan, 14th; Jewel Aoas; Precious Clarin; Kyrielle Cogoy; Venice De Leon; Jamella Mendoza; and Jaerylle Waywaya. Earlier, two of these passers qualified for admission to the Philippine Science High School. For God’s greater glory and honor!Ω

The Sun of Righteousness

“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.” (Malachi 4:2)

This is the very last of the numerous Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. After this, there were four centuries of silence from heaven, as far as inspired Scriptures were concerned. Thus, this prophecy must have special significance.

The Messiah (“Christ”) is called “the Sun of righteousness” in contrast to “all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly” that “shall burn as an oven” when “the day cometh” (v. 1)—that “great and dreadful day of the LORD” (v. 5)—and it “shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts” (v. 1).

The “Sun of righteousness” clearly refers to the coming Savior, for He will come “with healing in his wings.” The sun does not have wings, of course, so many commentators think this word refers to the rays of the sun, with their life-sustaining energy. However, the Hebrew word means “wings” and nothing else. It is as though the sun is rising rapidly on great wings, dispelling the world’s darkness with its light, dispensing healing to its sin-sick soul.

The “**Sun of righteousness**,” of course, can be none other than God Himself, for “the LORD God is a sun and shield” who “will give grace and glory” to “them that walk uprightly” (Psalm 84:11). It is the LORD Jesus Christ, the “light of the world” (John 8:12) coming “from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8).

But “you that fear my name” in that day “shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts,...when I make up my jewels” (Malachi 3:17). In the last prophecy of the Old Testament, Christ is the rising Sun; in the last prophecy of the New Testament (Revelation 22:16), He is “the bright and morning star.” 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
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- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord’s Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
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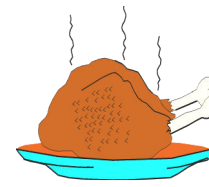
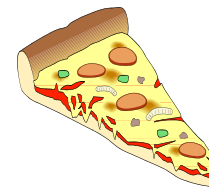
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1

April Celebrators



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

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