

Servers Today, November 3, 2024

Beware of Covetousness (Luke 12:13-21)

Speaker: **KEMUEL PERDIGON**
 Song Leader: **KAJEM KITMA**
 Invocation: **JOJO RAMOS**
 Intercessory Prayer: **RICHARD BESTRE**
 Communion Text: **ISAIAH 53:6-8**
 Scripture Reading: **JOSH DARIUS MARTIN**
 Prayer for the Bread: **LEEMAR SIMON**
 Prayer for the Cup: **MARK QUIZANA**
 Prayer for the Giving: **JERRY MARTIN**
 Closing Prayer: **DODOY SAMEON**
 Announcement: **KAJEM KITMA**
 Afternoon Speaker: **KEMUEL PERDIGON**
 Song Leader: **KAJEM KITMA**
 To Bring Flowers: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
 To Bring Biscuits: **C/O MIDTOWN**
 To Bring Drinks: **C/O MIDTOWN**
 Usher/ettes: **BESTRE FAMILY**

Communion: **CORAZON OZO**
 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 November 10, 2024

Beware of Worrying (Luke 12:22-34)

Speaker: **JEREMIAH GAWE**
 Song Leader: **FELIX OLIDAN JR.**
 Invocation: **ERNE WAGANG**
 Intercessory Prayer: **GASPAR BALDO JR.**
 Communion Text: **1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29**
 Scripture Reading: **JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA**
 Prayer for the Bread: **EZRA VALDEZ**
 Prayer for the Cup: **JUN REYES**
 Prayer for the Giving: **MARIL A. BAYATING JR.**
 Closing Prayer: **GREG KITMA**
 Announcement: **FELIX OLIDAN JR.**
 Afternoon Speaker: **JEREMIAH GAWE**
 Song Leader: **FELIX OLIDAN JR.**
 To Bring Flowers: **CLARITA CACHERO**
 To Bring Biscuits: **C/O MIDTOWN**
 To Bring Drinks: **C/O MIDTOWN**
 Usher/ettes: **MARTIN FAMILY**

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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.

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“One of the Devil's most effective strategies is to get you focused on what you don't have or on what someone else has that you don't have.”

READ 1 John 2:15-17
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20 participate in church evaluation workshop

Twenty men and women actively participated in last Tuesday afternoon's CHURCH EVALUATION WORKSHOP held at the MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL. Brother Greg Kitma, one of the congregation's deacons, facilitated the workshop that led the group to objectively identify the STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND THREATS (SWOT) pertaining to the three-fold functions of the church, i.e, BENEVOLENCE, EVANGELISM, AND EDIFICATION. The data gathered including recommendations as a result of the workshop will form part of the CHURCH PLANNING WORKSHOP to be scheduled before the end of this month. It is prayed that more will be able to participate in the annual planning soon.

Those who made it to the workshop include brothers Dodoy Sameon, Maril Bayating Sr., Ernie Wagang, Felix Olidan Jr., Greg Kitma, Charlie Abance, Andy Bestre, Arnan Bayla, Ezra Valdez, Gaspar Baldo Jr., Julius Rojo, Sixto Aoas, Lemuel Glori, Jeremiah Gawe, Gil Geron, and sisters Sarah Sameon, Lorigrace Austria, Janet Perdigon, Ruth Trinidad, and Angela Ramos. For the greater glory of the Lord God Almighty!Ω

YPeez monthly CG celebrates bday and grads

Thirty young people attended last Sunday afternoon's MONTHLY YOUNG PEOPLE'S CARE GROUP held at Midtown's Assembly Hall. The gathering started with a luncheon fellowship meal in celebration of the 16th birthday of sister Laisha Clarisse Montes.

In the TRIBUTE TO THE GRADUATES, brother O'neil Gonzales, the DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER, encouraged the graduates to pursue godliness in everything they do based on Colossians 3:23 which says, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...”*

Also, participants got to speak some words of encouragement to each graduate. The tribute givers and speakers include brethren A-mark Bayla, Marcson Walang, Kheif Walang, Jeremie Craig Licupa, John Badecao, Ezra Valdez, Vanessa Barad, Laisha Clarisse Montes, Amber Po, Charis Bayla, Alexis Sunggay, Maureen Sorjano, JT Badecao, Ozara Sison, Jacy Perdigon, Lougai Fermin, and Hannah Ignacio.

The graduates present for the tribute were Sophia Rose Rosario, Chaslyn Saingan, Sherman Bestre, Josiah Calixtro, Allison Pangunli, Raiza Andaya, Renzo Allaria, Melchizedek Aquino, Kemuel Perdigon, Shauli Kitma, Jasper Perdigon, Kenneth Solang, and Earl Tristan Sameon. Sister Kiara Nawew didn't make it to the tribute.

Meanwhile, congratulations goes to sister Carlota Rojas Cera for having recently graduated a course in CARE GIVING (NC II) from the Medline International Training Institute. She says, *“Trust in God's plans, embrace the journey ahead.”*

Midtown brethren praise the Lord God for these developments. All for God's greater glory, honor and praise!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD
October 27, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL.....14	GRADES 1-26
ADULTS.....195	GRADES 3-4.....6
YPEEZ.....15	GRADES 5-6.....11
CHILDREN.....40	H.S.....15
GUESTS.....4	COL/YAs25
TOTAL.....254	ADULT Classes..162
	TOTAL.....239

OFFERING
AM & PM TOTAL:
Php51,209.00

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, JR.	 *FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR *LILY SORIANO *CARLOTA CERA REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *GASPAR NAWEW *JERALD BACOVY *JEHMELE OFRENEO *EDITHA ANGARA	SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE *LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT *ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS *ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS *OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OTHER CONCERNS Safe Travel: *FELIX JR. & LUX OLIDAN AND COMPANY (LUNA, LA UNION)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—NOVEMBER 5, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **BAGUIO-BENQUET CHRISTIAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP**—MT. CREST HOTEL, LEGARDA ROAD | NOVEMBER 30, 2024 @ 8:00 AM—4:00 PM | HOST: NLEX CHURCH OF CHRIST
- **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

First Things First

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

There are innumerable things to do and things to buy and things to read. How does one choose between them? An important guideline is the use of the word “first” in the New Testament. For example, **consider the following priority items:**

●**Priority in awareness:** *“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers...saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for...all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation” (2 Peter 3:3-4).* The primary intellectual heresy of these latter times are anti-God philosophies. **It is best to be aware of these dangers lurking around us before it's too late.**

●**Priority in behavior:** *“Cleanse first that which is within the cup and the platter, that the outside of them may be clean also” (Matthew 23:26).* The thoughts of our hearts will inevitably control the words on our lips and the works of our hands. **Emphasize inner character over outward appearance and action.**

●**Priority in giving:** *“[They] first gave their own selves to the Lord” (2 Cor 8:5).* One's possessions, talents, time, and all other resources belong to the Lord, but such gifts are acceptable to God only when offered by one whose heart has first been given fully to Him. Also, **it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).**

●**PRIORITY IN WITNESS:** *“For I delivered unto you first of all...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).* **The gospel is most important to talk about and to share.**

●**PRIORITY IN CONCERN:** *“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men” (1 Tim. 2:1).* **Pray first before anything else.**

Finally, as the Lord Jesus Himself has commanded, **our first priority in every decision should be to do that which honors Christ, His kingdom, and His righteousness.** 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
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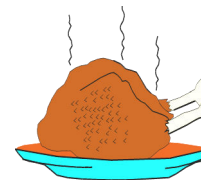
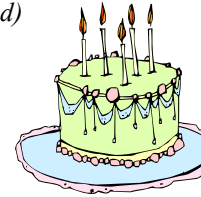
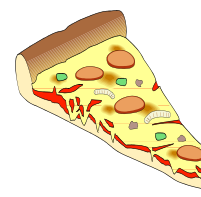
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them...” Ecclesiastes 12:1



November Celebrators

- 02 - Crisiamae Castillo
- 04 - Rolyn Dugaysan
- 05 - Shinar S. Ciencia
- 06 - Neko James Austria
- 06 - Marian Cheska Denis-Moriarty
- 07 - Ruth Camora
- 10 - Felix L. Olidan, Jr.
- 11 - Darrylle Jane A. Walang
- 11 - Jasper K. Perdigon
- 11 - Ariadne L. Cadias
- 13 - Sean Noye Isaac Bestre
- 13 - Cristy Tacay
- 14 - Ian Xavier B. Colcol
- 15 - Ma. Cecilia B. Colcol
- 15 - Lily Soriano
- 16 - Rebecca Garcia
- 18 - Kristalyn Saingan
- 18 - Andrew Nawew
- 18 - Dionesia Martin
- 20 - Marina Mabesa (Deceased)
- 21 - Sharon S. McMillin
- 21 - Rhona Barad
- 21 - Marjorie Solomon
- 21 - Kristine M. Denis
- 21 - Novelito B. Abance
- 22 - Jonathan Enerva
- 23 - Minda G. Oliva
- 23 - Lorigrace Austria
- 24 - Ma. Lourdes Cera
- 25 - Churchill S. Parohinog
- 25 - Angelika Navalta
- 25 - Norma D. Andaya
- 27 - Leonard Basil
- 29 - Brigida Mandapat
- 30 - Sonia Cariño Abance



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

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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