

Servers Today, February 8, 2026

Making an Appeal Based on Love (Philemon 8-11)

Speaker: ARNAN 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: ANDY BESTRE
 Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN 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

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 15, 2026

Restoring Broken Relationships (Philemon 12-16)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ
 Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.
 Invocation: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON
 Intercessory Prayer: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA
 Communion Text: 2 PETER 1:3-9
 Scripture Reading: PHROLANDER ABANCE
 Prayer for the Bread: JULIUS ROJO
 Prayer for the Cup: MARK QUIZANA
 Prayer for the Giving: RON VILLARUZ
 Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG.
 Announcement: FELIX OLIDAN JR.
 Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ
 Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE
 To Bring Flowers: FELIX OLIDAN JR.
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: PERDIGON FAMILY

Communion: LUZ OLIDAN
 Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

February 1, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PRESCHOOL.....20
ADULTS.....181	GRADES 1-210	GRADES 3-4.....5
YPEEZ.....26	GRADES 5-6.....5	H.S.....20
CHILDREN.....47	COL/As.....16	COL/As.....16
GUESTS.....3	ADULT.....140	TOTAL.....216
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OFFERING

AM&PM: P63,149.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** — FEBRUARY 10, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **ACU LECTURESHIP** — PBC-BCOC, 18 RIMANDO RD. | FEBRUARY 20-21, 2026 | 7:30 AM—5:30 PM | FREE
- **COUPLES CARE GROUP**—MIDTOWN HALL | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 | 6 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 | REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE: P8,000.00 UNTIL APRIL 15, 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.

Over 50 participate in men's breakfast fellowship

Midtown's Young People successfully hosted the BAGUIO—BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP at Midtown's Assembly Hall and at the facilities of the Baguio Pines Family Learning Center the other past Saturday, January 31, 2026. Attendance reached 63 representing eight congregations in the area.

Brother Renz Panday served as speaker in the devotional in which he discussed "EMBRACING SERVANTHOOD" based on 1 Peter 4:10 & Mark 10:45. Melchi Aquino served as songleader, and Ezra Valdez as Master of Ceremonies. The young people served in various capacities as follows: Ice Breaker Facilitator: Neah Tangonan & Alexis Sungay; Snacks Preparation: Laisha Montes & Shaira Andaya; Team Building Facilitators: Sherman Bestre, Riyu Albay, Liam Salud, Laisha Montes, Shaira Andaya, Jacinth Perdigon, Dylan Luis, Jizza Aquino, and Kate Dereje. May the Lord God Almighty be glorified and His greatness magnified through these acts of service!Ω

YPeez to study 'True Love Waits' in four Sundays

The YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY led by brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's youth minister will conduct a series of lessons on "TRUE LOVE WAITS" to be discussed during their SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY HOUR in all the four Sundays of this month. The study is based on a Christian initiative promoting sexual abstinence up until entering a Biblical marriage relationship. As always, in the midst of contradicting issues in social media, the study is timely which aims at helping young people gain a thorough understanding of Love, Courtship, Marriage, and Sex that is Biblical and time-tested.

Meanwhile, the FAMILY LIFE CENTER located at the mezzanine floor of the Infinitea Café, Laperal Building, Session Road, remains open for use by anyone especially by the young people. Brother Jojo Ramos reminds users to fill in their names in the log book provided for every visit. For God's honor!Ω

"God loves us first, not because we are special but because we are broken who need a Savior."

READ Titus 3:4-7

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Over 50 participate in men's breakfast fellowship

At the invitation of the HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST and the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE (HBC), at least 50 men representing a number of congregations in the Baguio—Benguet area attended a MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP held at the facilities of HBC in Irisan, this city the other past Saturday morning of January 31. Those from Midtown includes brothers Dodoy Sameon, Greg Kitma, Felix Olidan Jr., Gil Geron, Andy Bestre, Renz Panday, Ezra Valdez, Noel Espinosa, and Jojo Ramos.

Midtown will be hosting this Quarterly Men's Breakfast on the 3rd Quarter of this year. For God's glory and praise!Ω

Brethren invited to ACU's annual lectureship in various venues

Midtown has recently received an invitation from the ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ACU) for a series of BIBLE LECTURESHIPS this month on "BRINGING UNITY TO DIVISION" based on 1 Corinthians. The schedule of Events & Venues is as follows: Feb. 20-21—BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Rd., this city; Feb. 23-26—ACU CAMPUS, Bugallon, Pangasinan; Feb. 27-28—KALOKAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, Morning Breeze Subd., Caloocan City, MM.

The event is offered for free and give-aways will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Participants are free to choose which event to attend. For the Baguio event, on-site registration starts at 7:30 AM on Friday, Feb. 20, and concludes at 5:30 PM. On the 2nd day, Feb. 21, Arrival starts at 7:30 AM, and concludes at 4:15 PM.

For more details, kindly check out the program posted on the bulletin boards. For God's glory and praise alone!Ω

MAKING AN APPEAL BASED ON LOVE

Philemon 8-11
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | February 8, 2026

I. CONSIDERING THE LOVING WAYS OF THE LORD

- RECOGNIZE THAT AUTHORITY IS BEST CARRIED OUT IN LOVE
 - "Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do..."
 - Paul, by not pulling rank, invites Philemon to act freely out of love rather than resenting duty.
- RECOGNIZE THAT LOVE IS THE STANDARD
 - "yet I appeal to you on the basis of love..."
 - Paul moves from "order" (law) to "appeal" (grace).
- RECOGNIZE THAT EVERYONE NEEDS GRACE
 - "I then, as Paul — an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus..."
 - Paul emphasizes his vulnerable state as an elderly prisoner in Rome to persuade Philemon to act in grace rather than legal obligation.

II. CONSIDERING THE VALUE OF ETERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- RECOGNIZE THAT RELATIONSHIPS IN CHRIST ARE PRICELESS
 - "I appeal to you for my son Onesimus..."
 - Paul, the apostle, develops a deep spiritual relationship with the lowest and marginalized in society, treating him as his own child.
- RECOGNIZE THAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
 - "who became my son..."
 - Paul uses the term affectionately to indicate the valuable relationship developed through the Gospel of Christ.
- RECOGNIZE THAT RELATIONSHIPS IN CHRIST DEFIES STATUS
 - "while I was in chains..."
 - Paul highlights that a new life in Christ is possible regardless of one's circumstances.

III. CONSIDERING THE WELFARE OF OTHERS

- RECOGNIZE THAT DISCIPLES OF CHRIST MUST CONSIDER THE WELFARE OF OTHERS
 - "Formerly he was useless to you..."
 - Paul states the fact that life without Christ has no eternal worth.
- RECOGNIZE THAT DISCIPLES OF CHRIST ALL BECOME USEFUL
 - "but now he has become useful..."
 - Paul states the fact that one's conversion in Christ brings an all-new purpose of life.
- RECOGNIZE THAT DISCIPLES OF CHRIST ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER
 - "both to you and to me..."
 - Paul appeals for forgiveness and restoration based on shared identity in Christ and that Onesimus is a "beloved brother" in the Lord.

SUMMARY CHECK:

"Am I doing this for them and for the Lord, or for me?", and if the answer is sincerely "for them and for the Lord, and you are prepared to accept their decision without being judgmental, it is likely an appeal based on love."

MAKING AN APPEAL BASED ON LOVE

Philemon 8-11

- IS CONSIDERING THE LOVING WAYS OF THE LORD
 - Philemon 8-9
- IS CONSIDERING THE VALUE OF ETERNAL RELATIONSHIPS
 - Philemon 10
- IS CONSIDERING THE WELFARE OF OTHERS
 - Philemon 11

APPLICATION:

1. As disciples of Jesus Christ, in what ways can we choose and love the Lord's ways over ours?
 - Let us rest in the knowledge that God is in control of all things, even when the situation is chaotic, fully trusting in God's perfect timing rather than rushing Him or trying to take matters into one's own hands.
 - Let us surrender personal desires to God's higher and better purpose instead of demanding that our specific plans be fulfilled which often disregards the long-term consequences or the needs of others.
 - Let us do all things with honesty and integrity, rather than deceit or scheming methods to achieve personal, ministry, and church growth goals.
 - "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord." Isaiah 55:8

APPLICATION:

2. As disciples of Jesus Christ, in what ways can we love and value our relationships with each other?
 - Let us encourage forgiving a wrongdoer, even if legal rights exist, putting reconciliation over rights.
 - Let us value our brotherhood in Christ over our differences and preferences knowing that the Gospel alters societal status.
 - Let us relate to each other with grace such that each one would encourage voluntary, loving actions rather than relying solely on authoritative commands.
 - "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:8-10

APPLICATION:

3. As disciples of Jesus Christ, in what ways can we love and show consideration to each other?
 - Let us be patient with one another believing that the gospel transforms worthless lives into useful ones.
 - Let us be forgiving believing that forgiveness lead to renewed and transformed relationships.
 - Let us promote true Christian fellowship by treating each other as brothers and sisters without regard to past or current circumstances and status.
 - "Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Phil 2:4

How do we know we are making an appeal based on love?

1. If and when we consider the loving and uncompromising ways of the Lord God Almighty, specifically for us to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
2. If and when we consider the value of eternal relationships, i.e., we do the right thing for the sake of our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and above all, when we consider to do things right to honor our eternal relationship with the Lord God Almighty.
3. If and when we consider the welfare of others first or before our own personal interest, and by being patient with one another believing that the gospel transforms useless lives into useful ones.

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

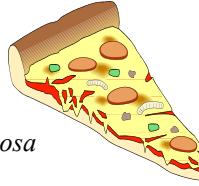
24 - Teresita W. Kitma

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.

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- LESSON NO. 3 – How We Got the Bible
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- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

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 - B. The Fall of Man
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 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
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 - E. The Cost of Discipleship
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 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

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- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

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

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Singing & Prayers
LORD'S SUPPER
and OFFERING
9:00-9:30

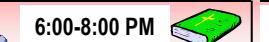
Prayers
&
BIBLE STUDY
9:35-10:25

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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