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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.

"When it's your time to shine, shine so that through you, others can see Him." READ Matthew 5:14-16 INSIDE PAGE: The SUPER VBS 2026...page 2 May Birth Anniversaries...page 3 Evangelistic Lesson Series...page 3

Servers Today, May 24, 2026

Adorning the Doctrine of God (Titus 2:9-10) Speaker: JOJO RAMOS Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE Invocation: MARIL P. BAYATING SR. Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:10-12 Scripture Reading: LIAM ANDRE SALUD Prayer for the Bread: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA Prayer for the Cup: PHROILANDER ABANCE Prayer for the Giving: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON Closing Prayer: DODOY SAMEON Announcement: ANDY BESTRE Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE To Bring Flowers: ANGELA RAMOS To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN Usher/ettes: ANDAYA FAMILY Communion: CRISTY TACAY 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 May 31, 2026

God's Grace that Brings Salvation (Titus 2:11-15) Speaker: RENZ PANDAY Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA Invocation: DODOY SAMEON Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29 Scripture Reading: SANDER BESTRE Prayer for the Bread: RON VILLARUZ Prayer for the Cup: ANTHONY SALUD Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA Afternoon Speaker: RENZ PANDAY Song Leader: ARNAN BAYLA To Bring Flowers: CRISTY AUSTRIA To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN Usher/ettes: WAGANG FAMILY Communion: CRISTY TACAY Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | LEM GLORI

420 participants molded & mended in nat'l ladies retreat

The Midtown congregation thanks the Lord God Almighty as well as jubilates for the resounding success of the recently concluded 48TH NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT held at the CONVENTION PLAZA OF HOTEL SUPREME, Magsaysay Avenue, this city on May 19-22, 2026. Four Hundred Twenty (420) participants representing ninety-five (95) congregations in the Philippines and overseas were "MOLDED & MENDED" with the retreat's meaningful purpose which is to reinforce every woman's identity, self-worth, and purpose as designed by the Almighty God and Creator.

Participants were appreciative of the flow of the program which allowed for meaningful interaction amongst participants with the plenary and breakout discussions, the various activity centers such as the Bible Story, Life Application, and Handcrafts. The retreat drew ladies from far and wide, with a special citation awarded to participants from the Trinidad Calo & Bonbon congregations in Butuan City, who made the longest domestic journey to attend, and who are set to host the next NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT on April 20-23, 2027. More news soon! All for God's glory, praise, and honor alone!Ω

Super VBS 2026 kicks off Monday, May 25!

Midtown's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2026 kicks off at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL tomorrow, Monday, May 25th, at 8 AM. Activity Centers are stationed all throughout the facilities of the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER which is co-hosting the event. The same will culminate on Friday, May 29, 2026.

This year's VBS theme is based on the Super Mario storyline which centers on Italian plumbers Mario and Luigi, who frequently travel through warp pipes to the Mushroom Kingdom. They embark on epic quests to rescue Princess Peach from the reptilian antagonist Bowser, exploring diverse worlds, gathering power-ups, and defeating the Koopa army. Mario's best quotes range from his iconic game catchphrases to memorable movie lines, most of which center on his upbeat, "LET'S-A-GO!"

Using the storyline and Mario's famous catchphrase, Midtown's VBS connects to being servants who readily delve into pursuits of serving and encouraging one another to "LET'S-A-GO SERVE CHRIST!" Pursuits in serving the Lord Jesus Christ will be challenged with so many possible hindrances and opposition posed by the evil one, but with brethren working faithfully side by side, makes serving for the Lord empowering and victorious.

It is the objective of Midtown's SUPER VBS to instill in the participants the value of COURAGE AND DETERMINATION in serving Christ and His church. This includes recognizing resilience and the power of failure, lifelong curiosity and exploration, teamwork and relationships, and continuous growth and adaptability. LET'S A GO! For God's greater glory, honor, and praise!Ω

Senior citizen gains another citizenship last Sunday

Midtown praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates sister RITA PARAN WILLY who was baptized by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistry last Sunday morning, May 17, 2026. She started her Bible study with brother Felix Olidan Jr., and was continued by brothers Charlie Abance and Arnan Bayla a couple of times until she decided to be born again. Sister Rita, born January 7, 1947, lives on Km. 8, Poblacion, Tuba. She is an active member of the TUBA POBLACION SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION and has now gained a citizenship in the Kingdom of God (Philippians 3:20). To God be all the glory!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD May 17, 2026

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

OFFERING AM&PM: P77,714.00

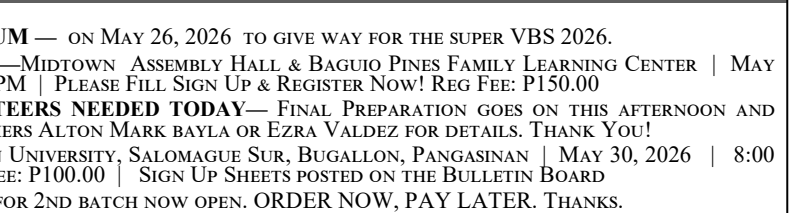
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — ON MAY 26, 2026 TO GIVE WAY FOR THE SUPER VBS 2026.
• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL —MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL & BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER | MAY 25-29, 2026 | 8:00 AM—12:00 PM | PLEASE FILL SIGN UP & REGISTER NOW! REG FEE: P150.00
• VBS PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TODAY— FINAL PREPARATION GOES ON THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT. PLEASE CONTACT BROTHERS ALTON MARK BAYLA OR EZRA VALDEZ FOR DETAILS. THANK YOU!
• LADIES DAY—ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, SALOMAGUE SUR, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | MAY 30, 2026 | 8:00 AM—4:00 PM | REGISTRATION FEE: P100.00 | SIGN UP SHEETS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
• MIDTOWN SHIRTS— ORDERS FOR 2ND BATCH NOW OPEN. ORDER NOW, PAY LATER. THANKS.

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 *JESSICA MARIANO *ANGIE PAYANGDO *LILY SORIANO *CHITO CUSI *AIDA SAINGAN *KRYSTELLE OLIDAN—CADIZ (SAFE PREGNANCY)
REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *JAN PAJANTOY *JERALD BACOY *JEHMELO OFRENEO *DWYLA AMILA SIMON *FRITZ PADILLA *PRINCESS QUINZON

SAFE TRAVEL: *NLR DELEGATES HEADING BACK HOME





LET'S A GO LEARN

these core moral values and translate directly to our everyday lives:

1. Resilience and the Power of Failure

■ **The "Super Mario Effect":** This concept dictates that we shouldn't view failure as the opposite of success. Instead, missing a jump or losing a life in Mario teaches us what *doesn't work*, turning every "Game Over" into a necessary stepping stone for eventual victory. More than this, the Lord Jesus Christ empowers us for victory!

■ **Perseverance:** No matter how many pits you fall into, Mario always gets back up. It teaches us the virtue of trying again and refusing to give up, no matter how difficult the challenge. More than this, Jesus walks with us through challenges!

2. Lifelong Curiosity and Exploration

■ **Smashing the Blocks:** Mario jumps blindly into blocks hoping to find hidden coins or power-ups. This mirrors the value of curiosity. It encourages us to look for hidden potential in our daily routines and try new things, even if it feels like taking a leap of faith. Jesus Christ gives us this courage!

■ **Finding Secret Paths:** Many levels have secret exits that require thinking outside the box. This teaches us that the most obvious route isn't always the only way to achieve a goal. Faith in Christ requires following the Lord's path.

3. Teamwork and Relationships

■ **Luigi and Mario:** The bond between the two brothers shows that you do not have to face life's challenges alone. Their dynamic proves that having trusted friends or family by your side makes overcoming adversity much easier. More than this, the Lord Jesus who causes us to be brethren makes our serving a lot lighter, fulfilling, and a joy!

■ **Knowing Your Resources:** Understanding when to use a Super Mushroom or a Fire Flower teaches us how to evaluate and utilize our real-world resources, such as leaning on a trusted mentor, taking a much-needed break, or relying on a specific skill set. More than this, disciples of Christ draw their strength from the Lord Jesus Christ!

4. Continuous Growth and Adaptability

■ **Adjusting to New Worlds:** Mario has to adapt to constantly changing environments—swimming in deep water, scaling ice-covered mountains, and dodging fire in the castles. This teaches us the importance of adapting to new situations and shifting circumstances in our own lives. More than this, the Lord Jesus teaches us to trust Him in all circumstances!

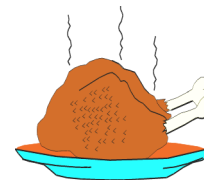
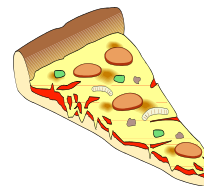
■ **Taking It One Level at a Time:** Every game is neatly divided into levels. This reflects the concept of breaking down overwhelming goals into manageable, bite-sized tasks in order to reach the final destination. As Christians, we take Our walk one step at a time, one day at a time, trusting in the Lord God Almighty to takes us from victory to victory as we faithfully serve Him!

LET'S A GO SERVE THE LORD AND HIS CHURCH!

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

May Celebrators

- 01 - Evelyn Ignacio
- 01 - Benjamin Balawas
- 01 - Hakea Sati Balbalozo
- 03 - Elvie Omaging
- 05 - Erolyn Canlas
- 05 - Ruby Panganiban
- 06 - Ricky Rimando
- 06 - Jizza Mae Aquino
- 08 - Raiza May Andaya
- 08 - Romulo Joaquin
- 11 - Cindy Lacambra
- 11 - Princess Elipane
- 12 - Dante Baddas
- 12 - Gil Geron
- 12 - May Flor Acquiadan
- 14 - Ethan B. Sameon
- 14 - Fransley Mae Amplayo
- 15 - Jessica Mariano
- 16 - Melecia Abance
- 16 - Klarissa Glori
- 19 - Maureen Soriano
- 19 - Chito Salviejo
- 20 - Carlota Cera
- 20 - Jonalyn Castillo
- 21 - Rolando Castillo
- 21 - Melba N. Licupa
- 21 - Ma. Corazon Ozo
- 21 - Charlie D. Castro
- 22 - Carlos Gonzales
- 23 - Jeannette F. Sarauer
- 23 - Alexa Senesan
- 23 - Samuel Quezada
- 25 - Alexandre James Ciencia
- 25 - Maryrose Quirimit
- 26 - Norma Aping
- 28 - Elena Caramé
- 28 - Elcid Pelpelic
- 29 - Francisco Fermin
- 29 - Rainelle Kigara Nayew
- 31 - Margaret Golda Yang
- 31 - Elizabeth Salviejo



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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