

Servers Today, June 29, 2025

Preparing for the Passover (Luke 22:1-13)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: JESSE BESTRE

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:6-10

Scripture Reading: LIAM SALUD

Prayer for the Bread: JEREMIE LICUPA

Prayer for the Cup: KHEIF WALANG

Prayer for the Giving: JULIUS ROJO

Closing Prayer: MARIL A. BAYATING JR.

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: ARDEN GWAYNE WAGANG

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: ESPINOSA FAMILY

Communion: MARIBEL SUNGGAY

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 July 6, 2025

How to Remember the Lord Jesus (Luke 22:14-20)

Speaker: JOHNNY PAYANGDO

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

Invocation: ERNIE WAGANG

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10

Scripture Reading: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: CD ESPINOSA

Prayer for the Cup: MERVIN OLIVA

Prayer for the Giving: LEMUEL GLORI

Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JOHNNY PAYANGDO

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

To Bring Flowers: ME-AN GONZALES

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

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Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY

Communion: NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA

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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.

“Submission is getting rid of everything which hinders God's control over our lives.”

READ Hebrews 12:1-12

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

June 22, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....174

YP EEZ.....28

CHILDREN.....46

GUESTS.....4

TOTAL.....252

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....20

GRADES 1-2 .....0

GRADES 3—4.....9

GRADES 5-6.....7

H.S.....25

COL/YAs.....22

ADULT Classes..116

TOTAL.....199

OFFERING

AM&PM: P58,022.00

• P R A Y E R L I S T •

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.

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\*CHARLIE ABANCE

\*MARIL BAYATING, SR

\*EDDIE LAGSAMAN

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\*JOVEN DOMASIG

\*TADDY & JUDE BAGGAO

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\*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

SAFETY:

\*JESSICA MARIANO (ISRAEL)

\*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (VIETNAM & HK)

 family matters

building grace-based relationships

Ladies submit to God's guidance in devo & luncheon fellowship

Twenty-nine ladies participated in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday, June 21, 2025. Those who made it include sisters Angela Ramos, Lori Austria, Virgie Baldo, Norma Aping, Charmaine Rivera, Hakea Balbalozo, Carina Lacaba, Charisse Fabia, Norma Andaya, Laami Salud, Genevieve Mokyat, Ruth Trinidad, Bing Buendia, Maribel Sunggay, Alice Lalas, Minda Oliva, Arlene Laigo, Luz Olidan, Clarita Cachero, Marlene Samonte, Sarah Sameon, Fely Flores, Lou Villanueva, Vanessa Acosta, Rosalia Acosta, Nelly Bayla, Cot Espinosa, Kesha Oliva, and Lala Geron.

Sister Ruth Trinidad served as Devotional Speaker and discussed “SUBMITTING TO GOD’S GUIDANCE & ENDURING TO THE END” based on Proverbs 3:5-6 & James 4:7 and other Scriptures. She underscored the surrendering of personal will and plans to God's direction, seeking His will through prayer and His Word, and trusting in His timing and wisdom.

The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

VBS 2025 financial statement submitted

A FINANCIAL STATEMENT reflecting the RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS of the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 was received by the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM last week from brother A-mark Bayla. Said FS is summarized as follows:

VBS 2025 FUNDING:

Midtown VBS Budget.....P50,000.00

Registration Fees.....28,800.00

Personal Donations/Pledges.....117,650.00

TOTAL FUNDS.....196,450.00

Less EXPENSES.....193,472.88

REMAINING BALANCE.....2,977.12

The TCF enjoins the congregation to praise the Lord God Almighty for His faithfulness in providing for this work of faith. Indeed, praise the Lord for His wonderful deeds (Psalm 107:8)!Ω

Two seekers baptized into Christ last week

Two seekers were baptized on two separate occasions last week. Sister ANDREA EMPERADOR—YANG, born September 8, 1990, was born again June 25, 2025. She was baptized into Christ by brother Andy Bestre at Midtown's baptistery after having completed their study of the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES. Sister Andrea is the wife of brother Mark Yang, younger son of sister Gloria Alvarez—Yang.

On another occasion, sister HAKEA SATI ANDAYA BALBALOZA, born January 5, 2013, was also born anew last June 26, 2025. Brother Arnan Bayla baptized her into Christ after having completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES on the same day. She is a student of BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER and is the youngest daughter of sister Norma Andaya. The congregation prays for their continued spiritual growth as they complete their NEW LIFE LESSONS.

The brethren welcomes the youngest sisters in Christ in the congregation. Praise the Lord God for His goodness and grace!Ω

Midtown's minister speak in Tayug intercon fellowship

At the invitation of the organizers of the EASTERN PANGASINAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP, brother Arnan Bayla served as GUEST SPEAKER last Saturday, June 28, 2025. He spoke on “LIVING IN GOD’S GOODNESS: NURTURING FAITH AND PURPOSE IN OUR FAMILIES.” back to back with brother Rolando C. Dumawa’s “NAVIGATING A TEMPORARY WORLD WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE.” Around 300 attended representing a dozen congregations in the area. Glory to God!Ω

# PREPARING FOR THE PASSOVER

LUKE 22:1-13

Santiago B. Sameon, EdD

## I. THE PLAN TO KILL JESUS (MATT.26:4, MK.14:1, LK.22:2)

Luke 22:1,2 tells us that it is the Passover week. The religious leaders are still looking for a way to kill Jesus. The leaders did their best to entrap Jesus in chapter 20: (1) That He would make a treasonous talk against Rome and thus handed Him over to them for judgment or, (2) He would make an unpopular talk that would cause Jewish authorities to arrest him. The Jewish leaders however have failed in both schemes and thus further looked for a way to execute Him.

## II. DISLOYALTY OF JUDAS ISCARIOT (LK. 22:2-6)

Luke 22:3 tells us that Satan entered the heart of apostle Judas, to betray Jesus. John 13:2 records that the devil put into Judas' heart to betray Jesus.

The Jewish leaders fear the crowds and cannot go into the temple to arrest him. Luke 21:37 tells us that Jesus will not stay in a house that night where they could find him. Jesus went back to the Mount of Olives where He stayed in the Kidron Valley in the Mount of Olives. The Jewish leaders and authorities did not know where He slept. Judas agreed to betray Jesus where crowds were present (Lk. 22:6). Thirty (30) pieces of silver was the agreed pay for the betrayal.

## III. FORMULATION FOR THE PASSOVER (LK.22:7-13)

It is the day on which the Passover lamb must be sacrificed so people may be redeemed. Jesus tells Peter and John to make preparations for the Passover. A time when every Jew was required to come to Jerusalem. The Law required a room where the family would eat the Passover meal and keep the regulations of the Law. Everything is planned by God and the Lord is in control of events.

Jesus shows the predetermined plan of God. Jesus knows what is going to happen and wanted to share this Passover with his disciples. Jesus knows about his death and will not eat this Passover with them again in the flesh. The true Lamb of salvation is about to be slain. Where this Passover word commences.

The Passover was celebrated on the 14th and 15th of the month Nisan (roughly March-April). On the afternoon of the 14th, the Passover lambs were slaughtered at the temple. The new Jewish day began at sunset, the evening of that same day was the beginning of the 15th, and the actual meal was held then. The days of Unleavened Bread lasted from the 15th to the 21st of the month. In Lk.22:7 the 14th is described as the day of Unleavened Bread because the feasts were closely linked, for non-Jewish readers who used a calendar with the day starting at midnight. [Marshall, I. H. (1994).

Passover, *Pesach* in Hebrew, commemorates the Israelites' deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The preparation for Passover is significant in Jewish tradition. God commanded Moses and Aaron regarding the observance of the Passover, on the importance of preparation. The preparation begins on the 10th day of the first month, Nisan, when each household is to select a lamb without blemish (Exodus 12:3-5). In the New Testament, Passover foreshadows the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. The Last Supper, which Jesus shared with His disciples, was a Passover meal (Matt. 26:17-19). Jesus' crucifixion during Passover week highlights the fulfillment of the Passover lamb's symbolism, as His blood brings redemption. Passover preparation, therefore, is not only historical and cultural practice but also a profound spiritual exercise that points to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

## CONCLUSION

The meal we partake is a memorial of Jesus Christ. Great events deserve great memorials. Jesus' disciples ate the Passover meal but Jesus took it as a meaningful moment and applied it to himself. He is our Passover and our deliverer. It is his blood that causes God's wrath to pass over us. We do not get what we deserve because Jesus gave His life for us. Christ is our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7). Let us live in the knowledge that we have been redeemed and owe to Jesus everything. Above all let us remember that every Sunday is a celebration of our redemption as we remember the memorial!Q

## 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

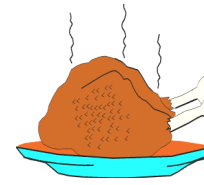
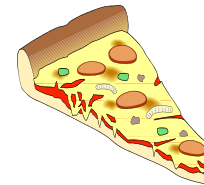
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :

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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

## July Celebrators

01 - Melita B. Cados  
03 - Brian B. Colcol  
06 - Joven Domasig  
06 - Kyle Mikael Cordero  
07 - Jonathan B. Ramos Jr.  
07 - Noelle Jane Rhone Barad  
08 - Maricel S. Aguinaldo  
09 - Krystelle Olidan-Cadiz  
09 - Charles D. Quilondrino  
09 - Genevieve Mokyat  
10 - Michelle Yang-Oyler  
11 - Arnan A. Bayla  
11 - Joselito K. Abance  
12 - Jeremie Craig Y. Licupa  
12 - Nida Gabriel  
14 - Rossana B. Andaya  
14 - Jesse Reuben Bestre  
14 - Mark Brian Beliac  
14 - Ruby Suanding  
14 - Jerwil P. Bardolaza  
15 - Diane B. Colcol  
15 - Jocelyn A. Calixtro  
15 - Beverly D. Bugtong  
16 - Rosa B. Aquino  
16 - Rochelle Acosta  
16 - Josephine N. Yapyapen  
17 - Solomon Palaypayon  
19 - Jeffrey M. Albay  
19 - Maribel J. Sunggay  
19 - Melissa R. Sison  
22 - Lady Angela B. Ramos  
25 - Jan Michael Cirilo  
25 - Corazon Gawe  
25 - Louise Bawas  
27 - Ruth Trinidad  
27 - Sander Isaiah Bestre  
30 - Nancy Bayla  
30 - Christine G. Guanzon  
31 - Fernando M. Yabut



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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