

Servers Today, September 6, 2026

Resisting Spiritual Deception
(1 Timothy 4:1-5)

Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

Communion:

JOJO RAMOS

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

DODOY SAMEON.

NOEL ESPINOSA

LUKE 22:14-20

JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

PHROILANDER ABANCE

KHEIF WALANG

O'NEIL GONZALES

GREG KITMA

FELIX OLIDAN JR.

JOJO RAMOS

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JOSEPHINE YAPYAPEN

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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 September 13, 2026

Training for Godliness
(1 Timothy 4:6-10)

Speaker:

Song Leader:

Invocation:

Intercessory Prayer:

Communion Text:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Bread:

Prayer for the Cup:

Prayer for the Giving:

Closing Prayer:

Announcement:

Afternoon Speaker:

Song Leader:

To Bring Flowers:

To Bring Biscuits:

To Bring Drinks:

Usher/ettes

Communion:

O'NEIL GONZALES

MERVIN OLIVA

JULIUS ROJO

JUN REYES

ISAIAH 53:7-12

RIYU ALBAY

SANDER BESTRE

MARIL A. BAYATING JR.

SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

DODOY SAMEON

ANDY BESTRE

O'NEIL GONZALES

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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.

“Never be afraid to entrust an unknown future to a known God.”

READ Revelation 2:10

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
August 30, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....162

YPEEZ.....19

CHILDREN.....23

GUESTS.....1

TOTAL.....205

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....7

GRADES 1-23

GRADES 3—4.....6

GRADES 5-6.....2

J.H.S.....10

SHS/COL.....9

ADULT.....142

TOTAL.....179

OFFERING

AM&PM: P60,726.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — On September 8, 2026 | 12:00 Noon—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

MARCH FOR CHRIST SEMINAR WORKSHOP WITH EQUIP MINISTRY— BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB, BAGUIO CITY | SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026 | CONTACT: BROTHER FELIX OLIDAN JR. FOR MORE INFORMATION

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 | FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BROTHER JOJO RAMOS

TCF shares midyear evaluation of 2026 plan of activities

Having submitted their individual evaluations of the various activities planned for 2026, the members of the TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM are pleased to share the following observations and recommendations: 1. OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION— Activities under Edification, Benevolence, Equipping, and Administration were generally implemented during the 1st and 2nd quarters. However, several planned Evangelism activities were not realized. 2. EVANGELISM – Greater focus should be given to strengthening personal evangelism and other evangelistic efforts. 3. ADMINISTRATION – Continue the employment and support of the current church staff. 4. PERSONAL ACTION STEPS – Members are encouraged to: a. Practice discipleship by inviting friends, neighbors, and even strangers to participate in church activities. b. Regularly participate in worship assemblies, Care Groups, and other activities. c. Willingly respond to needs by providing voluntary financial or material assistance and making themselves available for visitation efforts. d. Participate in available training programs to develop and equip themselves for effective ministry. OVERALL RATINGS: Evangelism & Edification: VERY GOOD; Benevolence & Administration: EXCELLENT; Equipping: Good. To God be all the glory!

Olidan speak in joint fellowship in Riverview

Last Sunday, brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as the GUEST SPEAKER in the JOINT WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP of the Lasilas congregation with the Riverview congregation at the latter’s meeting place located at RIVERVIEW WATER PARK, Nangalisan, Tuba. He encouraged and challenged the brethren to continually “Bring the Gospel” everywhere based on the great commission in Matthew 28:18-20. There were more than fifty in attendance including a number of guests and children. A sumptuous POTLUCK LUNCH immediately followed the worship assembly. To God be all the glory!Ω

March for Christ gears up benevolence for Habagat and others

THE MARCH (MEDICAL ACTION FOR RELIEF, COUNSELING, AND HEALING) FOR CHRIST gears up for a number of relief efforts this month and towards the last quarter of this year. First, the Bato family, members of the LAMUT CHURCH OF CHRIST, and residents of Sitio Tolibeng, Loacan, Itogon, Benguet were recent recipients of benevolence in the amount of P20K from the MARCH FOR CHRIST. The family lost their home in a landslide due to the prevailing Habagat or Monsoon Rains. Second in the list of March is to oversee the benevolence efforts for victims of the recent flashfloods in Nepal. According to a source from the NEPAL BIBLE COLLEGE, as many as 56 members from six congregations perished. Some of them are known to members of the mission team that visited the area a couple of years ago. Brothers Julius Rojo and Shemer Sameon were part of said mission trip. Third, a MEDICAL-DENTAL-SPIRITUAL MISSION is being planned for Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija on December 4-5, 2026 to help out with evangelistic efforts of the brethren in the area in cooperation with the DAU CHURCH OF CHRIST in Pampanga. Arrangements are being made with brother Omar Agustin, one of the ministers of the Gospel in the region. Meanwhile, the MARCH FOR CHRIST has recently reorganized following the demise of the ministry’s president on May 2, 2026, the late brother Luis ‘Chito’ Cusi. The new set of officers of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES are the following: PRESIDENT—Shemer Sameon, VICE PRESIDENT—Lailany Palaypayon, SECRETARY—Lorigrace Austria, TREASURER—Felix Olidan Jr., AUDITOR—Julius Rojo. Other members of the BOARD include Denise Wagang, Lemuel Glori, Erasto Fuentes, and Tess Cusi. To God alone be all the glory!Ω

“STAY FAITHFUL TO THE TRUTH”

1 Timothy 4:1-5
Paul's warning to Timothy is remarkably relevant. The church will always face the danger of false teaching, and Christians must learn to distinguish God's truth from human ideas.

I. BEWARE OF DECEPTIVE TEACHING 1 Timothy 4:1
Paul does not say that the danger will come only from people who openly reject Christianity. The danger is that some who are associated with the faith will be deceived and depart from it. Thus, Paul warns, *“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.”*

A. DEPARTURE FROM THE FAITH BEGINS WITH LISTENING TO ERROR
Notice the progression: Giving heed → believing error → departing from the faith. People rarely abandon the truth overnight. Often, it begins by repeatedly listening to teachings that contradict God's Word. This is why Christians must be careful about what they hear, read, watch, and accept as truth. Jesus warned: *“Take heed what you hear.”* — Mark 4:24
The Bereans provide a good example. When Paul preached to them, they did not simply accept everything he said without examination: *“They received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”* — Acts 17:11

B. FALSE TEACHING CAN SOUND RELIGIOUS
Paul's warning is serious because false teaching may come from people who claim to speak for God. A teaching should not be accepted simply because: a preacher says it; many people believe it; it sounds convincing; it is traditional; it is popular; or it makes us feel good. The important question is: *“What does God's Word say?”* We should develop the habit of asking: *“Where is this taught in Scripture?”* Do not allow a persuasive speaker to become your authority. The Bible must remain our standard of truth. If we do not know the truth, we will have difficulty recognizing error. Therefore, know the Bible, study the Bible, and live by the Bible.

II. GUARD YOUR CONSCIENCE FROM FALSE TEACHING 1 Timothy 4:2-3
Paul describes false teachers as people: *“Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.”* A conscience is an important gift from God, but the conscience itself is not the final standard of truth. It must be properly instructed by God's Word. A person can have a sincere conscience and still be sincerely wrong.

A. A CONSCIENCE CAN BECOME HARDENED
Paul uses the picture of something being *“seared with a hot iron.”* Repeated rejection of truth can make a person's conscience insensitive. At first, sin may bother us. Then, if we repeatedly ignore God's warnings, we become less sensitive. Eventually, what once troubled our conscience may no longer bother us at all. That is spiritually dangerous.

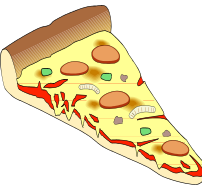
B. FALSE TEACHERS REPLACE GOD'S COMMANDS WITH HUMAN RESTRICTIONS
Paul gives the example of those who taught that certain foods should not be eaten and that marriage should be forbidden. The problem was not simply that they had personal preferences. They were turning human restrictions into religious requirements. This teaches us an important principle: We must never make our personal opinions equal to God's commands. There is a danger on both sides: Adding to God's Word and Taking away from God's Word.
Our responsibility is to faithfully follow what God has revealed. Ask oneself: Am I willing to change my beliefs when Scripture proves me wrong? Do I follow God's Word even when it is inconvenient? Am I teaching others what Scripture says, or merely what I personally prefer? Have I become comfortable with something that God's Word calls wrong? A healthy conscience is one that remains sensitive to God's truth. Never silence your conscience when God's Word is speaking. A tender conscience is a blessing. When Scripture corrects us, we should not become defensive—we should become repentant and obedient.

III. RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH THANKSGIVING 1 Timothy 4:4-5
Paul concludes: *“For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving.”* God's creation is good because it comes from Him. The problem is not God's blessings; the problem is how people use them. Food, marriage, possessions, abilities,

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

September Celebrators

- 01 - Micah Jane T. Banatao
02 - Elpidio Mariano
03 - Katrina B. Oliva
05 - Edgar Encenillo
06 - Josephine W. Selmo
07 - Jemuel S. Reyes
08 - Michael A. Yang
08 - Helen Lamaria—Gonzales
09 - Ellen B. Bugnay
09 - Andrea Yang
10 - Alma C. Reyes
11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
11 - Mahaysha Kitma—Ramos
11 - Julieann Terry P. Badecao
13 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
13 - Kristine B. Sameon
13 - Sonia Castillo Abance
14 - Abraham Insas
15 - Sixto B. Aqas
15 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
16 - Jeremiah Gawe
16 - Hannah B. Ignacio
17 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
17 - Jhovrick Baban
17 - Efrén Colcol
18 - Arturo Arambulo
18 - Leemar P. Simon
19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
20 - Faith A. Bayating
20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
20 - Failyñ Campoas
21 - Mark Anthony Wagang
21 - Joyce A. Kitma
23 - Virgie D. Baldo
24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
24 - Jerry Martin
24 - Kathryn Boco
26 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
26 - Celia A. Cirilo
26 - Thea Marie B. Austria
26 - Lawrence B. Austria
27 - Rommel P. Nierves
27 - Aricka G. Basto—Gonzales
28 - Dan-Gil Geron
28 - Sam Rouelle Quezada
29 - Nainer P. Nawew
30 - Glen M. Gawe
30 - Zelfa Baoid



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

and other blessings can be used properly or improperly.
A. RECOGNIZE THE SOURCE OF OUR BLESSINGS
Everything we have ultimately comes from God. James reminds us: *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.”* — James 1:17 Therefore, instead of taking God's blessings for granted, we should say: *“Thank You, Lord.”* Every meal can become a reminder of God's goodness. Every family relationship can become an opportunity to thank God. Every ability we possess can become an opportunity to serve Him.

B. THANKSGIVING CHANGES HOW WE USE GOD'S BLESSINGS
Gratitude should produce responsible stewardship. If God has given us: money → use it wisely and generously; abilities → use them to serve; food → receive it with gratitude and self-control; time → use it for worthwhile purposes; opportunities → use them for God's glory.
Thanksgiving is more than saying “THANK YOU.” It means recognizing that what we have belongs ultimately to God and should be used according to His will.

C. GOD'S WORD SHOULD GOVERN OUR USE OF HIS BLESSINGS
Paul says they are: *“sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”* God's blessings are not an excuse for careless living. We receive them with thanksgiving and within the boundaries of God's Word. Before enjoying something God has provided, ask: *“Can I thank God for this, and can I use it in a way that honors Him?”* If we cannot honestly thank God for something or use it in a way consistent with His Word, we should reconsider it. A grateful heart does not merely enjoy God's blessings—it uses them for God's glory.

Conclusion:
A faithful Christian must recognize false teachings and compare everything with Scripture, guard the conscience and do not allow repeated sin or false teaching make your heart spiritually insensitive, and receive God's blessings with thanksgiving. Ω

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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