

Servers Today, January 18, 2026

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

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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

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Worship Coordinator:

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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 25, 2026

Restoring Straying Saints (James 5:19-20)

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CHRIS OLIVA
ANDY BESTRE
JUN REYES
ISAIAH 53:1-6
RYU ALBAY
MARK QUIZANA
SAM QUEZADA
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INFORMER



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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.

Couples care group sets goals for this year

THE COUPLES CARE GROUP reports that they had a Planning Meeting during their first meet-up of the year on January 10, 2026. In their agenda, they were able to establish the said CARE GROUP's goals focused on EVANGELISM, EDIFICATION AND BENEVOLENCE and defined key objectives for each goal. The group has also suggested activities for SPIRITUAL GROWTH, MENTORSHIP & FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP & FUN, AND SERVICE & OUTREACH. After which, they have scheduled as to the couple who will facilitate for the implementation of the said objectives. They have also decided that their regular monthly meet-up will be on the evening of every 2nd Saturday.
Present in the meeting include spouses Richard & Pearl Bestre, Jesse & Riza Bestre, Anthony & Laarni Salud, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Jeremiah & Tin Gawe, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Danhill & Lala Geron, Gil & Diana Geron, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Renz & Gracelynn Panday together with sister Lulu Bondoc and seven children. For God's glory and praise!Ω

Young Adults ministry defines age group and goals

In their MONTHLY CARE GROUP AND PLANNING, the YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY defined that the said ministry caters to men and women who are 24—35 years old. There are about 70 of this age group in the congregation. It was also decided that CARE GROUP and Fellowship meetings will be held every first Saturday of the month.
Tentative plotted activities by QUARTERLY STEERING GROUPS will be spearheaded by the following: 1st Quarter: O'neil & A-mark; 2nd Quarter: Aldian & Kajem; 3rd Quarter: Janriel & Kemuel; 4th Quarter: Renz & Jasper.
This year, the ministry hopes to resurrect the production of the youth's literary project, "THE VOICE," as well as the youth's video production, "KADENA." For God's glory and praise alone!Ω

"We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties."

READ Hebrews 12:2

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39 attend monthly ladies luncheon fellowship & devo

Thirty-nine ladies participated in this year's first MONTHLY LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 11 o'clock in the morning until 2:30 PM.
Those who made to the fellowship include sisters Norma Andaya, Charisse Fabia, Magdalena & Jovencia Mabesa, Carina Lacaba, Elizabeth Donato, Minda Oliva, Dionesia Martin, Clarita Cachero, Virgie Baldo, Norma Aping, Elizabeth Sevilla, Laura Addamag, MJ Dugaysan, Rowana & Rossana Ozo, Jane Bestre, Conchita Degyem, Elsie Lagadan, Rosa Aquino, Hakea Balbaloza, Lou Villanueva, Lorigrace Austria, Luz Olidan, Gloria Yang, Cel Ramos, Marion Acena, Fely Flores, Kesha Oliva, Maribel Sunggay, Amber Po, Alice Lalas, Jen Yaneza, Linda Yaneza, Ruth Trinidad, Kana Valdez, and Janet Perdigon.
The ladies were appreciative of the small group discussions and sharing of experiences in "BECOMING SOUL WINNERS." For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Sister Nancy A. Bayla passes on to Abraham's side

Sister NANCY BABAN AOAS—BAYLA, long-time active member of the congregation has gracefully and peacefully gave up her spirit and passed on to Abraham's side late afternoon of last Thursday, January 15, 2026. She died a natural death due to old age. Her remains lay in state at the St. Peter Chapels until Monday, January 19th. The same will be transferred to the BAYLA RESIDENCE at Tamangan, Tadiangan, Tuba on Tuesday morning, January 20th. Interment will be at her residence on Thursday, January 22. Nightly vigil devotionals @ 6:30Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
January 11, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....201
YP EEZ.....18
CHILDREN.....44
GUESTS.....5
TOTAL.....268

SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL.....18
GRADES 1-26
GRADES 3—4.....9
GRADES 5-6.....5
H.S.....na
COL/YAs.....na
ADULT.....165
TOTAL.....198

OFFERING

AM&PM: P88,954.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — JANUARY 20, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- MEN'S BREAKFAST — HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE, JANUARY 31, 2026 | 7:30—10:00 AM
- JOINT BAGUIO-BENGUET YOUTH CARE GROUP — MIDTOWN HALL | JANUARY 31, 2026 | 1—5 PM
- 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.

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
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*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:
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 family matters
building grace-based relationships

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAISE

JAMES 5:13-18

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, EdD

INTRODUCTION:

Life is a mixture of joy and sorrow, triumph and trial. James reminds us that in every season, our first response should be to God—through prayer in our pain and praise in our joy. Prayer and praise are not just religious activities; they are lifelines that connect us to the heart of God! I've heard by some saying the 'least' I can do is to pray for you. It should be the Most instead of the Least". Further on we need to know that for every prayer, the Almighty Father God responds to each and every prayer with either Wait or No, I Cor.12:9 states, "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

I. PRAYER IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE (Jas. 5:13) 1 Thess. 5:16-18

A. In times of suffering or trouble: James says, "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let him pray."

Trouble means hardship, distress, or suffering.

Prayer is not our last resort—it's our first recourse. The most, not the least that we could do is pray and connect with the Almighty God!

B. In times of gladness and joy: "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing songs of praise."

Praise is prayer set to melody. "Let the word of God dwell in you richly in wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with grace in your hearts to the Lord in Col.3:16

Gratitude keeps our hearts humble and God-focused.

Application: Whether in the valley of tears or on the mountaintop of glory, our posture should be toward God. Jas.4:10 says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord"

II. PRAYER IN VARIED TIMES OF SITUATIONS AND CONDITIONS (Jas. 5:14,15)

Call the elders: In times of sickness, believers are encouraged to seek spiritual support and prayers of spiritual leaders. (Jas.5:14)

Rub with oil (medication is needful, not just prayer alone (Jas.5:15). God helps those who also help themselves. Seeking God's help and guidance in their endeavors.

Anoint with oil: Symbol of consecration and the Holy Spirit's presence (represents spiritual truths and Divine actions used to consecrate kings, priests and sacred objects signifying Divine appointment. For example, Samuel anointed Saul and later David as kings over Israel, symbolizing God's choice and empowerment for leadership (1 Sam.10:1; 16:13). The anointing oil represents the Holy Spirit's presence and power. In Isaiah 61:1, the prophet speaks of being anointed by the Spirit of the Lord to proclaim good news, a passage Jesus later applies to Himself in Luke 4:18.

The prayer of faith: It's not about the power of the person praying, but the God who hears.

Application: We are not meant to carry burdens alone—God works through the prayers of His people.

III. PRAYER IN ADMISSION OF GUILT AND CONFESSION OR RESTORATION (Jas.5:16)

Confess your sins to one another: Builds accountability and unity. (a two-way resolution)

Pray for one another: Prayer is a ministry every believer can do (a two-way action).

The power of a righteous man's prayer: Not perfection, but a life aligned with God's will. (fervent)

Application: Healing—spiritual, emotional, and even physical—often begins with humility and honesty.

IV. PRAYER WITH EXPECTATION (Jas. 5: 17,18)

Example of Elijah: An ordinary man who prayed extraordinary prayers (Jas.5:17, I Ki.17:1). Against the evil king Ahab, that there be No rain to punish him!

Praying earnestly: Persistent, faith-filled prayer can change circumstances. "The prayer of the righteous avails much." Jas.5:16

God's response: He is sovereign, yet He invites us to partner with Him through prayer.

Application: Prayer believing that God is able, even when the answer is delayed. (Matt.21:21)

CONCLUSION:

Prayer and praise are not seasonal- they are the rhythm of a believer's life. In trouble, Pray. In joy, Praise. In sickness, Seek the prayers of others, in sin, Confess and be restored, and in all things, Pray with expectation. Make prayer your first response and let praise be the soundtrack of your life, even in the midst of trials.©

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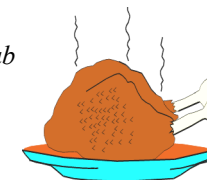
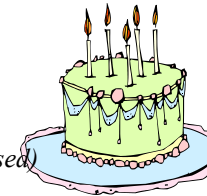
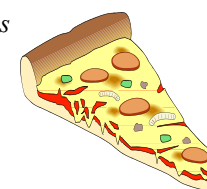
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

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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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