

**Servers Today, February 2, 2025**

**The Joy of Forgiving (Luke 15:25-32)**

Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *CHRIS OLIVA*  
 Invocation: *CHARLIE ABANCE*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *NOEL ESPINOSA*  
 Communion Text: *1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29*  
 Scripture Reading: *KHEIF WALANG*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *DAN-GIL GERON*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *SAMUEL QUEZADA*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *EZRA VALDEZ*  
 Closing Prayer: *FELIX OLIDAN JR.*  
 Announcement: *ARNAN BAYLA*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *JOJO RAMOS*  
 Song Leader: *CHRIS OLIVA*  
 To Bring Flowers: *DINAH AUSTRIA*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 Usher/ettes: *PERDIGON 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 February 9, 2025**

**The Right Use of Wealth (Luke 16:1-13)**

Speaker: *JUN REYES*  
 Song Leader: *ALDIAN PO*  
 Invocation: *JESSIE BESTRE*  
 Intercessory Prayer: *LEMUEL GLORI*  
 Communion Text: *1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-7*  
 Scripture Reading: *MARK QUIZANA*  
 Prayer for the Bread: *LEEMAR SIMON*  
 Prayer for the Cup: *EZRA VALDEZ*  
 Prayer for the Giving: *JERRY MARTIN*  
 Closing Prayer: *MARIL A. BAYATING JR.*  
 Announcement: *ANDY BESTRE*  
 Afternoon Speaker: *JUN REYES*  
 Song Leader: *ALDIAN PO*  
 To Bring Flowers: *VIRGIE BALDO*  
 To Bring Biscuits: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
 To Bring Drinks: *C/O MIDTOWN*  
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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.

**80 young people attend BB youth intercon fellowship**

Midtown YPeez hosted the BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP the other past Saturday afternoon, January 25, 2025 with the theme, "GROWING IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE BY FOLLOWING CHRIST" (Luke 2:52). The goal was to help the youth learn how to set and reach goals in their spiritual, social, physical, and intellectual lives, just like Jesus did. The event focused on three main things: 1. Helping young people discover and improve their talents. 2. Teaching them how to make simple plans to grow in different areas of life. 3. Encouraging them to take action and grow closer to the Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

This event was special because the young people took the lead in organizing and worked together in various roles in different areas: Josh Martin and Jizza Aquino were the MC; Kheif Walang, JC Licupa, and Noelle Jane Barad led the group activities; Laisha Montes, Allison Gapungli, Shaira Andaya, and Millicent Sison prepared the snacks; Hannah Ignacio helped with graphics and advertising; Liam Salud, Haseo Dalang, Rowana Ozo, Alton Bayla, and Yuji Cayabyab were there to help and serve in various capacities; Melchi Aquino served as the song leader and Ezra Valdez served as the speaker for the DEVOTIONAL.

Some young adults also came to support the youth, including Kana Valdez, Jesse & Riza Bestre, Maureen Soriano, Charis Bayla, and Kate Dereje.

The event was a success, with 80 people attending from six congregations. More than that, it was a big step for the youth ministry, acknowledging the young people's willingness to serve.

We thank God for this event and look forward to the next BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT CARE GROUP in February, which will be hosted by the NLEX Church of Christ.

Brother Ezra Valdez, Midtown's Youth Minister, thanked all participants and prays that the youth would continue to grow in faith, leadership, and service! To God be the glory and praise! Ω

**"To forgive is not to excuse what the other person did. It's to prevent their behavior from destroying one's heart."**

**READ Luke 15:25-32**  
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**Monthly youth CG goes sporty at Puyat Sports**

Instead of the usual YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY CARE GROUP at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL, the youth gathered for a hangout fellowship at the PUYAT SPORTS, Centermall, Magsaysay Avenue, this city last Sunday afternoon, January 26, 2025.

The young people enjoyed the bowling and billiard games as well as the hangout fellowship. Those who made it to the event include Sherman Bestre, Liam Salud, Ethan Craig Wanawan, Haseo Dalang, Melchi Aquino, Jizza Aquino, JC Licupa, Kheif Walang, Marcon Walang, Kemuel Perdigon, Austin Cortez, Riyu Albay, Josh Martin, and Ezra Valdez.

Meanwhile, parents of young people will have a PARENTS MEETING next Sunday, Feb. 9th, during Bible Study Hour at BPFLC. Discussions will include UNDERSTANDING GEN Z and HOW PARENTS CAN HELP IN THE YOUTH MINISTRY. All parents of the youth are enjoined to be part of this important meeting. For God's greater glory!Ω

**Brethren celebrates with Nawews in new biz store**

At the invitation of the Nawew family, a good number of brethren graced the soft opening of the newest store of NAINER'S PIZZA HUB at Camp Dangwa, La Trinidad afternoon of Jan. 30. Brother Arnan Bayla led the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL with Jojo Ramos, Ezra Valdez, Ruth Trinidad, Lori Austria, and spouses Julius & Fely Rojo.

Earlier in the afternoon, brethren Arnan Bayla, Julius & Fely Rojo, Lori Austria, and Ruth Trinidad visited sister Ruth Camora in her residence in Bahong, LT. The group conducted a devotional to uplift sister Ruth Camora who had been sick lately. Ω

**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD**  
 January 26, 2025

**ATTENDANCE**

REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL.....17	GRADES 1-2 .....6
ADULTS.....198	GRADES 3-4.....7
YPEEZ.....26	GRADES 5-6.....11
CHILDREN.....44	H.S.....N/A
GUESTS.....2	COL/YAs.....N/A
TOTAL.....270	ADULT Classes..188
	TOTAL.....229

**OFFERING**  
 AM&PM: P57,753.00

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM** — FEBRUARY 4, 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!
- **NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT**—CCT TRAINING CENTER, TAGAYTAY CITY | APRIL 22-25, 2025
- **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**

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| <b>FOR GOOD HEALTH &amp; RECOVERY BRETHREN:</b><br>*GLORIA YANG<br>*JOSEFA JOSAYAN<br>*DONNA GERON<br>*PRISCILLA BAYASEN<br>*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON<br>*DITH ZAMORA<br>*TESS KITMA<br>*BERNARD IGNACIO<br>*JONATHAN ENERVA<br>*JOCELYN CALIXTRO<br>*JOVITA BONDOC<br>*ELLA GAROY<br>*LORENZA LOSNONG<br>*ERNE ORDUÑA, JR.<br>*FLORA CAMPOAS<br>*CLYDE ABANCE<br>*MELBA LICUPA | <b>*NIDA GABRIEL</b><br>*CHARLIE ABANCE<br>*MARIL BAYATING, SR<br>*LILY SORIANO<br>*AIKO PAROHINOG—GOMEZ<br>*RUTH CAMORA<br>*SONIA CARIÑO ABANCE<br>*EDDIE LAGSAMAN<br>*ANASTACIA PALAOAG | <b>REQUESTED BY BRETHREN:</b><br>*CARMEN VILLANUEVA<br>*MARILIZA ANDALLO<br>*DIANA TAGUIBA<br>*PHILIP BADUA<br>*FRANKY SANCHI<br>*RYN EISEN PANGANIBAN<br>*IAN PAJANTOY<br>*JAYVEE MAGPAYO<br>*GASPAR NAWEW<br>*JERALD BACOY<br>*JEHMEL OFRENEO | <b>SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE</b><br>*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT<br>*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS<br>*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS<br>*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL | <b>OTHER CONCERNS</b><br>Safe Travel:<br>*KINSHA GLORI (USA)<br>*JESSIE & RIZA BESTRE (A-HILL) |
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# PARABLE OF THE LOST SON

(Luke 15:11-32)

Santiago B. Sameon III, BTh, EdD

## INTRODUCTION:

Remember that Jesus used only 504 words to tell the *Parable of the Prodigal Son*, judged by some to be the greatest story ever written. -James Hastings

## I. THE REBELLION OF THE YOUNGER SON (LUKE 15:11-16)

- A. The Foolishness Depicted by the Younger Son (Lk. 15:11-13)
  1. To pursue his inheritance (Lk.15:11,12), the younger son demands his share of his father's estate.
  2. He squandered his inheritance (Lk.15:13) and wasted all his money in wanton living.
- B. The Starvation Suffered by the Younger Son (Lk.15:14-16). Eventually he is forced to eat the food of the pigs he feed.

## II. THE COMING HOME OF THE YOUNGER SON (LUKE 15:17-32)

- A. Realization (Lk.15:17). He finally comes to his senses in regard to his terrible condition.
- B. Resolve (Lk.15:18,19)
  1. To return
  2. To repent
- C. Reunion (Lk.15:20,21).The father greets his son with open arms.
- D. Rejoicing (Lk.15:22-24). The father plans a big celebration.
- E. Resentment (Lk. 15:25-30).The older son is furious with the way his father received the younger son.
- F. Reminder (Lk.15:31,32). The father explains his actions to his older son.

## CONCLUSION:

We learned from the story of the Lost Son about the:

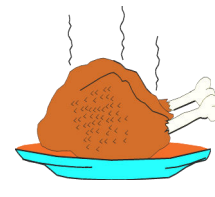
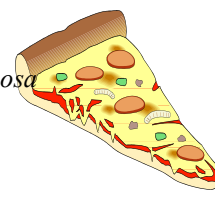
- A. The Younger Son's Rebellion in Lk. 15:11-16.
- B. The Coming Home of the Rebellious Younger Son in Lk.15:17-32.

This Sermon Outline was delivered at the Morning Assembly of the Midtown Church of Christ by brother Dodoy Sameon on January 26, 2025.

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
- 14 - Clarita Cachero
- 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.

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- 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?

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- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

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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
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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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