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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 worshipers 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.

"The world and the devil would have us work while we rest, but Jesus would have us rest while we work."
READ Matthew 11:28
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Servers Today, May 12, 2024

Jesus is Lord and Above the Law (Luke 6:1-11)

Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Invocation: *GREG KITMA*
 Intercessory Prayer: *MERVIN OLIVA*
 Communion Text: *ROMANS 6:1-7*
 Scripture Reading: *IRA PO*
 Prayer for the Bread: *SAM QUEZADA*
 Prayer for the Cup: *JASPER PERDIGON*
 Prayer for the Giving: *RICHARD BESTRE*
 Closing Prayer: *MAR BAYATING, SR.*
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Afternoon Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
 To Bring Flowers: *DORIS MADTIS*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *GLORI FAMILY*

Communion: *KESHA OLIVA*
 Worship Coordinator: *EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY*

Servers for May 19, 2024

Jesus is Lord of a New Nation (Luke 6:12-19)

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;*

Speaker: *JASPER PERDIGON*
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Invocation: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Intercessory Prayer: *DEXTER WAGANG*
 Communion Text: *GALATIANS 3:23-29*
 Scripture Reading: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *KEMUEL PERDIGON*
 Prayer for the Cup: *JERRY MARTIN*
 Prayer for the Giving: *DANTE BADDAS*
 Closing Prayer: *JOJO RAMOS*
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *JASPER PERDIGON*
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 To Bring Flowers: *CLARITA CATCHERO*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *KITMA FAMILY*

Communion: *KESHA OLIVA*
 Worship Coordinator: *ANDY BESTRE | ART TACAY*

Midtown welcomes back brethren from missions

The congregation welcomes back spouses Dodoy & Sarah Sameon from a 2-month long mission work in the southern islands from March 15—May 4, 2024. As usual, their mission engagement was packed with varied activities such as serving as speakers in various church gatherings, fellowships, camps, and evangelistic campaigns in Negros and the surrounding islands. They were also involved in compassion and benevolent ministries. They were accompanied by their son, brother Shemer.

Meanwhile, spouses Felix & Luz Olidan are back from more than a month stay in Hong Kong for the purpose of visiting with family and with the brethren at WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST as well as serving with other sister congregations in the area. They also got to visit sister Janet Fernandez, a newly baptized member at Midtown who moved back to Hong Kong to join her children to be cared for by them due to illness. Spouses Felix & Luz lifted her up in prayers at the hospital and delivered Midtown's regards and benevolence. Sister Janet appreciated the visit, prayers, and care. She conveys warmest regards to all. For God's greater glory, praise, and honor!Ω

Midtown brethren grace debut devo at Riverview

Brother Arnan Bayla served as Devotional Speaker in the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE during the 18TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of RAIZA MAY ANDAYA, second child of spouses Sil & Rossana Andaya, at the Function Hall of the Riverview Water Park Hotel, Nangalisan, Tuba, last Saturday, May 11, 2024. A good number of Midtown brethren and young people graced the occasion and actively celebrated with the Andaya family in festivities right after the devotional.

The ANDAYA FAMILY and relatives expressed appreciation for the uplifting devotional, prayers, and congratulatory messages from guest and well-wishers. The Almighty God be glorified!Ω

Kitma CARE group serves in Nangalisan

The Nangalisan congregation expressed appreciation to the KITMA CARE GROUP for having spent time and served with them in worship and fellowship at the chapel located at Riverview, Nangalisan, Tuba last Sunday, May 5, 2024. There were 17 CG members in attendance including brethren Greg, Tess & Kajem Kitma, Pat & Joyce Kitma, Janet, Jasper, Kemuel & Jacy Perdigon, Ezra, Kana & Dumanay Valdez, Kaiah, Riyu, & Zayna Albay, and Noel & Cot Espinosa.

Brother Ezra delivered a sermon on "NO EXCUSES" based on Moses' life. Brother Noel facilitated the MEN'S CLASS with the topic, "ACT LIKE MEN" from the text in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. There were 23 men. Sister Cot facilitated the SUNDAY SCHOOL with the topic, "THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES" based on John 15:5. There were 6 children. Sisters Joyce, Janet, and Kana gave a workshop to 10 ladies on "MAKING THE UNLEAVENED BREAD." The Kitma CG plans to have another similar activity in the 3rd quarter of this year. Glory to God!Ω

Well baby boy born to Oylers in the USA

Midtown brethren praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates spouses John & Michelle Oyler for the delivery of their firstborn child, a well baby boy named ASHTON YANG OYLER at the ESSENTIA HEALTH BIRTHPLACE, Duluth, Minnesota, USA on April 20, 2024. Baby Ashton was 7.5 lbs. and 20 inches long at birth.

The Oylers and Yangs convey appreciation for the unceasing prayers offered in their behalf during sister Michelle's pregnancy until the successful delivery. All glory and praise to the Almighty One.Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
 May 5, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....15
ADULTS.....200	GRADES 1-29
YPPEEZ.....15	GRADES 3-4.....10
CHILDREN.....45	GRADES 5-6.....6
GUESTS.....5	H.S./COLL.....15
TOTAL.....270	YAs19
	TOTAL.....79

OFFERING
 AM & PM TOTAL:
 Php58,720.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: *GLORIA YANG *JOSEFA JOSAYAN *DONNA GERON *PRISCILLA BAYASEN *DAN SAMEON *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON *DITH ZAMORA *TESS KITMA *LOIDA BADDAS *BERNARD IGNACIO *JONATHAN ENERVA *CESAR ACOSTA *JOCELYN CALIXTRO *JOVITA BONDOC *ELLA GAROY *LORENZA LOSNONG	 *ERNIE ORDUÑA *FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE *JANET FERNANDEZ *RONELIZA PERALTA *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR. REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO	SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT *ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OTHER CONCERNS Safe Pregnancy: *DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVES Safe Travel: *JOJO & JANET RAMOS (USA)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—MAY 14, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **STAFF MEETING WITH ELDERS & DEACONS**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | MAY 13, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 PM.
- **WANTED: FULL-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY**—APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED UNTIL MAY 15, 2024
 QUALIFICATIONS: 1. NOT A RECENT CONVERT; 2. COLLEGE GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT; 3. HAS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE; 4. PROFICIENT IN MICROSOFT OFFICE; 5. EXCELLENT ORGANIZATIONAL AND TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS; 6. STRONG WRITTEN AND VERBAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS; 7. ABLE TO HANDLE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITH DISCRETION; 8. NOT OVER 50 YEARS OLD.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL KID'S DAY OUT & POTLUCK PICNIC**—SCOUT HILL PICNIC GROUNDS, CAMP JOHN HAY | SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 | 8:30—11:30 AM | CONTACT: SISTER MAUREEN SORIANO
- **MONTHLY LADIES DEVO & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP—UPCYCLING WORKSHOP** | MIDTOWN HALL | MAY 18, 2024 @11 AM—2:30 PM | BRING: 8 MM CROCHET HOOK, OLD CLOTHES, SEWING KIT, SCISSORS

JESUS IS LORD AND ABOVE THE LAW

Luke 6:1-11
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | May 12, 2024

JESUS IS LORD AND ABOVE THE LAW

- JESUS DECLARES HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE LAW
 - Luke 6:1-5
- JESUS DEMONSTRATES HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE LAW
 - Luke 6:6-10
- JESUS CHALLENGES THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW
 - Luke 6:3,4,9,11

I. JESUS CHRIST DECLARES HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE LAW

- JESUS STANDS FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LAW OF SABBATH
 - The Sabbath and the law was made for man.
 - It was meant to be a blessing and not a burden to those who observe it.
- JESUS USED THE SCRIPTURES TO CONTEND FOR HIS ACTIONS
 - The Scriptures lay evidences for one's use.
 - It is all-important to do things based on a reasonable understanding of God's word.
- JESUS DECLARES THAT HE IS LORD OF THE SABBATH
 - The lordship of Jesus makes Him above law.
 - It is the Lord who shows that human need should override bare legalism.

Luke 6:1-5

APPLICATION:

1. Knowing that Jesus is above the law, what should our attitude be about the law?
 - Realizing that Jesus is the highest authority in the Bible and that his teachings overrule many of the older laws, let us stick to what Jesus commanded the apostles in the New Testament.
 - Realizing that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to the Lord Jesus Christ, let us use the new law of Christ to liberate us and give us rest.
 - Realizing that the Sabbath has found its fulfillment in Christ and in the new covenant, let us rely no longer in the law but in the better promises of the Lord.
 - "Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. Heb 8:6 esv

II. JESUS CHRIST DEMONSTRATES HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE LAW

- JESUS KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF MEN AND HE WILLS TO CORRECT THEM
 - No act of mercy is a breach on the law.
 - Understand that refusing to do good because of the 'law' is tantamount to doing evil.
- JESUS DEFIES THE EVIL ACCUSATIONS AND PLOT AGAINST HIM
 - No evil will prevail over the Lord's will.
 - Understand that human institutions or traditions resisting Jesus are unbeneficial to everyone.
- JESUS REVEALS THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE SABBATH
 - No day is ever wrong to do something good.
 - Understand that while man needs rest from earthly toil, he cannot rest in doing good.

Luke 6:6-10

APPLICATION:

2. Knowing that Jesus is above the law, how can we demonstrate our appreciation to this?
 - Realizing that Jesus Christ acts out of mercy and compassion more than out of rules, let us also show mercy, like Christ, with less regard to legalities.
 - Realizing that Christ's purposes ultimately prevails, let us allow the Lord to lead us and take full control of our lives every single day.
 - Realizing that, through Christ, we have entered the new and real eternal rest, let us now set aside the old law including the Sabbath.
 - "There remains, then, a Sabbath — rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest..." Heb 4:9-11 NV

III. JESUS CHRIST CHALLENGES THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW

- JESUS REMINDS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW OF WHAT THEY OUGHT TO KNOW
 - It is essential to know what needs to be known.
 - Those who have ill motives deliberately overlook what is truly significant.
- JESUS QUIZZES THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW OF WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT
 - It is crucial to know form and substance.
 - Those who have ill motives only care about the form and do not care about the substance.
- JESUS EXPOSES THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW OF THEIR REAL MOTIVES
 - It is fundamental to have pure motives.
 - Those who have ill motives do not truly benefit from the substance of the law.

Luke 6:3,4,9,11

APPLICATION:

3. Knowing that Jesus is above the law, what challenges can we now confidently face?
 - Realizing Christ's use of the Scriptures to contend for His actions, let us confidently do things with a reasonable understanding of the word and its substance/essence.
 - Realizing that grace and truth came through Jesus Christ, let us confidently take the challenge to base our actions on grace and truth.
 - Realizing that Jesus desires pure motives, let us do all things in spirit and in truth.
 - "Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Col 2:16-18 NV

“ Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. 17 God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ”

John 1:16-17 GNT

What do we learn from Jesus Christ's treatment of what is lawful?

1. First, as disciples of Christ, we must stand for the reason behind the law where man should be able to do good without any hindrance posed by law. Will we be like Jesus in our approach in doing good?
2. Second, as disciples of Christ, we must understand that while it is lawful for man to rest from earthly toil, he cannot rest in doing good. Will we be like Jesus in our judgments so as not to grow weary of doing good?
3. Third, as disciples of Christ, we must do all things not only because they are lawful, but to do so in spirit and in truth. Will we be like Jesus in doing good without false and impure motives ?

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
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- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
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- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
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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



May Celebrators

03 - Benjamin Balawas
03 - Elvie Omaging
05 - Erolyn Canlas
06 - Ricky Rimando
06 - Jizza Mae Aquino
08 - Ruby Panganiban
11 - Cindy Lacambra
11 - Princess Elipane
12 - Dante Baddas
12 - Gil Geron
12 - May Flor Acquiadan
14 - Ethan B. Sameon
14 - Fransley Mae Amplayo
15 - Jessica Mariano
16 - Melecia Abance
16 - Klarisa Glori
16 - Juanita Fernandez
19 - Maureen Soriano
19 - Chito Salviejo
20 - Carlota Cera
20 - Jonalyn Castillo
21 - Rolando Castillo
21 - Melba N. Licupa
21 - Ma. Corazon Ozo
22 - Carlos Gonzales
23 - Jeannette F. Sarauer
23 - Alexa Senesan
25 - Alexandre James Ciencia
26 - Norma Aping
28 - Elena Caramé
28 - Elcid Pelpelic
29 - Francisco Fermin
29 - Rainelle Kiara Nawew
31 - Margaret Golda Yang
31 - Elizabeth Salviejo






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
MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS		SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY	
6:00-8:00 PM		• 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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