

Servers Today, August 23, 2026

The Mystery of Godliness
(1 Timothy 3:14-16)

Speaker: *JESSE BESTRE*
Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
Invocation: *MARIL P. BAYATING SR.*
Intercessory Prayer: *DEXTER WAGANG*
Communion Text: *ROMANS 8:1-4*
Scripture Reading: *ANTHONY SALUD*
Prayer for the Bread: *RON VILLARUZ*
Prayer for the Cup: *MARK QUIZANA*
Prayer for the Giving: *SAM QUEZADA*
Closing Prayer: *DODOY SAMEON*
Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*
Speaker: *JESSE BESTRE*
Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
To Bring Flowers: *CLARITA CACHERO*
To Bring Biscuits: *C/o MIDTOWN*
To Bring Drinks: *C/o MIDTOWN*
Usher/ettes: *QUEZADA FAMILY*
Communion: *AMBER PHOELN PO*

Worship Coordinator: *ART TACAY | LEM GLORI*

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 August 30, 2026

Symposium on Basic Biblical Counseling

Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*
Song Leader: *CHRIS OLIVA*
Invocation: *MARIL P. BAYATING SR.*
Intercessory Prayer: *RICHARD BESTRE*
Communion Text: *PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11*
Scripture Reading: *MARCSON WALANG*
Prayer for the Bread: *DONNEL GONZALES*
Prayer for the Cup: *DANTE BADDAS*
Prayer for the Giving: *GIL GERON*
Closing Prayer: *ERNIE WAGANG*
Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*
Afternoon Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*
Song Leader: *CHRIS OLIVA*
To Bring Flowers: *BESTRE FAMILY*
To Bring Biscuits: *C/o MIDTOWN*
To Bring Drinks: *C/o MIDTOWN*
Usher/ettes: *GONZALES FAMILY*
Communion: *AMBER PHOELN PO*

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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.

“Anything under God's control is never out of control.”

READ Romans 8:28

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
August 16, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	PRESCHOOL.....8
	GRADES 1-26
	GRADES 3—4.....7
	GRADES 5-6.....5
ADULTS.....186	J.H.S.....14
YPEEZ.....25	SHS/COL.....9
CHILDREN.....27	ADULT.....161
GUESTS.....3	TOTAL.....210

OFFERING

AM&PM: P78,865.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — AUGUST 25, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

MEN’S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST— HOST: MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 | 7:30-10:30 AM | FACILITATORS: YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY | FREE REGISTRATION

BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR— ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, SALOMAGUE SUR, BUGALLON, PANGASINAN | AUGUST 31—SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 | OPEN TO PREACHERS, CHURCH LEADERS—WORKERS, YOUTH LEADERS, STUDENTS | 8:30 AM—4:30 PM | FREE FOOD AND LODGING || CONTACT 0917-700-6744 OR 0917—720—8891 TO SEND YOUR NAME TO RESERVE ACCOMMODATION | SPEAKER: BROTHER KIRK BROTHERS.

WANTED: FULL-TIME INTERN EVANGELIST — PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION LETTER AND RESUME ADDRESSED TO THE ELDERs & DEACONS, MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

PASIR PANJANG YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS CAMP INVITATION — SINGAPORE | DEC. 21-24, 2026

•P R A Y E R L I S T •

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*

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:

**CARMEN VILLANUEVA*
**MARILIZA ANDALLO*
**DIANA TAGUIBA*
**JAN PAJANTOY*
**JERALD BACOY*
**JEHMEI OFRENEO*
**DWYLA AMILA SIMON*
**FRITZ PADILLA*
**PRINCESS QUINZON*
**ELJUAH MAE B. CUEVAS*
**FERNANDO CRUZ*

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

**LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT*
**ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS*
**ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS*
**TUBA EVANGELISTIC MISSION C/O YAS & LADIES MINISTRY*
**CORDILLERA MISSION PLAN*
**PERSONAL EVANGELISM*
**ADDITIONAL ELDERS & DEACONS, EVANGELISTS*

SAFE TRAVEL:

**JESSE & RIZA BESTRE, (JAKARTA AUG 26-SEP 22)*
**KAJEM KITMA, JIZZA AQUINO (JAKARTA SEP 7-14)*

Couples discuss 3 P's in marriage with a purpose

Twenty-four men and women, along with five children, attended the COUPLES CARE GROUP held at BOBLE CAFÉ on Saturday evening, August 8, 2026. The session was facilitated by spouses Jesse and Riza Bestre. Also present were Noel & Cot Espinosa, Dan & Lala Geron, Gil & Diane Geron, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Anthony & Laarni Salud, Dex & Den Wagang, Oswald & Roseann Patnaan, and sister Lulu Bondoc. Joining the group for the first time were Sam & Leaphril Ancheta of the A-Hill congregation.

The discussions highlighted THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR A MARRIAGE WITH A PURPOSE: PLAY—Enjoy one another. Don’t become so busy building a life together that you forget to enjoy life together. (*Proverbs 17:22*) PARTNER — Walk with one another. Marriage is not about winning against each other, but learning to win with each other. (*Ecclesiastes 4:9*); POINT—Lead one another toward Christ. Don’t just build a better marriage; build a marriage that continually points one another toward Christ. (*Ecclesiastes 4:12*). To God be the glory!Ω

22 participate in monthly ladies devo & fellowship

Twenty-two ladies and a few children were present in the recent MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP held at Midtown’s Assembly Hall the other past Saturday, August 15, 2026. Those who made it include sisters Carina Lacaba, Trining Trinidad, Janet Ramos, Clarita Cachero, Charisse Fabia, Amber Po, Rosa Aquino, Norma Andaya, Hakea Balbalozza, Charmaine Rivera, Lorigrace Austria, Laarni Salud, Minda Oliva, Bibita Buendia, Ruth Trinidad, Maribel Sunggay, Lala Geron, Beth Sevilla, Cot Espinosa, Jizza Aquino, Janet Perdigon, and Nelly Bayla.

Sister Amber Phoelen Po served as the devotional speaker and discussed “TRUSTING GOD EVEN WHEN WE DON’T UNDERSTAND” based on John 11:17-44. She underscored the compassion of God who deeply shares in our human grief, and God's timing—even when it feels late—always aims to reveal His glory To God alone be all the glory and praise!Ω

YAs ministry goes international in Jakarta

Spouses Jesse & Riza Bestre are set to embark in a short-term mission engagement with the YOUNG ADULTS ALLELON INTERNATIONAL MISSION with the TANAH ABANG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Jakarta, Indonesia, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 22, 2026.

Brother Kajem Kitma and sister Jizza Aquino will join them from September 7 to 14, 2026. Brother Christian Daniel Espinosa and sister Rachel Bestre, who serve with the Tanah Abang congregation, will also work alongside them. The mission is focused on ministering to young adults, particularly the non-Christian friends and peers of Indonesian Christians, with the hope of introducing them to Christ and His teachings. Glory to God.Ω

Midtown to host men's quarterly breakfast

Midtown will host the MEN’S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 7:30 to 10:30. Men from congregations throughout the Baguio-Benguet area are expected to join this time of fellowship under the theme, “STRENGTH IN SURRENDER: A CHRISTIAN MAN’S JOURNEY OF FAITH, COURAGE, AND VULNERABILITY,” based on Proverbs 3:5–6.

The YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY will facilitate the activity. The TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM has approved the Nawews to cater the breakfast. Pre-registration is now ongoing. Midtown men are encouraged to register early. To God be all glory.Ω

THE SPIRITUAL SENSES

“O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.” — Psalm 34:8

Scripture often uses our five physical senses figuratively to help us understand our relationship with God and experience His spiritual presence and power.

1. SPIRITUAL SIGHT

We can “see” with spiritual eyes. Paul prayed that believers would have their understanding enlightened so they might know “the hope of his calling” and “the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints” (Ephesians 1:18). Spiritual sight enables us to recognize God’s truth, promises, and blessings.

2. SPIRITUAL HEARING

We can also hear the Lord with spiritual ears. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). His followers recognize His voice through His Word and will not follow the voice of strangers (John 10:5).

3. SPIRITUAL TOUCH

Touch represents feeling and personal experience. Scripture speaks of people whose hearts “God had touched” (1 Samuel 10:26). Christ is not a distant God who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses; He can be “touched with the feeling of our infirmities” (Hebrews 4:15). Those who sincerely seek God may “feel after him, and find him” (Acts 17:27).

4. SPIRITUAL SMELL

Our lives and testimony can become “a sweet savour of Christ” to God and to others (2 Corinthians 2:15). For those who accept Christ, our witness can be “the savour of life unto life”; for those who reject Him, it may be “the savour of death unto death” (v. 16).

5. SPIRITUAL TASTE

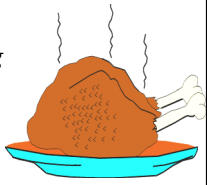
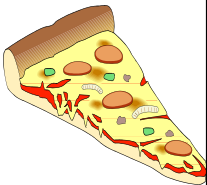
Finally, we are invited to “taste and see that the LORD is good” (Psalm 34:8). God’s Word nourishes us according to our spiritual maturity and need. It is compared to “sincere milk” (1 Peter 2:2), “strong meat” for the mature (Hebrews 5:14), and something “sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb” (Psalm 19:10).

The Christian life involves more than knowing about God. We are called to experience Him through faith—to see His truth, hear His voice, feel His presence, reflect His character, and taste the goodness of His Word.

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

August Celebrators

01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
01 - Lorena Ariston-Baban
02 - Aubrey Abance—Flores
03 - Pia Guelles
03- Ronald Villaruz
04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa
04 - Kendall Alvarez
07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.
07 - Renzo W. Allaria
08 - Melina Igoy
08 - Belen A. Navalta (+)
09 - Kheif Walang
10 - Sarah M. Sameon
10 - Janet K. Perdigon
11 - Manolo A. Bayla
12 - Fely R. Rojo
15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin
15 - Jacob U. Donato
16 - Llona Manalo
16 - Bibita ‘Bing’ T. Buendia
17 - Pia T. Lopez
20 - Norma B. Abance
20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew
20 - Elizabeth C. Eudela
20 - Jennifer Yaneza
23 - Anthony R. Wagang
23 - James Kevin O. Cadiz
24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.
25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio (+)
26 - Keshia Kitma—Oliva
26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane
27 - Jill B. Cados—Bugnay
28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
29 - Jacinth K. Perdigon
31 - Rodeliza Q. Enecillo



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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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