

Servers Today, October 13, 2024

Responding to God's Word (Luke 11:29-36)

Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Song Leader: *JUNE REYES*
 Invocation: *JULIUS ROJO*
 Intercessory Prayer: *LEMUEL GLORI*
 Communion Text: *1 CORINTHIANS 11:28-32*
 Scripture Reading: *SHERMAN BESTRE*
 Prayer for the Bread: *MERVIN OLIVA*
 Prayer for the Cup: *DANTE BADDAS*
 Prayer for the Giving: *JERRY MARTIN*
 Closing Prayer: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Song Leader: *JUNE REYES*
 To Bring Flowers: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *AUSTRIA FAMILY*

Communion: *EDITH LATONIO*
 Worship Coordinator: *EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY*

PM Bible Study:

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 20, 2024

Warning Signs of a Heart Problem (Luke 11:37-54)

Speaker: *JASPER PERDIGON*
 Song Leader: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Invocation: *EZRA VALDEZ*
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*
 Communion Text: *JOHN 6:32-40*
 Scripture Reading: *KEMUEL PERDIGON*
 Prayer for the Bread: *CHRISTOPHER OLIVA*
 Prayer for the Cup: *PAT KITMA*
 Prayer for the Giving: *JONATHAN RAMOS JR.*
 Closing Prayer: *GREG KITMA*
 Announcement: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Afternoon Speaker: *JASPER PERDIGON*
 Song Leader: *KAJEM KITMA*
 To Bring Flowers: *KITMA CARE GROUP*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *KITMA CARE GROUP*

Communion: *MINDA OLIVA*
 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 worshippers 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.

"If it is God's Word, it is appropriate that we respond with reverence, a certain fear, a holy joy, a questing obedience."

READ 1 Peter 1:22-24
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Young people promote eco-walk & tree planting

Midtown's YPeez had an eco-walk and planted around 60 ICE CREAM BEAN TREE seedlings at the BOTANICAL GARDEN last October 5. Brother Ezra Valdez reports they weeded other seedlings that other volunteers planted, which should be a practice by everyone to ensure the growth of what was planted. Participants include Austin Cortez, Chester Cados, Liam Salud, Haseo Dalang, Jacinth Perdigon, Hannah Ignacio, Claire Panlilio, Millicent Sison, Gracelynn Abance, Janriel Abance, and Jizza Aquino. Friends joined in, including Elgine Bato & Grace Victorio from Tocmo, and Kim Novesteras. The activity ended with a sumptuous lunch and a devotional in which brother Ezra Valdez discussed the following: 1. Just like a tree that turns towards the direction of the light source, one should turn to the living light, Jesus (John 8:12). 2. The deeper one gets rooted in the Word, the more one can withstand the trials, troubles, and droughts that come one's way. 3. Bear fruit internally - the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23), and externally - our good works (Eph. 2:10). For the greater glory of our Creator!Ω

Men invited to Hayuma day seminar at Heritage

An invitation to attend the HAYUMA MEN'S DAY SEMINAR from the HERITAGE BIBLE COLLEGE was recently received by Midtown. Said seminar will be held at the college campus located in Irisan, this city on Wednesday, October 16th at 8 AM—4 PM. The president of SIBI (SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE), brother Tim Burow, will be serving as Keynote Speaker on CHURCH VISION, CHURCH HEALTH, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING. Registration is free. Interested men, to be accommodated, are advised to sign up on the SIGN-UP sheet on the Bulletin Board. Meanwhile, the ladies are invited to the MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP on Saturday, October 19th at 8 AM—1PM. This time, said activity will be held at the BAGUIO ATHLETIC BOWL, Burnham Park. Ladies are to wear comfortable clothes appropriate for Zumba and walking. Also, please bring bottled drinking water. Lunch will be at the Good Taste Restaurant right after the activities at the park. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
October 6, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....199	PRESCHOOL.....15
YPEEZ.....24	GRADES 1-27
CHILDREN.....44	GRADES 3-4.....5
GUESTS.....6	GRADES 5-6.....15
TOTAL.....273	H.S.....22
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	ADULT Classes..164
	TOTAL.....254

OFFERING
AM & PM TOTAL:
Php61,029.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: *GLORIA YANG *JOSEFA JOSAYAN *DONNA GERON *PRISCILLA BAYASEN *HARLEY SAMEON *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON *DITH ZAMORA *TESS KITMA *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 *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR *LILY SORIANO *CARLOTA CERA *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *GASPAR NAWEW *JERALD BACOY *JEHMELE OFRENEO	SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT *ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—OCTOBER 15, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—BAGUIO ATHLETIC BOWL | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 8 AM—1:00 PM | C/O 4TH QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP.
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER LOIS JUNE BALAGTEY-FERMIN**—DULY APPOINTED AS THE NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES—CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (BFAR-CAR). ALL PRAISES TO THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—TAGAYTAY CITY | APRIL 22-25, 2025 | SIGN UP UNTIL DECEMBER, 2024.
- **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

Midtown conveys deepest sympathies to Rojo family

A good number of brethren conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Mr. QUIRICO D. ROJO JR. who passed away at the age of 73 on October 4, 2024 following an aneurysm attack. He was the uncle of brother Julius Rojo. Brother Arnan Bayla facilitated the DEVOTIONAL SERVICE together with spouses Julius & Fely Rojo, Lani & Kaesha Palaypayon, Janriel Abance, Angela Ramos, Nelly, Charis, & A-mark Bayla, Jesse Bestre, Riza Alegrid, Maureen Soriano, Jun Reyes, and Ezra Valdez. The bereaved family expressed much appreciation for the uplifting devotional rendered by Midtown brethren. God bless you and keep you!Ω

Well baby girl born to Baddas-Nierves family

The congregation praises the Lord God Almighty as well as congratulates spouses Rommel & Desiree Nierves for the delivery of their firstborn, YDA AMARIAH REECE BADDAS NIERVES, born through caesarean section at the BGHMC on October 5, 2024 at 9:18 PM. Baby girl Yda was 2.7 kg at birth. The BADDAS—NIERVES FAMILY thank the Midtown congregation for the unceasing prayers offered up for the safe pregnancy and delivery. Praises to the Almighty Creator!Ω

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

(Luke 11:29-36)

Santiago B. Sameon II, ED.D.

INTRODUCTION: In Lk. 11:17-26, Jesus responded to their accusation of casting out demons by the power of Satan. In our text Lk.11:29-36, He deals with their demand to perform some spectacular sign. He further highlighted His response to the comment of the woman in the crowd in Lk.11:28, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." Jesus is showing us how we should respond to God's Word in repentance and obedience or we will face eternal judgment.

We need to memorize scriptures to counter the texts used by Satan like: "If you are the Son of God, Command that these stones become bread". (Lk. 27:40,54; Dt.8:3)But Jesus answered and said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." In Matt.4:5-7, Then the Devil took Him up on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over You (Ps.91:11) and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash our foot against a stone, Matt.5:7. Jesus said to him, "It is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" (Lk.4:8;Ps.20:3) Matt.10:20. Then Jesus said to him 'Away with you Satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord Your God and Him only you shall serve.' In Matt.4:8,7, Again, the Devil said to Him, 'All these things I will give you if you will fall down and worship me' Matt.4:10. Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you Satan for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve."

"People are tired of hearing about the sin in their lives." We need to hear about the joy that Christ gives as well, but there is no joy if we try to come to God devoid of acknowledging our sins.

I. THE WRONG METHOD TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IS TO DEMAND A SIGN FROM CHRIST

The Jews were demanding a sign from Jesus to test Him in Lk.11:16, but Jesus rebuked them of their wickedness in seeking for a sign (Lk.11:29). Christ, who knows the hearts of all men (Lk.11:17), knew that a hundred miraculous signs would be insufficient. They had seen Him cast the demon out of a man who could not speak (Lk.11:14), raise the paralytic (Lk.5:17-26), heal the man with the withered hand (Lk.6:6-11), and do other miracles, but none of these signs caused them to believe Him. They were curious to see Jesus perform miracles, but they were not repentant of their sins. Thus, Jesus tells them that no sign will be given except the sign of Jonah.

The sign of Jonah refers to Jonah's preaching of repentance. Jonah went to Ninevah and preached a message of impending judgment. The Queen of Sheba and the Ninevites responded favorably to the message. Thus, Jesus' preaching of impending judgment is the sign of Jonah in this view (Darrell Bock, Luke [Baker], 2:1095-1097).

The sign of Jonah as the resurrection of Jesus in parallel to Matt.12:39-42. First, the sign was a miracle Second, Jesus does not speak of Jonah's words as a sign. Third, Jesus uses the future tense that He will be a sign to this generation. This looks forward to His future resurrection (Leon Morris, Luke [IVP/Eerdmans], pp. 200-201).

II. THE RIGHT METHOD TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IS TO REPENT AND TRUST IN CHRIST

A. ALLOW GOD'S WORD TO CONFRONT OUR SIN.

Paul solemnly charged Timothy to preach the word and be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but desires to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry (2 Tim. 4:1-4, NASB).

Biblical preaching always reproves, rebukes, and exhorts. When Scripture confronts you, don't escape it, but accept sin and we will grow to be more like Jesus.

B. SEEK GOD'S WISDOM AND TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT THE COST.

A lesson was learned from the Queen of Sheba, who spent time, wealth, and effort to travel from southern Arabia to learn God's wisdom through King Solomon. Jesus' point was, men ignored Him when teaching God's wisdom in their midst, whereas this pagan woman was willing to travel hundreds of miles to seek out someone not nearly as great as Jesus.

C. LET US TURN FROM OUR SIN AND OBEY GOD NO MATTER HOW RADICAL THE TRANSFORMATION.

Jonah despised the godless Assyrians, who were devoted to the destruction of Israel, but God told Jonah to go and preach to them. After his three days in the belly of the huge fish, Jonah repented and went to Ninevah. The Ninevites as well as the king of Nineveh publicly repented of his sin! This shows us no matter how wicked and worldly the sinner, he will be transformed. The men of Ninevah are a testimony of what God's grace can do with any sinner who will repent and believe the gospel.

D. RESPOND OBEDIENTLY TO THE LIGHT AND YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE ENLIGHTENMENT.

This is the thrust of the parable that Jesus gave (Lk.11:33-36). If a person's spiritual eye is clear, he can see the truth that Jesus proclaimed. But if a person's heart is darkened by sin, the light does no good. No amount of light helps a blind man (Lk.11:34). So, "Watch out that the light in you may not be darkness." Respond obediently to the light that you've been given through Jesus and you will receive more light. Ignore or reject the light that you've been given, and it will be taken away. But if you respond obediently to the light Jesus gives, your entire life will be lit up and be a light unto others (Lk.11:36).

E. DISREGARD THE LIGHT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN AND YOU WILL FACE ETERNAL JUDGMENT.

Jesus believed in a coming judgment where all the living and dead will be present. God will judge every person based on how they received and their response to it. All people have violated both the law of God and their own consciences, therefore, stand justly condemned before God (Rom. 2:12-16). Any darkness in our lives is not God's fault. It is due to our own sinfulness and stubbornness against God's Word. Thus, it is a necessity for all people to have a Savior on the coming judgment.

F. OUR FAITH MUST BE IN JESUS CHRIST WHO IS GOD'S ONLY WAY TO SALVATION.

Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:12-19, the entire Christian faith rests on the reality of Christ's resurrection from the dead. If we don't accept and go to Him for refuge from God's wrath, then our eyes are darkened. We must cry out to God for eyes to see the light of Christ, who offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice for sinners. "There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

CONCLUSION: In Summary we learned about:

I. The Wrong Method to Respond to God's Word is to Demand a Sign from Christ.

A. The sign of Jonah refers to Jonah's preaching of repentance. B. The sign of Jonah as the resurrection of Jesus (Matt. 12:39-42)

II. The Right Method to Respond to God's Word is to Repent and Trust in Christ.

A. Allow God's Word to confront our sin. B. Seek God's wisdom and truth no matter what the cost.

C. Respond obediently to the light and you will receive more enlightenment. D. Disregard the light you have been given and you will face eternal judgment. E. Our faith must be in Jesus Christ who is God's only way to salvation.Ω

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES

[VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE]

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• 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

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- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption: A. God's Plan for Man
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• LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption: C. Jesus the Savior
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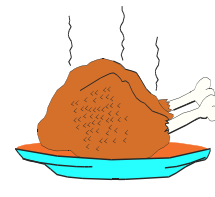
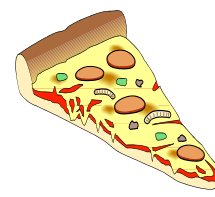
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

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04 - Nelly Bayla
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16 - Rodrigo Bondoc
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24 - Jeady Jewel D. Igoy
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29 - Lera R. Humakey
29 - Clyde Abance
29 - Joel Quirimit
31 - Erika Mariano



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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Table with 4 columns: 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

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY

Table with 2 columns: 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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