

Servers Today, August 31, 2025

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

Speaker: O'NEIL GONZALES

Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA

Invocation: GREG KITMA

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: SONIA CASTILLO—ABANCE

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GONZALES 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 September 7, 2025

The Scriptures: Where Understanding & Faith Meet (Luke 24:13-27)

Speaker: JUN REYES

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:1-6

Scripture Reading: LHUKE GERON

Prayer for the Bread: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Cup: O'NEIL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: SAMUEL QUEZADA

Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: JUN REYES

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

To Bring Flowers: JIZZA MAE AQUINO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY

Communion: KESHA OLIVA

Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | LEM GLORI

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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.

“A fruitful tree bows down naturally because of the weight of its fruits and to make its fruits accessible to others.”

READ Colossians 3:12

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

August 24, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....197

YP EEZ.....28

CHILDREN.....52

GUESTS.....15

TOTAL.....293

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....23

GRADES 1-2 .....7

GRADES 3—4.....11

GRADES 5-6.....8

H.S.....26

COL/YAs.....14

ADULT.....167

TOTAL.....256

OFFERING

AM&PM: P70,323.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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

• MONTHLY YOUTH CARE GROUP — MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | TODAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 | 12:00—4PM

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

• 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!

• 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

\*ALEXIS SUNGGAY

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:

\*FELIX JR. & LUZ OLIDAN (LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST)

\*JOJO & JANET RAMOS (BOKOD CHURCH OF CHRIST)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

27 participate in joint YAs and couples CG

Taking advantage of the holiday last Monday, the COUPLES CARE GROUP and the YOUNG ADULTS had a JOINT DEVOTIONAL AND GATHERING at Midtown's Assembly Hall afternoon of August 25, 2025. Twenty-seven participants appreciated the event including spouses Chris & Kesha Oliva, Anthony & Laarni Salud, Gil & Diana Geron, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Mervin & Kat Oliva, together with brethren Dexter Wagang, Ron Villaruz, Aldian Po, Maureen Soriano, Amber Po, and Jizza Mae Aquino representing the YAs. Five children were also present. Spouses Richard & Pearl Bestre served as facilitators and host. Discussions revolved on “FROM REGRET TO RESILIENCE: LIVING WITH BAD LIFE CHOICES” based on Proverbs 3:5-6. The occasion also celebrated the 18TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY of spouses Richard & Pearl Bestre as well as the celebration of birth anniversaries of a number of Young Adults. All praises, glory, and honor to the Almighty God!Ω

500 + crowd Aspulan on national heroes day

The 11TH ANNUAL ASPULAN INTER-CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP was successfully held last Monday, August 25, 2025, a national public holiday in celebration of NATIONAL HEROES DAY. Over five hundred registered participants crowded the venue at the PUGUIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL located at the corner of Pico—Lamtang Road and Buyagan—Pico Road, Puguis Proper, La Trinidad, Benguet. Most of the congregations in the Baguio—Benguet area were represented. Midtown was represented by brethren Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan, Maribel Sunggay, Alexis Sunggay, Norma Aping, Carina Lacaba, Cora Ozo, Clarita Cachero, Beth Sevilla, Fely Flores, Cecilia Alvarez, and Minda Oliva. The host congregation, the LA TRINIDAD CHURCH OF CHRIST, expressed their thanks to the attendees for their active participation and their contribution to the orderly conduct of the event in addition to the mutual encouragement. Glory and praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

FLC care group moves on even on holiday

Midtown's Young People and their friends continue to gather at the FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC) at the Upper Room of INFINITEA CAFÉ, Session Road every Thursday at 4:30—6:00 PM. A good number of youth gathered the other past Thursday, August 21, a national holiday, for the usual devotional and to celebrate birth anniversaries. Brother Jeremie Craig Licupa served as the devotional speaker. Meanwhile, all young people are encouraged to bring friends as they attend the FLC Care Group. Currently, the group studies APOLOGETICS, or how to defend the Gospel (1 Peter 3:15-16). Along with the studies, students are engaged in group dynamics and in the sharing of experiences and insights. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Evangelism ministry to focus in Poblacion Tuba

Midtown's EVANGELISM MINISTRY has pinpointed BARANGAY POBLACION in nearby MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA as part of its evangelistic involvement. With a fairly good number of Midtown members residing in the area, it is believed that evangelistic activities will be advantageously facilitated. The EVANGELISM MONTH will be launched on October 2025. Before that, brethren are urged to pray for the plans and the implementation thereof. Glory to God!Ω

# The Return to the Upper Room

“And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room....These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.” (Acts 1:13-14)

What a myriad of thoughts must have been swirling through the believers' heads as they walked back to Jerusalem after Christ ascended into heaven. They had many enemies in Jerusalem, but they walked fearlessly because He who claimed “all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18) promised that “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (v. 20). They obediently assembled in “an upper room” (literally “the” upper room) to wait and pray.

Notice who is present. The list includes the 11 remaining disciples, reassembled after scattering. Peter, who had denied the Lord, had gained sweet forgiveness; doubting Thomas had his skepticisms answered; and John was there, the “disciple whom Jesus loved.” But even he had deserted his Lord in the garden as the soldiers came.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. She had raised Him as a completely loving and obedient child only to see Him ridiculed and opposed. She anguished as only a mother could, seeing Him hanging on the tree, but her anguish had been quelled. At least two of her other sons were there, presumably New Testament authors James and Jude. Earlier, they had scoffed, but now they understood. Other women were also present, those who were the last ones at the cross and the first to see Him once the tomb had yielded up its dead. The entire group can be pictured as a trophy of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

**They gathered together in perfect “accord,” a common bond of faith and purpose, praying and petitioning God for His will and power.** Might we not see many examples for our lives and prayers in these verses?  
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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

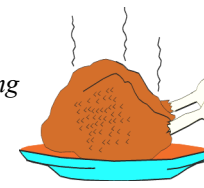
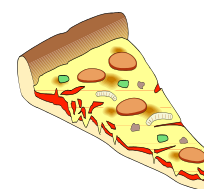
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



## 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 - 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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