

Servers Today, 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: ARNAN 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

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 24, 2025

Effects of Jesus' Ultimate Act of Sacrifice (Luke 23:39-56)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:9-14

Scripture Reading: LIAM ANDRE SALUD

Prayer for the Bread: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: SOL PALAYPAYON

Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

To Bring Flowers: CECILIA ALVAREZ

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: PALAYPAYON FAMILY

Communion: ME-AN GONZALES

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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.

“Love is not passive but actively seeks the well-being and salvation of others.”

READ 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

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24 attend monthly ladies devo & luncheon fellowship

Twenty-four participated in this month’s MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP facilitated by the THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday, August 16, 2025. Sister Kana Valdez served as devotional speaker on “REMOVING MY HEART MASK” based on Luke 15:11-32 and Matthew 21:28-32. The discussion underscored striving for authenticity in relationships and interactions. Those who made it include sisters Fely Flores, Mabel Sunggay, Laarni Salud, Lori Austria, Norma Andaya, Charmaine Rivera, Charisse Fabia, Hakea Balbaloza, Josie Yapyapen, Luz Olidan, Minda Oliva, Kesha Oliva, Janet Perdigon, Joyce Kitma, Virgie Baldo, Carina Lacaba, Dinah Austria, Jane & Pearl Bestre, Lou Villanueva, Norma Aping, Clarita Cachero, Kana Valdez, and Nelly Bayla. Meanwhile, sisters Ruth Trinidad, Bing Roxas, and Trining Trinidad, joined the road trip and fellowship activity of the NAOMI MINISTRY, a ministry for widows in the church, held last Saturday, August 16. The group visited Ambuclao and Binga Dams, Mt. Camisong, and culminated with a fellowship meal at Café Stella in Itogon. All praises, glory, and honor to the Almighty God!Ω

23rd BB ladies fellowship calls for early registration

All ladies are cordially invited to participate in the BAGUIO—BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP which will be held at the auditorium of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST on November 29, 2025 at 8:00 AM—4:00 PM. This year’s host congregation, A-HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST, has chosen the theme, “UNWRAPPING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS” based on Romans 12:6-8. They have also chosen a theme song, “TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE.” For logistic reasons, the organizers request the following: That interested participants register early—from August 10 until October 30, 2025; Walk-ins are discouraged; Wear modest apparel with any shades of blue; and No children allowed in the event. Registration Fee is P250.00 which will cover snacks and lunch. Sign-up sheets now on the bulletin board. Glory to the Lord!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

August 10, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....230

YP EEZ.....31

CHILDREN.....50

GUESTS.....3

TOTAL.....314

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRE SCHOOL.....22

GRADES 1-2 .....9

GRADES 3—4.....8

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S.....28

COL/YAs.....21

ADULT.....203

TOTAL.....299

OFFERING

AM&PM: P79,978.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — AUGUST 19, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING — AUGUST 19, 2025 | 2:45 PM

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

11th ASPULAN FELLOWSHIP — PUGUIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LA TRINIDAD | SAT, AUG. 23, 2025 | 8 AM

23rd BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP — HOST: A-HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST | VENUE: BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, RIMANDO RD. | NOV 29, 2025 | REGISTRATION: AUG 10—OCT 30, 2025

48th NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT —HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | VENUE: HOTEL SUPREME CONVENTION PLAZA | MAY 19—22, 2026 | REGISTRATION FEE: P7,500.00 | MORE DETAILS SOON!

CONDOLENCES—TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE BERNARDO QUEZADA, FATHER OF BRO SAM QUEZADA

• 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

\*CRISTINO SACAYANAN

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

\*MARILIZA ANDALLO

\*DIANA TAGUIBA

\*IAN PAJANTOY

\*GASPAR NAWEW

\*JERALD BACOY

\*JEHMEL OFRENEO

\*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

SAFE TRAVEL:

\*EZRA VALDEZ & FAMILY (SINGAPORE, AUG-21-25)



Midtown brethren serve with sister congregations

Spouses Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan served with the congregation in Pobalcion, Lingayen, Pangasinan last Sunday, August 10, 2025. Brother Felix served as Sermon Speaker. Earlier, the couple visited brother Leo Caburao, one of the ministers serving the ALAMINOS CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST and brother Federico Lopez Sr., a preacher serving the Burgos congregation. The opportunity of visiting them came after having attended a wedding in the area. Meanwhile, brother Gil Geron served as Sermon Speaker at the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST in Naguilian, La Union last Sunday, August 10, 2025.Ω

Brother Jojo Ramos embarks as director of WBS-Asia

Brother Jojo Ramos has announced in the latest TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM that he has been officially assigned as director of WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL—ASIA (WBS-ASIA). Owing to the ever-increasing demand for prepared materials and resources for sound gospel preaching in Asia, this is the first time WBS is having such position. At the moment, the partnership forged between brother Jojo Ramos and WBS is with the FAMILY LIFE CENTER, a ministry directed by brother Jojo. He will soon be presenting proposals and opportunities for partnership with Midtown in a meeting with the elders and deacons. All praises to God the Father in Christ Jesus!Ω

# Fire in the Bones

“Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.” (Jeremiah 20:9)

When God's Word really becomes a part of one's soul, that one can never be the same again. Dejected Jeremiah said in his imprisonment, “The word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily” (Jeremiah 20:8). So, he said, “I will not...speak any more in his name.” But he could not quit! God's Word was burning in his bones, and he had to let it out. “Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?” (Jeremiah 23:29).

The psalmist David had a similar testimony. “I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue” (Psalm 39:2-3). When the resurrected Christ “expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself,” the two disciples from Emmaus later testified, **“Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”** (Luke 24:27, 32).

Of all the symbols applied in the Scriptures to God's Word, that of fire is the most awe-inspiring. **Fire was not a discovery of some primitive man, as evolutionists imagine, but it has always been an instrument of God's judgment**, from the flaming sword in Eden (Genesis 3:24) to the lake of fire in hell (Revelation 21:8). In fact, God Himself is said to be “a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:29).

**The word of fire in the burning heart cannot be contained but must be proclaimed at any cost.** As Paul acknowledged, “Necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” (1 Corinthians 9:16). 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

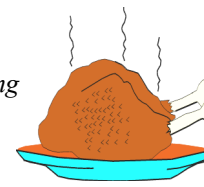
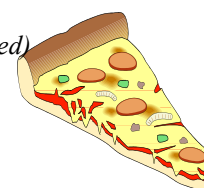
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



## 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)  
09 - Kheif Walang  
10 - Sarah M. Sameon  
10 - Janet K. Perdigon  
11 - Manolo A. Bayla  
12 - Fely R. Rojo  
15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin  
15 - Jacob U. Donato  
16 - Llonal Manalo  
16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia  
17 - Pia T. Lopez  
20 - Norma B. Abance  
20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew  
20 - Jennifer Yaneza  
23 - Anthony R. Wagang  
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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