

Servers Today, 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

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 April 6, 2025

Of Being Blind & of Seeing (Luke 18:35-43)

Speaker: EZRA A. VALDEZ
Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
Invocation: GREG KITMA
Intercessory Prayer: JUN REYES
Communion Text: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28
Scripture Reading: JOSH DARIUS MARTIN
Prayer for the Bread: LEEMAR SIMON
Prayer for the Cup: O'NEIL GONZALES
Prayer for the Giving: JULIUS ROJO
Closing Prayer: JOJO RAMOS
Announcement: ANDY BESTRE
Afternoon Speaker: EZRA A. VALDEZ
Song Leader: CHRIS OLIVA
To Bring Flowers: ALICE LALAS
To Bring Biscuits: C/O MIDTOWN
To Bring Drinks: C/O MIDTOWN
Usher/ettes: GONZALES FAMILY
Communion: JANE BESTRE
Worship Coordinator: ART TACAY | JESSE BESTRE



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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.

"Sometimes our situation doesn't change because God is trying to change our hearts."

READ Ezekiel 36:24-31
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33 ladies experience peace through simplicity & solitude

The FIRST QUARTER LADIES STEERING GROUP facilitated the 3RD LADIES' MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP at the MOUNT COSTA GREEN LIVING ROOM with the theme, "EXPERIENCING PEACE THROUGH SIMPLICITY & SOLITUDE" the other past Saturday, March 22. Thirty-three ladies actively participated, namely, sisters Lori Austria, Dinah Austria, Carina Lacaba, Clarita Cachero, Cot Espinosa, Norma Aping, Cel Alvarez, Beth Sevilla, Gloria Yang, Virgie Baldo, Aida Saingan, Josie Yapyapen, Sonia Cariño Abance, Anastacia Palaoag, Jovencia Mabesa, Charmaine Rivera, Norma Andaya, Sati Balbalosa, Minda Oliva, Lily Soriano, Mary Ann Baraña, Ruth Trinidad, Fely Flores, Mabel Sunggay, Janet Ramos, Angela Ramos, Luz Olidan, Melba Licupa, Amber Po, Norma Bilog, Jane Bestre, Riza Bestre, and Arlene Rimando.

In line with the annual goal of becoming busy bees, it was emphasized that growth comes when one is transformed through understanding and practicing the principles that are revealed in the Word of God, the Bible. For God's greater glory!Ω

Young adults care group live in God's time

The MONTHLY YOUNG ADULTS CARE GROUP MEETING was held at Midtown's Assembly Hall afternoon of the other past Saturday, March 22, 2024 with fifteen in attendance, namely, Richard & Pearl Bestre, Jesse & Riza Bestre, Mervin & Kat Oliva, Chris Oliva, Jephthan Tangonan, Jerry Gawe, Dan-gil Geron, Janriel Abance, Angela Ramos, Amber Po, Kate Dereje, and a guest.

Brother Jerry Gawe served as devotional speaker, brother Jesse Bestre facilitated the activities, and brother Mervin Oliva led the singing of spiritual songs and hymns. Discussions revolved around "LIVING IN GOD'S TIME" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-17. All praises and thanks to the Father!Ω

Midtown brethren and TGIF consoles Badua family

The other past Friday, March 21, 2025, a good number of Midtown brethren, mostly members of the TGIF (THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY) CARE GROUP, gathered to console the bereaved family of the late Mr. Filipino 'Phillip' Badua who succumbed to a lingering illness on March 19, 2025. He was the father of sister Graciela Badua-Ciencia.

The deceased was among the subjects of the intercessory prayers at Midtown for a number of years since he got afflicted with COVID-19 while working as a nurse in the United Kingdom (UK).

Brother Jun Reyes facilitated the vigil service, brother Felix Olidan Jr. served as speaker with brothers Dodoy Sameon and Arnan Bayla lifting up the bereaved in prayers. The bereaved family expressed appreciation for the unceasing prayers and undying support from the congregation.Ω

BPFLC pupils bag national quiz championships

Pupils of BAGUIO PINES FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (BPFLC) recently bagged the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS in BIBLE QUIZ and in QUIZ BEE in the NATIONAL ACADEMIC OLYMPICS held at the YMCA OF THE PHILIPPINES in Manila last March 22, 2025. BPFLC also bagged the 2ND RUNNER-UP in ESSAY WRITING. The participants and winners are Joses Joe Licdan (Bible Quiz), Jairus Galanza & Mihr Azryel Santos (Quiz Bee), Jewel Aogas (Essay), and Maia Sophia Sison (Vocal Solo). BPFLC pupils contributed in earning points for the YMCA OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO in emerging as the OVERALL 2ND RUNNER-UP among ten participating YMCAs in the country. For God's greater glory and honor!Ω

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD March 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Table with 2 columns: REGULAR ASSEMBLY AM & PM and SUNDAY SCHOOL. Rows include ADULTS, YPEEZ, CHILDREN, GUESTS, and TOTAL.

OFFERING

AM&PM: P61,759.00

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, \*JEHMELE OFRENEO
SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE: \*LOCAL, NATIONAL, WORLD LEADERS & GOVERNMENT, \*ON-GOING SEEKERS' BS, \*ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP BS, \*OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL
SAFE TRAVEL: \*GIL GERON & COMPANY (BALAOG CHURCH OF CHRIST, LA UNION), \*FELIX & LUZ OLIDAN (BACHELOR CHURCH OF CHRIST, NATIVIDAD, PAN-GASINAN)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- NO TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM — ON APRIL 1, 2025 | RESUMES APRIL 8, 2025
• EQUIPPING MINISTRY MEETING — TODAY at BPFLC @ 9:30-10:20 AM | EVERYBODY WELCOME!
• YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY CARE GROUP— MIDTOWN ASSEMBLY HALL | TODAY, 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.

# IN A MOMENT OF TIME

“And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.” (Luke 4:5)

It is interesting that there are just three “moments” mentioned in the New Testament and that there are three different Greek words so translated, each used one time only in the Bible. Furthermore, each of these three “moments” is used in a context that anticipates the future.

First of all, Satan tempted Jesus by flashing before His eyes a vision of the whole world, offering it to Him immediately without His having to endure the cross if He would rule it for the devil. Here the Greek word for “moment” is *stigma*, meaning a “point,” like a period after a sentence. In an infinite “timeline,” it would be just a dot on the line, a “point” in time. Satan’s apparent dominion over this world is only a moment compared to eternity, and Jesus knew this was a poor bargain.

One day, in fact, He will return to reclaim the world from Satan. At that great day, “we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye” (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). In this passage, the unique word is *atomos*, meaning an indivisible particle. That is, in an “atom of time,” too instantaneous to measure, we shall be changed to be like Him in “his glorious body” (Philippians 3:21).

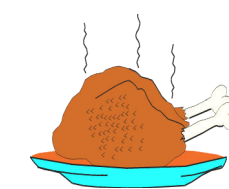
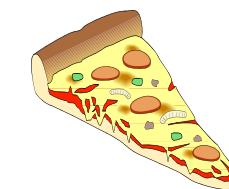
Right now, however, our bodies are weak and easily beset with pain and sickness. Nevertheless, we are assured that “our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Corinthians 4:17). The word here is *parautika*, referring specifically to the present moment. What we must endure “here and now” is so brief compared to the eternity “then and there” that it is not even “worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18). 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. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
    - B. The Fall of Man
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    - C. Jesus the Savior
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    - D. The Steps of Salvation
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To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :  
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| SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY                                 |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Singing & Prayers<br>LORD’S SUPPER<br>and OFFERING<br>9:00–9:30 | Prayers<br>&<br>BIBLE STUDY<br>9:35–10:25 | Singing, Prayers<br>&<br>MESSAGE<br>10:30–11:10   | Greetings<br>&<br>ANNOUNCEMENTS<br>11:10–11:20 |
| MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS   |   | SUNDAY PM ASSEMBLY  |  |
| 6:00-8:00 PM  |   | • Singing & Prayers & MESSAGE: 6:30–6:15<br>• LORD’S SUPPER & GIVING: 6:15–6:30<br>• Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 6:30–6:40 |  |

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