



Calvary Bible Fellowship

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EXTRAORDINARY MESSAGE

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a Son." [Isaiah 7:14]. We know the verse but we may not know the context. Over seven hundred years before Jesus was born, during the period of the divided kingdom, the kings of Israel and Syria joined forces to attack Judah. God sent the prophet Isaiah to King Ahaz of Judah telling him he did not need to be afraid, and the LORD would give him this sign to prove it. A virgin would give birth, nothing supernatural, just a regular birth, but by the time her child got old enough to eat solid food both the kingdoms of Israel and Syria would be defeated. What I love is that God used something familiar as a sign. Something as simple as a young woman having a baby showed that God was with Israel [Immanuel] and would give them victory, because God uses ordinary things in extraordinary ways. Matthew would go on to take this simple prophecy that was fulfilled in the days of Ahaz, and apply it to the birth of Jesus, who is Immanuel, God with us!

Something to remember as we come into the New Year. We get to tell our family and friends that God is with us. The way we do that does not have to be profound. It can be through a gift we give to someone who maybe does not deserve it, or a kind word rather than a sharp response. When we do we carry on the legacy of God using simple means to pass on His extraordinary message!



Christmas Kids Choir



Christmas Adult Choir

TIMES AND SEASONS

"Know this, that in the last days perilous times will come." [2 Timothy 3:1]

We must know what is going to happen in the Last days. Satan would love nothing more than to trick us, deceive us, and keep us in the dark. He does not want us to know where we are prophetically, or what will happen next. If we are not grounded in the Word of God we are vulnerable. It is only as we get into the Word that we will know the times and seasons!

If you missed the prophecy update we did last Sunday as we looked at the Last Days and Day of the Lord in light of current events, you can listen to it on the church's YouTube channel @Calvary Bible Fellowship Bacolod.



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"The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

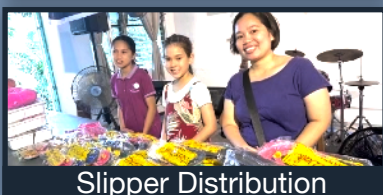
- Isaiah 7:14

Network Christian Fellowship - Silay City

Christmas Shoe Boxes - One of the greatest joys in life is seeing the smile on a young child's face when they realize Jesus loves them. We were blessed to go to Network Christian Fellowship in Silay to distribute slippers, spaghetti packs, hygiene kits, and the shoe box gifts that the church put together. The best part was sharing the Good News of Jesus with the kids!



Christmas Shoeboxes

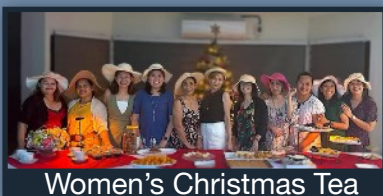


Slipper Distribution

Volcano relief - As you all know Kanlaon volcano has been active for several months. The large eruption earlier this month ended up displacing many families who live in the exclusion zone. Bulig sa Bukid was able to come along side one of the effected communities to help provide relief supplies.



Kanlaon Outreach



Women's Christmas Tea

Women's Christmas Tea - The ladies had a great Christmas tea party earlier this month. They decorated the church, dressed up with fancy hats, brought out their finest tea cups, and came out to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Make sure you do not miss the Women's Friday Bible study that will be starting up again in January!



Sunday: Book of Matthew

- We pick up our weekly study through the New Testament in Matthew 25 on Sunday. As we will finish up Jesus teaching on End Times we come to the Sheep and Goat Judgement that will decide who gets to enter the Millennial Kingdom!



Wednesday: Midweek Study

- @6pm in the main Sanctuary. Come out as we continue our study in book of Ecclesiastes. Written by Solomon, who tried everything in life to see what would make him happy. His conclusion? Everything else but God was a waste of time!



Friday Bible Study

- Friday nights are not just another Bible study. It is a time when we can come together for fellowship. A time when the Men - Women - and Youth can break up into groups and share their challenges and victories. The Men are working their way through the Book of Acts, the Women are starting up a study in the book of Judges, and the Youth will have a devotional followed by some fun games. Make sure to come out and be encouraged.

Church Anniversary - Sunday, January 12 [After church] - We will be celebrating our fourth year anniversary. We will have a lechon. Bring a dish to share as we have lunch together after the service!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am - Book of Matthew @CBF
- Second Tuesday 6pm - Pastoral Epistles @Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6pm - Book of Ecclesiastes @CBF
- First Wednesday 6pm - Worship & Devotion Night
- Second Thursday 6pm - Revelation @Network Silay
- Friday Study 6pm - Men's - Women's - Youth Study

