

Servers Today, February 1, 2026

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

Speaker: EARL SAMEON
 Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE
 Invocation: JOJO RAMOS
 Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG
 Communion Text: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11
 Scripture Reading: JEREMIE LICUPA
 Prayer for the Bread: DAN-GIL GERON
 Prayer for the Cup: MERVIN OLIVA
 Prayer for the Giving: KAJEM KITMA
 Closing Prayer: MARIL BAYATING JR.
 Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
 Afternoon Speaker: JERRY GAWE
 Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE
 To Bring Flowers: ROSSANA ANDAYA
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: YANEZA FAMILY
 Communion: LUZ OLIDAN
 Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

How To Become a Biblical Christian

- 1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, I 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)

Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA
 Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
 Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE
 Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
 Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10
 Scripture Reading: SANDER BESTRE
 Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON
 Prayer for the Cup: RENZ PANDAY
 Prayer for the Giving: EZRA VALDEZ
 Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS
 Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
 Afternoon Speaker: ALTON MARK BAYLA
 Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
 To Bring Flowers: LORI AUSTRIA
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: BAYLA FAMILY
 Communion: LUZ OLIDAN
 Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | LEM GLORI

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

January 25, 2026

ATTENDANCE

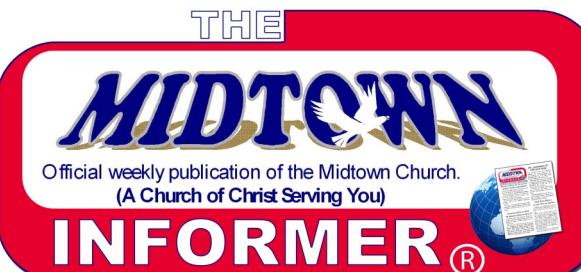
| REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM | SUNDAY SCHOOL | PRESCHOOL.....14 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ADULTS.....162 | GRADES 1-25 | GRADES 3-4.....7 |
| YPEEZ.....19 | GRADES 5-6.....5 | H.S.....12 |
| CHILDREN.....4 | COL/YAs.....15 | COL/YAs.....15 |
| GUESTS.....1 | ADULT.....145 | TOTAL.....190 |
| TOTAL.....217 | 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.



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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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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!Ω

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!Ω

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!Ω

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 thank 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

02 - Irene B. Lagsaman

02 - Josiah Levi A. Calixtro

05 - Maryann M. Gonzales

07 - Frank Valdez

07 - Frederick Walang

07 - Trinidad C. Trinidad

08 - Christopher G. Oliva

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

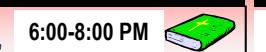
Prayers
&
BIBLE STUDY
9:35-10:25

Singing, Prayers
&
MESSAGE
10:30-11:10

Greetings
&
ANNOUNCEMENTS
11:10-11:20

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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