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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.

**“Hold material goods and wealth on a flat palm and not in a clenched fist.”**  
**READ Hebrews 13:5**  
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**Servers Today, February 16, 2025**

**The Wrong Use of Money (Luke 16:14-31)**

Speaker: GREG KITMA  
 Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA  
 Invocation: EZRA VALDEZ  
 Intercessory Prayer: JASPER PERDIGON  
 Communion Text: GALATIANS 3:23-29  
 Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE  
 Prayer for the Bread: KEMUEL PERDIGON  
 Prayer for the Cup: CHRIS OLIVA  
 Prayer for the Giving: PAT KITMA  
 Closing Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA  
 Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA  
 Afternoon Speaker: GREG KITMA  
 Song Leader: KAJEM KITMA  
 To Bring Flowers: JENNIFER YANEZA  
 To Bring Biscuits: JESSICA MARIANO  
 To Bring Drinks: JESSICA MARIANO  
 Usher/ettes: KITMA CARE GROUP

Communion: CORAZON OZO  
 Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | LEM GLORI

PM Bible Study:

**Servers for February 23, 2025**

**Forgiveness and faithfulness (Luke 17:1-10)**

Speaker: DODOY SAMEON  
 Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE  
 Invocation: FELIX OLIDAN JR.  
 Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA  
 Communion Text: ISAIAH 53:1-5  
 Scripture Reading: LEEMAR SIMON  
 Prayer for the Bread: DAN-GIL GERON  
 Prayer for the Cup: JULIUS ROJO  
 Prayer for the Giving: JESSE BESTRE  
 Closing Prayer: ERNIE WAGANG  
 Announcement: ANDY BESTRE  
 Afternoon Speaker: JERRY GAWE  
 Song Leader: ANDY BESTRE  
 To Bring Flowers: CECILIA ALVAREZ  
 To Bring Biscuits: JESSICA MARIANO  
 To Bring Drinks: JESSICA MARIANO  
 Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY

Communion: CORAZON OZO  
 Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD February 9, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM &amp; PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
ADULTS.....186	PRESCHOOL.....20
YPPEEZ.....19	GRADES 1-2 .....7
CHILDREN.....48	GRADES 3-4.....7
GUESTS.....5	GRADES 5-6.....10
TOTAL.....258	H.S.....19
	COL/YAs.....16
	ADULT Classes..138
	TOTAL.....217

**OFFERING**  
**AM&PM: P73,535.00**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** — FEBRUARY 18, 2025 | 12—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
- **NAOMI MINISTRY**—EXTENDS INVITATION TO WIDOWS IN THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST TO JOIN IN A FIELD TRIP IN PAMPANGA ON FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 1, 2025 (FRI. & SAT.) | CONTACT SIS. RUTH TRINIDAD FOR DETAILS.
- **NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | APRIL 16-19, 2025 | HOST: HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST | RESERVATION ONGOING | EARLY REGISTRATION ADVISED!
- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PEOPLE PLUS LOVE, COURTSHIP, AND MARRIAGE SEMINAR**—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 | 1:00—5:00 PM.
- **READING CENTER**—AT THE MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | EVERY FRIDAY | OPENS 9 AM—CLOSES 3 PM
- **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.

**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  
 \*JOCELYN CALIXTRO  
 \*JOVITA BONDOC  
 \*ELLA GAROY  
 \*LORENZA LOSNONG  
 \*ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR.  
 \*FLORA CAMPOAS  
 \*CLYDE ABANCE  
 \*MELBA LICUPA

**\*NIDA GABRIEL**  
 \*CHARLIE ABANCE  
 \*MARIL BAYATING, SR  
 \*LILY SORIANO  
 \*AIKO PAROHINOG—GOMEZ  
 \*RUTH CAMORA  
 \*SONIA CARIÑO ABANCE  
 \*EDDIE LAGSAMAN  
 \*ANASTACIA PALAOG

**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

**SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE**  
 \*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT  
 \*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS  
 \*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS  
 \*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL



**General assembly of Young People and Young Adults next Sunday**

All the YOUNG PEOPLE and the YOUNG ADULTS are cordially invited to participate in today's GENERAL ASSEMBLY and SEMINAR on LOVE, COURTSHIP, AND MARRIAGE. Assembly starts at 1 o'clock and ends around 5 o'clock. In the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the goals and objectives of the officially formed YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY will be presented. It is believed that the presentation will identify the interrelationship of the two groups. The second part of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY will be devoted to a topic that is both timeless and crucial for the Christian journey: ABIDING WITH BIBLICAL STANDARDS IN LOVE, COURTSHIP, AND MARRIAGE. Meanwhile, as agreed in their meeting last Sunday, there will be a continuation of the PARENTS & GUARDIANS MEETING today at the same room at BPFLC during the BIBLE STUDY HOUR (9:30-10:20) today. God bless us all!Ω

**Elementary pupil baptized into Christ**

GILEANA HANNAH GERON SAGUIL, 12-year old grandchild of spouses Gil & Diana Geron, was baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ by brother Arnan Bayla at Midtown's baptistery the other past Saturday morning, February 8, 2025. Her decision came after a series of sessions on the SEEKERS' BIBLE STUDY SERIES. Aside from her household, a number of Midtown brethren attended her baptism including spouses Felix & Luz Olidan, Ezra Valdez, Kheif Walang, and Nelly Bayla. With the all-out support of her family, she continues her Bible study and involvement in the various spiritual activities of the congregation as well as at the BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER in which she is a Grade VI pupil. All praise and glory to our Great Redeemer!Ω

**Couples CG goes western and united**

On Saturday evening of February 8, 2025, the COUPLES CARE GROUP gathered for their monthly meeting and fellowship at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL. There were 14 couples present including spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa, Nainer & Rica Nawew, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Jesse & Riza Bestre, Jerry & Tina Gawe, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Dan & Lala Geron, Jun & Lulu Bondoc, Ezra & Kana Valdez, Felix & Luz Olidan, Dexter & Denise Wagang, Eric & Jing Sacayanan, and Paeng & Cora Ozo. Spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa served as facilitators on the discussions on "UNITY FOR COUPLES—COMPASSION, HUMILITY, AND UNDERSTANDING." The group enjoyed the western style—themed occasion, food, fun, and warm fellowship. All thanks to the Lord!Ω

**Midtown brethren serve in Nangalisan, Tuba**

Spouses Felix & Luz Olidan served with the Nangalisan brethren both in Lasilas and in Riverview last Sunday, February 9, 2025. Brother Felix Olidan discussed about How to PREVENT BECOMING A DEAD CHURCH based on Revelation 3:1-6. He underscored the need to wake up, to truly obey and repent and not just having a good reputation. Meanwhile, spouses Jerry & Tina Gawe together with brother Sixto Aoad, served in a HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP in Lasilas last Friday afternoon, February 14, 2025. Brother Jerry Gawe facilitated discussions on Job 5 with the conclusion that "Afflictions are part of a greater plan that God has for his faithful." The Lasilas brethren continues to appreciate the involvement of Midtown in the area. For God's greater glory!Ω

**THE WRONG USE OF MONEY**

**Luke 16:14-31**

February 16, 2025 | Greg Kitma

**INTRODUCTION**

- What is wrong with the use of money?
  - Money or wealth itself is not wrong
  - It is the love of money which is wrong

**EXAMPLES ABOUT THE LOVE OF MONEY**

- There are several examples mentioned in the Bible about the love of money like:
  - Judas Iscariot - he betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins (Mt 26:14-16)
  - The "Rich Fool" - having a bountiful harvest stored all his grains and goods for himself (Lk 12: 13-21)
  - The "Lost Son" - after receiving his inheritance squandered his wealth wildly (Lk 15:11-24)
- In the passage in Lk 16:14-31, two examples are mentioned ...
  - The first character presented are the **Pharisees** (vs.14-15)
    - ✓ They loved money (vs 14)
    - ✓ They sneered at Jesus (vs 14)
    - ✓ They justify themselves in the eyes of men (vs 15)
  - The second character presented is the **rich man** (Vs 19-31)
    - ✓ He was a rich man (vs 19)
    - ✓ He lived in luxury every day (vs 19)
    - ✓ He had no compassion for the beggar at his gate and did not share his blessings (vs 20)

**THE DANGERS OF THE LOVE OF MONEY**

- The love of money will incline men to forget God (Det 8:13-14; 1Ti 6:10)
- The love of money will promote greed (Ps 62:10; Ecc 5:10)
- The love of money will lead men to powerful temptation (1Ti 6:9)
- The love of money will result in barrenness of life (Mk 4:19)
- The love of money will hinder entrance into God's kingdom (Mt 19:23; vs 22-24)

**APPLICATION**

- To those who are not rich
  - Guard yourselves against being envious of the wealthy and focus on learning to be content in life
- To those who want to get rich
  - Do not be possessed with the thought of getting rich lest, you fall into temptations, snares and many foolish and harmful lusts
- To those who are rich
  - Do not trust in wealth for security because riches are uncertain, especially in the present economy
  - Be a generous person, willing to give and willing to share

**CONCLUSION**

This sermon does not exhaust the subject of money, but we have addressed several important issues...

- The question about money or wealth is not in possessing these things, but it is the LOVE OF MONEY - which is wrong.
- We have learned biblical examples about the love of money including the example of the "rich man" in the story of the rich man and Lazarus, vs 19-31.
- We have learned the dangers of the love of money including hindering men into God's kingdom just like what happened to the "rich man".

Speaking of money and riches, the greatest treasures are those found in Jesus Christ...

- "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." Ep 1:7
- "In Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col 2:3

**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
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

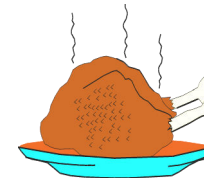
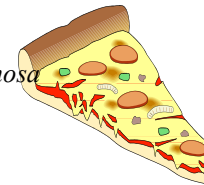
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Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

**February Celebrators**

- 01 - Elizabeth A. Sevilla
- 02 - Irene B. Lagsaman
- 02 - Josiah Levi A. Calixtro
- 02 - Jazmine M. Delacruz
- 05 - Maryann M. Gonzales
- 07 - Frank Valdez
- 07 - Federick Walang
- 07 - Trinidad C. Trinidad
- 08 - Christopher G. Oliva
- 09 - Shemer M. Sameon
- 09 - Silvestre B. Andaya III
- 11 - Reeve M. Callejo
- 11 - Mary Rose Cayabyab
- 13 - Adrian Saingan
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- 14 - Christian Daniel R. Espinosa
- 15 - Vernie Pucay
- 15 - Marilyn P. Nacatab
- 16 - Charlie B. Abance
- 17 - Jasper Edwin B. Bugnay
- 18 - Carlo Jake T. Banatao
- 20 - Roger R. Wagang
- 21 - Kana K. Perdigon-Valdez
- 22 - Josias B. Aquino
- 22 - Eden Mariano
- 22 - Renilo S. Lulu
- 23 - Andy E. Bestre
- 23 - Florence B. Patang
- 24 - Judith O. Sison
- 24 - Teresita W. Kitma
- 24 - Shamae A. Ramos
- 24 - Mika Grace B. Lulu
- 25 - Jonah A. Cirilo
- 25 - Chaslyn A. Saingan
- 26 - Elma G. Bugtong
- 27 - Novan F. Kepes



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

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY**

Singing & Prayers <b>LORD'S SUPPER and OFFERING</b> 9:00-9:30	Prayers & <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 9:35-10:25	Singing, Prayers & <b>MESSAGE</b> 10:30-11:10	Greetings & <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> 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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