

Servers Today, 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: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

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

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 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: ISAAH 53:6-10

Scripture Reading: SANDER ISAAH 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

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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.

“One great way to do great work is to love who you are working for.”

READ Colosians 3:23

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Midtown is MRC in recent national ladies retreat

Midtown’s delegation to the 47th NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT held in Tagaytay City was recognized as the MOST REPRESENTED CONGREGATION (MRC) with 24 participants. Four of them, namely, sisters Carina Lacaba, Corazon Ozo, Marilyn Nacatab, and Virgie Baldo, were recognized as “FIRST TIMER ATTENDEES.” The other Midtown participants include sisters Norma Aping, Ruth Trinidad, Lorie Austria, Clarita Cachero, Minda Oliva, Lou Villanueva, Dinah Austria, Jane Bestre, Evelyn Ignacio, Angeline Linggon, Alice Lalas, Luz Olidan, Roneliza Peralta, Cel Alvarez, Angela & Janet Ramos, Marlene Samonte, Beth Sevilla, Gloria Yang, and Kesha Oliva. Total attendance reached 506 representing 110 congregations in the country. The retreat’s theme was “FINISH STRONG” based on Philippians 1:6 which advocates that believers have a part in this process by actively participating in the work God is doing in their lives. Midtown will host the 2026 NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT, having been nominated in the recent NLR, and also supported by Baguio congregations. In last TUESDAY’S CHURCH FORUM, the body unanimously approved the motion. Glory to God!Ω

Two believers baptized into Christ last Sunday

Last Sunday, April 27th, two precious souls were saved as they received the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in baptism. Brothers ASHLEY PADONGA, 24 y/o, a resident of Aurora Hill, and SANDER ISAAH BESTRE, 11 y/o, a Grade 5 pupil at BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER, were baptized for the remission of sins by brother Jesse Bestre at Midtown’s baptistery. Brother Ashley completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Jesse while brother Sander completed his lessons with brother Andy Bestre, his grandfather. Brother Ashley and his family hosts a HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP in their residence on Ledesma St., Aurora Hill. The study group, usually numbering around 20, is facilitated by spouses Jesse & Riza Bestre accompanied by brother Charles Castro and at other times, other Young Adults. 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 greater glory and honor!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

April 27, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....212

YP EEZ.....24

CHILDREN.....56

GUESTS.....4

TOTAL.....296

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....22

GRADES 1-29

GRADES 3-.....10

GRADES 5-6.....10

H.S/O.....22

COL/YAs.....21

ADULT Classes..182

TOTAL.....276

OFFERING

AM&PM: P70,632.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | MAY 6, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM

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

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 | COMING SOON! SOMETIME ON THE LAST WEEK OF MAY 2025. FINAL DATES SOON! PARTICIPANTS: YOUNG PEOPLE & YOUNG ADULTS

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:

*GIL GERON & FAMILY (NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST)



YA's fellowship and care group goes to CJH

Seventeen YOUNG ADULTS (YAs) gathered for fellowship, devotional, and walking at CAMP JOHN HAY for their MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP the other past Saturday, April 26th. Brother Mervin Oliva facilitated discussions on “WHEN LIFE DOESN’T GO AS PLANNED: TRUSTING GOD THROUGH DISAPPOINTMENTS” based on Proverbs 16:9. Sister Gracelynn Abance facilitated games to reinforce the topic. The YA 1ST QUARTER STEERING COMMITTEE has turned over the hosting to the 2ND QUARTER STEERING GROUP to plan and implement activities in May, June, and July. The Lord God be glorified.Ω

Sameons serve in Balaoan - Luna fellowship

Spouses DodoY & Sarah Sameon attended the JOINT WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP of the Balaoan and Luna CHURCHES OF CHRIST on April 20. Brother DodoY and his son, brother Shemer Sameon, co-facilitated the BIBLE STUDY HOUR. There were fifty in attendance. Meanwhile spouses Felix & Luz Olidan served with the GRACE PARK CALOOCAN CHURCH OF CHRIST last Sunday. They also visited a number of former members of the Wanchai congregation during their travel in Merto Manila. The Lord God be praised.Ω

Showers of Blessing

“And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.” (Ezekiel 34:26)

This verse provided the inspiration for the old gospel hymn “Showers of Blessing.” While it applies specifically to Israel, it states a divine principle that believers of all times have rightly appropriated to their own lives. The same word (“showers”) is also frequently translated “rain,” speaking of the rain that followed Elijah’s contest with the prophets of Baal at the end of the three-year drought. “And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain” (1 Kings 18:41)

In general, the word is most commonly used to indicate very heavy rains. In fact, its first occurrence is in connection with the great Flood. “The rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights” (Genesis 7:12). This rain had poured forth from the windows (literally “sluiceways”) of heaven, and it provides an impressive picture of the tremendous showers of blessing that God desires to pour down on His people.

In the context of our key verse, the promised showers follow the condition of the preceding verses: “And I the LORD will be their God....And I will make with them a covenant of peace” (Ezekiel 34:24-25). **The greatest blessings of God, accordingly, must follow the knowledge of God and the peace of God, through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

No doubt the greatest of all spiritual blessings, at least in this life, is the inspired Word of God, and the same word is so used: “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11). 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

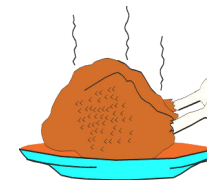
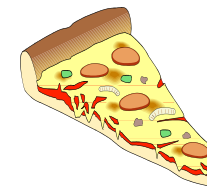
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
 Arnan Bayla @ 0918-698-6470
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1

May Celebrators



01 - Evelyn Ignacio
 03 - Benjamin Balawas
 03 - Elvie Omaging
 05 - Erolyn Canlas
 06 - Ricky Rimando
 06 - Jizza Mae Aquino
 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
 26 - Norma Aping
 28 - Elena Caramé
 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
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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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