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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.

"Life minus love equals zero."

READ 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

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Servers Today, March 29, 2026

Exhortations to the Beloved (Jude 17-25)

Speaker: JOJO RAMOS
Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA
Invocation: FELIX OLIDAN JR.
Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES
Communion Text: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11
Scripture Reading: KHEIF WALANG
Prayer for the Bread: SAMUEL QUEZADA
Prayer for the Cup: PHROILANDER ABANCE
Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE
Closing Prayer: JULIUS ROJO
Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS
Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA
To Bring Flowers: JENNIFER YANEZA
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: RAMOS 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 April 5, 2026

Called, Commissioned, and Committed (Titus 1:1-4)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA
Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
Invocation: GREG KITMA
Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
Communion Text: ROMANS 6:3-10
Scripture Reading: SANDER BESTRE
Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES
Prayer for the Cup: DAN-GIL GERON
Prayer for the Giving: RENZ PANDAY
Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA
Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
To Bring Flowers: LOLITA ABANCE
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: BESTRE FAMILY
Communion: ME-AN & ARICKA GONZLAES
Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | LEM GLORI

38 ladies attend monthly ladies fellowship & devo

Thirty-eight ladies actively participated in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday, March 21, 2026. The attendance include sisters Lorigrace Austria, Cora Ozo, Dionesia Martin, Norma Aping, Minda Oliva, Carina Lacaba, Rossana & Rowana Ozo, Alice Lalas, Virgie baldo, Luz Olidan, Marlene Samonte, Mary Jane Abance, Clarita Cachero, Genevieve Mokyaf, Maryjo Dugaysan, Charisse Fabia, Norma Andaya, Hakea Balbalaza, Maribel Sunggay, Bing Buendia, Fely Flores, Cristy Tacay, Trinidad C. Trinidad, Janet Perdigon, Cecilia Alvarez, Elizabeth Sevilla, Charmaine Rivera, Amber Po, Lala Geron, Janet Ramos, Keshia Oliva, Cot Espinosa, Nelly Bayla, Elizabeth Donato, and Lou Villanueva, together with two guests, Jean Inocencio and Mary Jane Ortiz from the QM Church of Christ.

The LADIES DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES centered on Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." The group activities facilitated by sister Lori Austria underscored that being soul winners for Jesus is a team effort and that each one is given at least one spiritual gift to use for the benefit of the church and in making disciples.

The discussions facilitated by sisters Luz Olidan, MJ Dugaysan, and Virgie Baldo emphasized one's identity when sharing to others as follows: "We are made by God for a good purpose. We are His children and that is our spiritual birth certificate; and we are our God-transformed self. When we go out to share, we remember that we carry the treasure (the Gospel) in jars of clay. When a non-Christian sees us, we hope that they will see in us our identity. Just like the lion who has an identity of being fearless but does not react quickly but scans. Or just like the eagle who is destined for high places who welcomes strong winds and storms. Or just like the sheep who is vulnerable and accepts that he needs a shepherd thus would always be able to identify the voice of his master." For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Fiancee baptized into Christ Wednesday evening

Brethren praise the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates sister ROSE ANN TERENG MORALES for having received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior in baptism Wednesday evening of March 18, 2026. She was baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery. Her decision to be born again came soon after having completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES. She completed said lessons while she and her fiancé, brother Oswald M. Patnaan of the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, are undergoing a PREMARITAL COUNSELING with brother Arnan Bayla who will serve as their Solemnizing Officer on their wedding day on April 25, 2026.

The newly baptized disciple, presently residing at Sadag, Bahong, La Trinidad, will be worshipping and serving the Lord God with brethren at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Rd., this city.

Midtown conveys jubilations and prays for her continued spiritual growth. For God's greater glory and praise!Ω

Youth minister solemnizes Gonzales-Osias nuptial

Brother Ezra A. Valdez, Midtown's youth minister, served as the SOLEMNIZING OFFICER in the wedding of brother O'neil Mercado Gonzales, active member of this congregation and sister Kasmir Lara Velasco Osias, active member of the congregation in Villasis, Pangasinan last March 20, 2026. The wedding was held at the SIRMATA ECOFARM & NATURE PARK in Malineng, Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija.

Midtown congratulates the newlywed and prays for their marriage to last a lifetime. For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD March 22, 2026

Table with 2 columns: REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM and SUNDAY SCHOOL. Rows include ADULTS, YPEEZ, CHILDREN, GUESTS, TOTAL for both categories.

OFFERING AM&PM: P59,310.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VOLUNTARY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TODAY—FOR THERAPY & MEDICATION OF SIS. JANE M. BESTRE.
• NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — ON MARCH 31, 2026 | RESUMES APRIL 7, 2026
• 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

Table with 3 columns: FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN, REQUESTED BY BRETHREN, and SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE. Lists names and specific prayer requests.

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# Not Ashamed

“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.” (2 Timothy 1:8)

Paul had steadfast faith. He was also a very faithful encourager for the saints to “hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering” (Hebrews 10:23). In the text verse for today, he encourages Timothy to publicly express his faith in several tangible, but risky, ways.

Timothy is exhorted to not be ashamed of the Lord. **The Bible’s message is both very different from and also very convicting of the world’s thinking.** Thus, many outside of Christ react to His messenger with ridicule and personal intimidation. It is hard to stand against this tide, and the believer’s embarrassment may manifest itself in silence. It could have been dangerous in Timothy’s day to claim “I am a Christian,” as is still the case in some places around the world.

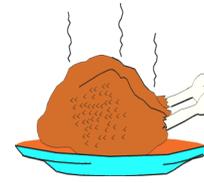
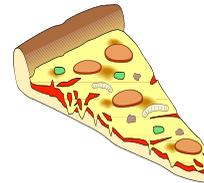
But Paul’s exhortation also includes not being ashamed of “the testimony of our Lord,” which is His Word. Every day in schools, on TV, or in other media, the Bible and those who believe it are ridiculed. These attacks can be so scornful and relentless that even many Christians find it difficult to not be ashamed.

Next, Paul adds *himself* to Timothy’s list when he says “nor of me his prisoner.” Fellow believers faithfully and accurately proclaiming God’s Word—especially those in a firestorm of resistance—need other believers to support them, not back away in embarrassment. Paul is actually urging Timothy to move beyond not being ashamed and to actively “get in the fight” with him as he says, “Be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel.” Paul knew that Timothy would feel a deep and lasting shame if he withdrew out of fear to the safety of silence, watching others boldly proclaim the gospel in a world that can be very hostile to the message. RJG

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 Badua-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 Gawie
- 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.

## 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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### 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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