



Calvary Bible Fellowship

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FORGIVE AND FORGET

Forgiveness is a BIG deal. We all have a problem - we are sinners [Romans 3:23] and sin puts us in a debt that we can never pay back on our own [Romans 6:23]. No amount of good works can ever undo the bad things we have done. The GOOD news is Jesus provided a solution for our sin through the CROSS [Isaiah 1:18]. But Jesus did not just PAY for our sin through His sacrifice - He completely removed ALL of our sin!

Hebrews 8:12 tells us that God will REMEMBER our sins no more. The way the word REMEMBER is formed in the Greek - it literally means God will NEVER - EVER - remember ANY sin we have committed EVER again! Psalm 103:12 - "He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west." (If you travel east you will never go west - they NEVER meet).

The way God forgives us is our pattern for how we must forgive others. It is easy to say the words - "I forgive you" - but more often than not we do NOT forget. We can always tell if we have really forgiven someone by how we react when we hear their name - see their face. If we cringe as a wave of emotion wells up within us - REMEMBERING what they did to us - then we have not forgotten or truly forgiven.

The question is how can we FORGET? The answer is by going to the one who has forgotten all our sin. As we run daily to Jesus - He can HEAL our hearts by giving us His Grace to empower us to forgive and FORGET! [Luke 17:4-6]



*I will forgive their wickedness,
and I will never again remember their sins - Hebrews 8:12*

Sunday Service
Online @ 9am
Church @ 10am



ANNIVERSARY

Jen and I just wanted to personally say thank you to everyone who blessed us this past month by wishing us a happy Birthday (for Jen) and Anniversary. The Lord has truly blessed over these past thirteen years. Both with opportunities to serve Him in ministry (we love our church) - and practically by blessing us with an amazing family! Every time we look at Hallel (our little miracle - we were told we would never have any kids) we are reminded how the Lord truly does do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think [Ephesians 3:20]!



CALVARY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Upper Room

They went up into the upper room where they... all met together and were constantly united in prayer. - Acts 1:13-14

Inductive Bible Study @ Silay - For over a year now we have been teaching through the Old Testament at Network Christian Fellowship in Silay. It has been a blessing to work our way through the books of Genesis and Exodus!

It all began last year with a plan to raise up young teachers and equip them in how to better study and teach the word. First we wanted to give them an example - a pattern of how to teach. Then we wanted to give them tools - training on what is required to study the Bible. Starting next week we will begin a month long course on How to Study the Bible. Finally they need opportunity to be able to step out and practice what they have seen and learned. The hope is - having invested the past year in preparing them - some of these young men will step up and begin teaching the midweek Bible studies!

Upper Room @ Keto Mom - We plan on starting up a new midweek Bible study every Wednesday at 6pm in Bacolod (starting in November). The desire is to provide a central location where people can come and hear the Word as we work our way through the Old Testament. The Lord opened up the door to use Keto Mom to host the Bible Study. We are working this month to remodel the upstairs to use as a function room. We will have TWO church work days - October 2 and 16. If you have some time come out and join in as we paint - patch - and fix up a place where we can come and grow in Jesus!



Women's Bible Study -

The ladies are continuing their weekly study in the book of Revelation every Tuesday night at 5pm. Revelation is the only book of the Bible that promises a blessing to those who read it [Revelation 1:3]. Come out and be blessed by seeing - no matter how crazy life might be - Jesus wins in the end!



Fellowship opportunities -

We are encouraged in the word to not neglect the gathering of the saints [Hebrews 10:25]. It has been a blessing to have potlucks - beach days - and various other fellowship opportunities over the past month. One of the greatest blessings of being a Christian is the family of God that we get to be a part of. Praying for you all as we continue to walk with Jesus - live for him - and love those around us till the day we get to home and be with our Lord!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 9am - Book of Hebrews Online
- Sunday 10am - Book of Hebrews at Elisha Center
- Tuesday 5pm - Greek Language at Elisha Center
- Tuesday 5pm - Women's study in Revelation
- Wednesday 6pm - Inductive Bible Study at Network in Silay
- Friday 6pm - Prayer Meeting (every other week)

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

The church now has a YouTube channel. You can search for it under "Bible Fellowship Bacolod". Both the Old and New Testament weekly teachings are posted there along with an archive of previous content.



CHURCH INFORMATION

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