

Servers Today, 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: LEMUEL GLOR

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

Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | LEM GLORI

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 31, 2025

The Empty Tomb: A Call to Belief (Luke 24:1-12)

Speaker: O'NEIL GONZALES

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

Invocation: JUN REYES

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE

Prayer for the Bread: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Cup: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Giving: JERRY MARTIN

Closing Prayer: MARIL P. BAYATING SR.

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: O'NEIL GONZALES

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GONZALES 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.

"We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we spend."

READ 2 Corinthians 12:14-15

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

August 17, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....191

YP EEZ.....28

CHILDREN.....50

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....271

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....20

GRADES 1-27

GRADES 3-4.....13

GRADES 5-6.....9

H.S.....28

COL/YAs.....18

ADULT.....152

TOTAL.....244

OFFERING

AM&PM: P60,375.00

• 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)

*OFELIA ABANCE

*TADDY & JUDE BAGGAO

*CRISTINO SACAYANAN

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*IAN PAJANTOY

*GASPAR NAWEW

*JERALD BACOY

*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

SAFE TRAVEL:

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

*FELIX JR. & LUZ OLIDAN (NANGALISAN CHURCH OF CHRIST)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — AUGUST 26, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME

JOINT YAs & COUPLES CARE GROUP — BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER EPP FACILITY | MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025 | 3:00 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. 25, 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!

22 thankful of Naomi ministry to widows

Twenty-two ladies including widows and carers of widows participated in the road trip adventure of the BAGUIO—BENGUET NAOMI MINISTRY held the other past Saturday, August 16, 2025. Participants from Midtown include sisters Ruth Trinidad, Bing Buendia—Roxas, and Trinidad Cayading Trinidad.

The widows were treated to a tour to AMBUCLAO DAM in Bokod, MT. CAMISONG, and CAFÉ STELLA in Itogon. Sister Rebecca Ciencia—Celera sponsored the adventure. She serves as benefactor of the said ministry to widows of the church which she founded a number of years ago.

A short devotional was held right after a Luncheon Fellowship at Mt. Camisong Forest Park & Events, Itogon. Sister Cheryl Tanicala—Roldan, one of the carers, served as DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER. She discussed “THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN” based on Proverbs 31:10-31 which is a beautiful acrostic poem, praising the woman's dedication to her family, her work ethic, her wisdom, and her fear of the Lord. All praises, glory, and honor to the Almighty God!Ω

11th Aspulan moved to national heroes day

Due to an unforeseen development, the 11TH ANNUAL ASPULAN INTER-CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP will be moved from Saturday, August 23 to Monday, August 25, 2025, a national public holiday in celebration of NATIONAL HEROES DAY. There is no change in venue which is the PUGUIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL located at the corner of Pico—Lamtang Road and Buyagan—Pico Road, Puguis Proper, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Those who signed up to join the event are advised to confirm attendance with the church secretary, sister Angela Ramos not later than today. Those who are interested to still join, given the change in date, are most welcome to register with sister Angela today.

Registration fees of Midtown attendees will be shouldered by Midtown. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Midtown's deacon invited to speak in LT and Clark

At the invitation of fellow workers in the Lord's vineyard, spouses Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan will be out of town for a couple of Sundays to serve with sister congregations. On August 31, brother Felix will be serving as sermon speaker in the Worship Assembly of the LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST located in Puguis, La Trinidad. On September 7, he will also be speaking at the CLARK CHURCH OF CHRIST located at 66 23rd St., Barangay Malabánias, Angeles City, Pampanga.

Today, the Olidans are serving at the JOINT WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the Nangalisan congregations (Lasilas & Riverview) at the Riverview Water Park, Nangalisan, Tuba. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Midtown minister presides devotional in vigil service

Last August 20, 2025, brother Arnan Bayla, together with Midtown brethren, Faculty & Staff, Parents and pupils of BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC), conducted a DEVOTIONAL SERVICE at the Resurrection Memorial Chapels to comfort the bereaved family of the late Mrs. JOSEPHINE EUSTAQUIO. She succumbed to an illness on August 19 at the age of 63. She was the grandmother and guardian of a Grade 6 pupil of BPFLC, Castiel Achilles Gerard M. Eustaquio, and is also known to brethren whose children study at BPFLC.

The EUSTAQUIO FAMILY expressed appreciation for the prayers, messages, songs of faith, and support rendered during their time of bereavement. Glory to God!Ω

APPRECIATING THE EFFECTS OF JESUS' ULTIMATE ACT OF SACRIFICE

Luke 23:39-56

Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | Aug. 24, 2025

EFFECTS OF JESUS' ULTIMATE ACT OF SACRIFICE

Luke 23:39-56

- IT CAUSED A HARDENED SINNER TO BELIEVE AND TO REPENT
 - Luke 23:39-43
- IT CAUSED A MAN OF AUTHORITY TO PRAISE GOD AND TO TESTIFY
 - Luke 23:44-49
- IT CAUSED A SECRET DISCIPLE TO PUBLICLY CONFESS FAITH
 - Luke 23:50-56

I. IT CAUSED A HARDENED SINNER TO BELIEVE AND REPENT

Luke 23:39-43

- A CRIMINAL CONFESSES ONE'S OWN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
 - *"We are punished justly."*
 - A sinner realizes and repents of one's condition.
- A CRIMINAL CONFESSES BELIEF IN THE INNOCENCE OF THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST
 - *"But this man has done nothing wrong."*
 - A sinner realizes the blamelessness of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, a sacrifice.
- A CRIMINAL CONFESSES FAITH IN THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST
 - *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*
 - A sinner professes faith in Jesus Christ as King and desires to be in His kingdom.

II. IT CAUSED A MAN OF AUTHORITY TO PRAISE GOD AND TO TESTIFY

Luke 23:44-49

- THE CENTURION BECAME AN EYEWITNESS TO AN AMAZING EVENT
 - *"The centurion, seeing what had happened..."*
 - A man of authority sees the truth unfold before his very eyes.
- THE CENTURION BECAME A WORSHIPER OF GOD
 - *"The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God..."*
 - A man of authority acknowledges and praises God.
- THE CENTURION BECAME A WITNESS OF THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST
 - *"Surely this was a righteous man." Or, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matt 27:54, Mark 15:39)*
 - A man of authority recognized that Jesus was no ordinary man but is divine.

III. IT CAUSED A SECRET DISCIPLE TO PUBLICLY CONFESS FAITH

Luke 23:50-56

- JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA COURAGEOUSLY REQUESTS FOR CHRIST'S BODY
 - *"Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body."*
 - Joseph's request was an act demonstrating desire to be associated with Jesus.
- JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA TOOK THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MIND JESUS' BODY
 - *"Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth..."*
 - Joseph's act demonstrated his willingness to take risk and go beyond what is comfortable for his love for Jesus Christ.
- JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA GIVES HIS TOMB FOR THE LORD'S BODY
 - *"And placed it in a tomb cut in the rock..."*
 - Joseph's act demonstrated his loyalty and allegiance to Christ.

How and when can we demonstrate the effects of the Lord's sacrifice on us?

1. Because of the Lord's sacrifice, we ought to let go of our hardened hearts, and allow the message to make us repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Are we willing to let go of our hardened hearts?
2. Because of the Lord's sacrifice, we ought to let go of our own control and authority over our own selves, and to willingly surrender or submit to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. Are we willing to let go of our own control and authority over our own selves?
3. Because of the Lord's sacrifice, we ought to let go of our timidity, reasons, and excuses, to show our loyalty and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ. Are we willing to let go of our timidity, reasons, and excuses?

APPLICATION:

1. As disciples of Jesus Christ, how and when do we demonstrate the effects of the Lord's sacrifice on us?
 - When we are aware and conscious of our own misgivings, shortcomings, faults, and sins and readily act to address these matters with repentance, restitution, and redemption.
 - When we consciously want to be blameless by aligning our thoughts, speech, and deeds to that of our Master's will, desire, and guidance.
 - When we consciously behave as persons who are submissive to the authority of the Lord of lords and the King of kings, truly willing to set aside one's own will.
 - *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."* Isaiah 55:8

APPLICATION:

2. As disciples of Jesus Christ, how and when do we demonstrate the effects of the Lord's sacrifice on us?
 - When we allow the truth unfold before our very eyes by way of the revealed word of God, the Bible.
 - When we readily praise or worship the Lord God Almighty for everything that happens in our lives knowing that He is in ultimate control over us.
 - When we proclaim what we profess as disciples of Christ, i.e., to preach Christ and Him crucified so that others may believe and obey the Lord Jesus as the only way to the Father in Heaven.
 - *"But Peter and John replied, 'Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. 20 For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'" Acts 4:19-20*

APPLICATION:

3. As disciples of Jesus Christ, how and when do we demonstrate the effects of the Lord's sacrifice on us?
 - When we dare risk uncertainty, danger, and persecution by proclaiming our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - When we eagerly demonstrate our love for the Lord without any hesitation, by way of obedience, knowing that He gave His life as a ransom for many.
 - When we remain faithful and true to Jesus and His church despite discouraging developments and to not become like the disciples who, momentarily, had largely abandoned Jesus during his trial and crucifixion.
 - *"So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God..." 2 Timothy 1:8*

“Are we willing to show our love to God by offering our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God?”

Romans 12:1 NIV

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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

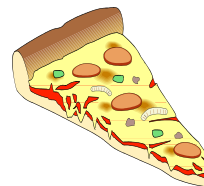
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



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 (+)
 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 - Llonna 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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