

Servers Today, July 13, 2025

How Jesus Deals with Betrayal (Luke 22:21-34)

Speaker: CD ESPINOSA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-8A

Scripture Reading: IRA NORTH PO

Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: JESSE BESTRE

Prayer for the Giving: EZRA VALDEZ

Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: CD ESPINOSA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: PALAYPAYON FAMILY

Communion: ME-AN GONZALES

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 20, 2025

How to Prepare for New Circumstances (Lk 22:35-46)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE

Intercessory Prayer: JULIUS ROJO

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Bread: DAN-GIL GERON

Prayer for the Cup: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Giving: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Closing Prayer: MARIL BAYATING SR.

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

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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.

“Learn to forgive the inexcusable for God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”

READ Galatians 6:28

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

July 6, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....162

YP EEZ.....28

CHILDREN.....38

GUESTS.....1

TOTAL.....229

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....18

GRADES 1-25

GRADES 3-4.....9

GRADES 5-6.....4

H.S.....20

COL/YAs.....25

ADULT Classes..112

TOTAL.....193

OFFERING

AM&PM: P57,623.00

• 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.

*FLORA CAMPOAS

*CLYDE ABANCE

*MELBA LICUPA

*NIDA GABRIEL

*CHARLIE ABANCE

*MARIL BAYATING, SR

*EDDIE LAGSAMAN

*KANA VALDEZ (SAFE PREG-NANCY)

*JOVEN DOMASIG

*TADDY & JUDE BAGGAO

*RICA NAWEW

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*IAN PAJANTOY

*GASPAR NAWEW

*JERALD BACOY

*JEHMELOFRENEO

*DWYLA AMILA SIMON

*ABIGAIL RAMOS—DUMAOP

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT

*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS

*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS

*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

SAFETY:

*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (HK)

*CD ESPINOSA (BACK TO INDONESIA)



Monthly ladies devo & fellowship this Saturday

The THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP enjoins all ladies of the congregation to attend the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP which will be held at Midtown's ASSEMBLY HALL this Saturday, July 19th, at 11 AM until 2:30 PM.

The members of the THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP includes sisters Janet Perdigon, Kana Valdez, Joyce Kitma, Luz Olidan, Lou Villanueva, Me-an Gonzales, Kesha Oliva, Amber Po, Jane Bestre, Angie Linggon, Jizza Aquino, Cristina Gawe, Josephine Yapyapen, Lois June Fermin, Sonia Cariño Abance, and Letty Wagang. The group is now preparing for an unforgettable devotional and fellowship come Saturday.

Meanwhile, the READING CENTER run by the ladies is temporarily suspended and will resume in August. Instead, the ladies will be making use of the time for preparations for the upcoming NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT to be held in 2026. Praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Youth Care Group resumes at FLC session

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's youth minister, has announced that the YOUTH CARE GROUP at FLC (Family Life Center, Upper Room of the Infinita Café, Session Road) has resumed the other past Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 4:00—6:00 PM. Those who made it for the first meeting this season include Nathan Literato, Clark Fesway, Kheif Walang, JC Licupa, Ozara Sison, Angela Viel Agtarap, Jacy Perdigon, Laisha Montes, Raiza & Shaira Andaya, Rohanne Gonzales, and Aimver Jane.

Said YOUTH CARE GROUP will be every Thursday and is open to all young people and their friends. Activities include Devotionals (Bible Study, singing, prayers), check-in sessions, fun & games, and fellowship. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Couples care group binds family ties stronger

A total number of 30 participants representing nine families benefitted from the FAMILY BONDING ACTIVITIES hosted by the COUPLES CARE GROUP at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday evening, July 5, 2023. There were 19 adults and 11 children. The families represented include the following: Ramos, Salud, Espinosa, Wagang, Bestre, Quezada, and Valdez. Spouses Simeon & Roseann Bothma of the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST were present and appreciated the gathering.

Spouses Dexter & Denise Wagang served as overall facilitators of the activities including a devotional and a number of fun & games. Said activities were based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9 accentuating on families bonded by a common love for the Almighty God. To God be the glory!Ω

Tuba seniors celebrate assoc's 15th anniversary

Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker for the celebration of the 15TH FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY of the TUBA POBLACION PROPER SENIOR CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION the other past Saturday, July 5, 2025. He discussed in the devotional message “EXPERIENCING THE GOODNESS OF GOD THROUGH WORK” based on Ecclesiastes 9:10. He underscored in his message the appreciation of labor opportunities, working with diligence and effort, and appreciating the gift of life and of labor. There were more than a hundred in attendance including some Barangay, Municipal, and Provincial officials. Sister Josie Selmo, president of the association, together with other officers conveyed appreciation for the devotional service. Thanks God for His goodness!Ω

A N N O U N C E M E N T S !

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — JULY 15, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME

• 11th ASPULAN FELLOWSHIP — PUGUIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LA TRINIDAD | SATURDAY, AUG. 23, 2025 | 8 AM—5 PM | REGISTRATION UNTIL JULY 31, 2025 | SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

• MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 @ 11 AM—2:30 PM | FACILITATORS: 3RD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP

• THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY CARE GROUP (TGIF CG)—TO BE HOSTED BY THE ROJO—PALAYPAYON FAMILY AT THEIR RESIDENCE ON TAMANGAN ROAD, IRISAN ON THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 @ 6:30—9:30 PM

• YOUTH CARE GROUP AT FLC—UPPER ROOM, INFINITEA CAFÉ, SESSION RD. | THURSDAYS @ 4:00—6:00 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..

Satan's Wiles

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”
(Ephesians 6:16)

Our goals as victorious warriors or even survivors in the battle at hand include neutralizing the enemy's tactics and defeating him. The Christian wants to live above the fray, being successful in his efforts to “quench all the fiery darts of the wicked,” as we saw in our text. The third verse of the hymn “Higher Ground” expresses this desire well.

I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

The passage surrounding our text captures the warrior's spirit well. The fighter is to don with care his entire armor (Ephesians 6:13) and protect his “loins girt about with truth” and wear the “breastplate of righteousness.” He must be protected from head to toe, “shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” (v. 14-15) and stand with the “helmet of salvation” on his head. The text gives further instructions, perhaps more important than all the others, for it instructs, “above all, taking the shield of faith.” **Our faith, our belief in God, and the knowledge of the Word of God provide the necessary and winning power for the battle.** “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith” (1 John 5:4).

The final item mentioned in this important passage is the **striving together of the saints for the common goal**, praying together and beseeching God for His blessings. “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:18) makes victory more certain in both the short run and the long. What bliss to catch the joyful sound of faithful saints on higher ground. JDM

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)

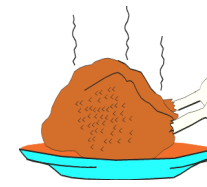
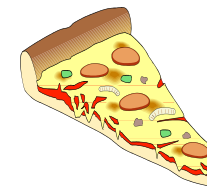
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- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
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- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement
& Spiritual Gifts
- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement:
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Biblical 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
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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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