



**“Giving is more than a responsibility - it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience - it is evidence of our faith.”**

**READ 1 Peter 4:10**

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**Servers Today, September 29, 2024**

**Symposium: Stewardship of Blessings (2 Cor 9:6-15)**

Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *MERVIN OLIVA*  
 Invocation: *ERNIE WAGANG*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*  
 Communion Text: *JOHN 6:53-58*  
 Scripture Reading: *KEMUEL PERDIGON*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *EZRA VALDEZ*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *CHRISTOPHER OLIVA*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *SOLOMON PALAYPAYON*  
 Closing Prayer: *DODOY SAMEON*  
 Announcement: *GREG KITMA*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *MERVIN OLIVA*  
 To Bring Flowers: *SONIA CASTILLO ABANCE*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 Usher/ettes: *AUSTRIA FAMILY*

Communion: *KESHA OLIVA*  
 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 October 6, 2024**

**Exercising Power Over Satan (Luke 11:14-28)**

Speaker: *JEREMIAH GAWE*  
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*  
 Invocation: *DODOY SAMEON*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *DEXTER WAGANG*  
 Communion Text: *PSALM 116:12-14*  
 Scripture Reading: *KHEIF WALANG*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *JASPER PERDIGON*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *KAJEM KITMA*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *CHARLIE ABANCE*  
 Closing Prayer: *MARIL BAYATING SR.*  
 Announcement: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *JEREMIAH GAWE*  
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*  
 To Bring Flowers: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 Usher/ettes: *RAMOS FAMILY*

Communion: *EDITH LATONIO*  
 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.

**Sister Janet Fernandez passes on to Abraham's side**

News came lately that sister JUANITA ‘JANET’ HERMOSA FERNANDEZ has passed on to Abraham’s bosom (Luke 16:22-25) on August 21, 2024, having succumbed to a lingering illness in Hong Kong. She was 62 years old. She is survived by four grown up children. Her daughter in Hong Kong relayed the message of her mother’s demise to brother Raj Buo, the minister of WANCHAI CHURCH OF CHRIST. In her message on Messenger, she expressed deepest gratitude and appreciation for the care and kindness the church has shown her mother.

To recall, sister Janet as she is fondly called was baptized on November 5, 2023 after having had Bible study with brother Ezra Valdez. She was then attending the JMC TRANSIENT HOUSE CARE GROUP hosted by the Sunggays as she was then renting one of the units at JMC. She has actively attended worship assemblies and functions at Midtown before moving back to Hong Kong to live with her children there. She was visited by spouses Raj & Dea Buo at her residence in Mui Wo, HK on March 20 and then by spouses Felix & Luz Olidan Jr. in a hospital in Hong Kong on May 6, 2024. On those occasions, sister Janet expressed sincere appreciation for the fellowship, prayers, visits, and benevolence. Midtown conveyed deepest sympathies to the bereaved through brother Raj Buo. Again, our condolences to the bereaved. God bless!Ω

**Young People's monthly care group this afternoon**

All young people are cordially invited to participate in today’s monthly YOUNG PEOPLE’S CARE GROUP which will be held at MIDTOWN’S ASSEMBLY HALL right after the morning Worship Assembly. Meals will be served so that the participants need not go home for lunch. Brother Janriel Abance is slated to serve as speaker in the devotional. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

**Equipping Ministry facilitates stewardship symposium today**

Today’s usual classes in the High School, College, Young Adults, and all the Adult classes will be suspended to give way to the SYMPOSIUM ON STEWARDSHIP that will be spearheaded by the EQUIPPING MINISTRY. Only the elementary Sunday School Classes will move on today at 9:30-10:20 AM.

Last Sunday, the KITMA CARE GROUP helped in the equipping of Nangalisan brethren with brother Greg Kitma speaking on the THREEFOLD WORK OF THE CHURCH. Brother Noel Espinosa facilitated the BIBLE STUDY, sister Cot Espinosa took charge of the SUNDAY SCHOOL, and sister Lulu Bondoc taught the LADIES CLASS. The Lord God Almighty be glorified!Ω

**28 attend singspiration in ladies devo & luncheon**

Twenty-eight ladies attended this month’s Ladies Devotional & Luncheon Fellowship which featured a “SINGSPIRATION” spearheaded by sister Lady Angela Ramos. Those who got inspired and blessed to be “POOR IN SPIRIT” (Matthew 5:3) include sisters Norma Andaya, Charmaine Rivera, Charisse Fabia, Hakea Sati Balbalaza, Mabel Sunggay, Jane Bestre, Cecilia Alvarez, Beth Sevilla, Carina Lacaba, Minda Oliva, Fely Flores, Janet & Angela Ramos, Luz Olidan, Clarita Cachero, Mau Soriano, Norma Aping, Lulu Bondoc, Nelly Bayla, Janet Perdigon, Lori Austria, Cora Ozo, Kesha Oliva, and Dinah Austria, together with four guests, namely, Arlene Laigo, Aurea Laigo, Angie Marcelo, and Pinky Evangelio.

The 4TH QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP will take charge of the next ladies fellowship. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD**  
September 22, 2024

**ATTENDANCE**

|   |                      |
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| <b>REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM &amp; PM</b> | <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> |
| ADULTS.....200                              | PRE-SCHOOL.....13    |
| YPPEEZ.....19                               | GRADES 1-2 .....5    |
| CHILDREN.....38                             | GRADES 3-4.....6     |
| GUESTS.....5                                | GRADES 5-6.....10    |
| TOTAL.....262                               | H.S.....19           |
|   | COL/YAs .....18      |
|   | ADULT Classes..153   |
|   | TOTAL.....224        |

**OFFERING**

**AM & PM TOTAL: Pp\$59,270.00 + US\$10**

**PRAYER LIST**

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| <b>FOR GOOD HEALTH &amp; RECOVERY BRETHREN:</b><br>*GLORIA YANG<br>*JOSEFA JOSAYAN<br>*DONNA GERON<br>*PRISCILLA BAYASEN<br>*HARLEY SAMEON<br>*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON<br>*DITH ZAMORA<br>*TESS KITMA<br>*BERNARD IGNACIO<br>*JONATHAN ENVERA<br>*CESAR ACOSTA<br>*JOCELYN CALIXTRO<br>*JOVITA BONDOC<br>*ELLA GAROY<br>*LORENZA LOSNONG<br>*ERNIE ORDUÑA | <br>*FLORA CAMPOAS<br>*CLYDE ABANCE<br>*MELBA LICUPA<br>*NIDA GABRIEL<br>*CHARLIE ABANCE<br>*BERNABE IGNACIO<br>*MARIL BAYATING, SR<br>*LILY SORIANO<br>*TRINIDAD CAYADING<br>*CARLOTA CERA<br><br>REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:<br>*CARMEN VILLANUEVA<br>*MARILIZA ANDALLO<br>*DIANA TAGUIBA<br>*PHILIP BADUA<br>*FRANKY SANCHI<br>*RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN<br>*IAN PAJANTOY<br>*JAYVEE MAGPAYO<br>*GASPAR NAWEW<br>*JERALD BACOW<br>*JEHMEL OFRENEO | <b>SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE</b><br>*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT<br>*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS<br>*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS<br>*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL<br><br><b>OTHER CONCERNS</b><br><i>Safe Pregnancy:</i><br>*DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVES<br><br><i>Safe Travel:</i><br>*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN JR. & CO. (BUGALLON AND LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN)<br>*LOU VILLANUEVA (S. KOREA) |
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM—OCTOBER 1, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- YPEEZ & YA'S ECOWALK & TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY— SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
- ANNUAL BAGUIO-BENQUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP—MOUNT CREST HOTEL FUNCTION HALL | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 | 8:00 AM—5:00 PM | SIGN UP UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29, 2024.
- NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT—TAGAYTAY CITY | APRIL 22-25, 2025 | SIGN UP UNTIL DECEMBER, 2024.
- SIGN UP FOR NAGUILIAN AND NANGALISAN INVOLVEMENT —PLS SEE BULLETIN BOARDS. THANKS!
- 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.
- READING CENTER—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY | OPENS 9 AM—CLOSES 3 PM



## UNDERSTANDING OUR S. H. A. P. E. — A Journey of Purpose.

By: JoJo Ramos, 09-29-2024

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

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

#### "We were born BY His purpose & FOR His purpose"

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" **Psalms 139:14-16**. We are unique & very significant/important in God's eyes. 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 in **1 Peter 2:9-10**. The Letters of Paul in **Ephesians 4:1-16**, **1 Corinthians 12:4-28** & **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. Please meditate & reflect on these passages.

#### "Life is about letting God use us for His purpose, not us using Him for our own purpose."

The author explains; "We cannot arrive at our life's purpose by starting with a focus on ourselves. We must begin with God, our Creator. We exist only because God wills that we exist. We were made by God & for God — & until we understand that, life will never make sense. It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, & our destiny. Every other path leads to a dead end."

God didn't just create us & leave us to our own devices. He has a plan for our lives, a purpose that He wants us to fulfill. **Jeremiah 29:11** says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Such an inspiring assurance by God through His words, which shows how important His words are & we invite you all to study or have spiritual conversations with us anytime. Let the Holy Spirit reveal to us His wisdom & guidance.

#### "We were shaped to serve God."

In our passage **1 Corinthians 12:4-6**; Paul emphasizes the "diversities of gifts" & our God; as the One Giver. Just like a symphony orchestra, with its diverse

instruments, each playing a unique part, God has given us different gifts to contribute to His grand symphony. These gifts are not for our own glory, but for the building up of His kingdom. His Purpose.

The author introduces to us an awareness picture of 5 factors God uses to prepare & equip us for our purpose in life. By identifying & understanding these factors, we can discover God's will for our lives.

#### Our S. H. A. P. E. The Diversities of Gifts

- **SPIRITUAL GIFTEDNESS:** Discovering Our God-Given Gifts. These are not the miraculous signs & wonders spiritual gifts God has purposely given to some of the 1st christians until the completion of "The Perfect Law of Liberty" **James 1:25** (The New Testament). But these are special & unique God-given abilities, to share His love, strengthen the body of Christ & serve in Missions & Ministries. **1 Peter 4:9-10; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-28; Romans 12:3-8**. Like our abilities, it is also important to develop, improve & enhance our spiritual giftedness not for greatness of status but of service & glory for God.

- **HEART IN SERVING:** Discovering Our True Passion. Passion is the fuel of life. Our hearts reflect our dreams and desires. Let your heart beat for God. **Colossians 3:23-24**. What Drives you? What Do You Care About? What Needs Will You Meet? What Cause Will You Help Conquer? What Dreams Will You Fulfill?

- **ABILITIES:** Discovering What We Are Naturally Good At. These are the natural talents & skills we possess. What are you good at? What comes naturally to you? God has given you these abilities for a reason. Don't underestimate them! Develop them, refine them, and use them to serve God & others.

- **PERSONALITY:** Discovering Who God Made Us To Be. This refers to our unique temperament, our strengths and weaknesses, & our way of interacting with the world. Embrace your personality! Don't try to be someone you're not. God loves you just as you are. Use your personality to connect with others & build relationships.

- **EXPERIENCES:** Discovering Where God Has Been Equipping Us. These are the events in our lives, both good & bad, that have shaped us & given us wisdom. Don't shy away from your experiences. They are part of your story, & they have made you who you are. God can use your experiences to help others. Share your wisdom, your pain, & your triumphs with those who need them.

Brothers & sisters, Each of us has a unique role to play, & we are all part of the same body of Christ at Midtown. Let us discover, embrace, & enhance our S.H.A.P.E. to serve God, find purpose & meaning in life & work together to build His kingdom. Amen.

## 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
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- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

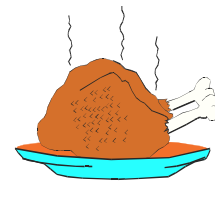
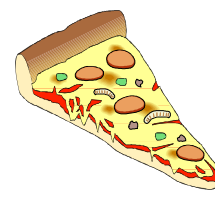
To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :

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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

## September Celebrators

- 01 - Micqh Jane T. Banatao
- 02 - Elpidio Mariano
- 05 - Katrina B. Oliva
- 05 - Edgar Enecillo
- 06 - Josephine W. Selmo
- 07 - Jemuel S. Reyes
- 08 - Michael A. Yang
- 08 - Helen Lamaria—Gonzales
- 09 - Ellen B. Bugnay
- 10 - Alma C. Reyes
- 11 - Ricardo A. Bondoc III
- 11 - Mahaysha W. Kitma
- 11 - Julieann Terry P. Badecao
- 13 - Alton Mark D. Bayla
- 13 - Kristine B. Sameon
- 13 - Sonia Castillo Abance
- 14 - Abraham Insas
- 15 - Sixto B. Aogas
- 15 - Brent Carl W. Anonas
- 15 - Aracelli Pelle
- 16 - Jeremiah Gawe
- 16 - Hannah B. Ignacio
- 17 - Ricardo R. Bondoc Jr.
- 17 - Jhovrick Baban
- 17 - Efre Colcol
- 18 - Arturo Arambulo
- 18 - Leemar P. Simon
- 19 - Kristina Alcantara-Gawe
- 20 - Faith A. Bayating
- 20 - Emelda G. Bugtong
- 20 - Failyn Campoas
- 21 - Mark Wagang
- 22 - Joyce A. Kitma
- 23 - Virgie D. Baldo
- 24 - Jonathan A. Ramos
- 24 - Jerry Martin
- 24 - Kathlyn Booc
- 26 - Nathaniel B. Ramos
- 26 - Celia A. Cirilo
- 26 - Thea Marie B. Austria
- 26 - Lawrence B. Austria
- 27 - Rommel P. Nierves
- 27 - Aricka G. Basto
- 28 - Dan-Gil Geron
- 29 - Nainer P. Nawew
- 30 - Glen M. Gawe
- 30 - Zelfa Baoid



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

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

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| Singing & Prayers<br><b>LORD'S SUPPER<br/>and OFFERING</b><br>9:00—9:30 | Prayers<br>&<br><b>BIBLE STUDY</b><br>9:35—10:25 | Singing, Prayers<br>&<br><b>MESSAGE</b><br>10:30—11:10 | Greetings<br>&<br><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b><br>11:10—11:20 |
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### MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS | SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

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| 6:00-8:00 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing &amp; Prayers &amp; MESSAGE: 5:30—6:15</li> <li>• LORD'S SUPPER &amp; GIVING: 6:15—6:30</li> <li>• Greetings &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30—6:40</li> </ul> |
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