

Servers Today, October 19, 2025

The Christian and Temptations (James 1:12-18)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: NOEL ESPINOSA

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: 1 PETER 1:22—2:3

Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Bread: O'NEIL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE

Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JEREMIAH GAWE

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: PERDIGON 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 October 26, 2025

Being Slow to Wrath (James 1:19-20)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: ART TACAY

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10

Scripture Reading: JEREMY CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Bread: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Cup: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: KHEIF WALANG

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS

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Usher/ettes: AUSTRIA FAMILY

Communion: KESHA OLIVA

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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.

"In all temptations let us consider not what it offers, but what we shall lose."

READ Proverbs 14:12

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

October 12, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....193

YP EEZ.....21

CHILDREN.....45

GUESTS.....3

TOTAL.....262

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....19

GRADES 1-26

GRADES 3—4.....12

GRADES 5-6.....7

H.S.....17

COL/YAs.....20

ADULT.....160

TOTAL.....231

OFFERING

AM&PM: P60,731.00

• 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

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*TADDY & JUDE BAGGAO

*TRINING TRINIDAD

*RON VILLARUZ

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

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*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

*ADDITIONAL ELDERS & DEACONS

*48TH NLR PREPARATIONS

*EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

SAFE TRAVEL:

*ERNIE & LETTY WAGANG (USA)

*JOJO RAMOS & COMPANY (MISSION TRIP TO MINDANAO)

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

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — RESUMES OCTOBER 21, 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!

TRIBUTE TO THE GRADUATES — FOR AY 2024-2025 GRADUATES IN PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL, VOCATIONAL, AND COLLEGE | NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | PLEASE CONTACT BROTHER EZRA VALDEZ FOR MORE DETAILS AND FOR INCLUSION. THANK YOU!

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!

Over 200 participate in first men's retreat in BGO

Around Two Hundred Fifty young and seasoned men representing around eighty congregations participated in the first ever NATIONAL MEN'S RETREAT in the country which was held at the facilities of the PHILIPPINE BIBLE COLLEGE and the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, Rimando Road, this city on October 14—16, 2025. Many of the participants represented congregations and Bible schools in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Participants were able to catch the imperative of becoming BROTHERS' KEEPERS, the theme of the retreat. A number of Group Dynamics and individual activities throughout the retreat helped participants make an introspection in light with their being men of God in Christ Jesus. Ample opportunities were made available for warm fellowship and encouraging camaraderie. Thanks to the organizers and the cooperation of the participants, which embodied the proverb, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17).

Registered Midtown participants include brothers Noel Espinosa, Greg Kitma, Felix Olidan Jr., Arnan Bayla, Jojo Ramos, Ernie Wagang, Andy Bestre, Frank Valdez, Dodoy Sameon, and Jesse Bestre. Thanks be to God Almighty!Ω

ERRATUM

In last Sunday's issue of the MIDTOWN INFORMER on the news about the SINGING CLASS held October 11th, some participants were inadvertently missed and one was not supposed to be included. It should read: "Those who made to the training include brethren Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Andy, Richard, Sherman, Sander, & Seth Bestre, Angeline Linggon, Evelyn Ignacio, Beth Sevilla, Maribel, Alexis & Nica Sunggay, Norma Andaya, Charmaine Rivera, Sati Balballoza, Maureen Soriano, Melchi Aquino, Angela Ramos, Arnan Bayla, Noel Espinosa, Amber Po, and Chris Oliva. Apologies from the MI Editorial Staff, thank you.Ω

YA's discuss worldview in monthly care group

A good number of young adults attended the MONTHLY YA's CARE GROUP held at MIDTOWN's ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday evening of October 11, 2025. Those who made it to the fellowship include brethren Aldian & Amber Po, Dan-Gil & Lala Geron, Maureen Soriano, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Ron Villaruz, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Dexter & Denise Wagang, Kate Dereje, Charis Bayla, and Angela Ramos. A number of children were around including Lhuke & Padmei Geron, Gavin Wagang, and Seth Bestre.

Brother Janriel Abance facilitated the discussions in which he emphasized that one's worldview affects attitudes towards others, the church, relationships, and personal growth. But having a BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW proves to provide the best framework for understanding the world and guiding actions, goals, and relationships.

Meanwhile, a few weeks earlier, the MONTHLY COUPLES CARE GROUP held last September 20, 2025 at Midtown's Assembly Hall was attended by spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Gil & Diana Geron, Dan & Lala Geron, Dexter & Den Wagang and sister Lulu Bondoc. Spouses Ezra and Kana Valdez facilitated the discussion that focused on the topic "SEASONS OF LOVE" citing 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. After which, the couples were divided into two groups to share which definition of love they find challenging during the different phases of their marriage. The activity led each participant in an examination of one's own thoughts and feelings about God's faithfulness over their marriage relationship. The Lord bless you and keep you!Ω

THE CHRISTIAN AND TEMPTATIONS

(James 1:12-18)
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, BTh, EdD

INTRODUCTION: One of the greatest challenge in living a Christian life is dealing with "temptations", particularly for the new and inactive members of the church. It is disgusting to know that after our sins have been forgiven, yet we find ourselves beset by temptations and that persist in committing them!

I. A PROMISE (James 1:12)

- Blessed is the man who endures temptations. The Greek word for "blessed," "*makarios*" meaning "happy or blessed" appears several times in the Scriptures. It signifies special favors associated by Divine grace which is displayed in the beatitude sermon of Jesus in Matthew chapter 5.
- When they are done, the doer will receive the "Crown of Life".
 - >The promise is to receive "eternal life"
 - >The promise is given in Tit. 1:2 "in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began."
 - >The promise is given to those who demonstrated their love to God thru endurance against temptations.

II. ORIGIN OF HUMAN TEMPTATIONS (James 1:13-15)

- From the Devil (Eph. 6:11, Jas. 4:7)-the devil as an adversary, of God, who seeks to alienate believers through deception and temptations.
- From the Desires and Lusts of our human nature (Jas. 1:14, 15)
- From the World (1 Jn. 2:16)- the allures of worldly system and values that oppose God's Will can lead us away from God.

III. WARNING OF HUMAN TEMPTATIONS (James 1:13)

- Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God!"
 - >That is, to Blame God of their temptations
 - >For God is HOLY
 - >He cannot be TEMPTED by evil
 - >He does not TEMPT anyone to do evil

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF YIELDING TO TEMPTATIONS (James 1:15)

- Separation from God (Isaiah 59:2)-Yielding to temptation results in sin.
- Spiritual Death (Rom. 6:23)-The ultimate consequence of sin.
- Loss of Peace and Joy (Ps. 51:12) -Sin disrupts the inner peace and joy on account of disobedience.
- Relationship Consequences (2 Sam. 11:1-4) -Yielding to temptation always damage relationships with others.
- Hardened Heart (Heb. 3:13) - Repeated yielding to temptation can lead to a hardened heart, making it more difficult to repent and return to God.
- Divine Discipline (Heb. 12:6) -God disciplines those who yield to temptations as a means to correct and restore. The Bible consistently warns of serious consequences of yielding to temptations, urging believers to remain vigilant and rely on God's strength to resist evil actions through prayers!

V. GIVER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS (James 1:16-18)

- God is the source of Good and Perfect gifts (Jas. 1:17).
- It was His Own Will that redeems us from sin.
- Through the "Word of Truth" (the gospel) 1 Pet. 1:22, 23
- God would not tempt us with evil! In fact, God gives us insights to consciousness of sin.

CONCLUSION: In James 1:12-18, we find reassuring words of: A promise to those who endure temptations, Knowledge on the origin of human temptations, Warning against human temptations, Consequences of yielding to temptations and God is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. **AMEN?**

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:
 - God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - Where Will Your Life End?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

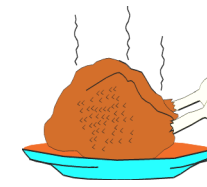
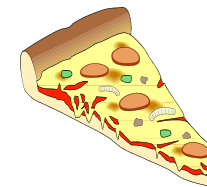
- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
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To 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

October Celebrators

01 - Katrina Dereje
 03 - Gladness Rajanan
 03 - Kemuel Perdigon
 04 - O'Neil M. Gonzales
 04 - Nelly Bayla
 04 - Rossana Ozo
 04 - Josh Darius Martin
 06 - Johnny Payangdo Jr.
 06 - Wilson Abance
 07 - Erin Sarah Sameon
 08 - Arturo Tacay
 09 - Rod Tada
 09 - Earl Tristan Sameon
 10 - Eleonor Garoy
 10 - Jasmine Chappot
 11 - Danielle Rosa Tan
 12 - Octavio Abance
 13 - Wrendel Macam
 15 - Rose Acosta
 15 - Richard Bestre
 16 - Rodrigo Bondoc
 17 - Jizza K. Abance
 22 - Wynell Roncal
 23 - Lemuel Glori
 23 - Ofelia Abance
 24 - Jeady Jewel D. Igoy
 25 - Lani Palaypayon
 27 - Laisha Clarisse Montes
 28 - Cyndyleen Macam
 28 - Charisse Fabia
 29 - Sarah Elepane
 29 - Lera R. Humakey
 29 - Clyde Abance
 29 - Joel Quirimit
 31 - Erika Mariano



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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