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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.

"God has plucked us out of eternity, positioned us in time, and given us gifts and talents to serve Him in this generation."

READ Ephesians 2:10

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Servers Today, June 23, 2024

SYMPOSIUM on Equipping Ministry

Speaker: JOJO RAMOS
 Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE
 Invocation: JULIUS ROJO
 Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
 Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29
 Scripture Reading: JOSH MARTIN
 Prayer for the Bread: JASPER PERDIGON
 Prayer for the Cup: KAJEM KITMA
 Prayer for the Giving: O'NIEL GONZALES
 Closing Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG
 Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
 Afternoon Speaker: JOJO RAMOS
 Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE
 To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY

Communion: ME-AN GONZALES
 Worship Coordinator: ANDY BESTRE | ART TACAY

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 June 30, 2024

A Sinful Woman's Encounter With Jesus (Luke 7:36-50)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON
 Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
 Invocation: FELIX OLIDAN, JR.
 Intercessory Prayer: MERVIN OLIVA
 Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-7
 Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON
 Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE
 Prayer for the Cup: SAM QUEZADA
 Prayer for the Giving: JERRY MARTIN
 Closing Prayer: MARIL BAYATING, SR.
 Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
 Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON
 Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA
 To Bring Flowers: JANET RAMOS
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
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 Usher/ettes: PERDIGON FAMILY

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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD June 16, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class PRESCHOOL.....15 GRADES 1-28 GRADES 3-4.....6 GRADES 5-6.....7 H.S./COLJ.....18 YAs22 TOTAL.....76
ADULTS.....220	
YPPEEZ.....18	
CHILDREN.....41	
GUESTS.....5	
TOTAL.....284	

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: **Php66,440.00**

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. *ESPERANZA VILLANUEVA *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *JESS ANIBAN *BENIGNO ABRIL	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—NIERVEZ Safe Travel: *JOVY MABESA & COMPANY (SOUTH KOREA) *ERNIE & LETTY WAGANG (IRELAND) *FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (CABANATUAN) *JONAH & CELIA CIRILO (BACK TO CANADA ON JUNE 30) *GIL GERON & Co. (NAGUILIAN)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—JUNE 25, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME
- **SYMPOSIUM ON THE EQUIPPING MINISTRY**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | JUNE 23, 2024 | 9:30-11:00 AM.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—JULY 8—12, 2024 | REGISTRATION GOING ON | REG. FEE: P50.00
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PREPARATION**—DAILY PREPARATIONS FOR PROPS | BPFCLC | NEEDED: BOHO, AFGHAN, IGOROT WEAVINGS | SIGN UP TO SPONSOR SNACKS & MEALS (PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARDS)
- **EQUIPPING MINISTRY MEETING**—RIGHT AFTER THE TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM ON JUNE 25, 2024. | EVERYBODY INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE MINISTRY.
- **BIBLE STUDY CENTER**—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | OPEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FOR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY AND BIBLICAL COUNSELLING | BRING ANYONE INTERESTED IN A FORMAL BIBLE STUDY COURSE OR BRING ANYONE WHO WOULD NEED COUNSELING OR NEEDING SOMEONE TO TALK TO.

New church secretary starts work at Midtown

The congregation's new secretary, sister LADY ANGELA B. RAMOS, officially and happily started with her duties last week. She is currently undergoing orientation and training by brother Greg Kitma and by brother Andy Bestre who shall be turning over his secretarial duties and other responsibilities to her.

For assistance, concerns, and reports, sister Angela can be contacted at this number 09954633686 or through her E-mail address: ladyabramos@gmail.com. She can also be personally contacted during her official working days which is Sunday thru Thursday at 8:30 AM—5:30 PM at her office at Midtown. For God's greater glory, honor, and praise!Ω

Midtown brethren comforts Alcid family of Irisan

A good number of brethren including Julius & Fely Rojo, Felix & Luz Olidan, Arnan & Nelly Bayla, Jun Reyes, Amber Po, Earl Sameon, and Sixto Aoas, joined the neighbors and friends to comfort the bereaved family of the late sister ESPERANZA DAGDAG ALCID at the ALCID RESIDENCE at Km. 6 Naguilian Rd. Irisan, this city, last Monday afternoon, June 17, 2024. She succumbed to a chronic illness early morning of June 10, 2024. She was 63 years old.

Brother Arnan Bayla presided over the DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in which he recounted the many good occasions of having served the Lord and the church with the deceased in times past. The nephews and nieces of the deceased also recalled their memorable times attending the Vacation Bible School when they were kids. The ALCID FAMILY expressed appreciation for the prayers, messages, singing, and the visit. One of the siblings of the deceased expressed desire to attend Midtown's Worship Assembly in an opportune time.

Again, all sympathies to the bereaved family!Ω

Husbands appreciated in Couples CARE group

Husbands were all too happy to have been appreciated by their wives at the COUPLES CARE GROUP held at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL the other past Saturday evening of June 15, 2024. Those who attended include spouses Jojo & Janet Ramos, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, Dex & Den Wagang, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Felix & Luz Olidan, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Dan-Gil & Lala Geron, and Gil & Diana Geron.

It was an evening of fellowship, fun, and food and more so as the wives individually shared the traits they appreciate most about their husbands. The husbands on the other hand appreciated being appreciated by their wives, thanks to the CARE group for the opportunity! Praise the Lord!Ω

Bayla presides in wedding anniversary of Cirilo couple

Brother Arnan Bayla presided in the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in celebration of God's gift of marriage and the sacred opportunity of supporting and honoring God's design of Marriage as subscribed to by spouses Jonah & Celia Cirilo on their 41ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY at their residence in Irisan, this city, last Saturday, June 22, 2024. The couple are active members of the congregation who moved to Canada many years ago. They are in the city for a brief vacation and will be returning to Canada next Sunday.

Brothers Arnan Bayla and Sixto Aoas together with a good number of Irisan brethren graced the occasion which also served as a *Despedida party*. The couple hopes to make more frequent returns to the country, Lord willing. For God's glory!Ω

MIDTOWN'S EQUIPPING MINISTRY

Jojo Ramos

Have you ever wondered why God called you to His Church?

Have you ever wondered what your purpose in life is, specially being children of God, disciples of Christ?

The apostle Paul said:

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10. Other translation would say: *“We are God’s Masterpiece...”* from the Greek word *“poiēma”* where we derived our word *“poem”*. We are God’s creative work, the Psalmist would say *“we are wonderfully/marvelously made” Psalm 139:14-16.* If we look back even until we can remember, we can see God’s works in our lives even if we tend to always stumble or fall, He continues to guide us towards moving forward in life giving us many opportunities to make the right decisions towards His purpose & calling all because He love us.

We truly are special people that God created & continue to transform specially as we pursue His purpose & calling. Please reflect on Peter’s description of who we are: *1 Peter 2:9-10*

“But you are a CHOSEN RACE, A royal priesthood, A holy NATION, a PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.”

The Letters of Paul specifically *Ephesians 4:1-16, Corinthians 12:4-26 & Romans 12:3-8* speaks of our identity as a church & an exhortation of what we need to do to fulfill our purpose & calling as a church. Also meditate on these passages.

In our passage *Ephesians 4:11-16*, Paul encourages the leaders of the church that God has purposely given them their leadership gifts; *“for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head - Christ- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”*

Thus the assembling of Midtown’s Equipping Ministry, to help all of us to know & understand our **S. H. A. P. E.**

•**SPRITUAL GIFTEDNESS**—How has God gifted me? •**HEART**—What do I love to do? •**ABILITIES**—What natural talents do I have? •**PERSONALITY**—Where does my personality best suit me to serve? •**EXPERIENCE**—What experiences have I had?

And to pursue our Vision & Goals for God: **EQUIPPING MINISTRY’S OBJECTIVES:**

1. To provide awareness campaign to all members of the congregation and its partners on the 3-fold church function of evangelism, edification & benevolence.
2. To conduct training for leaders and members of the various CARE groups and ministries and partner groups on the 3-fold church function.
3. To develop and make available tools (IEC materials) on evangelism, edification, and benevolence.
4. To develop and make available training/workshop modules on the following subjects: Identification of gifts/talents and how to harness it for church ministry, song leading, leading public prayer, discipling/mentoring/coaching, guidance and counseling, 3-fold function of the church; others.
5. To develop a work plan for mission outreach activities and implement the same.
6. To develop a work plan for the Bible Study Center and implement the same.

FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EQUIPPING MINISTRY

Overall Function

Equips the leaders and members of the various CARE Groups, Ministries, and partner churches of Christ’s for ministry work.

Main Responsibilities

1. Provides education and training to leaders and members of the various care groups and ministries for ministry work focused on evangelism, edification, and benevolence.
2. Develops and makes available strategies and tools for evangelism, edification, and benevolence.
3. Assists leaders and members of the various care groups and ministries to identify their gifts/talents and to harness it for evangelistic, edifying, and benevolent work.

Brothers & sisters, if you want to know more on how to use your **S.H.A.P.E.** to serve God & glorify Him, please join us in serving.

“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13: 20-21. Ω

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 :

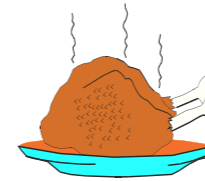
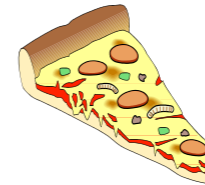
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



June Celebrators

- 01 - Jovencio C. Mabesa
- 01 - Jonimar Domastig
- 01 - Lois June Fermin
- 02 - Claudette Zamora
- 02 - Maril P. Bayating
- 04 - Katrina M. Viduya
- 04 - Aaron Carlos Cordero
- 05 - Mary Jane S. Abance
- 05 - Sonia Insas
- 08 - Jerico Ramos
- 10 - Jhovet Sison
- 12 - Andrena S. Balang
- 13 - Mervin G. Oliva
- 13 - Jonee C. Baddas
- 14 - Corine B. Mabesa
- 15 - Aljun Parohinog
- 18 - Jimmy June Reyes
- 18 - Rutchie R. Rebuca
- 19 - Erwin Oliva
- 19 - Kaisha Lagsaman
- 19 - Shauli W. Kitma
- 19 - Felixander Kai Olidan
- 20 - Flora Campoas
- 21 - Ezra A. Valdez
- 21 - Lulu Bondoc
- 25 - Julius Rojo
- 25 - Anthony James Flores
- 25 - Anri R. Hiragi—Ramos
- 25 - Edward B. Peñaranda
- 26 - Rafael C. Ozo
- 26 - Frances Balangitan
- 27 - Luz Olidan
- 27 - Lala Geron
- 28 - Lou Villanueva



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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