



"The greatest tragedy is not death, but life without purpose." READ Ecclesiastes 12:13 INSIDE PAGE: Today's Sermon Outline...page 2 April Birth Anniversaries...page 3 Evangelistic Lesson Series...page 3

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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 12, 2026

God's Plan for Church Leadership (Titus 1:5-9) Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA Invocation: MARIL BAYATING SR. Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG Communion Text: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 Scripture Reading: HASEO DALANG Prayer for the Bread: RON VILLARUZ Prayer for the Cup: LIAM ANDRE SALUD Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA Afternoon Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA To Bring Flowers: CRISTY AUSTRIA To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN Usher/ettes: PALAYPAYON FAMILY ME-AN & ARICKA GONZALES Communion: GONZALES Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

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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.

Midtown brethren serve in northeastern Luzon fellowship

A number of brethren from Midtown have served in various capacities in the recently concluded NORTHEASTERN LUZON PANAGKAKADUA held at the SOLANO EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL located at Barangay Roxas, Nueva Vizcaya on April 2-5, 2026. Invited speakers from Midtown include brother Felix Olidan Jr. who served as Devotional Speaker on the first day. She was accompanied by sister Luz Olidan. Spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos served as speakers for the Adult Men and Ladies classes respectively. Brother Renz Panday, accompanied by sister Gracelynn Panday, served as facilitator for the Young People's Class. The SOLANO CHURCH OF CHRIST hosted this year's regional fellowship with the theme "PANAGKAKADUA KEN PANGKAYKAYS A ITI ESPIRITU TI DIOS" based on Ephesians 4:3. Brethren in attendance represented the congregations of the Lord's church in Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, and Aurora together with some congregations in the Cordillera region. For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

21 participate in YPeez monthly care group

At the oversight of spouses Ezra & Kana Valdez, twenty-one young people, namely, Althon Nathe Manalo, Kheif Walang, Sherman Bestre, Liam André Salud, Riyu Albay, Jeremie Craig Licupa, Laisha & Lara Montes, Raiza & Shaira Andaya, Lhuke Geron, Jediah John Johan & Joses Joe Licdan, Haseo & Jihoon Dalang, Lougai Fermin, Jacinth Perdigon, and Graciella Marie Castillo together with three other guests actively participated in last Sunday afternoon's MONTHLY YOUNG PEOPLE'S CARE GROUP held at the SCOUT HILL, Camp John Hay, this city. Sister Raiza Andaya and her group facilitated the icebreakers, team-building activities, and group dynamics. Brother Kheif Walang facilitated a brief devotional on "UNPLUG & IGNITE" based on Colossians 3:2. He underscored that believers are to prioritize eternal, godly values over temporal, worldly pursuits. Unplugging the temporal desires and igniting eternal things that matter most must be in the disciples' agenda every day. He also emphasized the importance of "physical fellowship" in today's digital age. After the devotional, the group delved into a number of fun and games such as playing badminton, volleyball, and board games. Brother Ezra comments that it was wonderful to see the young people engaging one another instead of being on their phones. In another development, brother Ezra A. Valdez, Midtown's youth minister, led a number of Midtown's young people in attending the METRO-WIDE YOUTH CAMP held at the EPIC PARC RAINFOREST CAMP in Tanay, Rizal on April 1-4, 2026. For God's greater glory and praise!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD March 29, 2026

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

OFFERING AM&PM: P69,922.00 Special: P40,000.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — APRIL 7, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME! MONTHLY COUPLES CARE GROUP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | APRIL 11, 2026 | 5:00 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!. 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! THANK YOU NOTE FROM SISTER JANE BESTRE — DEAR BRETHREN, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY UTMOST GRATITUDE TO THIS LOVING CONGREGATION FOR THE UNENDING PRAYERS DURING MY SURGERY. IT GIVES ME JOY AND FEEL YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION DONE MARCH 29TH. GOD BLESS US ALL!

PRAYER LIST

- FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: *GLORIA YANG *JOSEFA JOSAYAN *PRISCILLA BAYASEN *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON *BERNARD IGNACIO *ELLA GAROY *LORENZA LOSNONG *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *CHARLIE ABANCE *EDDIE LAGSAMAN *AIDA SAINGAN *MEGUELITA Q. ABARIAL *DANTE BADDAS *SHAMAE RAMOS *ELIZABETH DONATO *PURIFICACION PACA *CRISTY TACAY *RUTH CAMORA *JANE BESTRE *MARIBEL FERRER *KRYSTELLE OLIDAN—CADIZ (SAFE PREGNANCY) REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *IAN PAJANTOY *JERALD BACOY *JEHMEL OFRENEO *DWYLA AMILA SIMON *ABIGAIL RAMOS—DUMAOP *FRITZ PADILLA SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE *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: *VACATIONISTS



TGIF & Kitma holds joint care group & fellowship

With the sponsorship of spouses Joseph & Wynell Roncal, the THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY CARE GROUP meeting at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL and the KITMA FRIDAY CARE GROUP meeting alternately in various homes at Kitma Village, joined for a THANKSGIVING DINNER at Midtown's Assembly Hall the other past Friday evening, March 27, 2026. The Roncals are active members at Midtown before moving to the USA some decades ago. They remain to be connected with Midtown brethren and are happy to celebrate Joseph's birthday along with other Midtown brethren. He conveys his warmest regards to the congregation. For God's glory, praise, and honor!Ω

BEING ANCHORED IN THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF MINISTRY

Titus 1:1-4
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | April 5, 2026

I. OUR MINISTRY MUST DEPEND ON DIVINE AUTHORITY

- RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE GOD'S SERVANTS
 - Like Paul, "a servant of Jesus Christ," we serve the Lord God Almighty.
 - Paul emphasizes submission to the Lord.
- RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE SENT WITH AUTHORITY FROM GOD
 - Like Paul, "an apostle of Jesus," we are sent with authority. (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - Paul emphasizes the Lord's authority.
- RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE SERVANTS WITH A GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE
 - Like Paul, we are to foster the "faith of God's chosen people..."
 - Paul emphasizes a God-given mandate.

Titus 1:1-4

II. OUR MINISTRY MUST DEPEND ON TRUTH THAT PRODUCES GODLINESS

- RECOGNIZE THAT THE BASIS OF MINISTRY IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH
 - "Knowledge of the truth..."
 - Like Paul, we promote accurate discernment, and recognition of, and acquaintance with the Truth, the word of God.
- RECOGNIZE THAT THE AIM OF MINISTRY IS TO PROMOTE GODLINESS
 - "that leads to Godliness..."
 - Like Paul, we promote the Truth which belongs to and harmonizes with and tends to godliness.
- RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONTEXT OF MINISTRY IS FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE
 - "a faith and knowledge..."
 - Like Paul, we highlight that accurate knowledge provides the basis for faith, while our faith acts on that knowledge.

Titus 1:1-4

III. OUR MINISTRY MUST DEPEND ON THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

- RECOGNIZE THAT MINISTRY ENTAILS THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ETERNAL LIFE
 - "resting in the hope of eternal life..."
 - Like Paul, our ministry is primarily motivated by the hope of eternal life, and without it, faith and knowledge is futile.
- RECOGNIZE THAT MINISTRY MUST PREACH AND MAKE KNOWN GOD'S WORD
 - "brought his word to light through the preaching..."
 - Like Paul, our ministry is basically preaching the pure Gospel and all truth.
- RECOGNIZE THAT MINISTRY IS AN EXERCISE OF BEING TRUSTWORTHY
 - "entrusted to me..."
 - Like Paul, we accept that the ministry of the word is entrusted to all disciples of Christ.

Titus 1:1-4

“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. ”

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

BEING ANCHORED IN THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF MINISTRY

- DEPENDENCE ON DIVINE AUTHORITY
 - Titus 1:1,4
- DEPENDENCE ON TRUTH THAT PRODUCES GODLINESS
 - Titus 1:2,3
- DEPENDENCE ON THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE
 - Titus 1:2

Titus 1:1-4

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Jesus Christ, in what ways can we show that what we do depends on God's authority?
 - Readily submitting to the Scriptures or the Bible as the absolute source of truth and guidance, rather than on personal opinion or cultural trends.
 - Readily operating under the Lord's authority or power rather than on our own strength to execute his will or directions in our lives and in the church.
 - Readily serving God and others in everyday acts, without expecting anything in return, knowing that we are doing our duty as the Lord's servants.
 - "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 NIV

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Jesus Christ, in what ways can we contribute to godly living?
 - Readily proving all things, holding fast to that which is good, and testing everything against Scripture so that we avoid falling for subtle, "half-truth" deceptions.
 - Readily aiming for transformation such that the truth we share is Biblical and should thereby lead us and others closer to Jesus, promoting holy living rather than mere theoretical arguments.
 - Readily acting on knowledge such that when faced with challenges, we apply what we know of God's character and promises rather than relying on fear or mere emotion.
 - "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." Romans 12:2 NIV

APPLICATION:

- As disciples of Jesus Christ, in what ways can we ascertain that what we do is not futile or in vain?
 - Readily putting things in eternal perspective which allows believers to look beyond temporary matters, situations, or hardships and focus on eternal values.
 - Readily shifting from relying on human persuasion to relying on prayer and the Holy Spirit to transform hearts and lives.
 - Readily ensuring everything is done "In the Lord" noting that labor is only in vain when done apart from God's purpose.
 - "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58 esv

How do we know that what we do in serving is not in vain?

- If and when we operate under the Lord's authority and power rather than on our own strength to execute his will or directions in our lives and in the church. Are we much more depending on ourselves rather than on God?
- If and when we aim for transformation such that the Biblical truth we share leads us and others closer to the Lord God Almighty, promoting holy living rather than mere religious talk. Are we much more interested in religious talk rather than having godly lives?
- If and when we ensure everything is done "In the Lord" noting that labor is only in vain when done apart from God's purpose. Are we much more absorbed with what we want to do rather than on what God wants?

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

April Celebrators

01 - Jon Alfred Cirilo
01 - Leonalyn Portelo
02 - Jolian Ibrahim
02 - April Acop
02 - Riyu Caleb Albay
03 - Sheema Valdez
04 - Lolita Abance
05 - Letty Wagang
05 - Herminia Acena (Deceased)
05 - Jamielyn Yaneza
05 - Leonida Umis
06 - Eunice Cordero
06 - Aries John Igoy
07 - Kaiah Victoria Albay
08 - Erika Brillantes
09 - Gloria Yang
09 - Marilyn Bulatao
09 - Noah Valdez
09 - Irish Kate Abansi Ebil
12 - Susan Weng
13 - Ma. Rowena Cordero
14 - Cristy Loren Austria
14 - Kurt Austin Rimando
14 - Michael Gorio
16 - Lhuke Danhill Geron
17 - Liram Chad Montes
21 - Frank Abraham Linggon
21 - Sheryl Caramé-Martin
21 - Chloé Alexis Zamora
23 - Roxanne Tacay
24 - Leonides Ompang
28 - Melchizedek Aquino
28 - Lougai Fermin
29 - Elizabeth Donato

Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

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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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