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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.

"Whenever God calls us to a task, He will equip us and enable us to complete the task."
READ Hebrews 13:20-21
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Servers Today, July 28, 2024

Discipleship is Serving the Lord (Luke 9:1-17)

Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON
 Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
 Invocation: GASPAR BALDO, JR.
 Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG
 Communion Text: MATTHEW 26:26-30
 Scripture Reading: JOSHUA MARTIN
 Prayer for the Bread: RICHARD BESTRE
 Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES
 Prayer for the Giving: MERVIN OLIVA
 Closing Prayer: CHARLIE ABANCE
 Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
 Afternoon Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON
 Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
 To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY

Communion: ANGELA RAMOS
 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 August 4, 2024

Special Topic from a Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker: KENNETH WILKEY
 Song Leader: JEPHTAN TANGONAN
 Invocation: GIL GERON
 Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
 Communion Text: ROMANS 8:1-4
 Scripture Reading: IRA PO
 Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON
 Prayer for the Cup: O'NIEL GONZALES
 Prayer for the Giving: PAT KITMA
 Closing Prayer: MAR BAYATING
 Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
 Afternoon Speaker: KENNETH WILKEY
 Song Leader: JEPHTAN TANGONAN
 To Bring Flowers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: KITMA FAMILY

Communion: LORI & CHRISTY AUSTRIA
 Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD July 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE	
REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....188	PRESCHOOL.....18
YPPEEZ.....25	GRADES 1-29
CHILDREN.....47	GRADES 3-4.....8
GUESTS.....4	GRADES 5-6.....12
TOTAL.....264	H.S./COLL.....25
	YAs21
	TOTAL.....93

OFFERING
 AM & PM TOTAL:
 PPh49,335.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: *GLORIA YANG *JOSEFA JOSAYAN *DONNA GERON *PRISCILLA BAYASEN *DAN SAMEON *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON *DITH ZAMORA *TESS KITMA *BERNARD IGNACIO *JONATHAN ENERVA *CESAR ACOSTA *JOCELYN CALIXTRO *JOVITA BONDOC *ELLA GAROY *LORENZA LOSNONG *ERNIE ORDUÑA	REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *JESS ANIBAN *BENIGNO ABRIL *GASPAR NAWEW	FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE *JANET FERNANDEZ *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR. *SONIA CARINO ABANCE	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: *GREG KITMA & FAMILY & Co. (U.P. DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY) *FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN & Co. (ALABAMA COC, CAVITE) *JOJO & JANET RAMOS (MALAYSIA)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—JULY 30, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **SHEPHERDING CLASS**— SPEAKER: BROTHER KEN WILKEY | AUGUST 3, 2024 | 9:00 AM—2:00 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME, JUST REGISTER TODAY AND UNTIL TUESDAY AT NOON. | FREE REGISTRATION
- **MOVING UP SUNDAY TODAY**— MIDTOWN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GOERS TO BE OFFICIALLY ADMITTED IN THEIR NEW RESPECTIVE CLASSES TODAY, JULY 28, 2024 @ 9:30 AM.
- **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.

Teeners and tweener baptized into Christ

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty as well as rejoices with five teenagers and a tweener who submitted themselves in baptism for the remission of sins last Monday evening, July 22, 2024. They are RAIZA MAY B. ANDAYA, born May 8, 2006; ALLISON B. GAPUNGLI, born April 11, 2008; LAISHA CLARISSE B. MONTES, born October 27, 2008; SHAIRA B. ANDAYA, born June 20, 2010; CHASLYN AVRIA A. SAINGAN, born February 25, 2012; and LARA CHAUNCEY B. MONTES, born January 10, 2013. They are all children and relatives of active members of the congregation and are long-time residents of Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet.

The young ladies took up the SEEKERS LESSON SERIES with brother Arnan Bayla from July 17th until their decision to receive the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in baptism after completing the SEEKERS LESSONS last Monday afternoon.

A good number of brethren together with parents, relatives, and loved ones of the new disciples witnessed their baptism. Dinner fellowship in celebration of the joyous occasion followed thereafter. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

Sheperding class with brother Wilkey this Sat

Midtown is privileged to have brother Ken Wilkey, long-time missionary to the Philippines, to serve as SERMON SPEAKER in next SUNDAY'S WORSHIP ASSEMBLY. He will also be teaching the ADULT BIBLE CLASS meeting at the Assembly Hall.

On Saturday, August 3, 2024, brother Ken will be speaking in a special SHEPHERDING CLASS to be held at Midtown's Assembly Hall. Men and women and everyone are cordially invited to participate in the class. Class starts at 9:00 AM and discussions to run right until before a LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP. Informal conversational exchange on various topics on church leadership follows thereafter. May the Lord God be praised!Ω

Midtown congratulates graduates of batch 2024

Midtown brethren honors the Heavenly Father through the Lord Jesus Christ and congratulates the following young people and young adults for having successfully graduated or moved up to the next level of their academic endeavors lately. They include SOPHIA ROSE ROSARIO—Elementary; CHASLYN SAINGAN—Elementary; SHERMAN BESTRE—Elementary; JOSIAH CALIXTRO—Junior High; ALLISON GAPUNGLI—Junior High; RAIZA ANDAYA—Senior High; RENZO ALLARIA—Senior High; MELCHIZEDEK AQUINO—Bachelor of Theology; KEMUEL PERDIGON—Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management; and SHAULI KITMA—Bachelor of Science in Architecture.

It is the congregation's prayer that these young people will continue to make use of their knowledge and wisdom to serve and to glorify the only wise God and Creator!

Meanwhile, MIDTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL goers will officially move up to the upper grade levels today. Glory to God!Ω

Midtown's minister is STI baccalaureate speaker

At the invitation of sister Rosa 'Lulu' Bondoc, Assistant Principal of STI COLLEGE-BAGUIO, brother Arnan Bayla, served as GUEST SPEAKER in the college's BACCALAUREATE SERVICE held at the BAGUIO CONVENTION & CULTURAL CENTER last Monday morning, July 22, 2024.

Brother Arnan Bayla challenged the graduating students with the assigned topic, "MAKING FREEDOM, FUTURE, AND HISTORY WORK FOR US." He underscored that "One's future is based on His story and that their freedom is anchored on their belief of this truth." For God's greater glory!Ω

DISCIPLESHIP IS EXPERIENCING THE WORD

Luke 8:41-56
Arnan A. Bayla | Midtown Church of Christ | July 21, 2024

I. A FATHER OF A DYING DAUGHTER EXPERIENCES JESUS' WORD

- JESUS ASSURES JAIRUS BY LISTENING TO HIS PLEADINGS
 - Jairus pleads: "Come to my house for my daughter is dying."
 - Jesus made himself available to help.
- JESUS ASSURES JAIRUS BY BEING WILLING TO BE BOTHERED
 - Someone said: "Your daughter is dead. Don't bother the teacher anymore!"
 - Jesus heard despite in another concern.
- JESUS ASSURES JAIRUS BY SPEAKING ASSURING WORDS TO HIM
 - Jesus says: "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."
 - Jairus waited having experienced the Lord's word.

Luke 8:41,42,49-56

II. A WOMAN WITH A LINGERING ILLNESS EXPERIENCES JESUS' WORD

- JESUS TAKES NOTICE OF THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM
 - Jesus asks: "Who touched me?"
 - The woman 'bleeds' to be healed by Jesus.
- JESUS ACKNOWLEDGES THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIS POWER
 - Jesus says: "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."
 - The woman given the opportunity to testify.
- JESUS BLESSES THOSE WHO SEEK HIS POWER WITH ASSURING WORDS
 - Jesus declares: "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."
 - The woman goes in peace as a chosen child of God having experienced the healing power of the word.

Luke 8:43-48

III. A CHILD WHO WAS DYING EXPERIENCES JESUS' WORD

- JESUS POINTS OUT A PROFOUND TRUTH ABOUT DEATH
 - Jesus commands: "Stop weeping!"
 - Jesus bids the mourners that there is no need to mourn for those He causes to live.
- JESUS POINTS OUT A PROFOUND TRUTH ABOUT A NEW PERSPECTIVE
 - Jesus declares: "She is not dead but asleep."
 - Jesus bids us to see things the way He sees it.
- JESUS POINTS OUT A PROFOUND TRUTH ABOUT A NEW RELATIONSHIP
 - Jesus commands: "My child, get up!"
 - Jesus calls the child her own and instructs her to get up and to eat having experienced the life-giving power of God.

Luke 8:54-55

“
**I rely on the Lord,
 I rely on him with my
 whole being;
 I wait for his assuring
 word.**
 ”

Psalm 130:5 NLT

DISCIPLESHIP IS EXPERIENCING THE LORD'S WORD

- A FATHER OF A DYING DAUGHTER EXPERIENCES JESUS' WORD
 - Luke 8:41,42,49-56
- A WOMAN WITH A LINGERING ILLNESS EXPERIENCES JESUS' WORD
 - Luke 8:43-48
- A CHILD WHO WAS DYING EXPERIENCES JESUS' WORD
 - Luke 8:54-55

Luke 8:41-56

APPLICATION:

- In being disciples of Christ, what would we learn from Jairus pleading for help from Jesus?
 - Let us learn to bravely approach Jesus and to plead for help. This entails humbling ourselves in order to receive help in our hard times.
 - Let us be willing to be 'bothered' by the hard times of others just as Jesus was willing to be 'bothered' or to take the trouble to do something.
 - Let us learn to face our fears knowing that we can rely on the Lord's word and timing. This necessitates us to wait patiently and not to be bothered by disruptions and delays.
 - "The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you..." Psalm 9:9-10 NIV

APPLICATION:

- In being disciples of Christ, what would we learn from the bleeding woman seeking healing from Jesus?
 - Let us learn to demonstrate our faith in the Lord by being 'in touch' with the Lord. This entails faith or total belief in the Lord to rely on his power.
 - Let us be willing to testify about what the Lord has done for us. This requires speaking out and resisting the desire to go unnoticed.
 - Let us learn to depend on the Lord's word for healing and to make us whole, i.e., becoming a child of God is more to be sought over physical healing.
 - "Don't be impatient. Wait for the Lord, and he will come and save you! Be brave, stouthearted, and courageous. Yes, wait and he will help you." Psalm 27:13-14 TLB

APPLICATION:

- In being disciples of Christ, what would we learn from the from Jesus awakening a child from being 'asleep'?
 - Let us learn to understand that death to a child of God is a matter of 'being asleep' which means we have eternal life in Jesus Christ. This should always comfort us.
 - Let us be willing to make changes in our perspective of things, from physical to spiritual, from earthly to heavenly. This requires that we see things through the lenses of the Scriptures, the word of God.
 - Let us learn that Jesus desires a relationship with us more than a life here on earth. He wants us to 'feed' on Him and His word for this truly gives us life.
 - "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 NIV

How would disciples of Christ experience God's word?

- First, as disciples of Christ, we must learn to plead to the Lord in humility believing that we can rely on God's word and His timing. Will we, like Jairus and the bleeding woman, be willing to wait on the Lord?
- Second, as disciples of Christ, we must be willing to courageously demonstrate our faith in the Lord. Will we, like the bleeding woman, be willing to 'bleed' or exhaust everything to be 'in touch' with the Saviour?
- Third, as disciples of Christ, we must be willing to see things in the way God does and to desire to be in relationship with God the Father through the Lord Jesus. Will we, like Jesus, say, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." ?

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

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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