



Calvary Bible Fellowship

MARCH 2025 - CHURCH NEWSLETTER

GREATEST LOVE STORY

We had our third annual Valentines dinner at the church last month. As always it was an amazing night of food, fellowship, and fun games as we celebrated the marriages the Lord has blessed us with. We all had a good laugh as different couples had the opportunity to share about their love [reading badly written poems]! But that did bring up the question as to who has the best love story? The answer of course is Jesus!

If we want to understand love, if we want to find a good model of a relationship that lasts, we should not be looking to the world. They only want to sell us something [see the story of Valentine below]. The best place to go to find the example we need is in the Word of God. That is where we can see the true meaning of marriage. We need to go back to the greatest love story ever told! Ephesians 5:32 - "This is a great mystery... I speak concerning Christ and the church." If you missed the event make sure to catch the teaching on the church YouTube page!

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STORY OF VALENTINE

When we hear the word valentine we think of flowers and candy. It has become a day when we take our spouse out to a nice dinner, but that is not how it started. Valentine was a leader in the early church who was executed for his faith in Jesus by Emperor Claudius II [269]. That faith was celebrated by the early church for centuries on his birthday [February 14]. The connection to love did not come until a thousand years later [1382] when the poet Chaucer wrote about the engagement of the King and Queen of England that took place on Valentines day. By the time of Shakespeare [1601], Valentines had become associated with love [Hamlet]. Only in the past 150 years has the day been commercialized to sell flowers and candy, so that now on average, over 250 million flowers are sold on just one day!

How did a man who gave his life for Jesus become a way to sell flowers and candy? The answer is because the world wants us to settle for a shallow understanding of love. Love is not a nice dinner. It is not a bouquet of flowers. It is not sweet candy. Love is defined as something far deeper, love is Jesus Christ! 1 John 4:8 - "For God is Love."



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הנה מה טוב ומה נעים שבת אחים
- Psalm 133:1 - גם יחד

Men's Fellowship

Sunday: Book of Acts - We will be finishing up our study through the Gospel of Matthew over the next two weeks. Rather than going straight through all four gospels, we will jump ahead to the book of Acts. The desire is to show the progression of the story as we pick up with the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

As we will see, although the book is often referred to as the Acts of the Apostles, it would be more accurate to call it the Acts of the Holy Spirit. Once the day of Pentecost comes, and the Spirit is poured out, that is what causes the church to explode across the world!

Wednesday: Song of Solomon - @6pm in the main Sanctuary. We will finish up the book of Ecclesiastes next week. As we continue our study through the Old Testament we will move on to the last of the poetic books, the Song of Solomon. It will be an amazing study as we look at the love story of Solomon and the Shulamite woman, and parallel it to Jesus and the church!

Children's Ministry - If you have not had the chance recently, come up and check out the new Children's ministry and youth classrooms on the third floor. We are continuing to update them and they are looking fantastic. Also, if the Lord is stirring your heart, there are many opportunities to plug in bless these amazing kids!



Youth Ministry



Children's Ministry



Women's Ministry

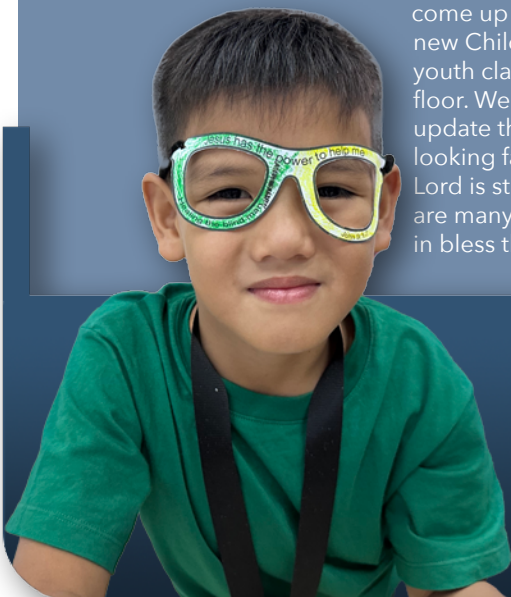


Friday Bible Study - Friday nights are not just another Bible study. It is a time when we can come together for fellowship. The Men, Women, and Youth can break up into groups and share their challenges and victories. The Men are working their way through the Book of Acts, the Women are going through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

Japan Missions Team - March 26-31 a team of 22 people from Calvary Chapel in Iwakuni, Japan

will come to do outreaches both here and in Himamaylan. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of all the events!

- **Wednesday**, March 26: we will be distributing around 1000 Christmas shoe boxes to schools in Himamaylan.
- **Thursday**, March 27: we will be doing Vacation Bible School outreaches for around 1000 kids at schools in Himamaylan.
- **Friday-Saturday** March 28-29: we will be putting on a Sport Camp at Simbahan sa Bukid in Himamaylan. On Saturday the camp will take place at Mag-Aso falls in Kabankalan.
- **Sunday**, March 30, we will have an afternoon church service followed by a potbless dinner for us to get to know the team!
- **Monday**, March 31, we will be doing a Vacation Bible School outreach for around 300 kids at Trinity school in Bacolod. We will finish up the day with a family outing at Splash Park!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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