

Servers Today, March 23, 2025

Delusion (Luke 18:9-17)

Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON
Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA
Invocation: SOLOMON PALAYPAYON
Intercessory Prayer: NOEL ESPINOSA
Communion Text: ISAIAH 53: 6-10
Scripture Reading: JEREMY CRAIG LICUPA
Prayer for the Bread: DAN-GIL GERON
Prayer for the Cup: DONNEL GONZALES
Prayer for the Giving: MARK QUIZANA
Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker: JASPER PERDIGON
Song Leader: MERVIN OLIVA
To Bring Flowers: CLARITA CACHERO
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: GERON FAMILY
Communion: COT ESPINOSA
Worship Coordinator: LEMUEL GLORI | JESSE BESTRE

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 March 30, 2025

The Untransformed Heart (Luke 18:18-34)

Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE
Invocation: JOJO RAMOS
Intercessory Prayer: DEXTER WAGANG
Communion Text: ROMANS 6:1-10
Scripture Reading: SHERMAN BESTRE
Prayer for the Bread: MERVIN OLIVA
Prayer for the Cup: DANTE BADDAS
Prayer for the Giving: SAMUEL QUEZADA
Closing Prayer: MARIL P. BAYATING SR.
Announcement: ARNAN BAYLA
Afternoon Speaker: JESSE REUBEN BESTRE
Song Leader: JANRIEL ABANCE
To Bring Flowers: KAESHA PALAYPAYON
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: AUSTRIA FAMILY
Communion: COT ESPINOSA
Worship Coordinator: EZRA VALDEZ | ART TACAY



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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 worshipers 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.

“A person can so resist the truth that he finally becomes deluded and has to believe a lie!”

READ 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11
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Midtown ministers to speak in lectureships

Brothers Felix Olidan Jr. and Jesse Reuben Bestre are invited to serve as speakers in two separate occasions out of town on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Brother Felix Olidan Jr. will speak in the Eastern Pangasinan Churches of Christ Fellowship in Tayug, Pangasinan. (Alcala, Bautista, Binalonan, Laoac, Asingan, Balungao, Natividad, Rosales, San Manuel, Sison, Tayug, Umingan, San Quintin, Sta. Maria, San Nicolas, Pozorrubio, San Jacinto, San Fabian, and Manaog). Meanwhile, brother Jesse Bestre will speak in the upcoming MEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM and LADIES CLASS LECTURESHIP at the SAPANG CHURCH OF CHRIST in Ablang-Sapang, Moncada, Tarlac. For God's greater praise and glory!Ω

Monthly ladies devo & fellowship this Saturday

All praises and thanks to the Lord!Ω

Midtown minister officiates Basto-Gonzales nuptial

Midtown's minister and licensed Solemnizing Officer, brother Arnan Bayla, officiated the wedding of brother DONNEL M. GONZALES and sister ARICKA CANDIE G. BASTO, both active members of the congregation. The intimate wedding ceremony was attended by family and relatives at the ABONG BY RIKITOS, Bonifacio St., this city, late afternoon of the other past Saturday, March 15, 2025. Reception followed immediately at the same venue. Recently, the YOUNG ADULTS Ministry conducted a WEDDING SHOWER for Donnel & Aricka at MIDTOWN'S ASSEMBLY HALL Wednesday evening of March 12, 2025. Twenty-two young adults attended the fun-filled fellowship. Earlier, the couple completed the required premarital counseling course, "PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY" with brother Arnan Bayla. Spouses Carlos & Mary Ann Gonzales and family, long-time members of the congregation, expressed appreciation for the realization of the much awaited occasion. For God's greater praise and glory!Ω

Midtown brethren grace Pan Ay-ayaman thanksgiving

A good number of Midtown brethren joined the Bayating family in celebrating the expansion and completion of additional facilities and amenities of the PAN AY-AYAMAN PLAYGROUND located at Orengao, Taloy Sur, Km 15 Marcos Highway, Tuba, the other past Saturday, March 15, 2025. Brothers Arnan Bayla and Felix Olidan Jr. facilitated the THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE AND BLESSING. Brother Arnan Bayla, in his message, congratulated the PAN AY-AYAMAN management for their dedication to their endeavors and more so for dedicating their labors unto the Lord God. Brethren, guests, and other well-wishers gathered for a sumptuous meal right after the devotional. High School batchmates of sister Letty Bayating rendered her special musical presentations as a belated birthday present. Glory to God in the highest!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD March 16, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Table with 2 columns: REGULAR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY AM & PM and SUNDAY SCHOOL. Rows include PRESCHOOL, GRADES 1-2, GRADES 3-4, GRADES 5-6, H.S., COL/YAs, ADULT Classes, and TOTAL.

OFFERING

AM&PM: P61,458.00

PRAYER LIST

FOR GOOD HEALTH & RECOVERY BRETHREN: \*GLORIA YANG, \*JOSEFA JOSAYAN, \*PRISCILLA BAYASEN, \*DODOY & SARAH SAMEON, \*DITH ZAMORA, \*TESS KITMA, \*BERNARD IGNACIO, \*JONATHAN ENERVA, \*JOVITA BONDOC, \*ELLA GAROY, \*LORENZA LOSNONG, \*ERNIE ORDUÑA, JR., \*FLORA CAMPOAS, \*CLYDE ABANCE, \*MELBA LICUPA, \*NIDA GABRIEL, \*CHARLIE ABANCE
\*MARIL BAYATING, SR, \*LILY SORIANO, \*EDDIE LAGSAMAN
REQUESTED BY BRETHREN: \*CARMEN VILLANUEVA, \*MARILIZA ANDALLO, \*DIANA TAGUIBA, \*JAN PAJANTOY, \*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
SAFE TRAVEL: \*GREG KITMA & COMPANY (BATANGAS), \*ARNAN & NELLY BAYLA WITH BPFLC DELEGATES (MLA)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — APRIL 1, 2025 | 12—2:30 PM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
EQUIPPING MINISTRY MEETING — TODAY at BPFLC @ 9:30-10:20 AM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY CARE GROUP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 | 12—4:30 PM
NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP—LIVING HOPE CAMP, TAROY, WANGAL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET | APRIL 16-19, 2025 | HOST: HERITAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST | RESERVATION ONGOING | REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 28, 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.

# The Poetry of God

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

The word “poem” is derived from the Greek *poiema*. Used only twice in the New Testament, it refers to two great works of God Himself. Thus, God is the divine poet who has created two great masterpieces—artistic creations of marvelous intricacy and surpassing beauty.

The first is the entire physical universe: “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20). In this key verse, *poiema* is translated “things that are made.” **Everything in the universe, animate and inanimate, constitutes a marvelous product of God’s creative forethought and inventive skill. If a beautiful poem requires a poet to create it, so much the more does the complex cosmic poem of the universe demand a great poet of consummate wisdom and infinite power.** The rejection of the poet and the message of the poem not only leaves one “without excuse” (v. 20) but also facing “the wrath of God” (v. 18).

Yet an even more amazing poem is the work of transforming redemption accomplished in a lost soul saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). For then it is we, ourselves, who become His poem! This also is a great creative masterpiece, for “we are his workmanship [same word, Greek *poiema*], created in Christ Jesus unto good works.” A life once dead in sin, now born again and walking in good works—this is God’s greatest poetic masterpiece of all!

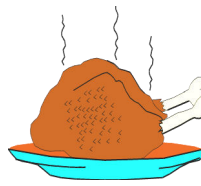
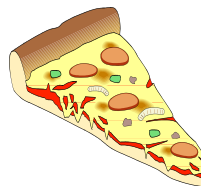
Both the mighty universe and the soul made new in Christ are special creations of God, and both manifest His greatness and His love. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15) of grace. HMM

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

## March Celebrators



- 02 - Marilou Pelle
- 03 - Vicky Batnag
- 03 - Kyla Sue Tacay
- 04 - Jade Eunice Bugnay
- 05 - Carina Mabesa
- 09 - Donnel Gonzales
- 10 - Letty Bayating
- 10 - Rachel Bestre
- 11 - Ma. Vanessa A. Barad
- 12 - Greg Kitma
- 12 - Kajem Kitma
- 12 - Kaelin R. Palaypayon
- 12 - Graciela Badua-Ciencia
- 12 - Euanchyde Aguinaldo
- 13 - Desiree Baddas-Nierves
- 13 - Phroillander Abance
- 14 - Randolph Tugay-an
- 15 - Ira North Po
- 15 - Cristian Paul Austria
- 17 - Alicia E. Lalas
- 17 - Zyneth Lagsaman
- 17 - Paterson Kitma
- 17 - Sheila Balangitan
- 20 - Justin Baban, Jr.
- 21 - Cecilia Alvarez
- 21 - Demi Rose Tacay
- 23 - Joseph Roncal
- 24 - Maryann Valdez
- 24 - Jael C. Amador
- 25 - Amber Phoelen Po
- 26 - Micah Abance
- 26 - Sylvia Baggao
- 27 - Donna-Gee Geron
- 27 - Annika Rimando
- 28 - Karizza Mae Bayla
- 28 - Melissa Licupa
- 30 - Mona Gawe
- 30 - Marlene Samonte
- 31 - Marivic C. Durano



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

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- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ’s New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

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

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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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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