

Servers Today, February 1, 2026

Refreshing the Hearts of the Saints (Philemon 1-7)

Speaker:

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

EARL SAMEON

ANDY BESTRE

JOJO RAMOS

DEXTER WAGANG

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

JEREMIE LICUPA

DAN-GIL GERON

MERVIN OLIVA

KAJEM KITMA

MARIL BAYATING JR.

ANDY BESTRE

JERRY GAWE

ANDY BESTRE

ROSSANA ANDAYA

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YANEZA FAMILY

Communion:

Worship Coordinator:

LUZ OLIDAN

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 February 8, 2026

Practicing a Love-based Appeal (Philemon 8-11)

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KAJEM KITMA

CHARLIE ABANCE

NOEL ESPINOSA

ROMANS 6:1-10

SANDER BESTRE

JASPER PERDIGON

RENZ PANDAY

EZRA VALDEZ

JOJO RAMOS

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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.

"Love is the most revitalizing refreshment in this life."

READ 1 Corinthians 13:13

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

January 25, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....162

YP EEZ.....19

CHILDREN.....4

GUESTS.....1

TOTAL.....217

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....14

GRADES 1-2 .....5

GRADES 3—4.....7

GRADES 5-6.....5

H.S.....12

COL/YAs.....15

ADULT.....145

TOTAL.....190

OFFERING

AM&PM: P56,665.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — FEBRUARY 3, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING WITH MINISTERS — FEBRUARY 3, 2026 | 2:30 PM

YOUNG ADULTS CARE GROUP—MIDTOWN HALL | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026 | 12:00—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

\*ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR.

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\*EDDIE LAGSAMAN

\*RON VILLARUZ

\*AIDA SAINGAN

\*MEGUELITA Q. ABARIAL

\*DANTE BADDAS

\*LALA GERON

\*ANRI RAMOS

\*ELIZABETH DONATO

\*SHAMAE RAMOS

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:

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family matters

building grace-based relationships

Ministry to church widows sponsors excursion

Forty ladies including widows and widow carers recently went to an excursion facilitated by the NAOMI MINISTRY TO WIDOWS in Tayabas, Quezon. Sister Rebecca Ciencia—Celera, the benefactor of the ministry fully sponsored the 3-day road trip held January 22-24, 2026. The trip included the Tayabas Heritage Tour and at the Mothers' Wonderland. Sister Imelda Ambito of the ALABAMA CHURCH OF CHRIST in Dasmariñas, Cavite, served as speaker during their devotionals. She highlighted in her discussions "HERE I AM, SEND ME" based on Isaiah 6:8 as a call to purposeful, consecrated living, even in a season of loss and change among widows. Sisters Ruth Trinidad and Marilyn Palaypayon—Nacatab were the only ones from Midtown who made it to the excursion. All of the participants enjoyed the various activities and are looking forward to another like activity. May the Lord God Almighty be glorified and His greatness magnified through these acts of service!🙏

Ramoses return from overseas mission trip

Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos reports that their short mission trip to Singapore and Indonesia last January 13—20 was in line with the plan to equip and empower members at Midtown to get involved in missions and their being commissioned by the PASIR PANJANG CHURCH OF CHRIST as their missionary partners in Asia. The couple attended a series of meetings with Asia missions coordinators and leaders from January 13-16. They attended their MISSION CONNECT MEETING and coordinated their 2026 MISSIONS IN ASIA. They had a meeting with brother Benny Tabalujan of the Belmore church of Christ, Australia, who now serves as Indonesian Missions consultant. The couple travelled to Jakarta, Indonesia, from January 16—20, together with brother Beng Chuan, and were hosted by the leaders of the TANAH ABANG CHURCH OF CHRIST where CD Espinosa ministers, and where Rachel Bestre placed membership. It is a small congregation of around 30 members who are engaged in Mission outreaches to churches and a Bible School in Indonesia. The trip resulted with making arrangements on how MIDTOWN CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS can help said congregation especially with their Young Adults. In line with this, a Short Mission Trip inclusive of 2 Sundays with the TANAH ABANG CONGREGATION is being planned with Midtown's YAs. Brother Jojo also served there as Sunday Sermon Speaker on Jesus' Call to Suffer based on Luke 22 on January 18th. Please contact brother Jojo Ramos for more info about the mission trip. Meanwhile, Midtown also welcomes back spouses Ernie & Letty Wagang who spent their holidays with loved ones and friends in the USA. For God's glory and praise alone!🙏

YAs study faith, finances, & faithfulness this month

The EQUIPPING MINISTRY led by brother Jojo Ramos was requested by the YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY to conduct a series of lessons on FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP to be conducted during their SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY HOUR in all the four Sundays of this month. The study is titled "FAITH, FINANCES, & FAITHFULNESS" which represents a holistic, biblically based approach to life where financial decisions are not separate from spiritual life, but rather a direct reflection of one's trust in God. It is built on the concept of stewardship—recognizing that God owns everything (Psalm 24:1), and humans are managers responsible for utilizing resources for God's kingdom. Meanwhile, the YAs group will be having their MONTHLY YOUNG ADULTS CARE GROUP at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL this coming Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 12 PM. For God's honor!🙏

# REFRESHING THE HEARTS OF THE SAINTS

PHILEMON 1-7  
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, BTh, EdD

## Introduction:

Philemon was an inhabitant of Colosse, a person of wealth and a convert of Paul's ministry. The book provides early Christian life, relationships and transformative power of the gospel in personal and common context. These verses form the greeting, thanksgiving and encouragement of Paul's letters in his appeal for Onesimus. Onesimus was a slave of Philemon who ran away and went to Rome where he was converted to Christianity by God's Word through Paul. He wished to repair the injury that has been done but, fearing punishment will be inflicted against Onesimus, Philemon begged Paul to write this epistle to protect Onesimus.

**1. Greeting and Identification (Philemon 1:1-3)** – Paul greets Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and the church in Philemon's home.

## 2. Thanksgiving Prayer (Philemon 1:4-5)

Paul thanks God for Philemon's love and faith toward Jesus and all the saints. Paul's gratitude shows that true faith is never hidden—it overflows in love for others. Philemon's reputation was not about wealth or influence, but about his Christlike care for the saints and how his life influences the church.

**Application:** Our faith should be visible in how we treat people, not just in what we believe.

## 3. Effective Ministry and Spiritual Growth Prayer (Philemon 1:6)

Paul prays that Philemon's participation in the faith would deepen his understanding of every good thing in Christ. Fellowship here is not just social—it's a spiritual partnership that builds others up as well. Paul hopes this practical outworking of faith will enable Philemon to embody Christ in interpersonal relationships, particularly regarding Onesimus.

**Application of Faith:** Faith is not passive; it is to be expressed through action and hospitality, which in turn reflects Christ to others. We grow spiritually when we actively share our faith and resources with others. We initiate a demonstrative action reflective of the GOLDEN RULE not the passive IRON RULE.

## 4. Refreshing the Hearts of the Saints (Philemon 1:7)

Philemon's ministry brought joy and encouragement to Paul and to the church. "Refreshing hearts" means lifting burdens, restoring hope, and strengthening weary believers. This metaphor suggests spiritual encouragement. Acts of love and generosity have profound emotional and spiritual effects—Paul perceives them as "refreshment," life-giving, and restorative for believers. This verse shows the mutual reinforcement between givers and receivers of Christian love. Paul's joy reflects both his pastoral concern and personal affection.

By highlighting Philemon's consistent manifestations of love, Paul builds credibility for his forthcoming request in behalf of the appeal that is not transactional but flows from observed character and faithfulness.

**Application:** Every believer can be a source of fresh kindness, encouragement, and generosity.

- Persuasion in Leadership: Paul models an approach to authority and guidance rooted in commendation, encouragement, example, and love rather than force or coercion. This underlines Christlike leadership principles.
- Transformative: Even small acts, exemplified by Philemon's hospitality and care, fosters encouragement, forgiveness, and reconciliation within the body of Christ.
- Relational Effects: One's love and faithfulness extend far beyond immediate interaction
- Communal Impact: Volunteer, encouragement, and share resources to spiritually refresh others.

## Conclusion

Philemon 1:1–7 reminds us that the Christian life is not just about personal salvation—it is also about being a blessing to others. Like Philemon, we are called to demonstrate our faith in love, to strengthen the fellowship of believers, and to refresh the hearts of the saints.

# 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)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement  
& Spiritual Gifts
- LESSON NO. 7 – Supplement:  
Becoming Christians Only  
Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :

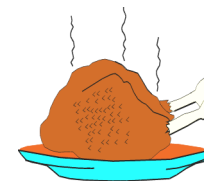
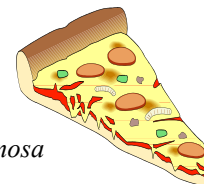
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1



## February Celebrators

01 - Elizabeth A. Sevilla  
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02 - Josiah Levi A. Calixtro  
05 - Maryann M. Gonzales  
07 - Frank Valdez  
07 - Federick Walang  
07 - Trinidad C. Trinidad  
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09 - Shemer M. Sameon  
09 - Silvestre B. Andaya III  
11 - Reeve M. Callejo  
11 - Mary Rose Cayabyab  
13 - Adrian Saingan  
14 - Clarita Cachero  
14 - Christian Daniel R. Espinosa  
15 - Vernie Pucay  
16 - Charlie B. Abance  
17 - Jasper Edwin B. Bugnay  
18 - Carlo Jake T. Banatao  
20 - Roger R. Wagang  
21 - Kana K. Perdigon-Valdez  
22 - Josias B. Aquino  
22 - Eden Mariano  
22 - Renilo S. Lalu  
23 - Andy E. Bestre  
23 - Florence B. Patang  
24 - Judith O. Sison  
24 - Teresita W. Kitma  
24 - Shamae A. Ramos  
24 - Mika Grace B. Lalu  
25 - Jonah A. Cirilo  
26 - Elma G. Bugtong





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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