



Calvary Bible Fellowship

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FIFTEEN YEARS

Romans 15:20 - "I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named..."

That was the verse the Lord put on my heart many years ago when He first stirred me to step out and become a missionary. I thought the destination would be the remote Kamchatka peninsula in far eastern Siberia, but the Lord had other plans. Instead he took us to the remote mountains of Negros Occidental in southeast Asia. I still kid around that if you want to know where the Lord has called you to go, do not ask me, I apparently have no idea!



When we held that first Sunday service in a grass covered bamboo chicken coop, we would never have imagined what it would become some fifteen years later. It is genuinely amazing to see how church in Himamaylan has blossomed. From its humble poultry beginnings, the church has expanded into multiple buildings, missionary housing, and a basketball court. More importantly the people have grown, as the Word has faithfully been taught from Genesis to Revelation!

- Pastor David



HAPPIEST TIME OF YEAR

The month of December always brings a smile to my face. There is just something magical about all the lights, decor, and festivities that accompany this time of year. But in the midst of all the celebration we pray that we never forget what is at the heart of the holidays.

In a lowly manger, overlooked by most of the world, a little child was born. That baby was destined to be the hope of all mankind. He was Immanuel, God who came down, so that He could die to take away all of our sins!





Church Thanksgiving - It was a blessing to gather together and celebrate Thanksgiving as a church. After a short video with clips of many from the congregation sharing what they are most thankful for, we had a time for an open mic where anyone else could share how God had blessed them.

We have so much to give thanks for. For an amazing church family that loves Jesus that we get to serve with. For faithful friends who celebrate with us in the good times - and encourage us in the hard ones. But most of all we are thankful for our God who Loves us and died to give us the hope of heaven together!



Swap don't Shop - This time of year can be stressful as we think about getting gifts for family and friends. But rather than shop why not just clean out the unused goodies from the house - and swap it for something new [to you]! Donations can be giving anytime between now and Wednesday.

Next Friday we will have the opportunity to use our swap cash to "purchase" items other people have given. All leftover donation will be given out as an outreach to the needy in our community.



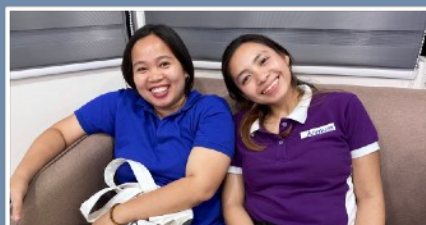
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Christmas Dessert and Caroling
December 15 @6pm - Nothing says Christmas quite like an overabundance of sugary treats

and a chance to sing all of our favorite holiday songs. Bring your favorite dessert and come out for a night of carols and fellowship as we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year!

Worship Night
December 20 @6pm

- We will have a special night of worship along with a message from Arvin Claveraz.



Christmas Eve December 24 @8am - The church will be sponsoring a Christmas Breakfast in celebration of the Birth of Jesus. Come out and enjoy a time of food and fellowship as we remember the greatest Gift of all. We will have a special Christmas message after breakfast at 10am.

Prophecy Update December 31 @10am - We are living in interesting times. With wars and rumors of wars all around us we are left to wonder what it all means. What does the Bible have to say about the times we are living in? Do recent events speak to the imminent return of Jesus? Come out as we get into the Word and look at our world through the lens of the Scriptures!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am & 10am - Book of Matthew @New Building
- Tuesday 6pm - Book of Psalms @Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6pm - Book of Psalms @New Building
- First Wednesday 6pm - Worship Night
- Second Thursday 6pm - Book of Daniel @Network Silay
- Friday Study 6pm - Men's - Women's - Youth Bible Study



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