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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.

“God is in control and therefore in everything, I can give thanks.”
READ Philippians 4:6
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Servers Today, December 15, 2024

Thanksgiving Message (Pasasalamat & 41st Anniversaries)

Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Invocation: *MARIL BAYATING SR.*
 Intercessory Prayer: *JOJO RAMOS*
 Communion Text: *ISAIAH 53:7-12*
 Scripture Reading: *EZRA VALDEZ*
 Prayer for the Bread: *ERNIE WAGANG*
 Prayer for the Cup: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Prayer for the Giving: *GREG KITMA*
 Closing Prayer: *DODOY SAMEON*
 Announcement: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Afternoon Speaker: *ARNAN BAYLA*
 Song Leader: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 To Bring Flowers: *C/O RIVERVIEW*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *GLORI FAMILY & YPEEZ*

Communion: *NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA*
 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 December 22, 2024

A Theological Question About Salvation (Luke 13:22-30)

Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*
 Song Leader: *MERVIN OLIVA*
 Invocation: *ERNIE WAGANG*
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*
 Communion Text: *JOHN 6:53-58*
 Scripture Reading: *JEREMIE CRAIG LICUPA*
 Prayer for the Bread: *RICHARD BESTRE*
 Prayer for the Cup: *KAJEM KITMA*
 Prayer for the Giving: *JANRIEL ABANCE*
 Closing Prayer: *GREG KITMA*
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*
 Afternoon Speaker: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*
 Song Leader: *MERVIN OLIVA*
 To Bring Flowers: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*
 Usher/ettes: *PERDIGON FAMILY*

Communion: *NELLY & CHARIS BAYLA*
 Worship Coordinator: *EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY*

Midtown celebrates 41st anniversary & Pasasalamat today

Today, the Midtown congregation celebrates forty-one years of blessed existence with great joy and thanksgiving for the Lord God Almighty’s manifold graces and mercies! Through the years, Midtown has always been thankful of the opportunities to freely serve in making disciples of Christ and to be a community of believers aiming to give praise, glory and honor to God the Creator.

Midtown annually celebrates “PASASALAMAT DAY” as an avenue to express congregational gratitude to God for establishing the labours of this congregation in which we continually remember before our God and Father the work produced by faith, the labour prompted by love, and the endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess 1:3).

Moreover, the PASASALAMAT or THANKSGIVING is an opportunity to count our blessings, triumphs, and even the challenges throughout the forty-one years of labouring in the Lord’s vineyard.

The leadership of this congregation enjoins everyone to give all thanks, praises, and adoration to God as well as to consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds!Ω

Certificates of baptism to be awarded today

Midtown praises the Lord God Almighty for the opportunity of preaching and teaching the pure gospel of Christ Jesus which brought the addition of thirty-one (31) new brethren to the Lord’s church at Midtown to date. They will receive their CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM today. So far, the Lord has entrusted to the Midtown congregation the following dear brethren this 2024:

1. Joel Quirimit—baptized January 6
2. Mary Rose Quirimit—baptized Jan 6
3. Edith Latonio—baptized January 24
4. Ruby Panganiban—baptized February 8
5. Jael Amador—baptized February 21
6. Rommel Nierves—baptized February 21
7. Charisse Fabia—baptized March 2
8. Marilyn Bulatao—baptized March 19
9. Perla Tabcao—baptized March 19
10. Marilyn Nacatab—baptized March 22
11. Oscar Sison—baptized March 23
12. Melissa Sison—baptized March 23
13. Genevieve Mokyat—baptized April 5
14. Pia Lopez—baptized April 11
15. Novan Kepes—baptized April 29
16. Aricka Basto—baptized May 19
17. Nomar Macario—baptized June 26
18. Xyrus Macario—baptized June 26
19. Jeremie Craig Licupa—baptized July 2
20. Millicent Ozara Sison—baptized July 3
21. Lara Montes—baptized July 22
22. Laisha Montes—baptized July 22
23. Allison Gapungli—baptized July 22
24. Raiza May Andaya—baptized July 22
25. Shaira Andaya—baptized July 22
26. Chaslyn Saingan—baptized July 22
27. Renzo Allaria—baptized August 11
28. Lhuke Geron—baptized August 14
29. Romulo Joaquin—October 17
30. Jazmine Dela Cruz—October 24
31. Rowana Ozo—baptized November 2 Ω

Church staff appreciates generous yearend bonus

Midtown’s staff, namely, brethren Aman Bayla, Andy Bestre, Ezra Valdez, Jesse Bestre, Greg Kitma, and Angela Ramos thank the Midtown family for the generous gesture of appreciation, love, and care, expressed in the SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION for their YEAREND BONUS done on Dec. 1 & 8, 2024. Total contribution reached P73,283.00 and was proportionately distributed to them.

Meanwhile, in the coming year, 2025, brother Jesse Bestre has expressed desire to resume his position as one of Midtown’s Minister—Evangelist after an eight-month long SABBATICAL LEAVE to be concluded by December 31, 2024. Glory to God!Ω

LAST SUNDAY’S RECORD
 December 8, 2024

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS.....178	PRESCHOOL.....15
YPEEZ.....35	GRADES 1-23
CHILDREN.....37	GRADES 3-4.....5
GUESTS.....1	GRADES 5-6.....11
TOTAL.....251	H.S.....16
	COL/YAs.....15
	ADULT Classes..130
	TOTAL.....195

OFFERING

AM & PM: PhP76,369.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: *GLORIA YANG *JOSEFA JOSAYAN *DONNA GERON *PRISCILLA BAYASEN *DODOY & SARAH SAMEON *DITH ZAMORA *TESS KITMA *BERNARD IGNACIO *JONATHAN ENERVA *CESAR ACOSTA *JOCELYN CALIXTRO *JOVITA BONDOC *ELLA GAROY *LORENZA LOSNONG *ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR.	 *FLORA CAMPOAS *CLYDE ABANCE *MELBA LICUPA *NIDA GABRIEL *CHARLIE ABANCE *BERNABE IGNACIO *MARIL BAYATING, SR *LILY SORIANO *CARLOTA CERA *SHAMAE RAMOS	REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: *CARMEN VILLANUEVA *MARILIZA ANDALLO *DIANA TAGUIBA *PHILIP BADUA *FRANKY SANCHI *RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN *IAN PAJANTOY *JAYVEE MAGPAYO *GASPAR NAWEW *JERALD BACOW *JEHMELO 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**—DECEMBER 17, 2024 | 12:00—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **YOUNG PEOPLE’S YEARENDER**—KITMA YARD, KITMA VILLAGE | DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2024
- **YOUNG PEOPLE WITH PARENTS CARE GROUP & FELLOWSHIP**—MOVED TO NEXT YEAR AND WILL SERVE AS A YEARSTARTER ACTIVITY | PLEASE WATCH FOR THE UPDATES TO BE RELEASED SOON.
- **TGIF CARE GROUP YEARENDER**—ROJO-PALAYPAYON RESIDENCE, TAMANGAN ROAD, IRISAN, BAGUIO CITY | DEC. 20, 2024 @ 6:00-9:00 PM | BRING A TOKEN WORTH P500.00 FOR THE GAME (OPTIONAL)
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO BRETHREN WHO PASSED RECENT BOARD EXAMS**—BROTHER NOVAN F. KEPES (CIVIL ENGINEERING) AND BROTHER JUSTIN BABAN JR. (LICENSURE EXAMS FOR TEACHERS)
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—TAGAYTAY CITY | APRIL 22-25, 2025 | SIGN UP UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2024.
- **READING CENTER**—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY | OPENS 9 AM—CLOSES 3 PM

WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

Psalm 139:14
Arnan A. Bayla | 41st Anniversary & Pasasalamat | December 15, 2024

WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

Psalm 139:14

- WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR A REASON
 - "I praise You because..."
- WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR FEARFULLY CREATING US
 - "I am fearfully made..."
- WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR WONDERFULLY CREATING US
 - "I am wonderfully made..."

I. WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR A REASON

Psalm 139:14

- WE MUST BE THANKFUL BECAUSE WE ARE CREATED BEINGS
 - God wants us to know this great reason to praise the Lord.
- WE MUST BE THANKFUL BECAUSE WE ARE DESIGNED FOR A PURPOSE
 - God wants us to know that each of us has a reason in this world.
- WE MUST BE THANKFUL BECAUSE WE HAVE AN INTELLIGENT CREATOR
 - God wants us to know and be confident in the fact that we have a Creator who knows exactly what He is doing.

APPLICATION:

- For our hearts to be full of thanksgiving, we must live to serve God our Creator.
 - Knowing that God is our creator should cause us to truly appreciate who we are. I will not despise myself.
 - Knowing that God designed us the way we are should cause us to recognize, appreciate, and use our God-given capabilities. I will not complain and compare myself with others.
 - Knowing that our creator is an intelligent designer should cause us to be contented and feel good about ourselves. I will not envy others.

II. WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR FEARFULLY CREATING US

Psalm 139:14

- WE MUST BE THANKFUL GOD CREATED US WITH REVERENCE
 - God wants us to appreciate His heart-felt interest in us.
- WE MUST BE THANKFUL GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE
 - God wants us to appreciate who we are and are like Him in many ways.
- WE MUST BE THANKFUL GOD DESIGNED US TO FULFILL HIS PURPOSE
 - God wants us to appreciate our gifts and to use them to do the things we were designed for.

APPLICATION:

- For our hearts to be full of thanksgiving, we must acknowledge how valuable we are to God.
 - Knowing God's heart-felt interest in us should make us respect others. I will take genuine interest in others.
 - Knowing we are created in God's own image should make us value ourselves and others. I will not discriminate or make an unjust distinction in the treatment of people, especially on the grounds of ethnicity, color, sex, age, or disability.
 - Knowing God designed us for a purpose should make us appreciate our SHAPE – Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences.

III. WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR WONDERFULLY CREATING US

Psalm 139:14

- WE MUST BE THANKFUL GOD CREATED US TO BE EXTRAORDINARY
 - God desires that we take delight in the wonders of the human body and it's special abilities.
- WE MUST BE THANKFUL GOD CREATED US TO BE DIFFERENT
 - God desires that we behave according to His rules.
- WE MUST BE THANKFUL GOD DESIGNED US TO BE UNIQUE
 - God desires that we respect and appreciate our differences.

APPLICATION:

- For our hearts to be full of thanksgiving, we must acknowledge our uniqueness.
 - Knowing that God has made us with body, soul, and spirit should lead us to worship Him. I will love God with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.
 - Knowing that God has specially made us should lead us to behave in extraordinary ways. I will be like Jesus Christ in my thinking and actions.
 - Knowing that God has made us unique should lead us to acknowledge we have differences from each other. I will make the necessary adjustments for the sake of others.

How can we be full of gratitude and praise the Lord God Almighty?

- For our hearts to be full of thanksgiving, we must live to serve the Lord our God according to how He created us.
- For our hearts to be full of thanksgiving, we must take genuine interest in the welfare and salvation of others.
- For our hearts to be full of thanksgiving, we must learn to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

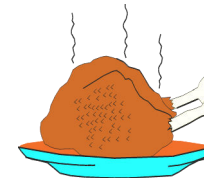
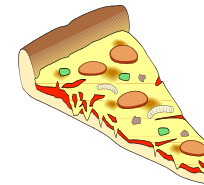
"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

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

December Celebrators

- 01 - Denise A. Wagang
- 02 - Linda A. Yaneza
- 02 - Janet B. Ramos
- 02 - Ma. Alexis J. Sunggay
- 03 - Rowena L. Quezada
- 04 - Erika Abijar
- 04 - Rachel Cabuenas
- 05 - Daisy Calzo
- 08 - Josephine A. Baban
- 09 - Gracelynn Abance
- 09 - Marilyn Joy B. Gamboa
- 10 - Dencio B. Abance
- 11 - Jovita R. Bondoc
- 14 - Santiago B. Sameon II
- 14 - Edith Latonio
- 16 - Christian S. Parohinog
- 16 - Mark Joseph N. Quizana
- 17 - Jane M. Bestre
- 20 - Gaspar Baldo, Jr.
- 20 - Jess Perdigon
- 21 - Sotero Denis
- 21 - Kinsha C. Glori
- 22 - Jess Solomon
- 22 - Diana Jane Geron
- 23 - Rosita Go
- 23 - Sherman C. Bestre
- 23 - Padmei Lara Geron
- 24 - Noel Espinosa
- 24 - Crispina Tugay-an
- 26 - Arlene G. Rimando
- 26 - Kaesha R. Palaypayon
- 26 - Sharon Kosgey
- 29 - Aldian R. Po
- 29 - Xelli Qea E. Parohinog
- 30 - Analyn B. Aronza



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

MIDTOWN'S PASASALAMAT & 41st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Riverview Water Park Hotel
Sunday, December 15, 2024

P R O G R A M

- 9:00—10:30 AM.....PART ONE
WORSHIP ASSEMBLY
- 10:35—11:00 AM.....PART TWO
AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM
- 11:00—11:30 AM..... PART THREE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRESENTATION
- 11:30-11:45 AM.....PART FOUR
CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE—TAKING
- 12:00—1:00 PM.....PART FIVE
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
- 1:00—3:00 PM.....PART SIX
FUN & GAMES AND SWIMMING
- 3:00—3:30 PM.....PART SEVEN
DEPARTURE TIME FROM RIVERVIEW.

GUIDELINES:

- Please strictly observe the resort's rules and regulations.
- Strictly no swimming before the designated time of swimming which is at one o'clock (1PM). Parents and guardians shall take full responsibility of watching over their children.
- Lunch will be served through controlled buffet by the catering service authorized personnel only.
- In going back to Midtown or to downtown Baguio, please note that you are expected to Ride the same vehicle you rode coming to Riverview. If you did not sign up to be serviced by the hired vehicles, please take other PUJs.
- For PUJ fare refunds, please ask from brothers Sixto Aoas & Julius Rojo.
- Kindly advise your valued guests to abide by these guidelines. MANY THANKS.

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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