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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.

“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.”

READ Romans 12:21

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Servers Today, 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: AUSTRIA FAMILY
 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

PM Bible Study:

Servers for October 13, 2024

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

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;

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
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LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
September 29, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL.....12	GRADES 1-25
ADULTS.....158	GRADES 3-4.....4
YPPEEZ.....19	GRADES 5-6.....13
CHILDREN.....35	H.S.....---
GUESTS.....9	COL/YAs---
TOTAL.....221	JOINT Classes...144
	TOTAL.....178

OFFERING

AM & PM TOTAL: PhP56,158.00

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	SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT *ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL
REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *GASPAR NAWEW *JERALD BACOY *JEHMEL OFRENEO		OTHER CONCERNS Safe Pregnancy: *DESIREE BADDAS—NIERVEZ Safe Travel: *LOU VILLANUEVA (S. KOREA) *LOIS JUNE FERMIN & COMPANY (DAVAO)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—OCTOBER 8, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **MONTHLY LADIES DEVOTIONAL & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 11 AM—2:30 PM | C/O 4TH QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP.
- **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.
- **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

Young People's care group face impact of technology

More than a dozen young people participated in last Sunday afternoon's MONTHLY YOUTH CARE GROUP held at Midtown's Assembly Hall. Present were Jacinth Perdigon, Laisha Montes, Hannah Ignacio, Kheif Walang, Riyu Albay, Liam Salud, JT Badecao, Charis Bayla, Angela Ramos, Ezra, Kana, Dumanay Valdez, and brother Janriel Abance who facilitated the discussions on THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH. The talk celebrated the benefits of technology as well as explored ways to avert the negative effects of the same on the well-being of Christian youth. Incidentally, the High School youth are now having a virtual Care Group every Thursday evening for the purpose checking out on each other's welfare in addition to their usual face-to-face meet-ups. Meanwhile, due to the inclement weather, brother Ezra Valdez was the lone representative of the Midtown Youth in the BAGUIO-BENQUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP co-hosted by the Lamut and Tocom congregations at the facilities of the Lamut church of Christ. For the greater glory of our Lord!Ω

Olidan serves as speaker at ACU and Lingayen

At the invitation of brother Greg Bravo Manuel, a gospel preacher in Lingayen, spouses Felix Jr. & Luz Olidan have served with the LINGAYEN CHURCH OF CHRIST meeting at Avenida Rizal, East Poblacion, Lingayen, Pangasinan last Sunday. Earlier, brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as resource speaker in the 82nd PANGASINAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP held at the facilities of the ASIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ACU) located at Salomague Sur, Bugallon, Pangasinan the other past Saturday, September 28. He discussed THE PROBLEM OF MATERIALISM IN THE CHURCH AND THEIR SOLUTIONS to over six hundred (600) registered participants. The other past Sunday, he served as the guest sermon speaker at the UPPER SESSION ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST (USR), Session Road, this city. Meanwhile, brother Jeremiah Gawe served as SERMON SPEAKER in the WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of the brethren in Lasilas, Nangalisan, Tuba last Sunday, September 29th. Glory to the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Tuba seniors celebrate elderly week with devotional

The TUBA POBLACION PROPER SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION presided by brother Charlie Abance, celebrated the ELDERLY FILIPINO WEEK last Saturday with the usual DEVOTIONAL SERVICE preceeding their meeting proper. Brother Arnan Bayla discussed “BEARING FRUIT IN OLD AGE” based on Psalm 92:12-15 in keeping with this year's national theme, “SENIOR CITIZENS: BUILDING THE NATION, INSPIRING GENERATIONS.” He highlighted the vital role of senior citizens in shaping the nation's past and future especially in the promotion of spiritual and character development. Praise the Lord God Almighty!Ω

Midtown conveys deepest sympathies to Balagtey family

The Midtown congregation conveys deep sympathies to the BALAGTEY FAMILY in their time of grieving due to the passing away of LTC EZRA L BALAGTEY, Commander 39IB, younger brother of sister Lois June Balagtey—Fermin. The deceased suffered a cardiac arrest at 51 years old. The family and relatives have gone to Davao to bid their last farewell to a true officer and a gentleman. Again, our condolences to the bereaved family. God bless you and keep you!Ω

Bearing Fruit in Old Age

"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, 15 proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." (Psalm 92:12-15)

A. "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN WILL FLOURISH LIKE THE PALM TREE" (v. 12). This passage doesn't apply to everyone but only to those who are righteous and godly. To flourish signifies **abundance of growth and fruit**. The palm trees in this passage are date palms, which not only produced fruit, but whose leaves were used for fences and roofs. Palms are known to be like a **'tree of life'** for it provides food, water, shelter and clothing.
 ► Keep living well, keep laughing often, keep loving much.

B. "HE WILL GROW LIKE A CEDAR IN LEBANON" (v. 12). These trees grow as high as 120 feet, and their branches extend straight out to a circumference of 30 feet. They are truly a majestic sight that symbolizes great strength and **usefulness to others** around them.
 ► Keep learning the ways of God, keep longing for what lies ahead, Keep looking ahead for the things God can still do with us and through us.

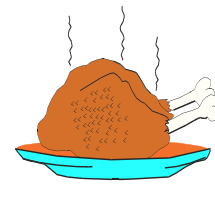
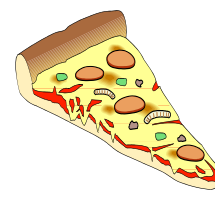
C. "PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, THEY WILL FLOURISH IN THE COURTS OF OUR GOD" (v. 13). Spiritual abundance comes to those who **stay close to the Lord**. The flourishing of the righteous is due to being planted in the Lord. Like the tree that are able to provide for the needs of other living things like the birds of the air, we too should make our lives like that of the Cedar - to exist for the sake of other members of the world community.
 ► Keep leaving yesteryear's cares and the disappointments of the past, Keep laboring for the Lord's and for others' sake.

D. "THEY WILL STILL YIELD FRUIT IN OLD AGE; THEY SHALL BE FULL OF SAP AND VERY GREEN, TO DECLARE THAT THE LORD IS UPRIGHT" (vv. 14-15). Instead of being dry and of little use, the righteous person can continue to produce fruit throughout his or her life. The sap of the Cedar serves as a natural repellent to harmful insects and fungi. This internal resistance to decay and infection reminds us of the **"armor of God"** which allows us to stand firm against the schemes of the devil in order for us to become incorruptible.
 ► Keep listening to the Lord's guidance, direction, and wisdom, keep leaning on the Lord for understanding, keep leading the generations in the way we live godly lives that they may be inspired to follow the right path. 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

October Celebrators

- 01 - Katrina Dereje
- 03 - Gladness Rajanan
- 03 - Kemuel Perdigon
- 04 - O'Neil M. Gonzales
- 04 - Nelly Bayla
- 04 - Rossana Ozo
- 04 - Josh Darius Martin
- 06 - Johnny Payangdo Jr.
- 06 - Wilson Abance
- 07 - Erin Sarah Sameon
- 08 - Arturo Tacay
- 09 - Rod Tada
- 09 - Earl Tristan Sameon
- 10 - Eleonor Garoy
- 10 - Jasmine Chappot
- 11 - Danielle Rosa Tan
- 12 - Octavio Abance
- 13 - Wrendel Macam
- 15 - Rose Acosta
- 15 - Richard Bestre
- 16 - Rodrigo Bondoc
- 17 - Jizza K. Abance
- 22 - Wynell Roncal
- 23 - Lemuel Glori
- 23 - Ofelia Abance
- 24 - Jeady Jewel D. Igoy
- 25 - Lani Palaypayon
- 27 - Laisha Clarisse Montes
- 28 - Cyndyleen Macam
- 28 - Charisse Fabia
- 29 - Sarah Elepane
- 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.

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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
MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS		SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY	
6:00-8:00 PM		• 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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