

Servers Today, August 10, 2025

The Suffering Servant

(Luke 23:13-25)

Speaker:

Jojo Ramos

Song Leader:

Jesse Bestre

Invocation:

Julius Rojo

Intercessory Prayer:

Jun Reyes

Communion Text:

Luke 22:14-20

Scripture Reading:

Sander Isaiah Bestre

Prayer for the Bread:

Maril A. Bayating Jr.

Prayer for the Cup:

Ira North Po

Prayer for the Giving:

Jerry Martin

Closing Prayer:

Greg Kitma

Announcement:

Andy Bestre

Afternoon Speaker:

Jojo Ramos

Song Leader:

Jesse Bestre

To Bring Flowers:

Jizza Mae Aquino

To Bring Biscuits:

C/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks:

C/o Midtown

Usher/ettes

Ramos 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 17, 2025

The Power of Love on the Cross

(Luke 23:26-38)

Speaker:

Greg Kitma

Song Leader:

Kajem Kitma

Invocation:

Jasper Perdigon

Intercessory Prayer:

Ezra Valdez

Communion Text:

Isaiah 53:1-6

Scripture Reading:

Ryu Albay

Prayer for the Bread:

Kemuel Perdigon

Prayer for the Cup:

Chris Oliva

Prayer for the Giving:

JJ Ramos

Closing Prayer:

Noel Espinosa

Announcement:

Arnab Bayla

Afternoon Speaker:

Greg Kitma

Song Leader:

Kajem Kitma

To Bring Flowers:

Kitma Care Group

To Bring Biscuits:

C/o Midtown

To Bring Drinks:

C/o Midtown

Usher/ettes

Kitma CG Ladies

Communion:

Me-an Gonzales

Worship Coordinator:

Ezra Valdez | Art Tacay

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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.

“There is deep joy in giving since what we receive is much more than what we give.”

READ 2 Corinthians 9:1-9

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Young adults CG decide to move on

Eleven participated in the MONTHLY YOUNG ADULTS CARE GROUP held at MIDTOWN' ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Those who made it include brethren Ezra Valdez, Kate Dereje, Amber Po, Dexter Wagang, Jizza Aquino, Melchi Aquino, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Christopher & Kesha Oliva, and Charis Bayla.

Brother Ezra Valdez facilitated a discussion on Decision Making specifically on “The Decision to MOVE Forward.” This lesson focused on learning how to move forward in life, even when facing difficult circumstances. Three key points were discussed, namely, 1. Let go of the past, 2. Trust God wholeheartedly, and 3. Be patient with God's timing. The key Bible verses used include Philippians 3:13–14, Proverbs 3:5–6, and Psalm 25:4–5. *The lesson encouraged the participants to keep pursuing their dreams, goals, and vision, despite challenges like fear, mistakes, and delays. Often, these seeming hindrances are treated by some as failure and end up discouraged or stuck. But with God, these setbacks can also be part of the process of moving forward.*” says brother Ezra. More so, obstacles may well be means to reassess and to realign one's dreams and goals to God's values, will, and leading. Praises to the Lord!Ω

Monthly ladies devo & fellowship this Saturday

All ladies are cordially invited to participate in the MONTHLY :LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP which will be held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL this Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM—2:30 PM.

In charge of the activity are members of the THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP which include sisters Janet Perdigon, Kana Valdez, Joyce Kitma, Luz Olidan, Lou Villanueva, Me-an Gonzales, Kesha Oliva, Amber Po, Angie Linggon, Jizza Aquino, Cristina Gawe, Josie Yapyapen, Lois Fermin, Sonia Cariño Abance, and Letty Wagang.

Meanwhile, the NAOMI MINISTRY, to be held on the same day will be attended by sisters Ruth Trinidad, Bing Roxas, and Trining Trinidad. Glory to the Lord !Ω

BCOC hosts BB joint monthly youth fellowship

Due to inclement weather, the MONTHLY BAGUIO—BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP supposed to have been held July 26, 2025 was held the other past Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, Rimando Road, this city. Brethren Ezra Valdez, Melchi Aquino, and MJ Dugaysan represented the Midtown congregation. This month's theme, “GENZEALOUS FOR CHRIST,” was reinforced by the lesson, CTRL+Z: RESETTING TO LIVE AUTHENTICALLY FOR CHRIST based on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

This month, there will be no monthly joint Care Group to give way to the 11TH ANNUAL ASPULAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP which will be held at the PUGUIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on August 23, 2025. All praises to God the Father in Christ Jesus!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

July 27, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....177

YP EEZ.....27

CHILDREN.....46

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....252

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....20

GRADES 1-2 .....9

GRADES 3—4.....9

GRADES 5-6.....6

H.S.....23

COL/YAs.....17

ADULT.....134

TOTAL.....218

OFFERING

AM&PM: P57,384.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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

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

• BAGUIO-BENGUET NAOMI MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP—AUGUST 16, 2025 @ 7 AM—3 PM | MEETING PLACE: ST. JOSEPH WAITING SHED, PACDAL CIRCLE @ 7 AM SHARP | ITINERARY: AMBUCLAU DAM, MT. CAMISONG, AND LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP AT CAFÉ STELLA, ITOGON | FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT SISTER RUTH TRINIDAD

• 11th ASPULAN FELLOWSHIP — PUGUIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LA TRINIDAD | SATURDAY, AUG. 23, 2025 | 8 AM—5 PM | REGISTRATION EXTENDED UNTIL TODAY, AUGUST 10, 2025.

• 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

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\*CLYDE ABANCE

\*MELBA LICUPA

\*NIDA GABRIEL

\*CHARLIE ABANCE

\*MARIL BAYATING, SR

\*EDDIE LAGSAMAN

\*KANA VALDEZ (SAFE PREG-NANCY)

\*JOVEN DOMASIG

\*TADDY & JUDE BAGGAO

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

\*MARILIZA ANDALLO

\*DIANA TAGUIBA

\*IAN PAJANTOY

\*GASPAR NAWEW

\*JERALD BACOF

\*JEHMELOFRENEO

\*DWYLA AMILA SIMON

\*ABIGAIL RAMOS—DUMAOP

\*RODOLFO ANDAYA

\*BETCHY LYNNE NORICO

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

\*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT


\*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS

\*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS

\*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

SAFETY:

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family matters

building grace-based relationships

Kitma family appreciate prayers during bereavement

The members of the Kitma family who have travelled to Calatagan, Batangas are now back home after having grieved for the passing away of their kin, ALEXANDER CALATAN KITMA. He was the older sibling of brethren Greg, Pat, and Janet, all active members of this congregation.

The KITMA FAMILY conveys their thanks for the condolences, monetary help, and prayers offered during their time of bereavement.Ω

THE  
MOCKING  
OF THE  
SON OF GOD

Luke 22:63-23:12  
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | Aug. 3, 2025

I.  
TAKING  
JESUS  
CHRIST  
FOR  
GRANTED  
IS MOCKING  
THE SON  
OF GOD

Luke 22:68-74

- MOCKERS TRIVIALIZE THE TASK OF JESUS CHRIST AS A PROPHET
  - "And they said many other insulting things to him."
  - Mockers make fun of God's messenger.
- MOCKERS TRIVIALIZE THE CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD
  - "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer."
  - Mockers do not believe whatever Jesus says instead of taking Him at His word.
- MOCKERS TRIVIALIZE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD
  - "Why do we need any more testimony?"
  - Mockers take Jesus' statement as false and blasphemous instead of as truth.

II.  
TAKING UP  
FALSE  
ACCUSATIONS  
AGAINST  
JESUS IS  
MOCKING  
THE SON  
OF GOD

Luke 23:1-7

- MOCKERS MAKE UP FALSE MATTERS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST
  - "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar..."
  - Mockers make up stories to discredit Jesus Christ to promote their own agenda.
- MOCKERS OPPOSE JESUS CHRIST'S CLAIMS AS CHRIST AND KING
  - "Claims to be Christ, a king..."
  - Mockers make use of Jesus' claims to incite rebellion, riot, and hatred.
- MOCKERS MAKE BAD A MATTER JESUS CHRIST'S TEACHINGS
  - "He stirs up the people all over Judaea by his teaching..."
  - Mockers claim that Jesus' teachings are bad (perverting, corrupting, misleading) for the nation.

III.  
TAKING  
JESUS  
CHRIST  
FOR  
ENTERTAINMENT  
IS MOCKING  
THE SON  
OF GOD

Luke 23:8-12

- MOCKERS REGARD JESUS AS A SOURCE OF PERSONAL AMUSEMENT
  - "Herod hoped to see him perform some miracle."
  - Mockers regards Jesus as a performer who can entertain and suit their fancy.
- MOCKERS REGARD JESUS AS A SUBJECT OF HUMOR OR COMEDY
  - "Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe..."
  - Mockers find Jesus as a strange oddity and a source of fun or a "butt of jokes."
- MOCKERS UNITE BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMON DISREGARD FOR JESUS
  - "That day Herod and Pilate became friends — before this they had been enemies..."
  - Mockers unite to oppose and get rid of Jesus.

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Psalm 1:1-3 NIV"

MOCKING.  
THE  
SON  
OF  
GOD

Luke 22:63-23:12

- TAKING JESUS CHRIST FOR GRANTED IS MOCKING THE SON OF GOD
  - Luke 22:63-71
- TAKING UP FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST JESUS CHRIST IS MOCKING THE SON OF GOD
  - Luke 23:1-7
- TAKING JESUS CHRIST FOR ENTERTAINMENT IS MOCKING THE SON OF GOD
  - Luke 23:8-12

APPLICATION:

- How and when do we take Jesus Christ for granted and thereby mocking Him?
  - When we do not believe whatever Jesus says instead of taking Him at His word.
  - When we take Jesus statements or words lightly instead of taking it seriously.
  - "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Gal 6:7-10 NIV

APPLICATION:

- How and when do we take up false accusations against Jesus and thereby mocking Him?
  - We mock God if we think we can fool God because we can fool others.
  - We mock God if we think we are more intelligent, more forward thinking, or more advanced than his Word.
  - When we doubt the Lord's power and go against him, questioning his authority and power in a way that is meant to undermine his claims and incite doubt in others.
  - "But when you ask God, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:6

APPLICATION:

- How and when do we take the Lord Jesus Christ for entertainment and thereby mocking Him?
  - When we serve the Lord in exchange for something to suit our fancy.
  - When we make jokes out of the Lord's names, and make "expressions" out of the Lord's names or identity.
  - When we make the Lord God less than our Lord by making Him like our "genie" as being capable of granting wishes when summoned.
  - When we unite with false teachers and promote our own agenda, desires, and preferences.
  - When we say we believe in the Lord and love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, strength, and yet we do not do what our Lord says.
  - "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? Luke 6:46

How and when do we mock our own Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

- When we do not believe whatever Jesus says instead of taking Him at His word.
- When we take Jesus statements or words lightly instead of taking it seriously.
- We mock God if we think we can fool God because we can fool others.
- We mock God if we think we are more intelligent, more forward thinking, or more advanced than his Word.
- When we serve the Lord in exchange for something to suit our fancy or make Him to be like a genie.
- When we say we believe in the Lord and love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, strength, and yet we do not do what our Lord says.

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[VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

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  - C. Jesus the Savior
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  - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
  - E. The Cost of Discipleship
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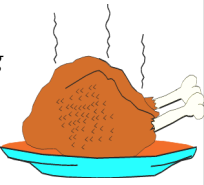
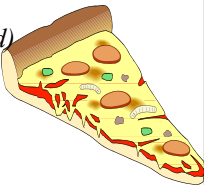
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



August  
Celebrators

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre  
01 - Lorena Ariston-Baban  
02 - Aubrey Abance-Flores  
03 - Pia Guelles  
03- Ronald Villaruz  
04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa  
04 - Kendall Alvarez  
07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.  
07 - Renzo W. Allaria  
08 - Melina Igoy  
08 - Belen A. Navalta (deceased)  
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10 - Sarah M. Sameon  
10 - Janet K. Perdigon  
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12 - Fely R. Rojo  
15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin  
15 - Jacob U. Donato  
16 - Llona Manalo  
16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia  
17 - Pia T. Lopez  
20 - Norma B. Abance  
20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew  
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23 - James Kevin O. Cadiz  
24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.  
25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio  
26 - Keshia Kitma-Oliva  
26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane  
27 - Jill B. Cados-Bugnay  
28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang  
29 - Jacinth K. Perdigon  
31 - Rodeliza Q. Enecillo



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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