

Servers Today, July 27, 2025

A Call to Watchfulness and Faith (Luke 22:47-62)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

Scripture Reading: KHEIF WALANG

Prayer for the Bread: O'NEIL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Giving: EZRA VALDEZ

Closing Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GLORI—TRINIDAD 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 August 3, 2025

The Mocking of the Son of God (Lk 22:63-23:12)

Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Invocation: NOEL ESPINOSA

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:1-6

Scripture Reading: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Bread: LEMUEL GLORI

Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: DONNEL GONZALES

Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG

Announcement: ARNAN 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 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.

“He who sends the storm steers the vessel.”

READ Psalm 46:1

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

July 20, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....126

YP EEZ.....19

CHILDREN.....24

GUESTS.....1

TOTAL.....170

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....9

GRADES 1-23

GRADES 3—4.....5

GRADES 5-6.....6

H.S.....13

COL/YAs.....17

ADULT Classes..100

TOTAL.....153

OFFERING

AM&PM: P50,686.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — JULY 29, 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 | REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE SHOULDERED BY MIDTOWN.

YOUTH CARE GROUP AT FLC— FAMILY LIFE CENTER AT THE UPPER ROOM, INFINITEA CAFÉ, SESSION RD. | THURSDAYS @ 4:00—6:00 PM | INVITE FRIENDS!

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..

• 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

*FELY ROJO

*NORMA ANDAYA

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*IAN PAJANTOY

*GASPAR NAWEW

*JERALD BACDY

*JEHMELOFRENEO

*DWYLA AMILA SIMON

*ABIGAIL RAMOS—DUMAOP

*SONNY GAROY

*RODOLFO ANDAYA

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)

*JOJO & JANET RAMOS (ISABELA & AMF CEBU)

*JESSE & RIZA BESTRE (AMF CEBU)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

PP-SG young adults visit Baguio peeps

Four young adults from the PASIR PANJANG (SINGAPORE) CHURCH OF CHRIST, namely, Yong Kean Sheng, Aaron Tan, Jan Lee, and Kweok Xiu En were in the city for a few days visit. MIDTOWN'S YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY had the opportunity of inviting them to the MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL held at Midtown's Assembly Hall last Wednesday evening, July 23. After a hearty singing, discussions focused on Discipleship. A fellowship meal followed thereafter enjoyed by around 20 young adults.

On Thursday, July 24, the Singaporean brethren spent an afternoon and evening of fellowship with dear Baguio brethren at the PERDIGON RESIDENCE, Kitma Village, this city. It was a great fellowship spent in games, conversations, and the sweet camaraderie of dear loving brethren.

The Singaporean brethren expressed heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome and hospitality they received, enough to keep them warm and cozy amidst a cold and stormy weather at the time of their Baguio visit. They left the city Saturday morning. Praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Midtown receives invitation to use WBS resources

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos, who has connected with the World Bible School (WBS), have posted on Midtown's various chat groups for brethren to take advantage of study helps and Group Bible Study methods. One of these is the MATHETIS GROUP BIBLE STUDY offered by the WBS. The word "Mathetes" (μαθητής) is a Greek word meaning disciple, learner, or pupil.

Brethren are encouraged to make use also of other resources offered by the World Bible School Library, a treasure chest of valuable online resources designed for personal study and enriching devotionals. To avail of said resources, just request spouses Jojo & Janet to share it to you. In fact, the same are now available through the chat groups, Midtown Equipping Ministry, Midtown's Evangelism Ministry, and Midtown church Forum. Or just log in to www.wbs.org.

Praise God for these opportunities. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Midtown brethren join Nangalisan brethren today

Today, brethren Greg Kitma and Ernie Wagang will be serving with the Nangalisan brethren in in the MONTHLY JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY & FELLOWSHIP of the Lasilas and Riverview congregations at the Assembly Place located at the RIVERVIEW WATER PARK, Nangalisan, Tuba. Their presence there is in response to the congregation's invitation for a special meeting to be done right after the Worship Assembly. The meeting is with regards to the Lord's work and the workers in the area.

Earlier, brothers Ezra Valdez and Ron Villaruz facilitated the HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP at Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba last July 11, 2025. On-going discussions every Friday meeting are based on the book of Job. To God be the glory!Ω

Midtown brethren to join AMF in Marco Polo Cebu

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos and spouses Jesse & Riza Bestre are registered to participate in the upcoming 62nd ASIAN MISSION FORUM (AMF) to be held at HOTEL MARCO POLO PLAZA in Cebu City on August 1—5, 2025. The AMF is a gathering of missionaries, evangelists, preachers, supporters of mission work, and other stakeholders in the Asian mission field. Participants will be coming from all over the world whose heart is for planting the seed of the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ in Asia. This year's theme is “BUILD THE KINGDOM TOGETHER.” Praises to God for the opportunity and for His goodness!Ω

Hardened Hearts

“For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.” (Joshua 11:20)

When read out of context, verses like this seem to contradict verses like John 3:16 that say God loves everyone. Details that help resolve this apparent contradiction also highlight the Lord's generosity.

Thousands of Israelites had been wandering in the wilderness for 40 years before Joshua led them to sack Jericho, Ai, and other pagan cities. The pagans knew what was coming. Rahab of Jericho said, “I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us....For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you” (Joshua 2:9-10).

Soon after, a cadre of nearby Gibeonites masqueraded as a faraway people in hopes it would preserve them. Joshua discovered their plot and asked them to explain it. The Gibeonites replied, “Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing” (Joshua 9:24).

If the Lord “certainly told” the Gibeonites about His plans, their neighbors likely knew, too. Yet they fought God instead of seeking Him—except for Rahab and her family, whom God preserved. **The Lord showed His generosity by informing the nations in the land of His intentions more than a generation ahead of time.** They refused to choose Him, so He hardened their hearts. Today, will we soften our hearts and live? BDT

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
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- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
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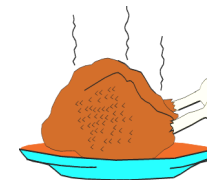
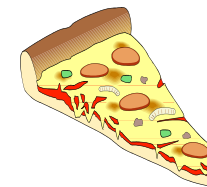
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :

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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. Cadoc
03 - Brian B. Colcol
06 - Joyen 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 Beliao
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
19 - Jon Victor D. Cabuenas
22 - Lady Angela B. Ramos
25 - Jan Michael Cirilo
25 - Corazon Gawe
25 - Louise Bawas
27 - Ruth Trinidad
27 - Sander Isaiiah Bestre
29 - Luke D. Cabuenas
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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