



CABC Connect

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

1st Service:	9:00 am
2nd Service:	11:00 am
3rd Service:	5:00pm
Sunday School:	9:00 am 11:00am

WEDNESDAY PRAYER HOURS

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

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"A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. And it helps fortify the believer's trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest times. No matter how choppy the seas become, a believer's heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord."

— JOHN MACARTHUR —



“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”

— Hebrews 12:28-29 —

*“Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!”*

— Jeremiah 33:11 —

*"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."*

— Psalm 1:9 —

*“Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

— 1 Thessalonians 5:18 —

“Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.”

— Ephesians 5:4 —

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

— Philippians 4:6 —

*“Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”*

— Colossians 2:7 —

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

— Revelation 7:12 —



Grounded in Thanksgiving

by Pastor Alexander Lee

“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.”

— PHILIPPIANS 2:14-15 (NIV) —

Some commentators say that there were some inner disputes within the believers in the city of Philippi and that was one of the issues that Paul was addressing. He was encouraging them to be united in Christ and to work together.

To be grounded in thanksgiving means to be thankful in every situation, good or bad. It is so easy to find things to grumble and complain about. If we are not careful we can turn into believers that are constantly grumbling against everything and everyone.

Paul was encouraging the believers here not to grumble against each other. The Israelites grumbled against Moses but in reality they were actually grumbling against God. They thought their complaints were against a man but it was actually against their God. When we grumble and complain against each other we are actually complaining against our Heavenly Father. It seemed like it was impossible to please God's people who escaped Egypt. God freed them from bondage but they wanted to go back to Egypt because the food was better there. They seemed to forget that God heard their misery and rescued them. We can be

like that also when we are so hard to please. Especially in this society it is easy to become spoiled materially and take things for granted.

To be rooted and grounded in thanksgiving means to daily remember that God sent His son Jesus to die for our sins. In the light of that, it is hard to complain about life. We may not get everything we want but we can echo the words of Job, “Blessed be the name of the Lord.” As we remember every day that we have salvation in Jesus name, we will be thankful in every situation and we can say as Paul said, “I am content in every situation, well fed or hungry.”

It is our responsibility to have an attitude of thanksgiving. The world is watching us as a witness for Christ. If we are constantly arguing and grumbling against each other and not forgiving one another, the world will see this and scoff. Like a soldier has responsibilities in an army, one of our responsibilities as a light bearer of Christ is to love one another, even our enemies. It is easy to complain against our enemy but it is another thing to love and bless our enemies. We can only do this by God's grace and through His Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

— 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NKJV) —



The Women's Ministry, DOTK (Daughters Of The King)

by Gina Montemayor

The Women's Ministry, DOTK (Daughters Of The King), was launched at the multipurpose hall with about 40 participants who shared a sumptuous lunch, listened to shared devotions, and got to know more about each other through ice breaker games. To culminate the launch, the women were immediately on their hands to work as a group in packing shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. Their efforts from previous Sundays promoting and making sure the empty shoe

boxes were distributed, produced 421 filled boxes that were delivered by the Men's fellowship at the drop-off center at Morningstar Church.

Any woman by God's design is automatically a member of the DOTK and is thus welcome to participate in their meetings every third Sunday of the month after the second service, starting January 22, 2017.

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**ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS OCT 2**

Four Deacons and two Trustees were elected to continue in the ministry for the outgoing ones in 2017, please see page 10 for a complete list of our 2017 new set of officers.

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE****OCT 23**

We welcome 22 new members, 7 were baptized and 15 transferred membership to our congregation that day. Please see page 7 for a complete list.

**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY OCT 8**

CABC's Thanksgiving services gave each one the opportunity to express their gratefulness for the many blessings from God through worship, and through bringing fruits and vegetables to offer and share after the worship services. The DKFC Bible study group facilitated all three services and rendered an offertory number composed by Brother Neal Salangsang entitled "Thankful". (See page 9 for lyrics) We also thank our Young@Heart for preparing the place with harvest decors and arranging produce offerings. Truly the Lord has blessed CABC above and beyond what we have hoped for.

**FALL CLEANING****OCT 29**

Cleaning our church building as a church not only enhances our place of worship but also our fellowship. This time, the small groups which were not involved in the spring cleaning had their chance to serve by participating along those who volunteered for both times.

**DOTK LAUNCHING/ OPERATION SHOE BOX PACKING.****OCT 30**

A revival of the Women's Ministry has been organized under the acronym DOTK for "Daughters Of The King". Please see page 3 for details.

OCTOBER

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP CONFERENCE OCT 8**

A first time in CABC, the 5 hour conference that started at 3 pm was attended by more than a hundred worshippers who sang with gusto to worship God between testimonies shared that evening. The congregation was reminded of the importance of a thankful heart through the messages shared by Pastor Emmanuel Palisoc and Pastor Loel Latorilla.

**HALLELUJAH NIGHT OCT 31**

Instead of trick-or-treating, 17 children attended our annual Hallelujah night where they learned about the history of Halloween and why we Christians do not celebrate it. They also heard the gospel of Jesus Christ through Bro. Michael Borja. Praise God for the 23 volunteers who provided their support through serving dinner and running games for the children. Through this event, we pray that the children will remember that any and all the days in the year are to be Christ-centred and glorifying to God.

**CHILDREN'S MISSION CONFERENCE OCT 22**

The annual Children's Mission Conference was held at the CABC Multipurpose Hall last October 22. The guest speaker, Nikki Flores, shared about her missionary journey to the 27 children who attended. They also heard the testimony of a 10-year old Persian girl and her mother about how they left Islam and decided to follow Jesus Christ.

**KINGDOM YOUTH CONFERENCE****NOV 3-4**

One overnight trip led to the beginning of many Christ centered relationships with God as 51 youth from CABC and a neighbouring church travelled to Brampton, to fellowship with more churches, worship as one and listen to powerful messages and testimonies. This event also gave them the opportunity to reach out to the neighbouring communities. The young people were encouraged to spend over an hour outside, doing kind acts for strangers in order to raise awareness of the radical love that Jesus has for us. Overall, God used Kingdom Youth Conference to impact, inspire, and save many individuals.



### SPECIAL SUNDAY WITH TEEN CHALLENGE FARM MEN'S CHOIR NOV 13

Both morning services had the congregation laugh and cry as the group sang and shared their life-changing testimonies on how the power of God has transformed and released them from their addictions. It was a truly inspiring time that was different and yet enabled a true worshipful experience.

### YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 1

The Young@Heart seem to start the Christmas celebration ahead of everyone else. Please see page 6 for more details.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOV 19

NOVEMBER

### OFFICERS ORIENTATION NOV 25

Our newly elected officers (Deacons and Trustees) spent that Saturday morning for an orientation to policies and procedures followed by CABC. Our current officers attended as well, as a refresher and reminder for them, to ensure compliance for a more organized flow in each ministry.

### WALK THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT SEMINAR DEC 4

Our Guest speaker and facilitator, Dr. Roy Verzosa, kept everyone's interest during the 6-hour seminar, as he led and taught 70 participants, on how to remember highlights of all 77 books of the Old Testament. It was a time of learning and appreciating more the Old Testament that hopefully has encouraged more of us to sink into His Word by studying it as a whole.



### NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE DEC 31

Facilitated by the Friends and Family Bible study group, the New Year's Eve service that started at 8 pm, had the sanctuary packed with grateful worshipers for the outgoing 2016, as they sang, testified, prayed, and listened to the Word of God through Pastor Elbern's message.

### CHRISTMAS DAY DEC 25

The church building was packed with worshipers during both services to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone was given the opportunity to give their birthday offering after the message shared by Pastor Elbern.

DECEMBER

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA DEC 16-17

Two evenings of witnessing our youth choir vibrantly sing with choreographed movements from different points in the sanctuary, was a great experience for the audience to feel the meaning of each song and capture the message of the cantata "Shepherds and Kings". Musical Director Johnny Isip's dedication and the youth choir's commitment as well, have definitely glorified God.





## YOUNG @ HEART CHRISTMAS DINNER

*by Sheila Herbert*

What a glorious time of fellowship with the Young at Heart on Friday, December 2, 2016. There were 46 that were in attendance. We were blessed to have 10 visitors join us this year, both from our church and from another church. It was not just a time of having a delicious dinner. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, laughs, games and food. Our guests enjoyed the time spent with us and even more so, as they were winners of our games, taking home some prizes.

The ice breaker was different from what we had done in the past. Our sister Fely led this part of the program. She gave a synopsis of the Young @ Heart, and then we were all asked to give one thing that we like to do. It is amazing what you can learn about others.

Pastor Quirino Calura shared with us the Christmas message. He did not bring it only from the regular story in Matthew and Luke, but also from Isaiah 6: 7-9. He showed the purpose of our Lord being born; that He came to die for us, so we can have everlasting life; and show to others the true meaning of Christmas.

Sis Rose Damian was our game leader this year. She decided to have Family Feud. Well, this was hilarious... and some of our sisters did not know the names of the

reindeers! It was a great time of laughter.

Thanks to all of the sisters and brothers who gave of their time and talents during the year. I know that God will not forget their labour of love.

Let's give all praise and thanks to God for His manifold blessings, for strength and grace to our seniors. May God continue to bless this ministry for His Glory alone.

From the group we are giving the following praise to our Lord Jesus Christ.

*"Thank you Lord for watching over us,  
Through the years, you've made us victorious,  
We Praise your name both Great and Glorious,  
Thank you Lord for one more year!"*

May God continue to Bless and Keep us in His Care as we walk with Him!

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\*\*The Young @ Heart meet the second (2) Sunday of each month after the second worship service. Feel free to join us at any time. We will be studying the Women of the Bible \*\*



## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

We welcome the following brothers and sisters to our congregation:

### NEW MEMBERS via WATER BAPTISM:

1. Bradley Bartolome
2. Jabez Bautista
3. CJ Lopez
4. Katrina Cassandra Lopez
5. Kristel Lopez
6. Francisco Santos
7. Milagros Santos

### NEW MEMBERS via TRANSFER:

1. Lia Alderete
2. Esther Avula
3. Dolores Facun
4. Elaine Lopez
5. Elmer Lopez
6. Ronelle Lopez
7. Jeram Pel
8. Allan Sangalang
9. Irene Sangalang
10. Joyce Sangalang
11. Alain Sangalang
12. Rod Santos
13. Gina Santos
14. Therisha Santos
15. Lubel Soliven

# Grateful for Sunday School

by Maritza Salangasang

Being a Sunday school teacher carries a big responsibility, not to mention the accountability I have before the Lord. Nevertheless, as I teach these young minds, I experience the joy of learning from them as well.

I asked them to complete the poem “Mary had a little Lamb”

*Mary, referring to Jesus’ mother. Lamb, referring to Jesus Christ, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. White, because HE is sinless & pure.*

Praise the Lord for how they had expressed themselves even at their young age.

*Mary had a little Lamb.  
HIS fleece was white as snow....  
Its wool was bright as light.  
And when the devil saw, he trembled with fear.*

BY AYA GUATELARA

*Mary had a little Lamb,  
His fleece was white as snow..  
Pure as God, soft is His love  
He loves us so and so...*

BY JAEDEN FACUN

# Thankful

by Neal R. Salangsang

(Verse 1)

Overpowering darkness shroud, alone and afraid in weakness bowed  
Shattered dreams and broken-hearted, pain and sorrow,  
no sign of tomorrow

(Pre-Chorus)

You came to set us free, saved us from sin, so we are,

(Chorus 1)

Thankful, for Your mercy and grace  
Lord we're thankful, for Your love and forgiveness  
Thankful, we give our thanks to You Lord  
Thankful, for Your goodness that saves  
Lord we're thankful, for Your joy and Your graciousness  
Thankful, we give our praise to You Lord, (Thankful)

(Verse 2)

Pride becomes humility, lies turn into honesty  
Fear and doubt to Blessed Assurance, according to Your  
Honor and Glory!

(Pre-Chorus)

Love unconditional, Love so amazing, so we are

(Chorus 2)

Thankful, for Your mercy and grace  
Lord we're thankful for Your love and Your righteousness  
Thankful, we give our thanks to You Lord  
Thankful, for Your goodness that saves  
Lord we're thankful for Your Love and Your faithfulness  
Thankful, we give our praise to You Lord, (Thank You, Jesus 2x)

(Repeat Chorus 1 & 2)

So thankful, for Your goodness that saves  
Lord we're thankful for Your Love and Your faithfulness  
Thankful, we give our praise to You Lord  
Thank You, Jesus (3x), . . . . . Thank You, Jesus. . . . .



Please remember to pray for our 2016 Church Officers and Workers:



## I. CHURCH OFFICERS

### BOARD OF DEACONS:

| NAME            | END OF TERM |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Ador Facun      | 2019        |
| Ezra Alderete   | 2019        |
| Jun Castro      | 2019        |
| Quirino Calura  | 2019        |
| Willie Damian   | 2019        |
| Alex Isip       | 2018        |
| Edwin Alderete  | 2018        |
| Mike Labayen    | 2018        |
| Ramny Guatelara | 2018        |
| Rey Sian        | 2018        |
| Ferdie Bollozos | 2017        |
| George Gregas   | 2017        |
| Jeff Fegarido   | 2017        |
| Temy Diwa       | 2017        |
| Zaldy Ballaret  | 2017        |

### POSITION:

**SECRETARY:**

**TREASURER:**

**FINANCIAL CONTROLLER:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

| NAME                   | END OF TERM |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Julian Laude           | 2019        |
| Lovell Vidal           | 2019        |
| Marge Castro           | 2019        |
| Allan Abellanos        | 2018        |
| Ariel Poquiz           | 2018        |
| Bernel Latorilla       | 2018        |
| Carmen Vaughan-Burnett | 2017        |
| Ed Chan                | 2017        |
| Sheila Herbert         | 2017        |

### NAME

### END OF TERM

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Faye Latorilla   | 2017 |
| Janet Anonuevo   | 2017 |
| Tonette Cabaluna | 2017 |
| Ness Navarro     | 2017 |

## II. CHURCH WORKERS

### POSITION:

**SENIOR PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR:**

**YOUTH PASTOR:**

**MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR:**

**FINANCE & ADMIN ASSISTANT:**

**PROPERTY CUSTODIAN:**

### NAME

|                  |
|------------------|
| Elbern Latorilla |
| Alex Lee         |
| John Isip        |
| Pinky Ferranco   |
| Miller Caguiat   |

## III. CHURCH DESIGNATED VOLUNTEERS

### POSITION:

**NETWORK/IT ADMINISTRATOR:**

**ELECTRICIAN:**

**PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR:**

### NAME

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Rhett Calauad                 |
| Ariel Poquiz & Allan Coronado |
| Liwanag Guatelara             |

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