



"There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is not learning from experience."

READ 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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Servers Today, August 18, 2024

Discipleship is Learning to Love (Luke 9:44-56)

Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Invocation: *MARIL BAYATING SR.*
 Intercessory Prayer: *JOJO RAMOS*
 Communion Text: *ROMANS 6:1-10*
 Scripture Reading: *ALTON MARK BAYLA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *JASPER PERDIGON*
 Prayer for the Cup: *EZRA VALDEZ*
 Prayer for the Giving: *DEXTER WAGANG*
 Closing Prayer: *GREG KITMA*
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Afternoon Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Song Leader: *ANDY BESTRE*
 To Bring Flowers: *LORIGRACE AUSTRIA*
 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*

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 25, 2024

Discipleship is Putting the Lord First (Luke 6:57-62)

Speaker: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Song Leader: *JANRIEL ABANCE*
 Invocation: *ERNIE WAGANG*
 Intercessory Prayer: *ART TACAY*
 Communion Text: *HEBREWS 9:11-15*
 Scripture Reading: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *JERRY MARTIN*
 Prayer for the Cup: *DONNEL GONZALES*
 Prayer for the Giving: *EZRA VALDEZ*
 Closing Prayer: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Song Leader: *JANRIEL ABANCE*
 To Bring Flowers: *LORIGRACE AUSTRIA*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *BAYLA FAMILY*

Communion: *LORI & CHRISTY AUSTRIA*
 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.

32 participate in ladies devo & luncheon fellowship

Thirty-two participated in this month's MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP facilitated by the THIRD QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL last Saturday, August 17, 2024. Sister Janet Ramos served as devotional speaker on the "PROMISES OF GOD" based on 2 Peter 1:4. Those who made it include sisters Fely Flores, Ruth Trinidad, Trining Trinidad, Edith Latonio, Bing Buendia, Mabel Sunggay, Nancy Bayla, Lori Austria, Norma Andaya, Charmaine Rivera, Charisse Fabia, Hakea Balaloza, Janet & Angela Ramos, Lulu Bondoc, Marlene Samonte, Cora Ozo, Josie Selmo, Clarita Cachero, Beth Sevilla, Luz Olidan, MJ Dugaysan, Riza Alegrid, Kesha Oliva, Janet Perdigon, Minda Oliva, Jane Bestre, and some guests including Arlene, Emily, & AC Laigo, and Nikki & Analie Lauder

Meanwhile, sister Ruth Trinidad was the invited Guest Speaker for the LADIES FELLOWSHIP held at the meeting place of the UPPER SESSION ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST the other past Saturday, August 10, 2024. She emphasized "WORK PRODUCED BY FAITH, LABOR PROMPTED BY LOVE, AND ENDURANCE INSPIRED BY HOPE IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 Thess 1:3). One senior lady got so interested and has asked to have a Bible study with sister Ruth. All praises, glory, and honor to the Almighty God!Ω

2 young people baptized into Christ last week

The Midtown congregation praises the Lord God Almighty for the recent baptism of two young people, namely, RENZO WAKIT ALLARIA, 18 years old, and LHUKE DANHILL GABRIEL GERON, 11 y/ears old. Both were baptized at Midtown's baptistery in separate occasions last week.

Brother Renzo Wakit Allaria was baptized by brother Reid Robinson, an apprentice in mission at the Heritage Bible College, after having previously shared to the former the pure gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus. Brother Renzo came to Midtown as a guest invited by brother Earl Tristan Sameon last June 30 when the latter served as Sermon Speaker, and since then have been actively involved in the VBS and in the fellowship of believers at Midtown. With his investigation of the Scriptures, he has come to know the truth, believed the claims of Jesus Christ, and embraced Him as Lord and Savior in baptism last Sunday afternoon. His parents, a couple of relatives, and two of his former teachers in High School witnessed the occasion.

Brother Lhuke Geron, an incoming Grade Six pupil at the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER, had been studying the SEEKERS LESSON COURSE with brother Arnan Bayla for sometime after he had intimated to his parents his desire to know more about spiritual matters including about forgiveness of sins. His parents and grandparents have fully supported his desire to be a disciple of Christ until he was baptized last Wednesday afternoon, August 14th. His parents, spouses Dan-gil & Lala Geron and his grandparents, spouses Gil & Diana Geron, expressed delight for this wonderful development.

The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD August 11, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL + Virtual Class
ADULTS.....229	PRESCHOOL.....16
YPPEEZ.....20	GRADES 1-24
CHILDREN.....41	GRADES 3-4.....5
GUESTS.....6	GRADES 5-6.....9
TOTAL.....296	H.S./COLL.....20
	YAs20
	TOTAL.....74

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: Php61,853.00

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

*FLORA CAMPOAS
 *CLYDE ABANCE
 *MELBA LICUPA
 *NIDA GABRIEL
 *CHARLIE ABANCE
 *JANET FERNANDEZ
 *BERNABE IGNACIO
 *MARIL BAYATING, SR
 *LILY SORIANO

REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:
 *CARMEN VILLANUEVA
 *MARILIZA ANDALLO
 *DIANA TAGUIBA
 *PHILIP BADUA
 *FRANKY SANCHI
 *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN
 *IAN PAJANTOY
 *JAYVEE MAGPAYO
 *GASPAR NAWEW
 *JERALD BACOY

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:
 *SPOUSES FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (NLEX)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—AUGUST 20, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **SIGN UP FOR NAGUILIAN AND NANGALISAN INVOLVEMENT** —PLS SEE BULLETIN BOARDS. THANKS!
- **READING CENTER OPENS FRIDAYS**— THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL TURNS INTO A READING CENTER EVERY FRIDAY AND IS OPEN TO EVERYBODY | SELECTED BOOKS WORTH READING AVAILABLE | FREE ENTRANCE, COFFEE, AND TEA.
- **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.
- **POST OFFICE BOX**— MIDTOWN'S POST OFFICE BOX NO. 376 IS CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE ACCOUNT AND IS OPEN FOR FREE USE BY MEMBERS OF MIDTOWN TO RECEIVE PARCELS. PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH SECRETARY OF ANY INTEREST TO USE THE SAID P.O. BOX. THANKS.

DISCIPLESHIP IS LEARNING TO LOVE

Luke 9:44-56
SANTIAGO B. SAMEON, EDD

INTRODUCTION:

There is no secret discipleship. If it is a secret, it is not discipleship. And if discipleship, then, it's not a secret. (R. B. Zuck, Speaker's Quote Book, p.153).

Discipleship is the process of learning to love and follow Jesus to become more like him in our attitudes and actions. It's also seeking to make other disciples who want to do the same thing.

CHRIST'S REPEATED PREDICTION OF HIS COMING DEATH (LK.9:43-45)

CHRIST REBUKED THE AMBITIOUS DISCIPLES (LK.9: 46-48)

CHRIST REPROVED THEM FOR MONOPOLIZING POWER OVER DEVILS TO THEMSELVES (LK.9:49,50)

This prediction of Christ's sufferings was plain enough, but the disciples would not understand it, because it did not agree with their ideas/notions. A little child is the emblem by which Christ teaches us simplicity and humility. What greater honor can any man attain in this world, than to be received by men as a messenger of God and Christ; and to have God and Christ own themselves received and welcomed in Him! If ever any society of Christians in this world, had reason to silence those not of their own relation, the twelve disciples at this time had; yet Christ warned them not to do the like again. Those may be found faithful followers of Christ, and may be accepted of him, who do not follow with us. (Matthew Henry Commentary)

CHRIST REPRIMANDED HIS DISCIPLES FOR RESENTMENT OF INSULT GIVEN THEM BY THE SAMARITAN VILLAGE (LUKE 9:51-56)

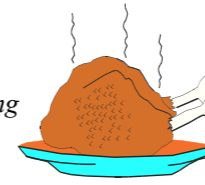
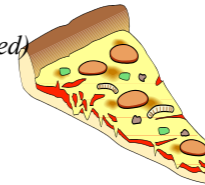
The disciples did not consider that the conduct of the Samaritans was rather the effect of national prejudices and bigotry, than of enmity to the word and worship of God; and though they refused to receive Christ and his disciples, they did not injure them, so that the case was widely different from that of Ahaziah and Elijah. Nor were they aware that the gospel dispensation was to be marked by miracles of mercy. But above all, they were ignorant of the prevailing motives of their own hearts, which were pride and carnal ambition. Of this our Lord warned them. It is easy for us to say, Come, see our zeal for the Lord! and to think we are very faithful in his cause, when we are seeking our own objects, and even doing harm instead of good to others.(Matthew Henry Commentary)Ω

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



August Celebrators

- 01 - Ryan Anthony Bestre
- 01 - Lorena Ariston-Baban
- 02 - Aubrey Abance-Flores
- 03 - Pia Guelles
- 04 - Jeremiah N. Licupa
- 04 - Kendall Alvarez
- 07 - Maril A. Bayating Jr.
- 07 - Renzo W. Allaria
- 08 - Melina Igoy
- 08 - Belen A. Navalta (deceased)
- 09 - Kheif Walang
- 10 - Sarah M. Sameon
- 10 - Janet K. Perdigon
- 11 - Manolo A. Bayla
- 12 - Fely R. Rojo
- 15 - Jehzeel Diane A. Martin
- 15 - Jacob U. Donato
- 16 - Llona Baddas-Manalo
- 16 - Bibita 'Bing' T. Buendia
- 17 - Pia T. Lopez
- 20 - Norma B. Abance
- 20 - Renian Keith A. Nawew
- 23 - Anthony R. Wagang
- 23 - James Kevin O. Cadiz
- 24 - Henry C. Sunggay Jr.
- 25 - Bernabe P. Ignacio
- 26 - Kesha Kitma-Oliva
- 26 - Erah Azumi G. Elipane
- 27 - Jill B. Cados-Bugnay
- 28 - Gian Zharlo B. Gomowang
- 29 - Jacinth K. Perdigon
- 31 - Rodeliza Q. Encicillo



Please notify the M.I. Staff if your name should have been included in this list. Thank You.

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 - B. The Fall of Man
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 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
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- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

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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

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