

Servers Today, January 4, 2026

Riches that Rust

(James 5:1-6)

Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: LEMUEL GLORI

Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Communion Text: LUKE 22:14-20

Scripture Reading: MARK QUIZANA

Prayer for the Bread: JANRIEL ABANCE

Prayer for the Cup: SAMUEL QUEZADA

Prayer for the Giving: JERRY MARTIN

Closing Prayer: GREG KITMA

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: SARAH SAMEON

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

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 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

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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.

"God gives us wealth, not that we should become hoarders but dispensers."

READ 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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Sister 'Mommy Rose' laid to rest at Heaven's Garden

The Midtown congregation conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late sister ROSITA CHUA Go who passed away on December 29, 2025. She lived a full life of 92 years and succumbed to a natural death. She is survived by her five children, nine grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. She was an active member of the Lord's church at Midtown since her new birth on October 7, 2005.

The whole-day FUNERAL SERVICE was conducted at the HEAVEN'S GARDEN MEMORIAL PARK, Purok Cuderao, Loakan Proper, this city, by Midtown with brothers Arnan Bayla and Felix Olidan Jr. officiating the early morning DEVOTIONAL SERVICE. The cremation followed and thereafter the VIEWING, MEMORIALS & EULOGY. The INURNMENT SERVICE concluded the funeral by late afternoon of last Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

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

YPeez yearender ends at Kitma yard

Midtown's Young People enjoyed their Year-end activity, AMAZING RACE, around the city and ending up at KITMA VILLAGE on December 26 & 27, 2025. "THRIVING IN TODAY'S REALITY - Phil. 4:13" is this year's theme. It's objective is to lead the youth in drawing strength from Christ and to encourage them to live out their faith by serving others. Brother Renz Panday served as speaker for the first Devotional at CAMP JOHN HAY right after a LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP. He highlighted the current issues GENZs face and how to be address them. At the end of the day, the BLUE TEAM (Raiza, Gian, Sander, Ian) emerged as CHAMPION. The RED/PINK TEAM (Shaira, Erin, Lougai, Clark, Sam) was 1ST RUNNER-UP and the WHITE TEAM (Jacinth, Laisha, Riyu, Lhuke) was 2ND RUNNER-UP. Other participants include Allison. Hakea, Josh. Kheif, Marcson, Noelle, Sherman, and Justin.

After the race, a DINNER FELLOWSHIP was held at the Perdigon & Kitma Residences where the participants spent the night singing, sharing and enjoying an open mic, a bonfire, and raffle draws. Thanks to the generous YAs, namely, Amber Po, Ryan and Rachel Bestre, Jj & Mahaysha Ramos, Sheema Orpilla, Denise & Dexter Wagang, Riza & Jesse Bestre, Chris & Keshia Oliva for sponsoring the prizes. The next day, brother Dan-Gil Geron discussed in a breakfast devotional, "BUILDING HEALTHY SELF-ESTEEM IN GOD."

Olidans serve with Nangalisan brethren

Last Sunday, brother Felix L. Olidan Jr. was privileged to have been invited as GUEST SPEAKER in the JOINT YEAR-END WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP of the Hydro, Lasilas, and Nangalisan congregations held at the Worship Assembly Hall at RIVERVIEW. He discussed "MAKING THE MOST OF THE NEW YEAR 2026" based on Proverbs 17:24. He and his wife, sister Luzoila, met brother Manny Dugui-es and his three sisters from the Hydro congregation who appreciated the joint fellowship.

At the invitation of the Lasilas congregation, the Olidans are once more serving with the brethren at Lasilas in a JOINT WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING today with the Nangalisan (Riverview) brethren. For the sake of the Lord's church and for God's glory!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

December 28, 2025

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....155

YPEEZ.....18

CHILDREN.....32

GUESTS.....17

TOTAL.....242

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....11

GRADES 1-28

GRADES 3-4.....4

GRADES 5-6.....4

H.S.....15

COL/YAs.....15

ADULT.....115

TOTAL.....172

OFFERING

AM&PM: P59,375.00

• 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:

*VACATIONISTS

*OLIDANS (LASILAS)

family matters

building grace-based relationships

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — RESUMES JANUARY 6, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY 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.

The Measure of a Strong Church

What is the measure of a strong church?

- Is it whether or not it has a building?
- Is it if it has preachers, elders, deacons?
- Is it in the number of programs?
- Is it in how many ministry involvements?

A better measure is one based on metaphors used to describe the church.

The Measure of a Strong Church

2) Loves Like A Family

- The church is the household of God 1Ti 3:15; 5:1-2
- The family is to have concern and love for another 1Th 4:9-10; 2Th 1:3
- Sense of family requires getting to know one another, spending time together

How we love one another as family is a true measure of the strength of the church!

The Measure of a Strong Church

4) Submits Like A Kingdom

- The church is the kingdom of Christ Co 1:13; Re 1:9
- A kingdom implies allegiance and obedience
- We are to submit to Christ as our King Ac 2:36; Co 3:17

How we submit to the Lordship of Christ is a true measure of the strength of the church!

The Measure of a Strong Church

- 1) Functions Like A Body
- 2) Loves Like A Family
- 3) Praises Like A Temple
- 4) Submits Like A Kingdom
- 5) Is Pure As A Bride

We may have outward signs of a strong church, but be like the church at Sardis! Rev 3:1-2

The Measure of a Strong Church

1) Functions Like A Body

- The church is the body of Christ 1Co 12:27
- The body of Christ has many members with different functions Ro 12:4-5; 1Co 12:14-22
- The body must have members who fulfill their function! Ep 4:15-16

How we function as members of the body is a true measure of the strength of the church!

The Measure of a Strong Church

3) Praises Like A Temple

- Temples were built to glorify
- The church is God's temple today 1Co 3:16-17; 1Pe 2:5,9-10
- We offer spiritual sacrifices and praise He 13:15,16; cf. Mal 1:6-8

How we praise God with our sacrifices is a true measure of the strength of the church!

The Measure of a Strong Church

5) Is Pure As A Bride

- The church is the bride of Christ 2Co 11:1-2; Ep 5:25-29
- A bride implies purity and adornment
- We must be cleansed and maintain purity Ac 22:16; 1Jn 1:9; Ep 5:3-5; 2Co 6:14-7:1

How we maintain our purity as a bride is a true measure of the strength of the church!

The Measure of a Strong Church

"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you." Rev 3:1-2 ESV

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- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption: C. Jesus the Savior
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- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption: E. The Cost of Discipleship
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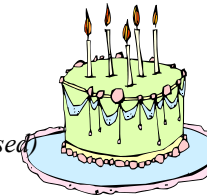
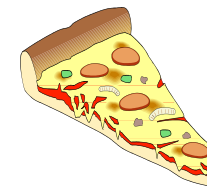
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

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
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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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