

Servers Today, May 11, 2025

Wisdom in a Complex World (Luke 20:20-26)

Speaker: Jojo Ramos

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

Invocation: Charlie Abance

Intercessory Prayer: Ezra Valdez

Communion Text: Isaiah 53:6-10

Scripture Reading: Sander Isaiah Bestre

Prayer for the Bread: Kheif Walang

Prayer for the Cup: Jerry Martin

Prayer for the Giving: Dante Baddas

Closing Prayer: Maril A. Bayating Jr.

Announcement: Andy Bestre

Afternoon Speaker: Jojo Ramos

Song Leader: Jesse Bestre

To Bring Flowers: Digdigwayan Ladies

To Bring Biscuits: c/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks: c/o Midtown

Usher/ettes: Bestre Family

Communion: Kesha Oliva

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 18, 2025

Life Beyond Death (Luke 20:27-40)

Speaker: Greg Kitma

Song Leader: Kajem Kitma.

Invocation: Ezra Valdez

Intercessory Prayer: Chris Oliva

Communion Text: Romans 6:1-10

Scripture Reading: RYU ALBAY

Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: PAT KITMA

Closing Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: MINDA OLIVA

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

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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.

Midtown supports hope party in Naguilian, LU

At the invitation of the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, Midtown was given the opportunity to partner with them in a community outreach ministry dubbed HOPE PARTY for children 4—15 years old on May 17, 2025. The ministry hopes to connect and bring smiles to the locals with the sharing of the Word of God and message of hope (Col. 1:27). To help in the ministry, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has approved the donation of P5000.00. The congregation may also help by donating ARTS & CRAFTS MATERIALS such as construction papers, crayons, pens, scissors, bond papers, Bible Story books, sticker paper, glue, scotch tapes, and also preloved kids' toys and clothes. Donations can be received at Midtown until Thursday, May 15th. Brother Gil Geron and family are serving with the Naguilian brethren today. Glory to God!Ω

“We are made by God and for God, and until we accept that, our life will never make sense.”

READ Ephesians 1:11-22

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Two young people baptized into Christ last Sunday

Last Sunday, May 4th, two precious souls were saved as they received the Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior in baptism. Brothers HASEO WALT ABERIN DALANG, turning 14 y/o on June 4th, and RIYU CALEB KITMA ALBAY, turned 14 y/o last April 2nd, were born again having been baptized for the remission of sins by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery. Both are alumni of BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER. They were actively involved in MIDTOWN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL and are now actively involved in the YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY. Their parents and relatives were among those who witnessed their baptism. A celebration of the momentous occasion in fellowship and meals followed immediately. Midtown praises the Almighty God for this development and prays for the continued spiritual growth of the newest disciples in the congregation. For God's glory and honor!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

May 4, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....194

YP EEZ.....23

CHILDREN.....53

GUESTS.....6

TOTAL.....276

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....25

GRADES 1-27

GRADES 3-.....7

GRADES 5-6.....9

H.S.....23

COL/YAs.....15

ADULT Classes..150

TOTAL.....236

OFFERING

AM&PM: P54,991.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

*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 PREGNANCY & DELIVERY)

*KATIAH ALBAY (SAFE PREGNANCY)

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*IAN PAJANTOY

*GASPAR NAWEW

*JERALD BACOV

*JEHMELOFRENEO

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 & FAMILY (NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST)

*FELIX JR. & LUZ OLIDAN (BATCHELOR, PANGASINAN)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | MAY 13, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM

12th LADIES DAY — ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | MAY 24, 2025 (SAT)

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

SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER — “IT’S NOT ABOUT ME!” PHILIPPIANS 1:21 | RIVERVIEW WATERPARK | MAY 23—24, 2025. PARTICIPANTS: YOUNG PEOPLE & YOUNG ADULTS | REGISTRATION FEE: P250.00

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.

Ministry involvement survey forms to be filled up today

A MINISTRY & SKILLS SURVEY FORM will be distributed today for the purpose of helping the EQUIPPING MINISTRY (EM) prioritize and schedule training seminars and workshops in the near future. The survey intends to find out the most feasible schedules of training classes by finding out the most common free time of members of the congregation. It also intends to find out the ministry areas, skills, and attitudes most are interested in or are lacking and would need some more training. Once the survey forms are turned in, the EM will collate the data as basis for planning and organizing training workshops. All forms must be turned in before the worship assembly concludes today. Meanwhile, brother Jeremiah Gawe has gotten increasingly involved with Nangalisan congregation and is serving there today. Earlier, he served as speaker at the A-HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST last Sunday. He spoke on “ROOTED & FLOURISHING” based on John 15. The Lord God be glorified.Ω

Deacon's wife is speaker in Daclan ladies fellowship

Spouses Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan were in Daclan, Tublay, the other past Saturday, May 3, 2025 to meet the brethren there and for sister Luz, Olidan to serve as DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER in a LADIES FELLOWSHIP at the DACLAN CHURCH OF CHRIST. She encouraged the participants with ABIGAIL'S STORY (1 Samuel 25) as an example of how women can exercise courage, wisdom, and diplomatic leadership. There were twenty-two in attendance. Meanwhile, brother Felix Olidan Jr. is today's SERMON SPEAKER at the BATCHELOR CHURCH OF CHRIST in his hometown in Natividad, Pangasinan. For the Lord God Almighty's glory and praise!..Ω

Feeding on Truth or Wind

“Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.” (Psalm 37:3)

Although there are many promises in Scripture to the effect that the Lord will provide material sustenance to those who are faithful to Him (Matthew 6:33), this particular verse evidently refers to an even more blessed promise. The word translated “verily” is better rendered by “truth,” so the latter part of the verse could best be given as: “thou shalt be fed on the truth.” That is, **the spiritual life of the one who trusts in Christ will be fed and sustained by truth.**

In contrast, the unbeliever feeds on that which is not true. The one “who hath formed a god” (Isaiah 44:10) for himself will soon taste bitterness on his tongue. “He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?” (Isaiah 44:20). Those who trust in human deliverance will be like Israel depending on Egypt and Assyria. “Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation” (Hosea 12:1). The diet of false prophets is more bitter still. “Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall” (Jeremiah 23:15).

Wind and ashes, wormwood and gall; such is the spiritual food of those who reject the truth of the Word of God.

To the believer, however, the Scriptures are as much a daily need for the soul as bread for the body. As Job said long ago, “I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food” (Job 23:12). Moses testified as follows: “And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3). 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

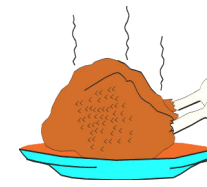
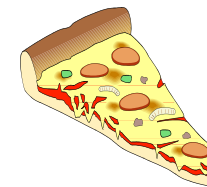
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :

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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

May Celebrators

01 - Evelyn Ignacio
03 - Benjamin Balawas
03 - Elvie Omaging
05 - Erolyn Canlas
05 - Ruby Panganiban
06 - Ricky Rimando
06 - Jizza Mae Aquino
08 - Raiza May Andaya
08 - Romulo Joaquin
11 - Cindy Lacambra
11 - Princess Elipane
12 - Dante Baddas
12 - Gil Geron
12 - May Flor Acquiadan
14 - Ethan B. Sameon
14 - Fransley Mae Amplayo
15 - Jessica Mariano
16 - Melecia Abance
16 - Klarissa Glori
19 - Maureen Soriano
19 - Chito Salviejo
20 - Carlota Cera
20 - Jonalyn Castillo
21 - Rolando Castillo
21 - Melba N. Licupa
21 - Ma. Corazon Ozo
21 - Charlie D. Castro
22 - Carlos Gonzales
23 - Jeannette F. Sarauer
23 - Alexa Senesan
24 - Samuel Quezada
25 - Alexandre James Ciencia
25 - Maryrose Quirimit
26 - Norma Aping
28 - Elena Carame
28 - Elcid Pelpelic
29 - Francisco Fermin
29 - Rainelle Kiara Nawew
31 - Margaret Golda Yang
31 - Elizabeth Salviejo



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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