

Servers Today, 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: LHAKE 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

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 14, 2025

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

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

Invocation: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: ROMANS 12:1-5

Scripture Reading: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: KAJEM KITMA

Prayer for the Cup: JULIUS ROJO

Prayer for the Giving: SOL PALAYPAYON

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE

To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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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.

“Faith is the conviction of things unseen and the assurance of things hoped for with scripture providing the foundation for faith through the word of Christ.”

READ Hebrews 11:1 & Romans 10:17

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1st Men's national retreat to be held in Baguio in October

An invitation to attend the 1ST NATIONAL MEN’S RETREAT had been recently received by the congregation which cordially invites men of all ages to attend the retreat which will be held at the facilities of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST and PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE on Rimando Road, this city on October 14, 15, 16, 2025. Said activity is organized by brethren in the CALABARZON Region who had already been doing the activity seventeen times since 2015, and now will be opened to brethren nationwide.

In line with this, the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM which falls on October 14th will be suspended to give way to the activity since most of the men attending the TCF intend to participate in the retreat. Interested men of the Midtown congregation are advised to sign up on the SIGN—UP SHEET on the BULLETIN BOARD not later than September 15, 2025. The Registration Fee of P2,000.00 per Midtown participant will be shouldered by Midtown. All praises, glory, and honor to the Almighty God!Ω

BPFLC alumnus receives Christ Jesus in baptism

MARCSON DOJAN ABANCE WALANG, second son of spouses Mark & Daryle Jane Abance—Walang was baptized by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown’s baptistery evening of August 30, 2025. Marcson, a recent graduate of BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER, had studied the SCHEME OF REDEMPTION under brother Arnan’s Bible Class. He also had a refresher course on the SEEKERS’S LESSONS before finally deciding to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour in baptism. This young man had also been attending MIDTOWN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

His baptism was witnessed by a good number of brethren in addition to his parents and siblings. He was also given a brand new Bible courtesy of World Bible School.

The Midtown congregation welcomes the youngest disciple in the congregation as well as praises the Lord God Almighty for this development. Brother Marcson will soon take up the NEW LIFE LESSON SERIES with brother Arnan Bayla in the opportune time. Glory to the Almighty God!Ω

Youth care group held on Baguio day

Taking advantage of the local holiday in celebration of BAGUIO DAY last September 1, 2025, a good number of young people gathered for a picnic at CAMP JOHN HAY for their MONTHLY CARE GROUP from late morning to mid-afternoon. Brother Ezra Valdez facilitated the devotional on “HIGH HOPES” based on 1 Timothy 6:10. The study underscored that true ambition must be purpose-driven and rooted in serving God and our fellowmen.

Those who made it include brethren Liam Salud, Riyu Albay, Sherman Bestre, Dylan Luis, Josh Darius Martin, Kheif Walang, Marcson Walang, Lougai Fermin, Raiza Andaya, Shaira Andaya, Jacinth Perdigon, and Laisha Montes. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Young lady baptized in Bokod last Sunday

During the visit to the Bokod congregation by spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos last Sunday, August 31, sister FLORENCE WAIS was baptized into Christ after having studied the Gospel with sister Lady Janet Ramos. Sister Florence is a daughter-in-law of brother Fausto Wais, one of the servant—leaders of the Bokod congregation.

There were thirty brethren gathered in brother Alfonso’s house for worship and fellowship last Sunday. A number of visiting preachers were also present. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD

August 31, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....183

YP EEZ.....28

CHILDREN.....50

GUESTS.....3

TOTAL.....264

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....20

GRADES 1-2 .....9

GRADES 3—4.....11

GRADES 5-6.....9

H.S.....21

COL/YAs.....18

ADULT.....157

TOTAL.....245

OFFERING

AM&PM: P69,596.00

• 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

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*CARMEN VILLANUEVA

\*MARILIZA ANDALLO

\*DIANA TAGUIBA

\*IAN PAJANTOY

\*GASPAR NAWEW

\*JERALD BACOV

\*JEHMELO 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 (CLARK CHURCH OF CHRIST)

\*DELS DUMAWA (BACK TO USA)

\*JESS PERDIGON (BACK TO UK)

\*IAN NAWEW & ARCHERY TEAM (S. KOREA)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — SEPTEMBER 9, 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!

# Milk or Meat

“For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”  
(Hebrews 5:13-14)

The Scriptures are compared in these verses to our daily food—milk and meat. Milk is the necessary food for babies (1 Peter 2:2), but it becomes grotesque when a baby continues year after year as a baby, still incapable of partaking of anything but milk. This was the case with the Corinthian Christians who were, according to Paul, “babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 3:1-2). It was also true for the Hebrew Christians: “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again...the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat” (Hebrews 5:12).

Sad to say, this is still the situation with many “Christian people” today, even in so called “Bible-believing churches.” This is indicated not only by the many carnal divisions between them (1 Corinthians 3:3), but even more by the frothy nature of the Christian materials they read, **almost always centered on introspective personal relationships rather than on the person of Christ, the deeper truths of Scripture, and the great purposes of God.** The time spent in personal Bible study is minimal, and even most sermons repeatedly serve up milk for Christian babes rather than strong meat for spiritually healthy Christians “of full age” whose “senses” have already been strengthened by use to recognize the true and the false, the good and the evil. **How urgently we need to heed the last words of the apostle Peter just before his martyrdom: “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). HMM**

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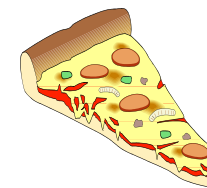
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1

## September Celebrators

01 - Micah Jane T. Banatao  
02 - Elpidio Mariano  
03 - Katrina B. Oliva  
04 - Edgar Enechillo  
05 - Josephine W. Selmo  
06 - Jemuel S. Reyes  
07 - Michael A. Yang  
08 - Helen Lamaria-Gonzales  
09 - Ellen B. Bugnay  
10 - Alma C. Reyes  
11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III  
12 - Mahaysha W. Kitma  
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 - 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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