

Servers Today, July 7, 2024

Discipleship is Hearing the Word (Luke 8:1-21)

Speaker: CD ESPINOSA
 Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.
 Invocation: CHARLIE ABANCE
 Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES
 Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-7
 Scripture Reading: IRA PO
 Prayer for the Bread: DONNEL GONZALES
 Prayer for the Cup: JASPER PERDIGON
 Prayer for the Giving: GASPAR BALDO, JR.
 Closing Prayer: SOL PALAYPAYON
 Announcement: FELIX OLIDAN JR.
 Afternoon Speaker: CD ESPINOSA
 Song Leader: FELIX OLIDAN JR.
 To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO
 To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
 To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
 Usher/ettes: KITMA FAMILY

Communion: MABEL SUNGGAY
 Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | 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 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
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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.

"When you wonder why you can't hear God's voice during trials, remember the teacher is always quiet during the test."

READ Isaiah 30:19-21
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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
 June 30, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
PRESCHOOL.....15	GRADES 1-211
ADULTS.....160	GRADES 3-411
YPPEEZ.....18	GRADES 5-6.....4
CHILDREN.....43	H.S./COLL.....12
GUESTS.....7	YAs25
TOTAL.....228	TOTAL.....78

OFFERING
 AM & PM TOTAL:
 Php56,890.00

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	*ERNE ORDUÑA *FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE *JANET FERNANDEZ *RONELIZA PERALTA *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR. *ESPERANZA VILLANUEVA	REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *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—NIERVES	Safe Travel: *ERNE & LETTY WAGANG (IRELAND) *CD ESPINOSA (BACK TO INDONESIA)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—ON JULY 9, 2024 TO GIVE WAY TO THE VBS | RESUMES JULY 16, 2024
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—JULY 8—12, 2024 | REGISTRATION GOING ON | REG. FEE: P50.00
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PREPARATION**— DAILY PREPARATIONS FOR PROPS | BPFLC | NEEDED: BOHO, AFGHAN, IGOROT WEAVINGS | SIGN UP TO SPONSOR SNACKS & MEALS (PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARDS)
- **VBS FINAL SETTING-UP**—SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024 AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF JULY 7, 2024. | EVERYBODY INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE PREPARATION. JUST CONTACT THE VBS DIRECTORS AND THE YOUTH MINISTER.
- **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.

Vacation Bible School kicks off tomorrow

The most awaited VBS is finally kicking off at the facilities of MIDTOWN and the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER tomorrow, July 8, 2024 @ 8:00 AM, and will continue everyday until July 12, 2024. This year's theme, "FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE," based on Psalm 139:13-14 is a call for everyone to realize their worth in God's kingdom. It aims to help participants to recognize that their sense of worth comes from their identity as God's children. It specifically aims to help 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.

All the YOUNG PEOPLE and YOUNG ADULTS are encouraged to help out in the final preparations this afternoon. Also, Registration Forms are available for signing up today. Thank You!Ω

Midtown joins 1st bday celebration in Tuba

At the invitation of the Abance—Bayating family, a number of Midtown brethren joined in the celebration of the first birth anniversary of LETICIA PATRICE A. BAYATING at the BAYATING RESIDENCE last Saturday, July 6, 2024.

Brother Arnan Bayla facilitated a THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE in which he encouraged the parents, spouses Jhun & Faith, and everyone to dedicate themselves as a godly influence to children.

Earlier on the same day, brother Arnan Bayla served as speaker for the Devotional Service in the 14TH FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY of the TUBA POBLACION PROPER SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION. Brother Charlie Abance, president of the association, appreciated the message of "CHOOSING TO ACT WISELY" based on Matthew 25:1-13. For the Lord's glory and honor!Ω

Young people baptized into Christ last week

The Midtown family praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates sister MILLICENT OZARA ROGUEL SISON, 16 years old, for having eagerly received the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism last Wednesday evening after having studied the SCHEME OF REDEMPTION LESSON SERIES with brother Arnan Bayla. A good number of young people who were in the vicinity for the VBS preparations got to witness her new birth. Her parents, spouses Oscar & Melissa Sison, expressed delight and appreciation for the wonderful development.

Earlier, a good number of brethren attending the Tuesday Church Forum were the first to congratulate brother JEREMIE CRAIG YANEZA LICUPA for his personal decision to put on Christ in baptism last Tuesday morning. His decision came after having studied the SCHEME OF REDEMPTION LESSON SERIES with his grandmother, sister Linda A. Yaneza. Brother JC, will turn 18 years old on July 12th.

The congregation welcomes these newest Christians at Midtown and prays for their continued spiritual growth and church involvement. Praises to the Lord!Ω

Ambiong church to host BB youth fellowship

The Ambiong congregation is set to host the next BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP & FELLOWSHIP on July 27th. This was announced in the last BB Youth fellowship hosted by the A-Hill congregation meeting on Parisas St., off Kennon Road, last June 29th. A better attendance is expected by the Ambiong youth since the vacation season will be almost over by then.Ω

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING

The Nature of Our Calling

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." (2 Timothy 1:9)

Our **"calling"** (Greek *klesis*) to follow Christ was not a matter of human decision and certainly was not based on human works, for it was issued in Christ before He even created us. In some inscrutable way, we were a part of His eternal purpose, and it was altogether by His grace. We were "chosen...before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4).

Our calling is therefore a most **"holy calling,"** that is, a **sacred calling** to be consecrated and separated unto God.

It is, moreover, a **"heavenly calling,"** one originated in heaven by our heavenly Father, centered in His divine will and purpose. In the Father's sight, in Christ Jesus we are nothing less than "holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling" (Hebrews 3:1).

We should therefore be able to say with Paul: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the **high calling** of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). The **high calling** is not quite the same as the **holy calling** or the **heavenly calling**, though all are components of one great whole.

The word translated **"high"** is only so translated this one time. It is the usual word for "up" or "above." Thus, the prize toward which we press is the **"up calling."** It is similar to what is expressed in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, where we are promised that one day all who are in Christ Jesus, dead or living, will be "caught up together," thereafter to "ever be with the Lord." He *has called* us before the world began, He *is calling* us daily to a heavenly walk with the Lord, and He *will call* us up to His eternal presence some day soon. 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?

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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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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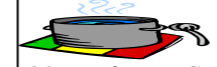
MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

6:00-8:00 PM

SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

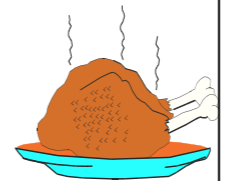
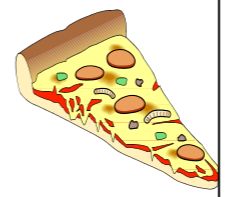
• Singing & Prayers & MESSAGE: 5:30–6:15
• LORD'S SUPPER & GIVING: 6:15–6:30
• Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40

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.

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