

Servers Today, August 9, 2026

Honoring God's Order in Worship (1 Timothy 2:9-15)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: ART TACAY

Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4

Scripture Reading: DYLAN SALUD

Prayer for the Bread: DAN-GIL GERON

Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS

Prayer for the Giving: RICHARD BESTRE

Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA

To Bring Flowers: RUTH TRINIDAD

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: SALUD FAMILY

Communion: AMBER PHOLEN 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 16, 2026

Becoming Godly Leaders (1 Timothy 3:1-13)

Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: COLOSSIANS 1:13-23

Scripture Reading: RYU ALBAY

Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON

Prayer for the Cup: ART TACAY

Prayer for the Giving: CHRIS OLIVA

Closing Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: GREG KITMA

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: CRISTY AUSTRIA

To Bring Biscuits: C/o MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/o MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: KITMA LADIES

Communion: AMBER PHOLEN 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.

“God is not honored when worship is shaped by human preference; He is honored when worship is shaped by His Word.”

READ Colossians 3:16-17

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

August 2, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....215

YPEEZ.....30

CHILDREN.....42

GUESTS.....4

TOTAL.....291

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....14

GRADES 1-2.....10

GRADES 3—4.....8

GRADES 5-6.....7

J.H.S.....10

SHS/COL.....14

ADULT.....177

TOTAL.....249

OFFERING

AM&PM: P66,038..00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — AUGUST 11, 2026 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

MIDWEEK CARE GROUP— INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND A SPECIAL STUDY ON “SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE” ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 | 6:30 PM | MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | GUEST SPEAKER: BROTHER DON HUDDLESTON.

MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | AUGUST 15, 2026 | 11 AM—2:00 PM | C/o THE THIRD QUARTER STEERING GROUP

WANTED: FULL-TIME INTERN EVANGELIST — PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION LETTER AND RESUME ADDRESSED TO THE ELDERS & DEACONS. KINDLY REFER TO LAST SUNDAY’S ISSUE OF THE MIDTOWN INFORMER FOR DETAILS.

Midtown welcomes brother Don Huddleston

Midtown welcomes brother Don Huddleston, an American missionary who served in the Philippines during the 1970s. A preacher and workshop speaker affiliated with the CHURCHES OF CHRIST and the GOSPEL TEACHING NETWORK, brother Don is known for conducting evangelism and church-growth seminars both in the United States of America and internationally.

Brother Don is also the author of KINGDOM WORDS, a book focusing on lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. He is scheduled to conduct a two-night seminar-workshop on KINGDOM WORDS at the BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 Rimando Road, on Thursday and Friday, August 13–14, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited, and registration is free.

At Midtown, brother Don will serve as GUEST SPEAKER during the MIDWEEK CARE GROUP meeting at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The MIDWEEK CARE GROUP will be open to everyone especially for this special occasion. Brother Don will share a study entitled "SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE."

We warmly invite everyone to join this special opportunity to hear and learn from brother Don Huddleston as he shares God's Word and encourages us to put the teachings of Christ into practice. To God be all the glory, honor, and praise! Ω

Monthly ladies devo & luncheon this Saturday

All ladies are enjoined to participate in the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP to be held at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 11 AM—2:30 PM. Ladies are encouraged to invite their associates to the fellowship. The THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP will meet briefly right after the morning worship assembly to coordinate various tasks and preparations. Glory be to God! Ω

Tuba and Japan residents baptized last week

Following his completion of the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES, LIRAM CHAD BAYATING MONTES of Upper Poblacion, Tuba, was baptized into Christ by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery on Tuesday evening, August 4, 2026. Members of the TUBA CARE GROUP gathered at Midtown's Assembly Hall to witness this delightful occasion.

Fondly called Chaddy, he is the firstborn son of spouses Richard and Lorna Montes. The Bayating-Montes family, together with brethren, rejoices in this blessed development in Chaddy's journey as he begins his new life in Christ. The TUBA TUESDAY CARE GROUP celebrated the occasion with a fellowship meal following the baptism.

Earlier, after a series of formal and informal Bible lessons with his family, AIDEN RYOU HIRAGI, born July 18, 2014, was born anew through baptism into Christ. Brother Arnan Bayla baptized Aiden following the evening worship assembly on August 2, 2026, at Midtown's baptistery. A fellowship meal was held afterward to celebrate this joyful occasion. Aiden Ryou is the son of spouses Nathaniel and Anri Hiragi-Ramos. The family relocated to Japan several years ago and now resides there. They are currently serving with the MATSUDO CHURCH OF CHRIST in Matsudo City, Chiba, Japan. The Ramoses expressed great joy and thanksgiving for this wonderful milestone in Aiden's spiritual life.

The Midtown congregation rejoices in congratulating Chaddy and Aiden Ryou and prays for their continued growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, remaining steadfast and faithful as they worship and serve with the LORD’S CHURCH. To God alone be all the glory and praise! Ω

A MIND TO WORK

“So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.” (Nehemiah 4:6)

The ambitious task of rebuilding Jerusalem’s wall, including its gates and other structures, was completed in just 52 days (Nehemiah 6:15). How was such a tremendous undertaking accomplished in such a short time? The answer is found in Nehemiah 4:6: **“The people had a mind to work.”** Their determination was even more remarkable because they faced opposition from enemies who sought to intimidate them, discourage them, and delay the work (Nehemiah 4:1–3, 7–8). Yet the people remained committed to the task God had placed before them.

Nehemiah 3 gives us a remarkable account of those who participated in the rebuilding. People from different backgrounds and occupations worked side by side, each taking responsibility for a particular portion of the wall. The chapter begins by mentioning Eliashib the high priest and the other priests who worked on the wall (Nehemiah 3:1). It ends by mentioning the goldsmiths and the merchants (v. 32). In between, we find rulers, craftsmen, apothecaries, servants, and others who all contributed to the work. Even Shallum worked with his daughters (v. 12). What a picture of united service! These people had different occupations, abilities, and responsibilities, but they shared one important thing: **they had a mind to work.**

There was, however, one notable exception. The nobles of the Tekoites “put not their necks to the work of their LORD” (Nehemiah 3:5). While others were laboring, they refused to participate. Their unwillingness stands in sharp contrast to the commitment of the rest of the people.

This provides an important lesson for the Lord's church today. A congregation, school, or Christian ministry can accomplish great things when its members understand that the work belongs not merely to an organization or to a few individuals, but ultimately to the Lord.

The mission of the church and the accomplishment of God's purposes must be more important than our individual preferences, personal interests, or desire for recognition. At the same time, genuine cooperation cannot simply be forced. People must understand why the work matters. They must see their service not merely as another task or obligation, but as an opportunity to serve God and contribute to His work. **The church needs people who have a mind to work—not merely people who have time to spare.**

The early Christians provide a wonderful example. They continued “daily with one accord and...with singleness of heart,” praising God and serving together (Acts 2:46–47). Their unity, devotion, and willingness to work contributed to the growth of the church, and “the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). The work of the Lord still requires people who are willing to serve. We may have different abilities, occupations, ages, and responsibilities, but each of us has something we can contribute. **The question is not simply, “What needs to be done?” but: “Do I have a mind to work?”**

May we never be content to watch while others labor. May we willingly take our place, do our part, encourage one another, and work together “with one accord” for the glory of God. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

God can accomplish great things through a people who have a mind to work! HMM

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

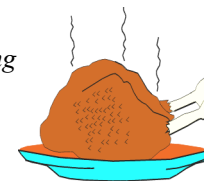
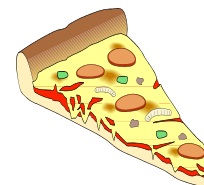
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :

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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



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

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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