

Servers Today, July 14, 2024

Discipleship is Believing the Word (Luke 8:22-40)

Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ
 Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE
 Invocation: GIL GERON
 Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
 Communion Text: EPHESIANS 2:1-10
 Scripture Reading: JOSHUA MARTIN
 Prayer for the Bread: DANTE BADDAS
 Prayer for the Cup: O'NEIL GONZALES
 Prayer for the Giving: CHRIS OLIVA
 Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS
 Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
 Afternoon Speaker: EZRA VALDEZ
 Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE
 To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: PERDIGON FAMILY

Communion: MABEL SUNGGAY
 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 July 21, 2024

Discipleship is Experiencing the Word (Luke 8:41-50)

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON
 Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
 Invocation: JULIUS ROJO
 Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES
 Communion Text: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4
 Scripture Reading: KEMUEL PERDIGON
 Prayer for the Bread: SAM QUEZADA
 Prayer for the Cup: JERRY MARTIN
 Prayer for the Giving: LEM GLORI
 Closing Prayer: GIL GERON
 Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
 Afternoon Speaker: DODOY SAMEON
 Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
 To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: GONZALES FAMILY

Communion: LADY ANGELA RAMOS
 Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY



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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's word is true whether we believe it or not. Human unbelief cannot alter the character of God."

READ Isaiah 55:10-11
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Vacation Bible School concludes strong with 187

The most awaited VBS has finally kicked off at the facilities of MIDTOWN and the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER last Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 8:00 AM, and has continued everyday until its culminating program last Friday, July 12, 2024. This year's theme, "FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE," based on Psalm 139:13-14 has influenced the participants to realize their worth in God's kingdom. It has also helped participants recognize that their sense of worth comes from their identity as God's children and not from their own giftedness or strengths. It specifically helped participants realize that they are made for a purpose, that God is ALL-POWERFUL who can change anyone's situation, that God is ALL-PRESENT who is with us when we feel alone, and that God is ALL-KNOWING who can answer one's toughest questions.

This year's VBS enrolment reached 187 which includes 29 in PRESCHOOL, 32 in GRADES 1&2, 45 in GRADES 3&4, 50 in GRADES 5&6, and 31 in HIGH SCHOOL. Of this number, 23 % are from Midtown, 49% are from BPFLC, and 28% are from the neighborhood and elsewhere.

Brothers Alton Mark Bayla, Kemuel Perdigon, and Jasper Perdigon served as this year's VBS Directors. More of this to be published in the next issue of this bulletin. Praise the Lord God for the resounding success of VBS 2024!

Sister Loida C. Baddas passes on to Abraham's side

The Midtown family grieves with the bereaved family of the late sister LOIDA CASTILLO BADDAS who succumbed to severe anemia secondary to complications at the BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER last Tuesday, July 9, 2024. She was 66 years old and is survived by her husband, brother Dante Baddas, three children, namely Llona Manalo, Jonee Baddas, and Desiree Nierves, and one grandson, Nathe Althon Manalo.

Devotional services are being conducted by Midtown brethren nightly at the St. Peter Chapel, Marcos Highway, since Wednesday. The Funeral service will be on Monday, July 15, 2024. It will start with a Devotional Service at the St. Peter Chapel at 9:00 AM and the Committal Service at the Tuba Municipal Cemetery located at Bomasgao, Poblacion, Tuba at 10:30 AM. Lunch will be served after the committal at the Castillo—Abance Residence at Poblacion, Tuba.

Again, the Midtown congregation conveys deepest sympathies to the bereaved family. The Lord bless you and keep you!Ω

Midtown brethren facilitate house blessing

A number of Midtown brethren presided in a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE for a House Blessing at the SOTO GRANDE RESIDENCES, Legarda Road, this city last Monday, July 8, 2024. Brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker in which he congratulated the Eslava family for their intention in thanking the Lord for their new opportunity of serving their fellowmen. He was with spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, Ruth Trinidad, Nelly Bayla, and sister Shawn Corpuz of Baguio CoC, the cousin of the homeowner.Ω

Midtown ladies join 46th National Ladies Retreat

A number of ladies from Midtown, namely, Jovy Mabesa, Nelly Bayla, Dinah Austria, Lorigrace Austria, Cristy Austria, Jane Bestre, Clarita Cachero, Kesha Oliva, Marlene Samonte, Beth Sevilla, Maureen Soriano, Lady Angela Ramos, Gracelynn Abance, Lou Villanueva & Cel Alvarez, are set to leave the city for the 46th NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT in Kidapawan City on July 16-19. Have a happy trip and a blessed retreat!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD July 7, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....203	PRESCHOOL.....15
YPPEEZ.....16	GRADES 1-27
CHILDREN.....34	GRADES 3-4.....6
GUESTS.....5	GRADES 5-6.....6
TOTAL.....258	H.S./COLL.....16
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	TOTAL.....88

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PPh64,068.00

PRAYER LIST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—JULY 16, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT —JULY 16—19, 2024 | FCG HOTEL, KIDAPAWAN CITY, SOUTH COTABATO
- MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP— JULY 20, 2024 | 11:00 AM—2:30 PM
- VBS VICTORY CELEBRATION—WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE SOON!
- SUMMER BIBLE ENCOUNTER— WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE SOON!
- 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.

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING

The World, the Flesh, and the Devil

“This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.” (James 3:15)

True wisdom is “from above” and is “pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy” (v. 17). False wisdom, on the other hand, may come from the world outside us (“earthly”), the flesh within us (“sensual”), or the powers of darkness tempting us (“devilish”). All such wisdom leads to “envying and strife...confusion and every evil work” (v. 16). Believers, therefore, should be able to recognize the influences of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

The good news is that each divine Person of the triune Godhead is on our side. The Father is opposed to the world, the Spirit to the flesh, and the Son to the devil, and they are well able to give victory.

“If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him....And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof” (1 John 2:15, 17). Thus, to overcome the love of the world, we must cultivate the love of the Father in our hearts and lives.

Similarly, to overcome the desires of the flesh, we should follow the leadings and convictions of the Holy Spirit, “for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other” (Galatians 5:17). Therefore, “walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (v. 16).

The devil and his evil hosts use their own dark powers to tempt and destroy the people of God, but “for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8). Christ assured Satan’s defeat when He paid for our redemption on the cross. “And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:15). HMM

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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)

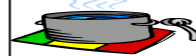
- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - A. God’s Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

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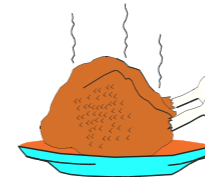
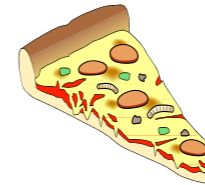
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



July Celebrators

- 01 - Melita B. Cados
- 03 - Brian B. Colcol
- 06 - Joven Domasig
- 06 - Kyle Mikael Cordero
- 07 - Jonathan B. Ramos Jr.
- 07 - Noelle Jane Rhone Barad
- 08 - Maricel S. Aguinaldo
- 09 - Krystelle Olidan-Cadiz
- 09 - Charles D. Quilondrino
- 09 - Genevieve Mokyat
- 10 - Michelle Yang-Oyler
- 11 - Arnan A. Bayla
- 12 - Jeremie Craig Y. Licupa
- 12 - Nida Gabriel
- 14 - Rossana B. Andaya
- 14 - Jesse Reuben Bestre
- 14 - Mark Brian Beliaco
- 14 - Ruby Suanding
- 15 - Diane B. Colcol
- 15 - Jocelyn A. Calixtro
- 15 - Beverly D. Bugtong
- 16 - Rosa B. Aquino
- 16 - Rochelle Acosta
- 16 - Josephine N. Yapyapen
- 17 - Solomon Palaypayon
- 19 - Jeffrey M. Albay
- 19 - Maribel J. Sunggay
- 19 - Melissa R. Sison
- 22 - Lady Angela B. Ramos
- 25 - Jan Michael Cirilo
- 25 - Corazon Gawe
- 25 - Louise Bawas
- 27 - Ruth Trinidad
- 30 - Nancy Bayla
- 30 - Christine G. Guanzon
- 31 - Fernando M. Yabut



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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