

Servers Today, 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

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 28, 2025

A Promise Fulfilled, A Mission Begins (Luke 24:47-53)

Guest Speaker: KEN WILKEY

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: JULIUS ROJO

Communion Text: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Scripture Reading: RYU ALBAY

Prayer for the Bread: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Prayer for the Cup: LEMUEL GLORI

Prayer for the Giving: MARIL A. BAYATING JR.

Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA

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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.

"Great moves in life are usually preceded by simple acts of obedience."

READ John 2:1-11

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

September 14, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....166

YP EEZ.....23

CHILDREN.....48

GUESTS.....3

TOTAL.....240

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....15

GRADES 1-28

GRADES 3—4.....11

GRADES 5-6.....11

H.S.....23

COL/YAs.....15

ADULT.....139

TOTAL.....222

OFFERING

AM&PM: P50,017.00

• 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 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:

*KEN WILKEY, JACK WILKINSON, AND COMPANY

*DORIS MADTIS (BACK TO CANADA)

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

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — SEPTEMBER 23, 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!

Special class next Sunday with Wilkey & Wilkinson

Next Sunday, September 28th, Midtown will be welcoming brother Kenneth Wilkey, a long-time missionary in the Philippines together with brother Jack Wilkinson, a young professional who has the heart in missions. In line with this, all Adult Classes including the YAs are expected to join the symposium or special class on “IDENTITY & PURPOSE” at the Midtown Assembly Hall at 9:30—10:30 AM. On the other hand, brother Ken Wilkey will serve as Sermon Speaker on “THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH” at 10:45—11:15 AM.

A LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP to meet and greet the speakers will ensue after the morning worship assembly. After which, brother Jack Wilkinson will be speaking with the Young People during the MONTHLY YOUTH CARE GROUP at 1—4 PM. All praises, glory, and honor to the Almighty God!Ω

24 participate in young adults monthly care group

Twenty-four YOUNG ADULTS including two children participated in the MONTHLY YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP & CARE GROUP at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday evening of September 13, 2024. Those who made it include Jizza & Melchi Aquino, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Chris & Kesha Oliya, Aldian & Amber Po, Dexter & Denise Wagang, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Jasper & Kemuel Perdigon, Janriel Abance, Angela Ramos, Renzo Allaria, Maureen Soriano, and Ron Villaruz. The two kids were Lhuke & Padmei Geron.

Brother Aldian Po served as speaker in the Devotional in which he discussed “GAINING A HEART OF WISDOM” based on Psalm 90:12. He reiterated “ARE WE WISE IN IN WHAT WE THINK, SAY, AND DO?” Glory to the Almighty God!Ω

Midtown brethren serve with Naguilian brethren

A good number of Midtown brethren served at the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST at Barangay Imelda, Naguilian, La Union last Sunday, September 14th. The group included the Geron Family together with spouses Felix Jr & Luz Olidan, Julius & Fely Rojo, Sol & Lani Palaypayon, Lemuel & Vangie Glori, and brother Jun Reyes. Brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as SERMON SPEAKER while brothers Gil Geron and Julius Rojo served as prayer leaders. Brother Dan-gil Geron served as songleader while brother Sol Palaypayon led in prayer in the LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP.

The Naguilian brethren expressed appreciation for the visit which greatly encouraged them. They also appreciated the message of brother Felix Olidan Jr. who challenged them TO LOOK FOR THE BEST LIFE based on 1 Peter 3:8-12 by having the RIGHT ATTITUDE AND THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO THE RIGHT STANDARD which is the Word of God. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Bestre presides in Irisan thanksgiving devotional

Brother Andy Bestre served as devotional speaker during the celebration of the 5th birth anniversary of MEAGHAN YANG, youngest child of spouses Michael & Margaret Yang, at the DEMETER'S GARDEN, Ambayao Road, Barangay Irisan, this city the other past Saturday, September 13, 2025. He encouraged well wishers and the family to “Train up a child in the way of the Lord.”

A number of brethren, namely, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos, Andy & Jane Bestre, Dexter & Denise Wagang and family, Ezra & Kana and family, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, A-mark Bayla, Sixto. Aoas, Kesha Oliya, Carina Lacaba, Claire Cachero, Norma Aping, and the Alvarezes blessed the occasion. For the praise, glory, and honor of the Lord God Almighty alone!Ω

The Writing of God

“And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.” (Exodus 32:16)

In this verse is the first occurrence in the Bible of the word “writing” and, appropriately enough, **it is speaking of “the writing of God” rather than the writings of men.** The reference, of course, is to the two tables of the law, the Ten Commandments, “written with the finger of God” (Exodus 31:18) and rewritten on a second set of stone tables to replace the first after they were shattered (Exodus 34:1).

All Scripture is divinely inspired, but the Ten Commandments were divinely inscribed! This testimony of their unique importance is a sobering condemnation of any who ignore them or distort their meaning.

But there is another writing of God—this one recorded in the New Testament, one of even greater personal significance to the Christian: **“Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ...written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart”** (2 Corinthians 3:3). No longer is there an external standard divinely engraved in stone by the finger of God but an internal conviction inscribed in the heart by the Spirit of God! “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them” (Hebrews 10:16).

This remarkable writing of God’s law in our hearts and minds has been accomplished because Christ came not “to destroy, but to fulfill” the law (Matthew 5:17) and “hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us” (Galatians 3:13). Now, with the law in our hearts, we have become epistles of God, “known and read of all men” (2 Corinthians 3:2), and it is vital that the writing read true and clear through our lives. HMM

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES [VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

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- 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
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- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ’s New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

B. SEEKER’S LESSONS (6)

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- 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?

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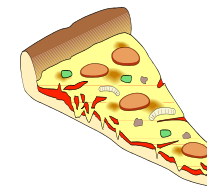
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- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
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- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an 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 L. Maria-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 - Leomar P. Simon
28 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
29 - Faith A. Bayating
30 - Emelda G. Bugtong
31 - Failyne Campoas
32 - Mark Wagang
33 - Joyce A. Kitma
34 - Virgie D. Baldo
35 - Jonathan A. Ramos
36 - Jerry Martin
37 - Kathlyn 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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