

Servers Today, November 1, 2026

Guarding the Heart and Mind (1 Tim 6:3-5)

Speaker: O'NEIL GONZALES

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE

Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG

Communion Text: LUKE 22:14-20

Scripture Reading: LHUKE GERON

Prayer for the Bread: JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA

Prayer for the Cup: RON VILLARUZ

Prayer for the Giving: DANTE BADDAS

Closing Prayer: DODOY SAMEON

Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA

Speaker: O'NEIL GONZALES

Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA

To Bring Flowers: LORIE AUSTRIA

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: BESTRE FAMILY

Communion: LOISE & LOUGAI FERMIN

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 November 8, 2026

Gaining from the Great Gain of Godliness (1 Tim 6:6-10)

Speaker: RENZ PANDAY

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

Invocation: GREG KITMA

Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA

Communion Text: TITUS 2:11-14

Scripture Reading: LIRAM CHAD MONTES

Prayer for the Bread: PHROILANDER ABANCE

Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES

Prayer for the Giving: ANTHONY SALUD

Closing Prayer: JUN BAYATING

Announcement: ANDY BESTRE

Afternoon Speaker: RENZ PANDAY

Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE

To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO

To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN

To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN

Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY

Communion: LOISE & LOUGAI FERMIN

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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.

"Not every disagreement deserves an argument, and not every argument produces understanding."

READ James 1:19-20

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
October 25, 2026

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM

ADULTS.....203

YP EEZ.....27

CHILDREN.....42

GUESTS.....2

TOTAL.....274

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL.....13

GRADES 1-29

GRADES 3—4.....9

GRADES 5-6.....10

J.H.S.....16

SHS/COL.....6

ADULT.....171

TOTAL.....234

OFFERING

AM&PM: P74,750.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• TCF & CHURCH PLANNING— ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 | 12:00 NOON—5:00 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. | DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2026

• 49th NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT — AMONTAY BEACH RESORT, NASIPIT, AGUSAN DEL NORTE ON APRIL 20-23, 2026 | DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEE UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2027: P7500.00

• 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

• SPIRITUAL RETREAT, REST, & RECREATION — DECEMBER 8, 2026 | CULMINATING ACTIVITY OF THE SERIES OF CHURCH PLANNING DONE OCTOBER 13—DECEMBER 1, 2026

Celebrations bring together brethren in fellowship

Midtown brethren joined the ABANCE–BAYATING–MONTES family in celebrating the 18TH BIRTHDAY AND DEBUT of sister LAISHA CLARISSE BAYATING MONTES at HOTEL SUPREME & CONVENTION PLAZA on Thursday evening, October 29, 2026.

The celebration opened with a devotional message by brother Arnan Bayla on “A LIFE OF PURPOSE, FAITH, AND GODLY CHARACTER.” Drawing from Ecclesiastes 12:1, he encouraged the debutante to value life as God’s gift, seek His wisdom in making decisions, and set an example of godly character in her youth. Laisha and her family expressed heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love from family and friends during the occasion.

Meanwhile, Midtown brethren also facilitated a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE for the opening of ZZARA OLL’, a new store owned by sister Lou Villanueva at the Baguio Post Office Building, last Friday morning. Brother Arnan Bayla delivered a message on the “SEVEN BIBLICAL LAWS OF STEWARDSHIP,” based on Matthew 25:14–30 while brother Andy Bestre led in community singing of spiritual songs. Brother Ezra Valdez led in prayer for the fellowship meal. For God’s praise and glory!Ω

Youth gatherings encourage wisdom and faith

Twelve participants joined the BAGUIO-BENGUET MONTHLY JOINT CARE GROUP hosted by the La Trinidad congregation the other past Saturday afternoon, October 24, 2026. The youth gathering featured the devotional “WISDOM BEYOND AI,” based on Ecclesiastes 10:10. Under the theme “CHRIST -WIRED IN THIS DIGITAL AGE” (Ephesians 5:15–16), the message encouraged the youth to use technology wisely and remain grounded in Christ for truth, purpose, and eternal life. TEAM-BUILDING activities and snacks provided great opportunities for engagement and fellowship.

Attendees were Sam Rouelle Quezada, Jenaliza Palatino, Kaitlyn Luis, Hakea Balbaloza, Rowana Ozo, Lhuke Geron, Sander Bestre, Joses Licdan, Marcson Walang, Dylan Salud, Melchi Aquino, and Ezra Valdez.

Meanwhile, last Sunday afternoon, October 25, twelve participants attended the MONTHLY YOUTH CARE GROUP at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL from noon to 4:00 p.m. They watched *THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST* and reflected on Jesus’ suffering, love, and sacrifice.

Attendees were Sam Rouelle Quezada, Jenaliza Palatino, Kaitlyn Luis, Hakea Balbaloza, Sherman Bestre, Nathe Manalo, Riyu Albay, Lhuke Geron, Sander Bestre, Marcson Walang, Dylan Salud, and Ezra Valdez.

Drawing from Romans 5:8, the gathering reminded the youth that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. It challenged them to move beyond familiarity with the crucifixion story and respond to His sacrifice with faith, gratitude, and obedience. All praises to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Midtown brethren now serving in relief efforts in Nepal

Spouses Solomon and Lailany Palaypayon and brother Felix Olidan Jr., representing MARCH FOR CHRIST, are in Nepal assisting local CHURCHES OF CHRIST in Kathmandu with relief efforts for victims of the recent devastating flash floods.

Together with local church workers, they have been traveling long distances by motor bikes and on foot to reach brethren in need. They will remain in Nepal until November 9, 2026.

The congregation is encouraged to pray for their safety, health, strength, and the success of the relief mission. To God be all the glory! Ω

GUARDING THE HEART AND THE MIND

I. GUARD YOUR MIND BY REMAINING GROUNDED IN GOD'S WORD

1 Timothy 6:3

Paul identifies the first danger: departing from the sound instruction of Jesus Christ and the teaching that promotes godliness. The word sound conveys the idea of healthy teaching. Just as our bodies need healthy food, our minds need the nourishing truth of God's Word. Not every teaching that sounds attractive is spiritually healthy. Some ideas appeal to our emotions, pride, or personal preferences but fail to agree with Scripture. The Bereans received Paul's message eagerly but examined the Scriptures daily to determine whether his teachings were true. They demonstrated that genuine faith does not require blind acceptance. It requires a willingness to listen carefully and examine everything in light of God's Word. (Acts 17:10-12)

APPLICATIONS:

- Develop the habit of reading and studying Scripture regularly.
- Examine religious teachings carefully rather than accepting them simply because a speaker is popular or persuasive.
- Allow God's Word to correct personal opinions and preferences. Remember that biblical knowledge should lead to godliness, not merely intellectual superiority. We must never become so impressed with a person's ability to speak that we forget to examine what that person teaches. A mind filled with opinions but poorly grounded in Scripture is vulnerable to deception. Let us become Christians who are not merely familiar with the Bible, but whose convictions and conduct are shaped by its truth.

II. GUARD YOUR HEART BY CULTIVATING HUMILITY 1 Timothy 6:4a

Paul describes the false teacher as conceited and lacking understanding. Pride is particularly dangerous because it can make a person believe that he knows everything while remaining unwilling to learn. One may possess considerable biblical knowledge yet lack the humility necessary to apply it properly. Knowledge without humility can become a weapon rather than a blessing. Apollos was eloquent, knowledgeable in the Scriptures, and fervent in spirit. However, his understanding was incomplete. When Priscilla and Aquila explained the way of God more accurately to him, he accepted further instruction. He subsequently became an effective worker in strengthening believers.

Apollos illustrates the importance of being both knowledgeable and teachable. (Acts 18:24-28)

APPLICATIONS:

- Be willing to admit when you are mistaken.
 - Listen respectfully to correction, even when it comes from someone younger or less experienced.
 - Avoid using biblical knowledge to embarrass or belittle others.
- Approach disagreements with the desire to understand and honor God rather than merely to win. It is possible to defend the truth with an attitude that contradicts the very truth we defend. The more we learn about God's Word, the more humble we ought to become. Let us ask ourselves: Am I becoming more teachable as I grow in knowledge, or am I becoming increasingly difficult to correct?

III. GUARD YOUR RELATIONSHIPS BY REFUSING DESTRUCTIVE CONTROVERSIES 1 Timothy 6:4b-5

Paul warns that an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words can produce envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions, and constant friction. These are not harmless disagreements. They are destructive attitudes and behaviors that can damage relationships within the church. We should distinguish between necessary discussions about biblical truth and unprofitable arguments driven by pride, suspicion, or personal rivalry. Christians must be willing to defend sound doctrine, but they should never delight in conflict.

When conflict arose between the herdsmen of Abraham and Lot, Abraham took the initiative to preserve peace. Although Abraham was the elder and had received God's promises, he did not insist on personal advantage. Instead, he allowed Lot to choose where he would settle. Abraham demonstrated that humility and concern for relationships can prevent unnecessary conflict (Genesis 13:5-12)

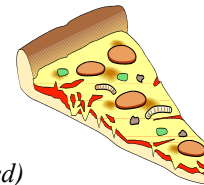
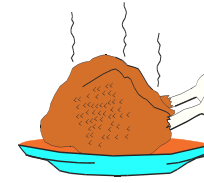
APPLICATIONS:

- Refuse to spread rumors, gossip, or unverified accusations.
- Do not assume evil motives when someone disagrees with you.
- Know when to speak, when to listen, and when to end an unproductive argument.
- Address genuine doctrinal errors firmly but respectfully.
- Seek peace without compromising biblical truth.

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

November Celebrators

02 - Crisiamae Castillo
04 - Rolyn Dugaysan
05 - Shinar S. Ciencia
06 - Neko James Austria
06 - Marian Cheska Denis-Moriarty
07 - Ruth Camora
07 - Gileana Hannah Saguil
08 - Laarni B. Salud
10 - Felix L. Olidan, Jr.
11 - Darrylle Jane A. Walang
11 - Jasper K. Perdigon
11 - Ariadne L. Cadias
13 - Sean Nove Isaac Bestre
13 - Cristy Tacay
14 - Ian Xavier B. Colcol
15 - Ma. Cecilia B. Colcol
15 - Lily Soriano
16 - Rebecca Garcia
17 - Rhianne Kyle A. Nawew
18 - Kristalyn Saingan
18 - Andrew Nawew
18 - Dionesia Martin
20 - Marina Mabesa (Deceased)
21 - Sharon S. McMillin
21 - Rhona Barad
21 - Marjorie Solomon
21 - Kristine M. Denis
21 - Novelito B. Abance
22 - Jonathan Enerva
23 - Minda G. Oliva
23 - Lorigrace Austria
24 - Ma. Lourdes Cera-Literato
25 - Churchill S. Parohinog
25 - Angelika Navalta
25 - Norma D. Andaya
25 - Charmaine Rivera
27 - Leonard Basil
28 - Rowana Ozo
29 - Perla B. Tabcao
29 - Brigida Mandapat
30 - Sonia Cariño Abance



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

Not every disagreement deserves an argument, and not every argument produces understanding. We may succeed in winning a debate while losing the trust and fellowship of a brother or sister. Before entering a controversy, let us ask: Will my words promote truth, godliness, and peace—or will they merely satisfy my pride?

CONCLUSION:

The apostle Paul's warning in 1 Timothy 6:3-5 reminds us that spiritual maturity is not measured merely by how much Scripture we know, but also by how faithfully we live according to its teachings.

We must guard our minds against error, our hearts against pride, and our relationships against destructive controversies.

Let us never become Christians who know enough Scripture to correct everyone else but lack the humility to correct ourselves. May God's Word govern what we believe, Christ's humility shape who we become, and His love guide how we treat one another. For ultimately, a guarded mind remains faithful to the truth, a guarded heart remains humble before God, and a guarded tongue helps preserve the peace of His church.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Am I allowing God's Word to shape my thinking, or am I allowing personal opinions to determine what I believe?
2. When corrected, do I respond with humility and gratitude, or with pride and defensiveness?
3. Do my conversations and disagreements strengthen the unity of the church, or do they contribute to unnecessary division?

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." PHILIPPIANS 4:7 (NIV)Q

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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