

Servers Today, August 3, 2025

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

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

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: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

To Bring Flowers: AUBREY FLORES

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: MONTES FAMILY

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 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: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: RAMOS 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 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 no limit to the amount of good one can do if one doesn’t care who gets the credit.”

READ Matthew 20:25-28

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LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD
July 27, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....168

YP EEZ.....28

CHILDREN.....38

GUESTS.....1

TOTAL.....235

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....18

GRADES 1-26

GRADES 3—4.....8

GRADES 5-6.....5

H.S.....25

COL/YAs.....18

ADULT.....118

TOTAL.....198

OFFERING

AM&PM: P52,242.00

• 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

*FELY ROJO

*NORMA ANDAYA

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

SAFETY:

*JOJO & JANET RAMOS (AMF CEBU)

*JESSE & RIZA BESTRE (AMF CEBU)

*KITMAS (TO & FROM BATANGAS)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — AUGUST 5, 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: AMBUCLAO 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 |

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..

Young Bestre tenders resignation due relocation

Due to unforeseen events, brother Jesse Reuben Bestre, one of Midtown’s ministers, has tendered his resignation from his post lately. The same has been received and deliberated by the elders and deacons in a recent meeting with him. In the meeting, the body has agreed to accept the resignation with the stipulation that brother Jesse is welcome to reapply for the post anytime. The resignation took effect on July 31, 2025.

Brother Jesse and his wife Riza will soon be relocating to Binondo, Manila to look after sister Riza’s mother. Brother Jesse expressed that while he has resigned, he and his wife will continue to serve in current various ministry involvement. As time allows and as opportunities arise, the couple will be more than willing to remain connected with ministries at Midtown, but due to circumstances, they most likely will be involved in a congregation in the Metro Manila area.

The Midtown congregation unceasingly prays for the new endeavors of the couple. The Lord’s strength be with you!Ω

Midtown welcomes WBS personnel in TCF

Last week, a personnel of the WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL (WBS) has come to the city of Baguio to meet spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos to forge a partnership with the FAMILY LIFE CENTER. During the visit, brother Ron attended last Sunday’s evening WORSHIP ASSEMBLY as well as the latest TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM (TCF). He has expressed appreciation for the many good things he has heard about the Midtown congregation.

Brother Ron Potberg is involved with WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL (WBS) as an INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE. He has been involved with WBS for many years, including serving on the board and in various operational and international relations roles. He also has extensive experience in missionary work, particularly in Africa, and has worked with the Malawi Project on agricultural outreach programs. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Kitma family travels to Batangas to console bereaved

A number of the members of the Kitma family have travelled to Calatagan, Batangas, last weekend to mourn with as well as to console the immediate family of the late Alexander Calatan Kitma. He was the sibling of brethren Greg, Pat, and Janet, all active members of this congregation. They will be in Batangas all throughout until the funeral service this week.

The deceased battled with stage 4 lung cancer for sometime and has succumbed to it on July 31, 2025 at the age of 68.

The Midtown congregation conveys deep sympathies to the family and prays for comfort as well as for their safe travel to and from Batangas. Again, our deepest sympathies and condolences!Ω

Midtown brethren visit cancer patient at BGHMC

Last Wednesday afternoon of July 30, 2025, a number of Midtown brethren, namely Arnan & A-mark Bayla, Trining Trinidad, together with Victoria Lerio (sister Trining’s friend and relative) made a visit to Mrs. Betchy Lynne Norico, a cancer patient confined at the BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER (BGHMC) since July 16. She was scheduled for a procedure August 1, 2025. She and her watcher were appreciative of the prayers lifted up on her behalf as well as for the benevolence received from the congregation. Sister Trining also expressed her thanks for Midtown’s support and prayers for her grandniece. All praises to God for His goodness!Ω

For Our Transgressions

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

The 53rd chapter of Isaiah (actually, the chapter should begin at Isaiah 52:13) **contains the clearest and fullest exposition of the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ for our sins** to be found in all the Bible. Our text verse is the central verse of this chapter, which, in turn, is the central chapter of Isaiah's second division, chapters 40–66.

Although the chapter and verse divisions of the Bible were not part of the original inspired text, it almost seems that some of them (notably here in Isaiah) were somehow providentially guided. Part 1 of Isaiah contains 39 chapters and part 2 has 27 chapters, just as the Old and New Testaments have 39 and 27 books, respectively. Likewise, the major themes of the two Testaments—law and judgment in the Old, grace and salvation in the New—respectively dominate the two divisions of Isaiah. Many other correlations can be discerned—for example, the second division begins with the prophecy of John the Baptist and ends with the prophecy of the new heavens and the new earth, just as the New Testament does.

Be that as it may, this central verse of the central chapter of Isaiah's salvation division surely displays the very heart of the gospel. Christ was “wounded” (literally “thrust through,” as with great spikes) and “bruised” (literally “crushed to death”) for our sins.

On the other hand, we receive “peace” with God because He was chastised (i.e., “disciplined”) in our place, and we are forever “healed” of our lethal sin-sickness because He received the “stripes” (i.e., great welts caused by severe blows) that should have been ours. What wondrous love is this! 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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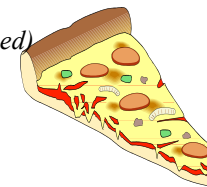
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



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 - Llona Manalo
16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia
17 - Pia T. Lopez
20 - Norma B. Abance
20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew
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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