CHRISTIAN 'CD' ESPINOSA

MARIL P. BAYATING SR.

ANDY BESTRE

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Jasper Perdigon

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Ezra Valdez

Kajem Kitma

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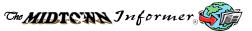
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ESPINOSA FAMILY

JUN REYES



Servers Today, December 21, 2025

#### **PASASALAMAT** Thanksgiving Message

Dan-gil Geron

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Noel Espinosa

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

ALTON MARK BAYLA

DONNEL GONZALES

Dexter Wagang

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

DAN-GIL GERON

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

CD ESPINOSA

GREG KITMA

C/o Ladies

YAS & YPS

C/o MIDTOWN

C/o Midtown

Jojo Ramos

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

Communion: Nelly & Charis Bayla EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY Worship Coordinator:

#### How To Become a **Biblical Christian**

1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, I 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.

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 28, 2025

## Making Our Plans & God's Sovereignty (James 4:13-17)

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"Gratitude transforms common days into thanksgivings, turns routine jobs into joys, and changes ordinary matters into blessings.

**READ Philippians 4:6-7** 

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Mission & 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.

## Midtown celebrates 42nd anniversary & Pasasalamat today

Midtown annually celebrates "PASASALAMAT DAY" as an avenue to express congregational gratitude to God for establishing the labours of this congregation in which we continually remember before our God and Father the congregation's work produced by faith, the labour prompted by love, and the endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Moreover the PASASALAMAT OF THANKSGIVING is

(1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Moreover, the Pasasalamat or Thanksgiving is an opportunity to count our blessings, triumphs, and even the challenges throughout the number of years of labouring in the Lord's vineyard.

Today, the Midtown congregation celebrates forty-two years of blessed existence with great joy and thanksgiving for the Lord God Almighty's manifold graces and mercies! Through the years, Midtown has always been thankful of the opportunities to faithfully serve in making disciples of Christ and to be a community of believers aiming to give praise, glory and honor to God the Creator.

The leadership of this congregation enjoins everyone to give all thanks, praises, and adoration to God as well as to consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds!Ω

### Church staff appreciates generous yearend bonus

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Midtown's staff, namely, brethren Arnan Bayla (Minister-Evangelist from 1987—present), Ezra Valdez (Youth Minister from 2021—present), Greg Kitma (Part-time Treasurer from 2024—present), and sister Lady Angela Ramos (Secretary from 2024—present) wholeheartedly thank the Midtown family for the generous gesture of appreciation, love, and care, expressed in the special contribution for their Yearend Bonus done on November 30 and December 7, 2025. Total contribution reached P87,831.00 and was proportionately divided among them. May the Lord God Almighty be praised for the congregation's excellence in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!Ω

# Certificates of baptism

Midtown praises the Lord God Almighty for the opportunity of preaching and teaching the pure gospel of Christ Jesus which brought the addition of twenty (20) new brethren to the Lord's church at Midtown to date. They will receive their CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM today. So far, the Lord has entrusted to the Midtown congregation the following dear brethren this 2025:

to be awarded today

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Gileana Saguil—baptized February 8
Aida Saingan—baptized February 19
Jerwil Bardolaza—baptized February 25
Joselito Abance—baptized February 25
Anthony Salud—baptized April 16
Laarni Salud—baptized April 16
Liam Andre Salud—baptized April 16
Dylan Isiah Salud—baptized April 27
Sander Isaiah Bestre—baptized April 27
Riyu Caleb Albay—baptized May 4
Haseo Walt Dalang—baptized May 4
Ronald Villaruz—baptized May 19
Kenneth Solang—baptized May 19
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Andrea Yang—baptized June 25
Hakea Sati Balbaloza—baptized June 26
Sam Rouelle Quezada—baptized July 3
Marcson Walang—baptized August 30
Jathniel Fernandez—baptized Oct. 19
Yuji Ralf Steven Cayabyab—baptized December 13. Ω

## Church calendar available for

Bokod & Nangalisan brethren

Midtown's church calendar, bearing the congregation's official identity, physical address, contact addresses, and it's Mission & Vision, will also be shared to brethren from Nangalisan and Bokod. One calendar may be taken by each household, and one extra for use by those with business establishments, offices, and the like. Ω

## LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD **December 14, 2025**

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#### ATTENDANCE

**REGULAR** SUNDAY **WORSHIP SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** PRESCHOOL .. AM & PM ADULTS..... YPEEZ.. CHILDREN....

GUESTS...

TOTAL....

GRADES 1-2 ......5 GRADES 3-4.....10 **GRADES 5-6...** ....21 H.S. COL/YAs... ..N.A ADULT.. .177 ..294 **TOTAL** ..234

#### OFFERING

AM&PM: P71,633.00

## •PRAYER LIST•

#### 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

#### \*RON VILLARUZ \*AIDA SAINGAN

\*MEGUELITA Q. ABARIAL \*Dante Baddas

\*Lala Geron \*ANRI RAMOS

#### REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

\*CARMEN VILLANUEVA \*Mariliza Andallo \*Diana Taguiba \*IAN PAJANTOY

\*GASPAR NAWEW \*Jerald Bacoy \*JEHMEL OFRENEO

\*EVELYN SAINGAN

\*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:

\*CD ESPINOSA (INDONESIA— PHILS—INDONESIA) \*RENIAN NAWEW (SEA GAMES, THAILAND) \*Keith & Janet Gant \*Donna Gee Geron \*VACATIONISTS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM RESUMES JANUARY 6. 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- PASASALAMAT & 42nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FUNCTION HALL, TOP FLOOR, RIVERVIEW WATER PARK HOTEL, NANGALISAN, TUBA, BENGUET | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 | 9 AM-3 PM
- EVENING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY— Goes on as usual at the Midtown Assembly Hall Tonight at 5:30—
- FREE MARKET— COMING UP AT MIDTOWN HALL IN DECEMBER! | BRING DONATED ITEMS TO MIDTOWN AND IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SORT CLOTHINGS (FOR MEN, LADIES, BOYS, OR FOR GIRLS)
- 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.

THE MIDTOWN INFORMER

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." (Jude 1:24)

There are three wonderful doxologies in three New Testament epistles extolling the transcendent ability of God to accomplish and perfect our eternal salvation. One is our text above, assuring all who are "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 1:21) that He is fully able to bring us joyfully into the presence of God in glory.

Then, look at Ephesians 3:20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Furthermore, His power is able to keep us forever. "Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began" (Romans 16:25).

Little wonder that the apostles exhort us to praise such a wonderful God and Savior! But in addition to the three doxologies, the Word of God contains many other testimonies to the omnipotent ability of the Lord on behalf of His people. "He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12). "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). "The Lord Jesus Christ . . . shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Philippians 3:20-21).

With such a Savior and heavenly Father, we can join with Jude as he concludes his doxology: "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen" (Jude 1:25). нмм

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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 (Deceased) 14 - Santiago B. Sameon II 14 - Edith Latonio

16 - Christian S. Parohinog 16 - Mark Joseph N. Quizana 17 - Jane M. Bestre

17 - Sant M. Beste 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 Qea E. Parohinog 30 - Analyn B. Aronza



Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

## **MIDTOWN'S** PASASALAMAT & 42nd ANNIVERSARY **CELEBRATION**

Riverview Water Park Hotel Sunday, December 21, 2025

#### PROGRAM

•9:00—10:30 AM......PART ONE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY 

•12:00—1:00 PM......PART FIVE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

•1:00—3:00 PM .......PART SIX
FUN & GAMES AND SWIMMING

•3:00—3:30 PM......PART SEVEN
DEPARTURE TIME FROM RIVERVIEW.

#### GUIDELINES:

- 1. Please strictly observe the resort's rules and regulations.
- 2. Strictly no swimming before the designated time of swimming which is at one o'clock (1PM). Parents and guardians shall take full responsibility of watching over their children.
- 3. Lunch will be served through controlled buffet by
- the catering service authorized personnel only.

  4. In going back to Midtown or to downtown Baguio, please note that you are expected to Ride the same vehicle you rode coming to Riverview. If you did not sign up to be serviced by the hired vehicles, please take other PUJs.
- 5. For PUJ fare refunds, please ask from brothers Sixto Aoas & Julius Rojo.
- 6. Kindly advise your valued guests to abide by these guidelines. MANY THANKS.



Singing & Prayers LORD'S SUPPER and OFFERING 9:00—9:30

BIBLE STUDY 9:35—10:25

Singing, Prayers MESSAGE 10:30—11:10

Greetings ANNOUNCEMENTS 11:10—11:20

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

6:00-8:00 PM

•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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