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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.

"Not in doing what you like but in liking what you do that makes life fulfilling."

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Servers Today, March 15, 2026

Reminders of God's Righteous Condemnation (Jude 5-7)

Speaker: JUN REYES Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA Invocation: MARIL BAYATING SR. Intercessory Prayer: GREG KITMA Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10 Scripture Reading: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA Prayer for the Bread: ARTURO TACAY Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES Prayer for the Giving: KAJEM KITMA Closing Prayer: ALTON MARK BAYLA Announcement: KAJEM KITMA Afternoon Speaker: JUN REYES Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE To Bring Flowers: DIONESIA MARTIN To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN Usher/ettes: PERDIGON FAMILY Communion: KAESHA PALAYPAYON 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 March 22, 2026

Warnings About Ungodly Dreamers (Jude 8-16)

Speaker: RENZ PANDAY Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE Invocation: JOJO RAMOS Intercessory Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29 Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE Prayer for the Bread: IRA NORTH PO Prayer for the Cup: MARK QUIZANA Prayer for the Giving: RON VILLARUZ Closing Prayer: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA Afternoon Speaker: RENZ PANDAY Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE To Bring Flowers: ALICE LALAS To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN Usher/ettes: GONZALES FAMILY Communion: KAESHA PALAYPAYON Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | LEM GLORI

Volunteers needed in mission outreach activities

In last Tuesday's CHURCH FORUM, involvement in various activities in mission outreach activities in Nangalisan and Naguilian congregations is being solicited.

Brother Sixto Aoas who spearheads the Lord's work in Nangalisan reveals that volunteers from Midtown are highly encouraged to get involved in the following:

- 1. VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS in the MONTHLY JOINT FELLOWSHIP of Lasilas and Riverview congregations every fourth Sunday. 2. VOLUNTEER LADY TEACHERS to facilitate the LADIES CLASS every quarter. 3. VOLUNTEER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS to facilitate the CHILDREN'S CLASS conducted every Joint Fellowship 4. VOLUNTEER BIBLE TEACHERS to facilitate the CARE GROUP held in Lasilas every Friday. Interested parties are enjoined to contact brother Sixto Aoas or to coordinate with the ministry meeting during the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM. Meanwhile, brother Gil Geron who spearheads Midtown's involvement with the NAGUILIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST also reveals that the Naguilian brethren have expanded their ministry to the community as follows:

- 1. 2nd Saturday—Youth Bible Study & Devotional 2. 3rd Saturday—Home Visitations 3. 4th Saturday—Adults Bible Study & Devotional 4. Last Sunday of the Month—Fun Sunday with Luncheon Fellowship

On Saturday afternoon of March 28, 2026, there will be a LADIES DEVOTIONAL which will be hosted by the congregation's ladies. Midtown brethren are enjoined to participate in said activities.

The GERON FAMILY has committed involvement with the work of the Naguilian brethren by serving there every 2nd Sunday of the month. Their efforts and involvement are highly appreciated by the Naguilian brethren. For God's greater glory!Ω

24 participate in YA's monthly fellowship

Twenty-four young adults actively took part in this month's MONTHLY YOUNG ADULTS CARE GROUP held at Midtown's Assembly Hall and at the facilities of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER the other past Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Those who made it include brethren Chris & Keshia Oliva, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Mervz & Kat Oliva, Dan-gil & Lala Geron, Ron Villaruz, Mau Soriano, Kate Dereje, Jizza & Melchi Aquino, Aldian, Ira, & Amber Po Donnel & Aricka Gonzales, Dex & Denise Wagang, Jesse Bestre, Alton & Charis Bayla, together with four kids, namely, Padmei, Gavin, Luhke, and Ailish.

Brother Alton Mark Bayla served as facilitator in the discussions during the Devotional. He discussed "LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF" based on Mark 12:31 and other scriptures.

After a meaningful discussion and sharing of insights, the group shared a hearty hot-pot meal coupled with enthusiastic conversations and a warm fellowship. For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Midtown to purchase YP's sports & games equipment

The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has recently approved the purchase of various sports and games equipment for use of the YOUNG PEOPLE. Said equipment which include basketballs, volleyballs, badminton sets, Frisbee discs, including board and games costs Php14,000.00.

It is believed that these wholesome items are needful in the various fellowship gatherings of the youth ministry expressed brother Ezra Valdez. For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD March 8, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Table with 2 columns: REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM and SUNDAY SCHOOL. Rows include PRESCHOOL, GRADES 1-2, GRADES 3-4, GRADES 5-6, H.S., COL/YAs, ADULT, and TOTAL.

OFFERING AM&PM: P76,940.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — MARCH 17, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME! MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP — MIDTOWN HALL | SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 | 11:00 AM—2:30 PM | C/O 2ND QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP METRO-WIDE YOUTH CAMP— EPIC PARC RAINFOREST CAMP, TANAY, RIZAL | APRIL 1-4, 2026 | REGISTRATION FEE: P2,800.00 | CONTACT BROTHER EZRA VALDEZ 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! 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. ATTENTION: MIDTOWN LADIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER EARLIER THAN THE DEADLINE PLEASE. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS!

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: *GLORIA YANG *JOSEFA JOSAYAN *PRISCILLA BAYASEN *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON *TESS KITMA *BERNARD IGNACIO *ELLA GAROY *LORENZA LOSNONG *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *CHARLIE ABANCE *EDDIE LAGSAMAN *AIDA SAINGAN *MEGUELITA Q. ABARIAL *DANTE BADDAS *LALA GERON *ANRI RAMOS *SHAMAE RAMOS *ELIZABETH DONATO *PURIFICACION PACA *CRISTY TACAY *RUTH CAMORA *JANE BESTRE *MARIBEL FERRER *KRISTELLE OLIDAN—CADIZ (SAFE PREGNANCY) REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *IAN PAJANTOY *JERALD BACOY *JEHMEL OFRENEO *DWYLA AMILA SIMON *ABIGAIL RAMOS—DUMAPO *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT *ONGOING WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST *ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL *ADDITIONAL ELDERS & DEACONS *48TH NLR PREPARATIONS SAFE TRAVEL: *FELIX OLIDAN JR. & COMPANY (AMBIONG CHURCH OF CHRIST) *ARNAN BAYLA & BPFCLC STAFF (MANILA) *CALOY GONZALES (KSA—RP)

Labor . . . The Gift of God

“And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.” (Ecclesiastes 3:13)

Some people may have the feeling that having to work for a living is an imposition of a corrupt society. Since they were brought into this world through no choice of their own, therefore the world owes them a living, they think. Is working a punishment because of our sins?

Well, God did curse the ground because of sin, but in an important sense **it was for man's own good.** “Cursed is the ground,” He told Adam, “for thy sake” (Genesis 3:17). It would require “the sweat of thy face” (v. 19) before man could eat his bread, and even then it would be “in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life” (v. 17).

But the work itself was not a punishment, for even before Adam sinned, God had given him the responsibility in the Edenic garden “to dress it and to keep it” (Genesis 2:15). Furthermore, we shall have work to do in the new earth in the ages to come, for we are told that “his servants shall serve him” there (Revelation 22:3), even though there will be no remnant of sinfulness there at all.

Even in this life, **work is a blessing when we see it as “the gift of God.”** If we see it only as drudgery and hardship, then it can indeed be “in sorrow.” But the Lord Jesus said, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

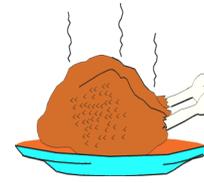
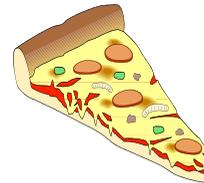
If having to work for a living will encourage us to come to Christ for salvation and peace of soul, then it is truly “for thy sake” that God's Curse was pronounced on the ground. The key to joy in labor, instead of sorrow, is noted by the apostle Paul. “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men . . . for ye serve the Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:23–24). HMM

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

March Celebrators

- 02 - Marilou Pelle
- 03 - Vicky Batnag
- 03 - Kyla Sue Tacay
- 03 - Liam Andre Salud
- 04 - Jade Eunice Bugnay
- 05 - Carina Mabesa
- 09 - Donnel Gonzales
- 10 - Letty Bayating
- 10 - Rachel Bestre
- 11 - Ma. Vanessa A. Barad
- 12 - Greg Kitma
- 12 - Kajem Kitma
- 12 - Kaelin R. Palaypayon
- 12 - Graciela Badiua-Ciencia
- 12 - Euancyde Aguinaldo
- 13 - Desiree Baddas-Nierves
- 13 - Phroillander Abance
- 14 - Randolph Tugay-an
- 15 - Ira North Po
- 15 - Cristian Paul Austria
- 17 - Alicia E. Lalas
- 17 - Zyneth Lagsaman
- 17 - Paterson Kitma
- 17 - Sheila Balangitan
- 20 - Justin Baban, Jr.
- 21 - Cecilia Alvarez
- 21 - Demi Rose Tacay
- 23 - Joseph Roncal
- 24 - Maryann Valdez
- 24 - Jael C. Amador
- 25 - Amber Phoelen Po
- 26 - Micah Abance
- 26 - Sylvia Baggao
- 27 - Donna-Gee Geron
- 27 - Annika Rimando
- 28 - Karizza Mae Bayla
- 28 - Melissa Licupa
- 30 - Mona Gawe
- 30 - Marlene Samonte
- 31 - Marivic C. Durano

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 – The Scheme of Redemption: C. Jesus the Savior
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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
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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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