

Servers Today, September 14, 2025

The Burning Heart: Experiencing the Risen Christ (Luke 24:28-43)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation: ART TACAY

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: ROMANS 12:1-5

Scripture Reading: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Cup: RICHARD BESTRE

Prayer for the Giving: MERVIN OLIVA

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: WAGANG FAMILY

Communion: KESHA OLIVA

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 21, 2025

The Disciples' New Understanding (Luke 24:44-46)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

Scripture Reading: HASEO DALANG

Prayer for the Bread: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: MARK QUIZANA

Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: DORIS MADTIS

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: AUSTRIA 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 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.

"The best evidence that we have met the living Christ is that we have the most exciting story to share with others."

READ Romans 1:14-16

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

September 7, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....186

YP EEZ.....24

CHILDREN.....52

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....264

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....20

GRADES 1-26

GRADES 3—4.....12

GRADES 5-6.....11

H.S.....20

COL/YAs.....18

ADULT.....154

TOTAL.....244

OFFERING

AM&PM: P68,845.00

• 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)

*TADDY & JUDE BAGGAO

*CRISTINO SACAYANAN

*MARGARET YANG

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

*MARILIZA ANDALLO

*DIANA TAGUIBA

*IAN PAJANTOY

*GASPAR NAWEW

*JERALD BACOV

*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:

*FELIX JR. & LUZ OLIDAN , GERON, ROJO , & PALAYPAYON , GLORI FAMILIES (NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST)

*IAN NAWEW & ARCHERY TEAM (S. KOREA)

*BPFLC FACULTY & STAFF (EDUACTORS CONGRESS, CEBU, SEPT. 18-20)

Age appropriate seats to be provided for kids' use

As recommended by the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY and approved by the CHURCH FORUM last Tuesday, all children especially the younger ones will be given age-appropriate chairs for their use during the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY. This is believed to help children be able to find their proper place. Seats will be positioned nearest to their parents or guardians.

In this regard, parents and guardians are encouraged to orient their children to use their seats as much as possible.

Also, dear brethren are humbly requested to occupy vacant seats in the front rows. Moreover, when finding a seat, please take the vacant seat next to an occupied one so as not to leave seats vacant in between two seated persons. This way, everyone will easily find a seat without hesitation. It can also signal hospitality and foster a welcoming spirit. All praises, glory, and honor to the Almighty God!Ω

Monthly ladies devo & fellowship this Saturday

Come Saturday, September 20, 2025, all ladies are cordially invited to participate in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP at Midtown's Assembly Hall. The THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP composed of sisters Janet Perdigon, Kana Valdez, Joyce Kitma, Luz Olidan, Lou Villanueva, Me-an Gonzales, Kesha Oliva, Amber Po, Angie Linggon, Jizza Aquino, Tina Gawwe, Josie Yapyapen, Lois Fermin, Sonia Cariño Abance, and Letty Wagang are preparing for this worthy endeavor.

Meanwhile the ladies are encouraged to register early for the upcoming BAGUIO—BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP which will be held at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST on November 29, 2025.

Also, as Midtown will be hosting the NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT next year, Midtown ladies are expected to be the first ones to register. Kindly mark your calendars and sign up on the Sign—Up Sheets posted on the board. Glory to the Almighty God!Ω

Olidans serve with brethren at Clark church of Christ

Spouses Felix Jr. and Luz Olidan served as invited GUEST SPEAKERS in the celebration of the 57TH ANNIVERSARY of the CLARK CHURCH OF CHRIST in Angeles, Pampanga last September 7, 2025. The anniversary theme, "Together for His Glory!" was based on Romans 15:6. Brother Felix served as SERMON SPEAKER on the topic in the congregation's morning worship assembly. In the afternoon, after a LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP with the congregation, sister Luz Olidan served as speaker on the same topic for the LADIES DEVOTIONAL. The congregation expressed their appreciation to the Olidans for serving the Lord with them.

Today, the Olidans together with the Gerons, Rojos, and Palaypayons are serving with the brethren in Naguilian, La Union. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Latest SA posted on bulletin board FYI

For the information of the congregation, the latest STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT (SA) reflecting the SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS in the first two months of the 3RD QUARTER is now posted on BULLETIN BOARD.

The FINANCE MINISTRY represented by brother Greg Kitma and sister Angela Ramos has prepared the statement showing the faithful stewardship of the Midtown congregation. For the praise, glory, and honor of the Lord God Almighty alone!Ω

A N N O U N C E M E N T S !

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — SEPTEMBER 16, 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!

1st MEN'S RETREAT — OCTOBER 14,15,16, 2025 | BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST | 7:00AM—10:00 PM | ALL MEN ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND | REGISTRATION FEE OF MIDTOWN MEMBERS TO BE HANDLED BY MIDTOWN | PLEASE SIGN UP UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.

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!

MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP — SEPT. 20, 2025 | 11:30 AM—2:30 PM

THE BURNING HEART: EXPERIENCING THE RISEN CHRIST

Luke 24:28-43

Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | Sept. 14, 2025

I. THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOGNIZED THE RISEN CHRIST

Luke 24:28-32

- BURNING HEARTS MADE THE DISCIPLES INVITE THE LORD JESUS
 - "But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us...'"
 - The disciples are naturally drawn to the Lord Jesus.
- BURNING HEARTS LED THE DISCIPLES TO RECOGNIZE THE LORD JESUS
 - "Their eyes were opened and they recognized him."
 - The disciples are adept in recognizing the Lord.
- BURNING HEARTS COME WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURES
 - "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"
 - The disciples are awakened to the truth of God's Word and is filled with a passionate desire for Him.

II. THE TWO DISCIPLES SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE REGARDING THE RISEN CHRIST

Luke 24:33-35

- BURNING HEARTS MADE THE DISCIPLES BELIEVE, REPENT, AND TAKE ACTION
 - "They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem."
 - The disciples realized something urgent - providing crucial evidence to other disciples who had not yet seen Jesus themselves.
- BURNING HEARTS MADE THE DISCIPLES CONFIRM & TESTIFY ABOUT THE TRUTH
 - "saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen...'"
 - The disciples talked about something all-important - the truth that Jesus had risen.
- BURNING HEARTS MADE THE DISCIPLES TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE
 - "Then the two told what had happened..."
 - The disciples recounted when they recognized the Lord Jesus - when Jesus broke the bread.

III. THE DISCIPLES WERE CONVINCED ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Luke 24:36-43

- SLOW OF HEART BRINGS ABOUT FEAR
 - "Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"
 - All the other disciples heard from Jesus a most assuring greeting but remained terrified.
- SLOW OF HEART BRINGS ABOUT DOUBT
 - "Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see."
 - All the other disciples saw with their own eyes the evidence of the risen Jesus but doubted.
- SLOW OF HEART MAKES LACK OF EVIDENCE
 - "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence."
 - All the other disciples were given every evidence to be convinced of the Lord's resurrection.

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Sometimes I think, "I will make no mention of his message. I will not speak as his messenger any more." But then his message becomes like a fire locked up inside of me, burning in my heart and soul. I grow weary of trying to hold it in; I cannot contain it.

Jeremiah 20:9 NET

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THE BURNING HEART: EXPERIENCING THE RISEN CHRIST

Luke 23:39-56

- THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOGNIZED THE RESURRECTED CHRIST
 - Luke 24:28-32
- THE TWO DISCIPLES SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE REGARDING THE RISEN CHRIST
 - Luke 24:33-35
- THE DISCIPLES WERE CONVINCED ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST
 - Luke 24:36-43

APPLICATION:

- Are we disciples with 'burning hearts' or with deep conviction who readily recognize the lordship of Jesus?
 - Are we developing a welcoming spirit to the Lord's leading and to His thoughts and His ways?
 - Are we developing a keen discernment of the Lord's perspective making us recognize what is by the Lord, of the Lord, in the Lord, and for the Lord?
 - Are we marked by a deep hunger for His Word, a fervent desire for prayer, an unquenchable thirst for righteousness, and one yearning to glorify Christ and not one's self?
 - "My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, like a weary land where there is no water. So I have looked for you in the sanctuary, to see your power and your glory." (Ps 63:1-2)

APPLICATION:

- Are we disciples with 'burning hearts' who zealously share our experience about the Lord Jesus?
 - When in recognizing the urgency of helping others to believe and not doubt the claims of Christ, are we apt to provide crucial evidence from the Word?
 - When in standing for truth and in contending for the faith in the Savior Jesus and in His redemptive work, do we emphasize the victory of Jesus?
 - When in partaking of the Communion or the Lord's Supper, do we realize our sins, faults, shortcomings, and flaws...and do we repent...and take action?
 - "That is why the Lord says, 'Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me all your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, mourning. 13 Let your remorse tear at your hearts and not your garments.'" Joel 2:12-13 TLB

APPLICATION:

- How do we know we are disciples who are 'slow of heart' and are losing a 'burning heart'?
 - When, despite the promises of the Lord, do we remain fearful or anxious to take steps in obeying the Lord and His commands, instructions, and guidance?
 - When, despite the evidences, do we remain skeptical or in doubt about matters of faith and our thoughts consumed by the daily grind, insecurities, and fears, rather than by focusing on Jesus?
 - When we think, work, and act, do we rely or trust on physical evidence or circumstances, human understanding, connections, or what our senses tell us rather than in God and in His word and promises?
 - Are we walking by sight and not by faith?
 - "For we live by faith and not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

How and when do we experience the risen Christ?

- When we readily recognize the lordship of Christ and develop a welcoming spirit to the Lord's leading and to His thoughts and to His ways making us recognize what is by the Lord, of the Lord, in the Lord, and for the Lord. The challenge is - who controls me? Myself or God?
- When we zealously share the Gospel of Christ knowing it is the power unto salvation that makes us realize our sins, our faults, our shortcomings, and our flaws, and thereby repent and take action. The challenge is - are we so convinced of this that we share the Gospel?
- When we confidently act according to faith such that our work is produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. The challenge is - will we live by sight or by faith?

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)

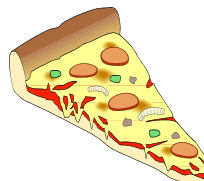
- LESSON NO. 1 - Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 - Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 - Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 - Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 - Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 - Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 - My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
- 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

September Celebrators

01 - Micah Jane T. Banatao
 02 - Elpidio Mariano
 03 - Katrina B. Oliva
 04 - Edgar Enecillo
 05 - Josephine W. Selmo
 06 - Jemuel S. Reyes
 07 - Michael A. Yang
 08 - Helen Lajmaria-Gonzales
 09 - Ellen B. Bugnay
 10 - Alma C. Reyes
 11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
 12 - Mahaysha Kitma-Ramos
 13 - Julieann Terry P. Badecao
 14 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
 15 - Kristine B. Sameon
 16 - Sonia Castillo Abance
 17 - Abraham Insas
 18 - Sixto B. Aqas
 19 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
 20 - Aracelli Pelle
 21 - Jeremiah Gawe
 22 - Hannah B. Ignacio
 23 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
 24 - Jhovrick Baban
 25 - Elen Colcol
 26 - Arturo Apambulo
 27 - Leemar P. Simon
 28 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
 29 - Faith A. Bayating
 30 - Emelda G. Bugtong
 31 - Fallyn Campoas
 32 - Mark Wagang
 33 - Joyce A. Kitma
 34 - Virgie D. Baldo
 35 - Jonathan A. Ramos
 36 - Jerry Martin
 37 - Kathryn Booc
 38 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
 39 - Celia A. Cirilo
 40 - Thea Marie B. Austria
 41 - Lawrence B. Austria
 42 - Rommel P. Nierves
 43 - Aricka G. Basto
 44 - Dan-Gil Geron
 45 - Nainer P. Nawew
 46 - Glen M. Gawe
 47 - Zelfa Baoid



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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