

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: **JULIX 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**
 Usher/ettes: **RAMOS FAMILY**
 Communion: **LORIE & CRISTY AUSTRIA**
 Worship Coordinator: **EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY**

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
January 4, 2026
ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	PRESCHOOL.....12
	GRADES 1-26
	GRADES 3-4.....4
	GRADES 5-6.....4
ADULTS.....151	H.S.....14
YPEEZ.....16	COL/YAs.....15
CHILDREN.....27	ADULT.....120
GUESTS.....2	TOTAL.....175
TOTAL.....216	

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.


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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.

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

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

"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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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, Norma Aping, Lori Austria, Dinah Austria, Clarita Cachero, 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 Lala, Kaesha Palaypayon, Rossana Andaya, Luz Olidan, and Virgie Baldo. For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Midtown brethren console Patnaan family of BCO

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).

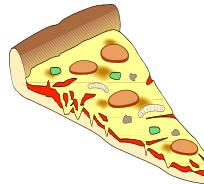
This act of submission and desire will result as we are "renewed in the spirit [or attitude] of [our minds]" (Ephesians 4:23). **The old man will not be removed or changed into the new but will be brought under control.** The new man is a new creation of God modeled after Him "in righteousness and true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

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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 - Ronnilee 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
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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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