

Servers Today, January 11, 2026

When You're Being Oppressed (James 5:7-12)

Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: JOJO RAMOS

Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES

Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10

Scripture Reading: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: MERVIN OLIVA

Prayer for the Giving: MARIL BAYATING JR.

Closing Prayer: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: LINDA YANEZA

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: KITMA FAMILY

Communion: LORIE & CRISTY AUSTRIA

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 January 18, 2026

A Call to Prayer & Praise (James 5:13-18)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Invocation: JULIUS ROJO

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29

Scripture Reading: LIAM SALUD

Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Giving: MERVIN OLIVA

Closing Prayer: MARIL BAYATING SR.

Announcement: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Afternoon Speaker: JERRY GAWE

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

To Bring Flowers: JOCELYN ABANCE

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

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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.

"AMEN means to Agree with God, Move with God, End with God, and Never doubt God."

READ 2 Corinthians 5:7

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Brother Novelito B Abance passes on to Abraham's side

The Midtown congregation, through nightly vigil services, conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late brother NOVELITO BEHIS ABANCE who passed on to Abraham's bosom on January 3, 2026. He lived a full life of 60 years, had his last supper, went to bed, and slept. He still 'sleeps' until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess 4:13-18). He is survived by his wife, sister Jocelyn Kitma Abance, four children, namely, brother Joselito, sisters Jizza (married to Mark Poclet) and Cindy (married to brother Jerwil Bardolaza), and Maureen. He had one grandchild, Kalirae. He was the sibling of brothers Charlie, Octavio, Dencio, & Wilson and of sister Letty Bayating, all active disciples of Christ at the Midtown congregation. He was actively involved in the Lord's church at Midtown since he was born anew on May 20, 2017.

The congregation, led by brothers Arnan Bayla and Felix Olidan Jr., presided over the FUNERAL SERVICE conducted at the family's residence at Upper Poblacion, Tuba last Tuesday, January 6th.

The bereaved family, relatives, and friends expressed deep appreciation for the congregation's encouraging presence, comforting messages, unceasing prayers, and inspiring spiritual hymns. For God's glory and praise!Ω

Monthly ladies luncheon fellowship & devo this Sat

This year's first MONTHLY LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL of the ladies will be held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL this Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 11 o'clock in the morning until 2:30 PM.

All ladies are enjoined to participate and are encouraged to bring their physical Bibles and pens for the discussions and activities on "BECOMING SOUL WINNERS."

The 1ST QUARTER STEERING GROUP will have a short meeting right after the morning worship assembly today. The steering group includes sisters Melecia Abance, Jocelyn Abance, Norma Abance, Cel Alvarez, Norina Aping, Lori Austria, Dinah Austria, Clarita Cacherio, Trinidad Trinidad, Carina Lacaba, Dionesia martin, Cora Ozo, Beth Sevilla, Jennifer Yaneza, Linda Yaneza, Gloria Yang, Margaret Yang, Andrea Yang, MJ Dugaysan, Rossana Ozo, Alice Lalas, Kaesha Palaypayon, Rossana Andaya, Luz Olidan, and Virgie Baldo. For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

January 4, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....151

YP EEZ.....16

CHILDREN.....27

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....216

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....12

GRADES 1-2 .....6

GRADES 3-4.....4

GRADES 5-6.....4

H.S.....14

COL/YAs.....15

ADULT.....120

TOTAL.....175

OFFERING

AM&PM: P47,582.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — JANUARY 13, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP — SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026 | 11:00 AM—2:30 PM | BRING PHYSICAL BIBLES AND PENS | ALL LADIES WELCOME!

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING FLOWERS— KINDLY FILL IN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD LOCATED BY THE STAIRS GOING UP THE MEZZANINE. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS!.

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PREPARE COMMUNION BREAD— KINDLY FILL IN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN—UP SHEET LOCATED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD LOCATED BY THE STAIRS GOING UP THE MEZZANINE. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS!

• 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

\*RON VILLARUZ

\*AIDA SAINGAN

\*MEGUELITA Q. ABARIAL

\*DANTE BADDAS

\*LALA GERON

\*ANRI RAMOS

\*CELIA CIRILO

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

\*ADDITIONAL ELDERS & DEACONS

\*48TH NLR PREPARATIONS

SAFE TRAVEL:

\*OLIDANS & COMPANY (BATAAN)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

2026 church goals & budget presented today

In keeping with the congregation's commitment in serving to make disciples of Christ, the 2026 church plans, goals, and budgetary requirements will be presented today for the information of the congregation by brother Greg Kitma, one of the deacons of this congregation.

To give way for this needful presentation, the Adult Bible Study Classes as well as the Youth and Young Adults classes will be suspended today. Only the children's Sunday School will proceed to their classrooms. For the Lord's sake alone!Ω

Midtown brethren console Patnaan family of BCOC

Last Thursday evening of January 8, 2026, Midtown brethren conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late brother CRESENCIO G. PATNAAN through a devotional held at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, Rimando Road. He was one of the elders faithfully serving the congregation when he succumbed to a lingering illness on January 2, 2026. He was 67 years old.

Brother Arnan Bayla served as devotional speaker, brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as songleader, and brothers Andy Bestre and Noel Espinosa led prayers. The family expressed appreciation to Midtown for the sympathies and for the devotional.Ω

# A Fresh Start

“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22–24)

Everyone deserves a fresh start. As we start the New Year with resolutions and lofty ideals, **it is good to remember that we can all renew our commitments.** We can all purpose to gain even loftier heights in our spiritual journey toward Christlikeness. **No matter how far we have ascended, we can go further; no matter how low we have fallen, we can begin again.**

How can this be accomplished? As the context of our text teaches, we must go back to school—the school of Christ. “But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:20–21). “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matthew 11:29).

As our text verses explain, **we must both “put off . . . the old man” and “put on the new man,”** clearly speaking of our manner of life, just as if we were changing clothes. If we as believers are hanging on to a few old rags, **let this new year see us obey this passage as an act of faith through the living Spirit of God: “Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ”** (Romans 13:14).

This act of submission and desire will result as we are “renewed in the spirit [or attitude] of [our minds]” (Ephesians 4:23). **The old man will not be removed or changed into the new but will be brought under control.** The new man is a new creation of God modeled after Him “in righteousness and true holiness.” **“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works”** (Ephesians 2:10). JDM

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

### C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

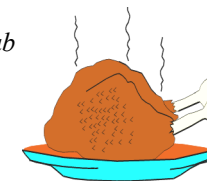
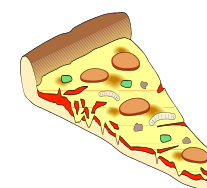
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- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
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- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement: Becoming Christians Only Biblical Church Organization
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- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
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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

## January Celebrators

01 - Felicisima S. Flores  
02 - Kevin Dennis  
02 - Jocelyn K. Abance  
02 - Priscilla P. Bayasen  
04 - Pearl C. Bestre  
05 - Leah V. Tada  
05 - Khryz Xyryll B. Gomowang  
08 - Jarialle Taltala  
09 - Jane U. Donato  
09 - Romelyn E. Wagang  
10 - Sean R. Viduya  
10 - Ernesto Orduña, Jr.  
10 - Henrietta R. Espinosa  
12 - Dionesia Gorio  
12 - Lorenza Losnong  
14 - Anastacia S. Palaoag  
14 - Dylan Isiah Salud  
15 - Jan Arthur Tacay  
15 - Ronnilie Corisay  
18 - Macrina Espiritu  
20 - Cindy K. Abance  
22 - Antonita Orduña  
23 - Dexter R. Wagang  
23 - Lorna B. Montes  
23 - Vangie C. Glori  
26 - Richard Montes  
26 - Christian Paulo Cordero  
27 - Loida C. Baddas (Deceased)  
27 - Rachel Ann R. Torres  
28 - Ernesto B. Wagang  
28 - Myra O. Manansala  
29 - Charis Grace D. Bayla  
29 - Yuji Ralf Steven Cayabyab  
30 - Marie Joy Lacambra  
30 - Aida P. Saingan  
31 - Abigail A. Kitma



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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