

Servers Today, May 25, 2025

Warning Against Hypocrisy (Lk 20:41-47)

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

DODOY SAMEON

JESSE BESTRE

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

MERVIN OLIVA

LUKE 22:14-20

HASEO WALT DALANG

MARK QUIZANA

DONNEL GONZALES

JOSH DARIUS MARTIN

MARIL P. BAYATING SR.

ANDY BESTRE

JERRY GAWE

JESSE BESTRE

LALA & DIANA GERON

C/O MIDTOWN

C/O MIDTOWN

GERON FAMILY

Communion:

Worship Coordinator:

KESHA OLIVA

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 June 1, 2025

Practicing True Generosity (Luke 21:1-4)

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ALTON MARK BAYLA

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

SOLOMON PALYPAYON

MERVIN OLIVA

ROMANS 6:1-10

LEHUE GERON

LEMUEL GLORI

GASPAR BALDO JR.

DANTE BADDAS

JULIUS ROJO

ARNAN BAYLA

ALTON MARK BAYLA

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

JANE BESTRE

C/O MIDTOWN

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MARIBEL SUNGGAY

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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.

“We ought to nurture our mind with great thoughts, for we will never go any higher than we think.”

READ Romans 12:1-21

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40+ crowds latest ladies devo & luncheon fellowship

This month’s LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at Midtown’s Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, May 17th, was attended by more than 40 participants including sisters Janet Ramos, Angela Ramos, Carina Lacaba, Genevieve Mokyat, Bing Bendia, Maribel Sunggay, Rossana Andaya, Marlene Samonte, Fely Flores, Norma Andaya, Charmaine Rivera, Charisse Fabia, Clarita Cachero, Minda Oliva, Alice Lalas, Beverly Bugtong, Jazel Big-asan, Elen Bugnay, Melita Cados, Luz Olidan, Cora Ozo, Rossana Ozo, Roan Ozo, Dyna Austria, Janet Perdigon, Kana Valdez, Lala Geron, Lou Villanueva, Jocelyn Calixtro, Norma Aping, Nelly Bayla, Cot Espinosa, Ruth Trinidad, Jinky Legawen, and Carol Donaal, together with some ladies from sister congregations, namely Marilou Alcalde, Trinidad Sajonas, Elsie Lagadan, Julieta Espiritu, Rose Fernandez, Angie Marcelo, and Arlene Laigo.

Sister Lala Geron served as the speaker in which she discussed RSVP AND TRANSFORMATION. She emphasized that to Release the negatives, to Strengthen the positives, to Value the Holy Spirit, and to take steps to Progress is a response that leads to transformation for the Lord’s glory!Ω

2 single men baptized into Christ Monday noon

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates brothers KENNETH ADACLOG SOLANG, born June 13, 2000, and RONALD RAMOS VILLARUZ, born August 3, 1993, for having been born again noontime of last Monday, May 19, 2025. Both completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Ezra Valdez on separate schedules. Brother Ezra baptized the two single men at Midtown’s baptistery after their confession of faith.

The newly baptized are not unknown to many at Midtown as they, together with their friends, have faithfully been attending Midtown’s Worship assemblies as well as a number of functions and Care Groups.

The congregation welcomes the newest brothers and prays for their continued spiritual growth even as they commit in completing their NEW LIFE LESSONS. May the Lord’s name be glorified!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

May 18, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....209

YP EEZ.....20

CHILDREN.....48

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....279

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....20

GRADES 1-210

GRADES 3—4.....6

GRADES 5-6.....10

H.S.....20

COL/YAs.....22

ADULT Classes..162

TOTAL.....250

OFFERING

AM&PM: P57,025.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | MAY 27, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL & BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER | JUNE 9—13, 2025 | PARTICIPANTS: PRESCHOOL—GRADE 7 | REGISTRATION STARTS TODAY UNTIL JUNE 9 | REGISTRATION FEE: P150.00

FUNERAL SERVICE — IN HONOR OF THE LATE SISTER JOSEFINA CIENCIA | PYRAMID MEMORIAL PARK, KIAS | TODAY, MAY 25, 2025 @ 12:30 PM

READING CENTER—CLOSED ON MAY 16, 23, 30, JUNE 6, 13, 2025 DUE TO VBS PREPARATIONS.

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.

•PRAYERLIST•

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN:

*GLORIA YANG

*JOSEFA JOSAYAN

*PRISCILLA BAYASEN

*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON

*TESS KITMA

*BERNARD IGNACIO

*JONATHAN ENERVA

*ELLA GAROY

*LORENZA LOSNONG

*ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR.

*FLORA CAMPOAS

*CLYDE ABANCE

*MELBA LICUPA

*NIDA GABRIEL

*CHARLIE ABANCE

*MARIL BAYATING, SR

*EDDIE LAGSAMAN

*ERMALYN UDAN (SAFE PREGNANCY & DELIVERY)

*KANA PERDIGON (SAFE PREGNANCY)

*JOVEN DOMASIG

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*IAN PAJANTOY

*GASPAR NAWEW

*JERALD BACOY

*JEHMELOFRENEO

CONDOLENCES TO:

*THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE SISTER JOSEFINA CIENCIA

family matters

building grace-based relationships

In-law matters and relates discussed in couples CG

Five couples attending the recent COUPLES CARE GROUP at Midtown’s Assembly Hall on May 17, 2025 benefitted from a discussion on “DEVELOPING GODLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH IN-LAWS” by brother Dan-gil Geron. He underscores that as always, Biblical principles always apply in all kinds of relationships. And if applied well, successful relationships would result. Those present were spouses Jo & Janet Ramos, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Felix & Luz Olidan, Gil & Diana Geron, and Dan-gil & Lala Geron. All glory to the Lord God!Ω

Midtown conveys sympathies to Bondoc family

Last Monday, May 19th, spouses Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Gaspar Jr. & Virgie Baldo, Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan, Noel & Cot Espinosa, sisters Pearl & Jane Bestre, and Ruth Trinidad personally conveyed Midtown’s sympathies to the family of the late sister JOVITA ROJAS BONDOC at the AETERNITAS CHAPEL & COLUMBARY in Quezon City. Sister NANAY BETH, as she was fondly called, passed on to Abraham’s side on May 16, 2025. She was 88 years old.

The bereaved family expressed much appreciation for the personal presence, prayers, comforting messages, and support of Midtown brethren during their time of bereavement. All thanks to the Lord God!Ω

WARNING AGAINST HYPOCRISY

Luke 20:41-47
Santiago B. Sameon II, EdD

INTRODUCTION:

In Lk.18:10 the Pharisee stood and thus prayed with himself: 'God, thank you I am glad that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

1. HYPOCRISY IS DISPLAYED IN OUTWARD APPEARANCE. Lk.20:45,46a

The chief priest, scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees have been questioning Jesus to deceitfully trap Him. So, Jesus took this opportunity to teach His disciples about the perils of religious leaders' hypocrisy.

This was meant for the disciples to take the lead but also to inform the crowd of the hypocrisy of religious leaders.

Matt. 23:5 says, But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments. Luke says, concerning the scribes only as does Mark, while Matthew says that this denouncement is against the scribes and the Pharisees (Matt. 23:2).

What we observed here is their outward appearance that seemed religious while their outward actions were not. They were able to wear their long hair to hide their real corruptions!

This excess seems to show us that their flowing robe are often associated with dignity, honor, or special status. The problem is that they wore these robes throughout their daily routines but not in the times they would wear them for religious occasions or special reasons to hide their deceitful lives.

2. HYPOCRISY CAN SHOW UP IN ELEVATED POSITIONS. LK.20:46b

The demand to be called the greatest, to be seated as the greatest and be the honored guest was the normal way of life for these religious leaders. This gave them so much respect and trust from the common people that most would never think of looking down on them. They were treated with respect and looked at as people that can be trusted.

The outward hypocrisy can carry over to being elevated to positions that lead these religious people showing authority. This can be very dangerous and this can lead people down paths of legalistic religion or antinomianism.

3. HYPOCRISY BE DISPLAYED IN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES. LK.20:47

The poor, the fatherless and widows were considered the most helpless people in the society yet it was these that were often taken advantage of. Even in our time they are helpless and yet many scammers will seek out the helpless to take financial advantage over them. Jesus says that these hypocritical leaders devour widows' houses so that widows may be their spoil, and that they may plunder the orphans. These people in our time that get on your TV's, radios and streaming platforms to plead to send them money,

We NEED CHRIST TO BE OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR IN ALL THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE AND DO TO GET THE DIVINE APPROVAL!

CONCLUSION: We learned from the lessons that 1. Hypocrisy is displayed in outward appearance. Lk.20:45,46a 2. Hypocrisy can show up in elevated positions. LK.20:46b and 3. Hypocrisy can be displayed in religious activities. Lk.20:47

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

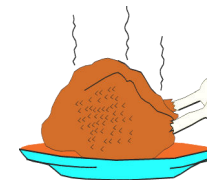
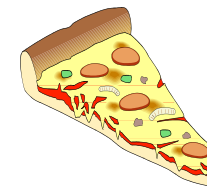
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :

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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 Salyiejo
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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