

Servers Today, October 4, 2026

Being a Caring Community of Believers (1 Timothy 5:3-16)

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: PSALM 32:1-7

Scripture Reading: KHEIF WALANG

Prayer for the Bread: DAN-GIL GERON

Prayer for the Cup: ALTON MARK BAYLA

Prayer for the Giving: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON

Closing Prayer: EZRA VALDEZ

Announcement: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

Speaker: ARNAN BAYLA

Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.

To Bring Flowers: OFELIA ABANCE

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY

Communion: MABEL&ALEXIS SUNGGAY

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 October 11, 2026

Reciprocating the Work of Elders (1 Timothy 5:17-20)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: DODOY SAMEON

Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES

Communion Text: TITUS 2:11-14

Scripture Reading: LIRAM CHAD MONTES

Prayer for the Bread: MERVIN OLIVA

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD

September 27, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....212

YPEEZ.....20

CHILDREN.....41

GUESTS.....7

TOTAL.....280

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....12

GRADES 1-210

GRADES 3—4.....10

GRADES 5-6.....7

J.H.S.....16

SHS/COL.....9

ADULT.....182

TOTAL.....246

OFFERING

AM&PM: P66,669.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

• TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — ON OCTOBER 6, 2026 | 12:00 NOON—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!

• 24th BAGUIO-BENGUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP — ON NOVEMBER 30, 2026 | ITOGON TRAINING CENTER, ALEJO M. PACALSO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TUDING, ITOGON, BENGUET | PLEASE SIGN UP NOW ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

• ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED — NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED | TO START AS CO-TEACHERS IN THE VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS | PLEASE CONTACT SISTER KESHA OLIVA

• PASIR PANJANG YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS CAMP INVITATION — SINGAPORE | DEC. 21-24, 2026 | FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BROTHER JOJO RAMOS

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

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY
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*JOSEFA JOSAYAN
*PRISCILLA BAYASEN
*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON
*BERNARD IGNACIO
*ELLA GAROY
*LORENZA LOSNONG
*CLYDE ABANCE
*MELBA LICUPA
*CHARLIE ABANCE
*EDDIE LAGSAMAN
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*DANTE BADDAS
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*PRINCESS QUINZON
*ELIJAH MAE B. CUEVAS
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*MELODY BORJA

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:
*JAN NAWEW & CHASS COLAS (ASIAN GAMES, JAPAN)

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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 attend leadership workshop

Thirteen brethren from Midtown attended the LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP hosted by the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE at Irisan, this city, last Thursday, October 1, 2026. Those who made it include brethren Lorie Austria, Ruth Trinidad, Rowana Ozo, Janet Perdigon, Lulu Bondoc, Dodoy & Sarah Sameon, Jizza & Melchi Aquino, Andy Bestre, Greg Kitma, Felix Olidan Jr., and Ezra Valdez. Brother Mike Vaughn, the workshop facilitator, is the consultant for the SUNSET ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP TRAINING (SALT) OF SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE (SIBI). He discussed Signs of a Healthy Church and a Healthy Team, Leading Through Conflict, and Developing a Mission Worth Remembering. The participants appreciated the training and have committed to apply the concepts, where applicable, in the congregations they serve. To God be all the glory! Ω

Ramoses serve with Wanchai congregation

Spouses Jojo and Janet Ramos served at the WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST in Wanchai, Hong Kong from September 23-27, 2026, through teaching, counseling, mentoring, and fellowship. On September 26, they led a workshop on “LIVING WITH PURPOSE.” Brother Jojo introduced “GOD SCATTERS HIS PEOPLE WITH PURPOSE” and presented “UNDERSTANDING OUR S.H.A.P.E.” Sister Janet taught “FAITH BEYOND BORDERS” and facilitated related group activities. Participants also shared a fellowship lunch. On September 27, brother Jojo preached “THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD” during the Chinese congregation’s morning worship and “STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S BLESSINGS” during the English congregation’s afternoon worship. Their ministry activities also included learning new songs, singing, and further counseling and mentoring. For God’s praise, glory, and honor!Ω

“God never made a promise that was too good to be true.”

READ Numbers 23:19

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Young mother baptized into Christ last week

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates and welcomes FRESH ARNAN MARANGA—EUEDELA who received the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior last Wednesday, September 30, 2026. After having completed the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES, she decided to put on Christ in baptism. She had been studying the gospel with brethren Julius & Fely Rojo, Ruth Trinidad, Lani Palaypayon, Ernie Wagang, and Felix Olidan Jr. at her residence on Yangco Road, Upper General Luna, this city every Wednesday afternoon. Her mother in law, sister Elizabeth Eudela, was earlier baptized a few months ago. The new sister in Christ together with her three young children, had been attending Midtown’s Worship assemblies for the past few months. All praises to the Lord God Almighty! Ω

Young people 'called and sent' for Tuba mission

Last Sunday, eighteen participants, namely, Kheif & Marcson Walang, Riyu Albay, Liam & Dylan Salud, Dylan & Kaitlin Luis, Sander & Sherman Bestre, Hakea Balbalozza, Jena Palatino, Sam Quezada, Joses Licdan, Lhuke Geron, Ezra Valdez, Janriel Abance, Angela Ramos, and Ira Po, attended Midtown’s MONTHLY YOUTH CARE GROUP under the theme “CALLED AND SENT.” Based on Mark 3:13–14, John 20:21, and Matthew 28:18–20, the gathering prepared the youth for the upcoming mission in Tuba, emphasizing that Christ calls believers to Himself and sends them to share the gospel. Brother Ezra Valdez delivered the lesson, Janriel Abance led the singing, and Kheif Walang facilitated the icebreaker. Participants also completed team-building activities. All praises to God Almighty! Ω

BECOMING A CARING CHURCH

INTRODUCTION
In 1 Timothy 5:3–16, Paul addresses the care of widows. His instructions reveal three enduring principles: **COMPASSION FOR THOSE IN GENUINE NEED, RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD ONE'S FAMILY, AND WISE BENEVOLENCE WITHIN THE CHURCH.** Scripture also gives us people whose lives illustrate these principles.

I. HONOR AND CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRULY IN NEED 1 Tim 5:3–5, 9–10
“Honor widows who are really widows.” — v3
The word “honor” involves more than speaking respectfully. In this context, it includes providing appropriate practical assistance. Paul describes the widow who is “really a widow” as someone genuinely left alone, whose hope is in God (v. 5). One example is Boaz Caring for Ruth (Ruth 2:8–16). Ruth was a widow, a foreigner, and economically vulnerable. She went into the fields to glean so that she and Naomi could survive. Boaz noticed her situation and responded compassionately. He allowed Ruth to glean safely in his fields; Instructed his workers not to mistreat her; Provided water and food.; Ordered his workers deliberately to leave grain for her. Boaz did not merely feel sorry for Ruth—he did something to help her. This reminds us that compassion sees a need and looks for a practical way to respond. Another example is Dorcas (Acts 9:36–39). She was known for being “full of good works and charitable deeds.” When she died, widows gathered around Peter and showed him the clothing she had made for them. Imagine that scene. These widows were essentially saying: “Look at what she did for us.” She left behind more than possessions—she left behind people whose lives had been touched by her kindness.

APPLICATION:
We can care for people in need by: Visiting widows and elderly members; Bringing food to someone who is sick; Providing transportation when needed; Helping with medical or material needs; Calling someone who lives alone; Offering companionship including those who might otherwise feel forgotten. We may not have much money, but almost everyone has something to give—time, attention, encouragement, prayer, skills, or presence.

II. HONOR AND CARE FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY 1 Tim 5:4, 7–8
“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” — 1 Timothy 5:8

Paul says children and grandchildren should: “learn first to show piety at home and to repay their parents.” — 1 Tim 5:4. Christian responsibility begins at home. One example is Joseph Caring for Jacob (Genesis 45:9–11; 46:29–34; 47:11–12). He became one of the most powerful men in Egypt. Yet his position did not cause him to forget his aging father. When famine threatened his family, he told his brothers to bring Jacob to Egypt. He promised, “There I will provide for you.” — Genesis 45:11. Later, “Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with bread.” — Genesis 47:12. He had enormous responsibilities governing Egypt, yet he still remembered his responsibility toward his family. An important lesson: Being busy with important responsibilities does not excuse us from caring for our families. The Greatest Example is Jesus Caring for His Mother (John 19:25–27). Perhaps one of Scripture's most moving examples occurs at the cross. Jesus was suffering terribly. Yet when He saw His mother Mary and the disciple whom He loved, He said, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He told the disciple, “Behold your mother!” John then took Mary into his own home. Even while accomplishing the work of redemption, Jesus showed concern for His mother's welfare. What a lesson for us. Sometimes people say, “I'm too busy.” “Someone else can take care of them.” Yet Jesus, even from the cross, demonstrated concern for His mother.

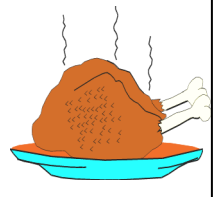
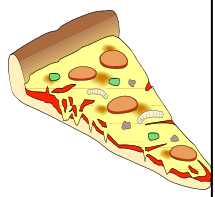
APPLICATION:
Caring for aging parents may mean Helping financially; Accompanying them to medical appointments; Providing meals; Helping maintain their home; Calling them regularly; Listening patiently; Including them in family activities; Providing companionship; Praying with them; Helping with their spiritual needs.

III. HONOR AND CARE WISELY SO THAT NO ONE GETS NEGLECTED
1 Timothy 5:9–16
“...do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.” v16
Paul is not discouraging generosity. He is teaching responsible generosity. Family members should fulfill their responsibilities so that the church can focus on those who genuinely have no one else. One example is the Jerusalem Church (Acts 4:32–35). The early Christians demonstrated extraordinary generosity. Some believers sold property and brought the proceeds to the apostles: “And they distributed to each as anyone had need.” — Acts 4:35.

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

October Celebrators

- 01 - Katrina Dereje
- 03 - Gladness Rajanan
- 03 - Kemuel Perdigon
- 04 - O'Neil M. Gonzales
- 04 - Nelly Bayla
- 04 - Rossana Ozo
- 04 - Josh Darius Martin
- 06 - Johnny Payangdo Jr.
- 06 - Wilson Abance
- 07 - Erin Sarah Sameon
- 08 - Arturo Tacay
- 09 - Rod Tada
- 09 - Earl Tristan Sameon
- 10 - Eleonor Garoy
- 10 - Jasmine Chappot
- 11 - Danielle Rosa Tan
- 12 - Octavio Abance
- 13 - Wrendel Macam
- 14 - Rosalia Acosta
- 15 - Richard Bestre
- 16 - Rodrigo Bondoc
- 17 - Jizza K. Abance
- 22 - Wynnell Roncal
- 23 - Lemuel Glori
- 23 - Ofelia Abance
- 24 - Jeady Jewel D. Igoy
- 25 - Lani Palaypayon
- 27 - Laisha Clarisse Montes
- 28 - Cyndyleen Macam
- 28 - Charisse Fabia
- 29 - Sarah Elepane
- 29 - Lera R. Humakey
- 29 - Clyde Abance
- 29 - Joel Quirimit
- 31 - Erika Mariano



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

Resources were distributed according to need. The church took responsibility for caring for vulnerable members. Another example is the Neglected Widows in Acts 6:1–7. As the Jerusalem congregation grew, a serious problem developed. The Hellenistic widows were “neglected in the daily distribution.” — Acts 6:1. The apostles did not ignore the complaint. Instead, qualified men were selected to oversee the matter so that the need could be addressed properly. This teaches an important lesson: Compassion needs organization. Good intentions alone are not always enough. Churches need wise systems so that people do not fall through the cracks. The result was remarkable. After the problem was addressed: “The word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly.” — Acts 6:7. Caring properly for people strengthened the congregation rather than distracting it from its mission.

APPLICATION:
Benevolence should combine compassion with careful stewardship; Do not transfer to the congregation responsibilities that we are capable of fulfilling ourselves; Inform church leaders when you know of someone genuinely struggling. Sometimes needs remain unmet simply because no one knows about them; Benevolence should not merely provide temporary assistance; when possible, it should also help people move toward stability and responsible living.

CONCLUSION: FAITH THAT CARES
The lesson of 1 Timothy 5 is about a **faith that cares**. Our Christianity should be visible in the way we care for an elderly parent, remember a widow, visit someone who is lonely, provide for our household, contribute to benevolence, and help our congregation care for people who have nowhere else to turn.

CHALLENGE:
Look around your family and congregation. Who is getting older? Who has recently lost a spouse? Who lives alone? Who is sick? Who is struggling financially? Who may simply need someone to sit beside them and listen? Then remember the principle of 1 Timothy 5:4: “Let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.” True faith does not merely say, “I care.” True faith finds a way to show it. To God be the glory! Ω AAB

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	Greet- ings & AN-
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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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