

Servers Today, November 30, 2025

Let Not Many Become Teachers (James 3:1-12)

Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Afternoon Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

ARNAN BAYLA

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

SAMUEL QUEZADA

LEMUEL GLORI

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-8A

LIAM ANDRE' SALUD

DONNEL GONZALES

JERRY MARTIN

GIL GERON

DODOY SAMEON

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

ARNAN BAYLA

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GERON FAMILY

Communion:

Worship Coordinator:

NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA

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 December 7, 2025

Heavenly Wisdom vs. Earthly Wisdom (James 3:13-18)

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O'NEIL GONZALES

MERVIN OLIVA

DEXTER WAGANG

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

ROMANS 6:1-10

RENZO ALARIA

JASPER PERDIGON

KAJEM KITMA

NOEL ESPINOSA

MARIL P. BAYATING SR.

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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 tongue has no bones, but is strong enough to break a heart."

READ Proverbs 15:4

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

November 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....198

YPEEZ.....28

CHILDREN.....33

GUESTS.....3

TOTAL.....262

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....13

GRADES 1-24

GRADES 3-4.....7

GRADES 5-6.....5

H.S.....22

COL/YAs.....18

ADULT.....165

TOTAL.....234

OFFERING

AM&PM: P76,361.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• CHURCH PLANNING & FORUM — DECEMBER 2, 2025 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• FREE MARKET— COMING UP AT MIDTOWN HALL IN DECEMBER! | BRING DONATED ITEMS TO MIDTOWN.

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

• YEAREND BONUS FOR CHURCH STAFF — VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE ON NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 7, 2025 | CHURCH STAFF INCLUDES 2 MINISTERS, 1 SECRETARY, AND 1 PART-TIME TREASURER

• 23rd BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP — HOST: A-HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST | VENUE: BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, RIMANDO RD. | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025 | 8 AM—5PM

• 48th NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | VENUE: HOTEL SUPREME CONVENTION PLAZA | MAY 19—22, 2026 | EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: P7,500.00 UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2026.

• 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

*CHARLIE ABANCE

*MARIL BAYATING, SR

*EDDIE LAGSAMAN

*TADDY & JUDE BAGGAO

*RON VILLARUZ

*AIDA SAINGAN

*MEGUELITA Q. ABARIAL

*GAVIN WAGANG

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*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

*ADDITIONAL ELDERS & DEACONS

*48TH NLR PREPARATIONS

SAFE TRAVEL:

*JOJO & JANET RAMOS (JAPAN)

*MELISSA LICUPA (RP-US-RP)

*ANGIE & ABE LINGGON and HANNAH IGNACIO (FLIGHT ON DEC 8 BOUND FOR USA)

Midtown brethren serve in Cabanatuan fellowship

A number of brethren from Midtown, namely, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos and Jesse & Riza Bestre, served as speakers in the recent 5TH NUEVA ECIIA FELLOWSHIP & LECTURESHIP held at the SPARKLES EVENTS PLACE located at Barangay Talipapa, Cabanatuan City, on November 22, 2025. The CABANATUAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, a congregation established in 1998 with the help of the Midtown congregation, hosted the event. The speakers delivered lessons on the Theme: BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST, based on the book of Ephesians. Brother Jojo Ramos spoke to the men on “LEADING THE BODY OF CHRIST” based on Ephesians 4:11-13; 5:25-33. He also did the CONCLUDING TALK & OPEN FORUM right after the Luncheon Fellowship. Meanwhile, sister Janet Ramos spoke to the ladies on “NURTURING THE BODY OF CHRIST” based on Ephesians 4:16; 4:25-32; 5:21-24. Spouses Jesse & Riza Bestre served as facilitators for the YOUNG PEOPLE on “GROWING UP IN THE BODY OF CHRIST” based on Ephesians 4:14-15; 5:1-2; 6:1-4. Last Sunday, November 23, brother Jesse Bestre served as SERMON SPEAKER in the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the Cabanatuan congregation held at their Meeting Place at the residence of brother June Abaya at Barangay Pamaldan, Cabanatuan City.

Young people's care group & despedida this afternoon

All young people are cordially invited to stay for the MONTHLY YOUNG PEOPLE’S DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP. Besides the usual DEVOTIONAL and CHECK-IN SESSIONS, the gathering will also include a DESPEDIDA OR SEND-OFF FELLOWSHIP for brother Abe Linggon and sister Hannah Ignacio who are migrating to the USA together with sister Angie Linggon on December 8, 2025. All of Midtown would surely miss them, but the congregation’s support, prayers, and love as well as God’s blessings go with them wherever they go (Deut. 31:8). As the song goes, “God bless you, go with God for all eternity. My prayer will always be, May you go with God!” The Midtown family thanks and praises the Lord God Almighty for these dearly beloved brethren who have actively served with the congregation for many years. Again, as the song goes, “Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.” Bon Voyage! God bless you!Ω

Overall, the event was successful with an attendance over 200 representing 22 congregations in the area. One precious soul was baptized into Christ during the occasion. The Cabanatuan congregation expressed their appreciation to the Midtown church for the fellowship and partnership through the years. In another development, spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos served as speakers at the EQUIP Ministry Lectureship held at the CCT TAGAYTAY RETREAT & TRAINING CENTER last Friday & Saturday, November 28-29. Brother JoJo Ramos spoke to the men while sister Janet Ramos spoke to the ladies. May the Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Retreat for TCF, SS teachers & volunteers on Dec 8th

All SUNDAY SCHOOL teachers and MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS together with the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM are enjoined to participate in a SPIRITUAL RETREAT to be held at the RAI RAI BEACH RESORT on Monday, December 8, 2025. Please confirm participation with sister Kesha Oliva, designated event coordinator not later than Tuesday, December 2nd. For God’s glory and praise!Ω

HEEDING THE WARNING: LET NOT MANY BECOME TEACHERS

James 3:1-12

Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | November 30, 2025

I. CONSIDER THE EXACTING JUDGMENT FOR TEACHERS

James 3:1-2

- ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRICTER JUDGMENT IMPOSED ON TEACHERS
 - "We who teach will be judged more strictly."
 - This is a caution to be concerned about because teachers are accountable for what they say and do.
- ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EVERYBODY STUMBLE IN MANY WAYS, EVEN TEACHERS
 - "We all stumble in many ways."
 - This is a fact to admit and to reflect on.
- ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANYONE CAN BE AT FAULT IN SPEECH, INCLUDING TEACHERS
 - "If anyone is never at fault in what he says..."
 - This is a possibility to think about, pray about, and work out.

II. CONSIDER THE CONTROLLING POWER OF THE TONGUE

James 3:3-5

- CONSIDER THE CORRELATION OF THE TONGUE TO THE BIT IN A HORSE'S MOUTH
 - "When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal."
 - The tongue, though small, can rule a person's whole life.
- CONSIDER THE CORRELATION OF THE TONGUE TO THE RUDDER THAT STEERS THE SHIP
 - "A tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go..."
 - The tongue, though small, can set the direction or the course of one's life.
- CONSIDER THE CORRELATION OF SPEECH TO A SPARK OF FIRE
 - "A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark."
 - The tongue, though small, can cause vast devastation with a few careless words.

III. CONSIDER THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF THE TONGUE

James 3:6-12

- BEWARE OF THE TONGUE AS A RESTLESS EVIL FULL OF DEADLY POISON.
 - "But the human tongue can be tamed by no man."
 - As human willpower is insufficient to tame the tongue, only God can bring it under control.
- BEWARE OF THE TONGUE AS A SOURCE OF CONTRADICTION
 - "Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing."
 - As James warns, this should not be, instead only speak to bless or to edify.
- BEWARE OF THE TONGUE'S ABILITY TO CORRUPT THE WHOLE PERSON
 - "The tongue corrupts the whole person..."
 - As James warns, it is fueled by a sinful and unrighteous source, hell.

"I tell you that on the day of judgment, people will give an account for every worthless word they speak. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Matt 12:36-37 NET

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APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Jesus Christ, what attitude is required of us in our speech knowing the stricter judgment for teachers?
 - Let us be as cautious of our speech especially those in positions of teaching who have more opportunities to speak and whose words have greater influence.
 - Let us be on the alert about taking the responsibility of teaching seriously and recognizing that it requires character, humility, and an effort to guard one's speech.
 - Let us recognize our vulnerability to improper speech, and therefore speak only where the Bible speaks and silent where the Bible is silent.
 - "Set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. (1 Tim 4:12-13 NIV)

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Jesus Christ, what attitude is required of us in our speech given the controlling power of the tongue?
 - Let us be careful that our words be not driven by emotion or a "carnal nature," instead allow God's Spirit to guide our words to do good and bring glory to God.
 - Let us recognize that the solution isn't to remain silent, just as a ship isn't steered by being tied to the dock. The real task is to get our tongue under God's control.
 - Let us use words carefully, being mindful of the impact of our words, as they can encourage or can destroy, and we are accountable for their effects.
 - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29 NIV)

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Jesus Christ, what attitude is required of us in our speech considering the corrupting influence of the tongue?
 - Let us realize that on our own, we have no power to tame our tongue. But we can confidently trust in the Lord's power to help us tame our tongue.
 - Let our words be life-giving by allowing the Holy Spirit's power to use our tongue to bless the Lord and to speak life and encouragement to others.
 - Let us think before we speak and be willing to pause and think critically about what we are about to say, making sure it is true, necessary, enlightening, and constructive.
 - "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14 NIV)

How and when can one know if he or she is set to become a teacher?

- If and when one is ready to stand accountable for what one says and does by recognizing and admitting the exacting judgment for teachers, and has the ability to align one's words with scripture and whose motives are aligned with God's will, then one is ready to teach.
- If and when one is able to use words carefully and being mindful of the impact of words. One who has control over speech and anyone who doesn't stumble in what one says is ready for the heightened accountability of teaching.
- If and when one recognizes the corrupting influence of speech and therefore is truly willing to submit to God's will in all things, and effectively avoids getting involved in gossips, lies, misrepresentations, etc., then one is set to become a teacher.

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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

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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
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- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption: F. Where Will Your Life End?

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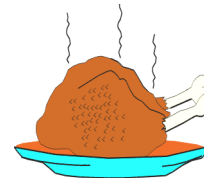
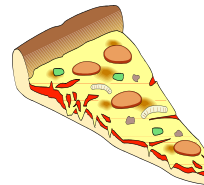
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

December Celebrators

01 - Denise A. Wagang
 02 - Linda A. Yaneza
 02 - Janet B. Ramos
 02 - Ma. Alexis J. Sunggay
 03 - Rowena L. Quezada
 04 - Erika Abijar
 04 - Rachel Cabuenas
 05 - Daisy Calzo
 08 - Josephine A. Baban
 09 - Gracelynn Abance
 09 - Marilyn Joy B. Gamboa
 10 - Dencio B. Abance
 11 - Jovita R. Bondoc
 14 - Santiago B. Sameon II
 14 - Edith Latonio
 16 - Christian S. Parohinog
 16 - Mark Joseph N. Quizana
 17 - Jane M. Bestre
 19 - Anthony E. Salud
 20 - Gaspar Baldo, Jr.
 20 - Jess Perdigon
 21 - Sotero Denis
 21 - Kinsha C. Glori
 22 - Jess Solomon
 22 - Diana Jane Geron
 23 - Rosita Go
 23 - Sherman C. Bestre
 23 - Padmei Lara Geron
 24 - Noel Espinosa
 24 - Crispina Tugay-an
 26 - Arlene G. Rimando
 26 - Kaesha R. Palaypayon
 26 - Sharon Kosgey
 29 - Aldian R. Po
 29 - Xelli Oea E. Parohinog
 30 - Analyn B. Aronza



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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