

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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"Rest time is not waste time. It is economy to gather fresh strength... It is wisdom to take occasional furlough. In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less."

— CHARLES SPURGEON





A Rest for the People of God

by Pastor Jim Wright

Congratulations to all the students who have recently completed your courses, and to those who have accomplished ministry projects, and are looking forward to the next step in God's plan for your life and ministry. Enjoy your accomplishments, and be assured that God is pleased with your work, and be energized for the calling of His service in the future.

We are busy people, and we live in a culture that both demands and values personal accomplishments. Life in Canada is busy, and demanding, and there is a lot of pressure and stress in our lives every day. We have daily family responsibilities, jobs to do, courses to take, exams to write, expectations to meet, and ministries to fulfill. While it is great to achieve our goals, it is critical to maintain a healthy balance between achieving our goals, and getting the rest that we need. If we fail to keep this balance we risk experiencing many of the emotional and physical effects of burnout. We gain valuable insight into God's balanced plan for work and rest from Hebrews 4:9-11a, which says, "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest..."

From these verses we see God's promise of a rest for His people. God is a rewarder of all those who diligently seek and serve Him. Heb. 6:10 says, "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." God will reward even a cup of cold water given in His name. So let us not be "weary in well doing" (Gal 6:9). God is not a slave driver. He richly rewards all of His servants for all of their acts of service. He wants us to enjoy the rest and the rewards of our accomplishments.

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for all of their acts of service."*

To enter into God's rest is to experience a reward after finishing the work. In Genesis 2:1-3 we see that God entered into His rest after finishing the work of creation. Clearly, this does not mean that God was tired, or that God quit working, or we wouldn't be here right now. But rather, it means that God enjoyed the reward of His work, and admired what He had created, and pronounced it good, even while continuing to fulfill all of His responsibilities as Creator and Sustainer of the universe. In the same way, when we enter into God's rest it is not the idea of sitting down and doing nothing, or retiring from all work and effort. Rather, it means that we can take satisfaction in a job

well done. We can take pleasure in doing our best, and in accomplishing something of great value for God's glory, and allow it to motivate us to greater and more dedicated service in the future.

One of the important ways for us to keep a healthy balance between the pressure to accomplish our tasks, and the need for rest, is to ensure that our accomplishments are in line with God's purposes for our lives, and not just for our own selfish purposes and pleasures. As we accomplish goals for God's glory, whether it is a school course, or a ministry project in the church, or meeting family responsibilities, we do not need to feel burned out and quit all future work, but rather we can feel the pleasure of God's reward in knowing that we are serving the King of kings, and knowing that we have done our best, and that He is pleased with our work. By faith we can hear those precious words of commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord." In the strength of these words of commendation we are renewed and refreshed for future service. The difference between experiencing burnout, and being energized for future service, is experiencing the pleasure of His reward as we enter into His rest.

One final comment is to note the importance of our words of encouragement in the body of Christ. God never intended for us to live the Christian life on our own. God uses people to accomplish His purposes on earth. God has given us gifts to minister to one another, and to encourage one another. God uses people to communicate His pleasure and His reward to us. Sometimes, as simple as a sincere word of appreciation to someone for his or her efforts and contribution in ministry, makes a great difference between his/her experiencing burnout or being energized for service. Let's be sure that no one in our church becomes burned out, or discouraged, because we have failed to communicate to them sincere words of appreciation for their time and selfless acts of service.

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which you have shown toward His name, in that you have  
ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

— HEBREW 6:10 —



# An open letter to the ENEMY

By Michael Borja

To Satan,

I am writing this letter to inform you that your days are over.  
 You must have known this when Christ came and removed your cover  
 For when my Lord was crucified, your children were plundered.  
 Praise His Name up high! His message across be thundered  
 When I first became Christian, I did not fully understand the great commission  
 Thanks to *Perspectives*, I have been reminded of my omissions  
 That I have omitted the Gospel's essence as I preached a potted plant  
 That I have omitted the Gospel's power as I shared a foreign scant  
 The Lord, with His mercy and grace, has awakened me to the Truth  
 That all must hear, bow and praise to the fullness of the root  
 That people of every tongue and tribe will confess His lordship  
 As every nation lifts Him, sharing in His divine kinship  
 I am tired of your lies. You told me I could never be a missionary  
 You told me I was inadequate, that I will be a sad story  
 I'm through with you telling me that missions is not for me  
 Now I am fully reminded what makes the Lord happy  
 You told me that my family should become Christians first  
 And you used them to quench my thirst  
 But till this day I stood, thanks to His mercy and grace  
 Now I have a better view of the glory of His face  
 It is impossible to bear His message without preaching with madness  
 It is impossible to preach without reaching to the godless  
 For His Name must be glorified and lifted above all  
 His vision is my vision, His will is my goal  
 I no longer desire to expand my dreams or ambitions  
 His glory alone is the center of my fruition  
 I am forever in debt with His stunning work of salvation  
 And all then will hear as you turn deaf beyond redemption  
 Satan... My Lord is near, are you not in fear?

**My Lord  
is near,  
are you  
not in  
fear?**

The world has almost no time  
 With His elect, I move across spheres of ages and rhyme  
 For His gospel slices through culture, freeing us from the bondage  
 Filling our cups with praise, He has loved the savage  
 Blessed be the Name of the Lord, Jesus is Lord!  
 Fall flat to the ground all ye hear, He will end our discord  
 He bought us with His blood, are you not overwhelmed?  
 Now we can share and dine in His majestic realm!  
 This message must be preached, this message must be proclaimed  
 I, the cheapest of all sinners, have been called with no shame  
 With a privilege and vision to be a part of His mission  
 What more can I ask from the Lord of Creation?  
 To sit with Him as I preach the Gospel to my friends  
 To walk with Him as I preach the Gospel to all trends  
 To glorify Him as I proclaim with madness His love and glory  
 All hail to my Lord! This is my eternal philosophy!  
**To God be the glory!**

**To God  
be the  
Glory!**



### **EASTER MUSICALE** **APRIL 7-8**

"Song of the Lamb", a drama musical presentation, was well attended for both evenings as 40 voices from our YOUNG People's choir, directed by Bay Caasi, sang harmoniously. The message of Easter was further emphasized by the drama team's presentation directed by Rizza Facun.

Production director Faye Latorilla gave God all the glory after the difficult task, having a live band accompaniment for the choir, a first in CABC's music ministry.

### **MOTHER'S DAY** **MAY 13**

CABC celebrated the lives of special women in this world- our "MOTHERS". Pastor Elbern Latorilla's message entitled "A Christian Mother's Most Important Legacy- Her Faith", described the kind of faith a godly woman should live by.

The Men's Choir rendered a special song number and gifts were given to the mothers during both services.

### **PRAISE & TALENTS NIGHT** **JUNE 8**

The praise and worship teams led this year's worship night to thank God for CABC's 28th anniversary.

Several people presented songs and poetry to express their gratefulness to God; a devotional was shared by Pastor Loel Latorilla; and the Love and Humbled bands led the congregation with worship songs.

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

### **EASTER MUSICALE** **APRIL 14**

The Young People's choir ministry was extended as they were invited to present the "Song of the Lamb" musicale in Grace Bible Church International, the following Saturday evening.

### **ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING DAY** **MAY 12**



### **YOUTH SUNDAY** **JUNE 3**

During the annual event of Youth Sunday, the three groups: J.CREW, SAY, and CNU, that form the youth ministry of CABC collaborated together to prepare a service presenting God's blessings this past year so that the church too may be blessed by His continual work in the lives of CABC's young people.

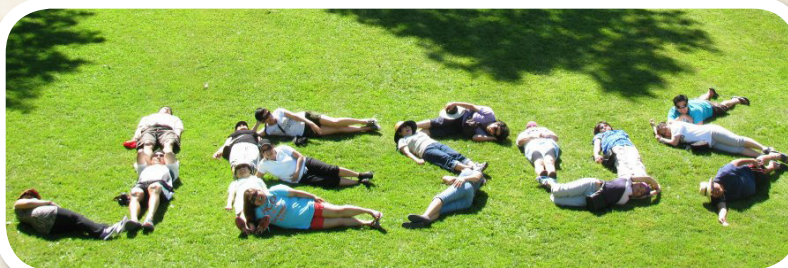
Both services were led by the youth ministry and included an encouraging Quintet offertory number, a challenging skit, and a promotional video of the youth.



## CABC'S 28TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 10

28 years and counting... a blessing to celebrate God's faithfulness as the Symphony of Love BS group spearheaded the whole day celebration.

Morning services and the afternoon celebration service were led by young people who were the children of CABC several years back. Messages of encouragement, affirmation and challenge based on this year's church theme 'Blessed to be a blessing', were shared by Pastor Loel Latorilla and Pastor Andy Laserna. The traditional 'pot blessing' dinner culminated the event.



## FATHER'S DAY JUNE 17

Today was another opportunity to honour the Fathers of CABC with simple gifts and a song rendered by the Ladies choir. Several fathers were specially mentioned for their taking part in sharing God's Word as a preacher or Bible study group leader.

Pastor Elbern's message, "A father believes despite his doubts" served as a challenge for each father and everyone present as well.

## FAMILY CAMP JUNE 28-30

203 church members and adherents enjoyed a 3-day camp at Fair Havens Ministries in Beaverton, Ontario with invited speaker Pastor Patrick Loo.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS

## OCCUPANCY PERMIT JUNE 11

An answered prayer to be truly thankful about is finally receiving the new building's Occupancy permit, granted in God's perfect time.

Apparently, June 11th is the exact 28th anniversary date of CABC.

## YOUNG@HEART FELLOWSHIP JUNE 16

Our own seniors got together with seniors of three other churches. SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY JUNE 24

We rejoice with 38 graduates from different levels this year (COMPLETE LIST ON PAGE 8). Each graduate was honoured with simple gifts and prayed for by Pastor Elbern, followed by a challenge with his message "Love that abounds, gives glory to God" exhorting from Philippians 1:1-11.





# The Young @ Heart Joint Fellowship

By Sheila Herbert



SENIORS GROUP REPRESENTING FOUR CHURCHES



Speaker: Pastor Loel Latorilla  
Message: "Rotten or Golden"  
(Acts 1:1-10)

The Young @ Heart Fellowship day was on June 16, 2012. We can truly say that we are "Blessed to be a blessing." What a blessed day it was. There were three other churches that joined us in fellowship and there were 52 persons in attendance.

Our day commenced with praise and worship, songs of praise and gratitude to our Lord, for we were not only seniors, but we were seniors who love the Lord and enjoy the fellowship with one another. The seniors that joined us participated with a skit, music and testimonies.

We want to thank Pastor Loel Latorilla for the message that he brought to us "Rotten or Golden". The message was taken from Acts 1:1-10. Pastor Loel encouraged us, that as we grow older, we do not have to

become rotten; we do not have to become bitter; but we can grow golden, sharing our experiences, our love, and be witnesses to others. It was glorious to know that God is still working in us, teaching us how to share and help others.

A delicious meal was prepared for us, it was tasty and everyone enjoyed it. It was great to have our young people be with us and serve our meal. We thank them for all their help.

It is good to have fellowship with other sisters and brothers; to experience what God is doing in their hearts and lives, as we can share what God is doing in our lives and in our midst. So what can we say but, "TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE."



YOUTH HELPED SERVE LUNCH



ADDITIONAL HELP FROM THE GIRLS



# Family Camp 2012



203 church members and adherents booked a couple of days away from their busy schedules to spend quality time as a CABC family at Fair Havens Ministries in Beaverton, Ontario. What better way to get to know one's brethren on a deeper level than in an informal, relaxed setting, surrounded by God's beautiful creation, unlike the usual rushed greetings before or after church services.

Invited speaker Pastor Patrick Loo inspired the group through the series of sessions reminding us that the real blessing we can claim is being part of

God's kingdom through Jesus Christ, and that is the same blessing we are to bless the others with.

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Camp Director Allan Abellanosa, when asked if being part of the organizing committee was stressful answered candidly, "Stressed? What stress?" adding a good laugh. "Actually three weeks ago, everything was in place and all we needed to do was to fine tune every step of the way. After less than three months to organize the whole thing, I could definitely say it was the time we spent in prayer than sustained us." Kudos to the whole organizing committee for giving their best for God's glory!



MORE PHOTOS POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Being the 10th family camp since CABC started having one, we've interviewed a few campers to get their feedback.

It's my first time and the best part is the water park and the pool. I really enjoyed. It's fun; the food is good and I made a new friend. Yes, I will tell my mom and dad that we will come again next time.

Micah Pascua, 8 y/o

It's my second time and I think it's better this year because more people joined in. I have enjoyed every piece of it and will keep on joining every family camp in the future as long as God allows me to.

Thelma Niles

I've attended every family camp since I joined CABC and I think this is my 6th or 7th but so far this is the BEST ever, in place (distance traveled), accommodation, food, activities and lots of free time to just relax.

Dorothy Wilson

I was planning to bond with my family but since they had to work, I chose to bond with those close to my heart. This is the first family camp I've joined and it's pretty fun. It's just like youth camp but with the parents. I've enjoyed the sports activities the best and definitely look forward to the next one.

Troy Luyun

It's our first time with my family and I'm glad we've also tagged along my uncle and aunt and a friend and his family. We have enjoyed from the very beginning to every single activity, feeling blessed to see that God is at work in each and everyone. I have felt His presence through the preaching of His Word, the beauty of nature, and the love of the brethren.

Sahana Sebastian

As a first timer, being here with my family in this fantastic location, I can really say there was very good organization. It's been excellent and really nice to have a big family together. For me, everything was perfect. Pastor Loo's messages made me feel understand more what it really means to be "blessed to be a blessing."

Sushiel Simon

On Marriage

Marriage isn't about perfection
It's about unity, blending strength,
and forgiving weaknesses to become what neither one can do alone.
Someone once said, "We may not have it all together but together
with Christ we can have it together".
Rejoice in Christ, we can have it all together!

Heart Gifts

It's not the things that can be bought
that are life's richest treasure,
It's just the little "heart gifts"
That money cannot measure...
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,
A sympathetic nod
Are priceless little treasures
from the storehouse of our God...
They are the things that can't be bought
With silver or with gold,
For thoughtfulness and kindness
and love are never sold...
They are the priceless things in life
for which no one can pay,
And the giver finds recompense
in giving them away.

—Helen Steiner Rice

My Journey

When rough the path from day to day,
When sorrows fill our eyes with tears,
Our choice to find our hope in Christ
Can lift our soul and calm our fears.

—D. De Haan

** All three contributed by Ima Watkin*

The Closer's Hunger To Be Saved

By Alex Camaya

In Major League Baseball's (MLB) storied existence, no other closer (pitcher who finishes the game to save the win for his team) has dominated the big league like New York Yankees' pitcher Mariano "Mo" Rivera. Hailed as the best closer of all time, Rivera won three World Series Championships with the Yankees in 1998, 1999, and 2000 along with many recognitions and accolades as the beloved player of the biggest team in baseball, and being eligible for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2012.

Born in Panama City, Panama, on November 29, 1969, to Mariano, Sr. and Delia Rivera, Mo grew up in the Panamanian fishing village of Puerto Caimito—a town he described as "poor", frequently playing soccer with his friends. For baseball games, they substituted milk cartons for gloves, tree branches for bats, and they fashioned balls by taping wads of shredded fishing nets and beat up baseballs with electrical tape. Rivera used this makeshift equipment until his father bought him his first leather glove when he was 12 years old.

The usually timid and reserve kid who just wanted to play baseball did not escape the temptation and glamour of his budding profession. By his own words, Rivera laments on his earlier experiences on his way, not only to baseball immortality, but in the glory of the Lord.

"When I was a teenager, I thought the most important thing in life was partying. Because of this belief, I wasted a lot of time pursuing activities that left me feeling vacant and empty inside. At first, my lifestyle did not prevent me from working my way up the ranks of professional baseball. However, during my fourth year pitching in the minors, I faced some personal trials that forced me to take a good, hard look at how I was living. Through this experience, I realized that if I ever hoped to reach my goals, I had to turn to Jesus for help and direction. So I asked Jesus to forgive me for my sins and invited Him to take charge of my life. By the grace of God, I was drafted by the Yankees in 1995. The last ten years with New York have been an incredible experience, far greater than I ever imagined. I have helped my team win three World Series, including the 1999 championship, during which I was named Most Valuable Player. I have also been able to use my position as a professional athlete to help many



people in need. I still like to enjoy myself. But now I'm able to keep everything in perspective, because I know that following Christ is the most important thing in life. If you're caught up in a lifestyle that leaves you feeling empty, I encourage you to seek out a new life in Christ." Along with his tremendous talent, his testimony displays his true faith as he can often be seen reading the Bible in the Yankees' clubhouse before and after games.

Just early May this year however, many believing to be his last year of playing, Mo tore his ACL (Anterior cruciate ligament, a major knee ligament) and broke the meniscus of his right knee while chasing fly ball in the outfield before a game in Kansas; a sudden unfortunate event which leaves not only Mo crying in pain, but also a painful wound on his team mates and fans. Instead of rushing into the decision of undergoing immediate surgery, Rivera told reporters that he wanted to stay with his team and pray about the situation. "I just want to think and pray a little bit before I make any decisions. I want to stay for the team, just want to be here for the guys," Rivera said. "(I want to) make sure the guys are okay. It's not an easy situation but we've been through this before and (are being) tested one more time."

Despite speculation concerning the possibility of Rivera's injury ending his career, the closer said he had faith in God's plan. "No, I never will second guess that or question the Lord," Rivera said while blinking back tears. "It happened for a reason and you just have to deal with it."

The future is uncertain for Mariano, in baseball sense at least. But most importantly, while he was racking up save after save after save on his baseball career, Rivera did not forget how important it is to be saved, not only his soul, but those people dear to him as well. He invested on his personal relationship with God. Known as a philanthropist, he is devoted to a variety of charities that focus on children such as Casita Maria and former Yankees manager Joe Torre's Safe At Home Foundation.

On the most glamorous stage of the game, in the biggest stage of them all in the form of the New York Yankees, Mariano Rivera showed that in true faith one can remain humble and grounded while quietly savouring his success as one of the best players ever to play the game. We probably will not see him again out on the field, but surely his mission to continue saving the future of some of his countrymen is far from over. It is not a picture perfect ending to a closer's career, but for Rivera, what it all means is for him to be closer to our almighty God and Saviour.

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3. Teree San Diego — Graduate Certificate in Autism & Behavioral Science
4. Kimberly Diwa — Diploma in Practical Nursing
5. Jorel Gatuz — Certificate in General Arts & Science
6. Cindy Guevarra — Diploma in Practical Nursing
7. Timothy Paras — Diploma in Culinary Management
8. David Lemuel Pascual — Bachelor in Commerce, major in Finance
(with honours)
9. Oscar Rivera Jr. — Graphics Design
10. Katreena Sta. Maria — Bachelor in Nursing
11. Joseph Ferdinand Umali — Advance Diploma in Biotechnology
& Industrial Microbiology
12. Emmanuel Palmero — Bachelor of Design in Industrial Design

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1. Melissa Borja
2. Kathleen Capada
3. Abigail Chu — Valedictorian
4. Philip Estrada
5. Geolid Gregas
6. Jairus Laude
7. Troy Luyun
8. James Perico
9. Ysabel Silangil
10. Bridgette Sirineo
11. Jehanne Bethany Umali

Middle School

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2. Kayla Capada
3. Lorenz Eli Esguerra
4. Chantal Mipa
5. Nica Pasco
6. Roberto Regio
7. Amparo Wu — Valedictorian

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1. Althea Leigh Bautista
2. Gabriel Limas
3. Rouel Sia

Senior Kindergarten

1. Jaedan Zackary Facun
2. Ciaralyn Guevarra
3. Desiree Guevarra
4. Hope Sierra Henry
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