

The logo for CABC Connect features a blue stylized crown with a white cross on top. To the right of the crown, the letters "CABC" are written in a large, bold, orange-to-yellow gradient font. Below "CABC", the word "Connect" is written in a large, bold, black serif font.

CABC Connect

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICES**

1st Service:	9:00 am
2nd Service:	11:00 am
Children's Church:	11:15 am
Evening Fellowship:	5:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY
PRAYER HOURS**

Morning Prayer:	9:30 am
Evening Prayer:	7:00 pm

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"Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be."

— JOHN ORTBERG





Wait on the Lord

By Pastor Jim Wright

What does it mean to wait on the Lord? When we hear the word, “wait” we have a strong association in English to the idea of passive inactivity. For example, someone might wait for the bus, or wait for a phone call, or wait for a friend to come over for a visit. The idea is usually one of doing nothing, or biding one’s time until something happens.

While the biblical idea of waiting may at times involve this kind of passive inactivity, that is not the main idea that we need to grasp. The significance of waiting on the Lord often has an active and proactive “doing” aspect to it. Waiting involves the idea of trusting in the Lord, and looking for the Lord to do something, and hoping in the promises and the character of the Lord, and expecting the Lord to do certain things because of who He is and what He has promised. But it also involves our response as a result of our trust in Him. It involves our actions and attitudes based on our faith and expectations of who God is.

For example, in the following verses, we can see that waiting on the Lord is more of a proactive lifestyle than passive inactivity.

- In **Psalm 25:5** waiting on the Lord involves following and living in the truth of God’s Word (*Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day – Ps. 25:5*).
- In **Psalm 25:21** waiting on the Lord involves living in integrity and uprightness (*Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. – Ps. 25:21*).
- In **Psalm 27:14** waiting on the Lord involves an attitude of courage that will impact and influence the way we live and the decisions that we make on a daily basis (*Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! – Ps. 27:14*).
- In **Psalm 37:7** waiting on the Lord involves not fretting about adverse circumstances, and not taking matters into our own hands, but doing what is right and just, even when others do wrong (*Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass – Ps. 37:7*).

- In **Psalm 37:34** waiting on the Lord involves keeping His way, and doing what is right, not simply doing

nothing (*Wait on the LORD, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it – Ps. 37:34*).

- In **Psalm 52:9** waiting on the Lord involves a choice to praise and worship the Lord because of who He is. It is a choice of lifestyle, and a choice of being present with the people of God (*I will praise You forever, because You have done it; and in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good – Ps. 52:9*).
- In **Isaiah 40:31** waiting on the Lord even involves an intense expenditure of energy in activity and service for the Lord. Because we are waiting on the Lord, we are able to accomplish many things that otherwise would be impossible. (*But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint – Isa. 40:31*).

So, in practical terms, just what does it mean to wait on the Lord? To wait on the Lord means to trust in His character and promises to such an extent that it impacts, and profoundly influences, our decisions, choices, attitudes, actions and lifestyle. Because we trust in the Lord, we are willing to do things His way instead of our own way. Because we trust in Him, we are willing to forgive instead of taking the matter of revenge into our own hands. Because we trust in Him, we are willing to live pure lives instead of being promiscuous. Because we are waiting on the Lord, we make a habit of gathering to worship Him every Sunday instead of sleeping in on Sunday mornings. Because we are waiting on Him we can face difficult circumstances with an attitude of courage, thanksgiving, and even joy, instead of fear or anger or bitterness.

All of these are examples of how waiting on the Lord is much more than just passive inactivity. Waiting on the Lord is the position of faith and trusting in Him to such an extent that it profoundly impacts and influence everything about who we are, and how we live.

Taking the Initiative: “Soldiers of Christ Arise!”

(PROVERBS 6:6-11)

By Willie Damian

We, soldiers of Christ need to take steps to seek after God with our whole heart, and give out our ALL for His glory and honour. God has given us different gifts and talents to put into use to the best of all opportunities—to witness, and to assume responsibilities for the physical and spiritual encouragement of those around us.

Someone said there are three types of people in this world: the *Self-absorb*, the *Watchers*, and the *Doers*.

The *Self-absorb* people are basically those who neither think of other people but themselves nor care about what is happening around them. Their viewpoints get narrow that they fail to infer and understand other people's perspective, are self-caring and most often put their own happiness first.

The *Watchers* are those people who find contentment watching and listening to what is happening around them. They find pleasure and joy seeing other people do the things for them; seeing them have fun and go about their daily activities. They find comfort sitting somewhere unnoticed, not interfering with anyone, while they make themselves appear occupied and busy.

The *Doers* are those people who make things happen and not wait for opportunities to come. They take the initiative to do things actively, assertively, enthusiastically and even prayerfully, if they are believers of Jesus Christ. As followers and soldiers of Christ, we ought to belong to the Doer type of people who not only take the initiative and eagerly do it, but with the commitment to do it with prayerful hearts.

“Do the work without any excuses—just go and let God do!”

Proverbs 6: “⁹How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? ¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep, ¹¹So shall your poverty come like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.” These verses tell us that lazy persons do nothing, but sit passively, watching and waiting for something to happen. They justify their laziness into believing that somehow, someday, it will come to pass—life will improve. They can always find reasons to get away from any task and responsibility, even to a point of convincing themselves of their inaptness and inabilities. This is akin to what James said that faith without works is dead!

Proverbs 6: “⁶Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, ⁷Which having no captain, Overseer or ruler, ⁸Provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.” These verses also tell us to think and plan ahead, be motivated and work hard to finish the task before the time is out. Do the work without any excuses—just go and let God do!

As soldiers of Christ we should remain working for the glory and honour of His kingdom, consistently applying the good and wise given qualities in our lives. We have to work with diligence and labor, against indolence and slumber which is like mental drifting and inactivity—spiritual laziness, self-indulgence, and self-pleasing, in particular manner, is carelessness in the eyes of God.

As soldiers of Christ we need to AWAKE, ARISE and ACT to do the best of our God given gifts and talents and carry out our tasks and responsibilities for the glory of God, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST ARISE!

CHILDREN'S MISSION CONFERENCE **OCTOBER 6**

26 Children attended the conference held at CABC's multi-purpose room. Hosting was done by Lito Paras of Extra Mile Ministries, known for his ministry of balloon making. He introduced the Martin couple, who have 11 children of their own, and have served as missionaries for more than 30 years. After songs of praise and worship, the children were told about their lives in mission and about lives of missionaries such as Hudson Taylor, Adoniram Johnson, and Gladys Aylward. The children in turn asked many questions about their life and work. As a craft, the children made a money-box hut to save in, for the purpose of giving to missionaries.



APPRECIATION DAY **OCTOBER 14**

Aside from giving recognition to CABC's workers, the Young @Heart spearheaded a program to appreciate Pastor Elbern Latorilla for his 23 years of faithful service. Surprised by the turn of events, Pastor Elbern cannot help but shed tears of joy, as expressions of thanksgiving through songs, testimonies, video clips, a big scrap book (with notes and pictures from almost all members), and a bountiful fellowship dinner, were given to honour him.

CABC SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING **OCTOBER 21**

A well attended meeting after a joint worship service flowed smoothly by God's grace. We have 7 newly elected church leaders: 4 Deacons and 3 Board of trustees members, who will serve for the term 2013-2015 (SEE PAGE 8 for complete list of 2013 CABC officers). We also welcome our incoming Music Director, John Isip.

OCTOBER

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY **OCTOBER 7**

Amidst decorations of fruits and vegetables to signify a bountiful harvest, Thanksgiving Sunday was celebrated as 2 bible study groups: R.I.C.H. and Saved by Grace, joined forces to make the worship services memorable. Pastor Elbern preached about the "Blessedness of Thankfulness"; the Quiambao and Borja families shared their testimonies; and Joshua Ferranco and Lex Balmeo rendered their piece about what they are most thankful for.

ACQUIRE THE FIRE **OCTOBER 19-20**

CABC's young people attended the annual Acquire the Fire (ATF) conference, which was held at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga. There were 65 attendees this year from the combined groups of JCrew, SAY, and CNU. This year's theme is called "Relentless Pursuit: Captured by the Fierce Love of God."

HALLELUJAH FUN NIGHT **OCTOBER 31**

The annual evening of fun for children ages 5-12 years old was held at the CABC multi-purpose hall. The Social Concern Committee hosted a night of food, fun and games for about 20 kids. Some wore their favorite costumes but all came to enjoy the night and each went home with a bag of treats.



BAPTISM AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP **OCTOBER 7**

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CHOIR CAROLLING**DECEMBER 2 & 8**

Several adult choir members and a couple of Deacons visited about 13 CABC members and their families just to serenade them with Christmas carols, pray for them and encourage them as they go through times of either loss, illness or some personal challenge. Hopping from one home to another for these two afternoons was physically tiring but definitely spiritually empowering as each choir member who joined the group have been ministered themselves by those they intended to minister to. It was a mutual blessing that surely has glorified the Lord.

CABC YOUNG ADULTS CHOIR MINISTERS AT SENIOR HOME**DECEMBER 8**

The young adults' choir joyfully sang majority of the songs from the Christmas shoes musicale for the seniors at the Shepherd Village senior home at Sheppard Avenue East, that Saturday morning. Somehow, the Word was preached as Jazmyn Ballaret and Terry Delos Reyes shared their testimonies. Aside from simple entertainment, the choir brought God's love through the message of the songs in beautiful harmony. The seniors showed obvious delight and overflowing gratitude as they cheered after each song.

**THE CHRISTMAS SHOES MUSICAL****DECEMBER 9, 15 & 16**

CABC's newly formed young Adults choir with the ACTS church drama team took delight in presenting the drama musicale "The Christmas Shoes" for three presentation nights.

SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**DECEMBER 25**

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

STEWARDSHIP MONTH**PRAYER RALLY FOR CHRISTMAS MUSICALE****DECEMBER 5**

About 85 members attended the 7 PM prayer rally at CABC. Prayers were focused on the upcoming 3 night Christmas Musicales presentation. Testimonies from Ace Abellanosa, Cedric Reyes and Jonas Ferranco were great encouragements and evidence of how the Lord has been using the music ministry in the spiritual growth of those involved. Prayers were also lifted specifically for each person listed by members whom they intended to invite in either of the presentations.

URBANA 12**DECEMBER 27-31**

Seven of CABC's young people attended the Urbana 12 Intersity's Student Missions Conference at St. Louis, Missouri. They travelled by bus taking the 8-hour long trip to St. Louis anticipating a great spiritual experience and came home truly joyful on how they have better visions of God's purpose for their lives. We look forward to hearing their testimonies and be blessed in return.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE**DECEMBER 31**

The C&U (College and University) and SAY (Set Apart Youth) joined together to facilitate CABC's last service for the year 2012. After a time of singing songs of praise and worship to the Lord, volunteers shared testimonies of how the Lord has blessed them or what He has impressed upon them in the year 2012. It was well attended as the sanctuary was almost full, a great way to welcome another year ahead.

The Christmas Shoes

LEARNING FROM A LITTLE BOY'S LOVE LANGUAGE

By Gina Montemayor

Packed for all three evening presentations, CABC's sanctuary was filled with viewers majority of which were guests who have either come for the first time or who look forward to visiting our church during our yearly presentations. This year's musicale "The Christmas shoes" was participated by about 38 of our young adults, several of which are couples, and a few from our youth forming the Young Adults Choir. Under the able direction of the talented and energetic choir conductor John Isip, these young men and women moved and swayed to every beat as they sang with much gusto bringing to life the message of each song which the otherwise older Adult choir would be challenged if not incapable of doing. "It was total delight and joy watching them" was a feedback from a member of the older Adult choir. "If we were to do those numbers, we'd all probably be unable to get up from bending our knees and ruin the whole thing", another laughingly added.

Likewise, the message of the story unfolded artistically as was dramatized by CABC's drama team, under the direction of Rizza Damian-Facun. Worth mentioning are exceptional roles for specific reasons. First time actor Dennis Guevarra accepted the lead role that was difficult to cast, however, his willingness to serve through this

ministry has affirmed him that anything done for the glory of God will succeed. Another first timer was Rene Diwa who had very few lines but played her role (as a mother about to lose her only daughter to cancer) with so much character sending most of the audience wiping their tears. Most special mention is Jaeden Damian-Facun, the 6 year old who played the role designed for a 9-10 year old cast. The long lines said on cue, exactly as scripted and acted accordingly, shaped the whole drama about how his role as Nathan expressed his love to his dying mother by giving her a pair of shoes he attempted to buy with the only few coins he possessed. The tear-jerking moment of the mother-son scene enhanced the message about what really matters in life here on earth and the hope of what to look forward to in heaven.

But of course, it was by God's grace that the whole production came about. Careful planning pre-empted by prayer was done from the choosing of the music piece to the details of who would be best assigned for each task. With over 65 others behind the scenes volunteering their time and talent throughout the preparation of the musicale, over-all production head and choir president Cynthia Pascual has only praises for the Lord "knowing that one's labor is not in vain in the Lord".





YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A new group of young men eager to study the Word of God has formed a group adding to CABC's 16 Bible study groups that regularly meet. The group started meeting last September 23, 2012 at the CABC board room, and continue to do so every Saturday between 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Three main Bible verses serve as motivations for these young men to start a bible study group:

- Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."
- Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor."
- Proverbs 10:9 "He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out."

Group facilitator Marc Labayen adds, "As young men in the church, we sought for our lives things that we knew only the Bible would have. We decided to seek God together as young brothers, knowing that if that's what we focus on doing for the rest of our studies, we will become more knowledgeable of what it truly means to be men, the way God intended men to be."

The group is currently using as study guide, Patrick Morley's "The Young Man in the Mirror."

At present there are about 12-18 young men in this group.

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If you are a young man age 14 and above and are interested to join the group please contact  
Marc Labayen at 647-713-0810

# Wait

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*poem by Russell Kelfer - contributed by L.A. Lambino*

Desperately, helplessly, longingly, I cried;  
Quietly, patiently, lovingly, God replied.  
I pled and I wept for a clue to my fate . . .  
And the Master so gently said, "Wait."

"Wait? you say wait?" my indignant reply.  
"Lord, I need answers, I need to know why!  
Is your hand shortened? Or have you not heard?  
By faith I have asked, and I'm claiming your Word.

"My future and all to which I relate  
Hangs in the balance, and you tell me to wait?  
I'm needing a 'yes,' a go-ahead sign,  
Or even a 'no' to which I can resign.

"You promised, dear Lord, that if we believe,  
We need but to ask, and we shall receive.  
And Lord I've been asking, and this is my cry:  
I'm weary of asking! I need a reply."

Then quietly, softly, I learned of my fate,  
As my Master replied again, Wait."  
So I slumped in my chair, defeated and taut,  
And grumbled to God, "So, I'm waiting for what?"

He seemed then to kneel, and His eyes met with mine . . .  
and He tenderly said, "I could give you a sign.  
I could shake the heavens and darken the sun.  
I could raise the dead and cause mountains to run.

"I could give all you seek and pleased you would be.  
You'd have what you want, but you wouldn't know Me.  
You'd not know the depth of my love for each saint.  
You'd not know the power that I give to the faint.

"You'd not learn to see through clouds of despair;  
You'd not learn to trust just by knowing I'm there.  
You'd not know the joy of resting in Me  
When darkness and silence are all you can see.

"You'd never experience the fullness of love  
When the peace of My spirit descends like a dove.  
You would know that I give, and I save, for a start,  
But you'd not know the depth of the beat of My heart.

"The glow of my comfort late into the night,  
The faith that I give when you walk without sight.  
The depth that's beyond getting just what you ask  
From an infinite God who makes what you have last.

"You'd never know, should your pain quickly flee,  
What it means that My grace is sufficient for thee.  
Yes, your dearest dreams overnight would come true,  
But, oh, the loss, if you missed what I'm doing in you.

"So, be silent, my child, and in time you will see  
That the greatest of gifts is to truly know me.  
And though oft My answers seem terribly late,  
My most precious answer of all is still . . . Wait."

# Young @ Heart: 2013 Calendar

## JANUARY

Sunday, 13

15TH ANIVERSARY  
Guests: Young People

Willie Damian  
Youth Activities

## FEBRUARY

Sunday, 10

KINDNESS, Fruit of the Spirit

Lorna Latorilla

## MARCH

Saturday, 10

GOODNESS, Fruit of the Spirit

Carmen V-Burnett

Saturday, 23

PRAYER RALLY-CHURCH  
Breakfast 8:00 - 10:30 am

Sheila Herbert  
*Overall Leader*

## APRIL

Sunday, 14

FAITHFULNESS, Fruit of the Spirit

Cathy Careng

## MAY

Sunday, 12

IS MARRIAGE FOR GOOD?

Sheila Herbert

## JUNE

Sunday, 15

JOINT SENIOR FELLOWSHIP  
with other senior groups

Sheila Herbert  
*Overall Leader*

## JULY

Sunday, 14

DISCIPLESHP

Quirino Calura

## AUGUST

Saturday,  
*date - TBA*

FIELD TRIP

Rita D'Agostino  
*Overall Leader*

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 08

JUDGE RIGHTLY

Lydia Arcenas

## OCTOBER

Sunday, 13

WORSHIP SERVICES - AM  
APPRECIATION DAY - PM

Willie Damian  
*Overall Leader*

## NOVEMBER

Sunday, 10

HOPE IN HIM  
Election: 2014-15 Officers

Delores O'Connor

## DECEMBER

Friday, 06

CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Speaker: TBA

Cathy Careng  
*Overall Leader*



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## Welcome to the CABC Family!

We extend our right hand of fellowship to CABC's new members.

### By water Baptism:

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|--------------------|------------------------|
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| 2. Ligaya Borja    | 8. Earl Jon Fegarido   |
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## Year 2013 Church Officers

As we face a new year, here is a reminder for us to pray for our Pastors  
and all our church officers.

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- Bong Montemayor - chairman
- Allan Abellanosa
- Alex Isip
- Ismael Gatus
- Louie Pascual
- Temy Diwa

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
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