

CABC Connect

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

1st Service:	9:00 am
2nd Service:	11:00 am
Sunday School:	9:00 am 11:00am

WEDNESDAY PRAYER HOURS

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

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"Surviving is for those who have no hope.
That's not you — not if you're God's child.
You were meant to thrive."

— MARK HALL





Make Disciples

by Pastor Alex Lee

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
— Matthew 28:19-20 —

CABC is 30 years old. I can relate, I am also 30 years old. It is an honor to write for the Spring issue of Connect.

Thank God for our church growing for the last 30 years but if we would like to continue for the next 30 years we need to raise up the younger generation. The younger generation desperately needs good role models and mentors. 30 years from now the CABC youth will be the leaders of the church. Please teach them how to be followers of Christ.

We want to make disciples of the world but we also must make disciples of our youth. The youth are the future. We need to mentor and teach them. We as adults have a critical role in the youth's lives at CABC. We are to make disciples of them and pray for them.

If we would like our church to thrive even 60 years from now we need to properly train the younger generation so that they can train the generation under them.

Let us continue to share the gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us reach our neighbors for Christ. Let us continue to meet and gather in Jesus' name.

Let us encourage the body of Christ. Let us love one another from infants to Lola's and Lolo's.

Let us put Jesus as our first love. Let us love God with all of our hearts. Let us love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us continue to lift up the name of Jesus everywhere.

Please continue to make disciples of the world but also please remember the youth. Pray for them, hug them, smile at them and love them.

Please continue to support and partner with me as we minister to the youth. Thank you CABC for all the encouragement you have given to the Young People's Ministry.

Please pick one youth and pray for them every day. You can even ask them for prayer requests whenever you see them. Please continue to pray for me also.

Please hug a youth every time you see them in the hallway.

We need your love as the body of Christ.

Moving On without Fear

by Ramny Guatelera

In school, our teachers or professors tell us to do well so they can give us good marks. They teach us, test us and we have to do it ourselves. The result will tell the next story. At work our superiors and bosses require us to do and submit as instructed or we get fired. They train and orient us for a short time and we will be on our own, then we will be evaluated for our performance. We have to comply or we may not be back at work the next day.

As we read Joshua 1:1-9, I want to share with you that our heavenly Master handles us so much differently from our earthly master. When He commands or asks us, He also rewards us for our obedience. In the text we just read, we have three examples:

1. Verse 6, *“be strong and courageous and people you lead will inherit the land I promised to Moses.”* God did not just instruct Joshua but He also informed him of what was waiting for him by following God. God knows that for us to inherit His kingdom, we should be strong and courageous to fight the enemy and his temptation which will not rest until he gets us back to darkness. God told us to be strong because He is strong and no one will be able to stand up against anyone under God's protection (verse 5). We are being reminded that we are also leading people, who could be our family, friend, co-worker, classmate and others to inherit God's kingdom by having a personal relationship with HIM. The question is, are we being strong and do we have courage to face this task at hand?

2. Verse 8, *“meditate day and night on His book of the law and let this not depart from your mouth and you will be prosperous and successful.”* Every one of us desire to be successful and prosperous that sometimes we don't have time for our family and even with God. We just focus on our work or on earning money so that we will be successful. We forget the very instruction God has given Joshua which is applicable

to us: to meditate day and night on His Word and as we are guided to make the right choices, prosperity and success will follow.

3. Verse 9, *“do not be afraid or discouraged for God will be with you whenever you go.”* The promise is very huge and encompassing everything. We should not be afraid. But what has been happening to us? If we are in a good situation: have work, have money, in good health, plans are working well, why should we be afraid? How about if it's the other way around? Are we still at our best and not afraid when we don't have work, experience sickness and loneliness, and not able to pay our debts?

I just want to share a story. There was this religious woman who keeps asking to meet the Pastor every Sunday to ask for the Pastor's advice. She always says “I'm so scared! Joe says he's going to kill me if I continue to come to your church.” Joe is her husband. “Yes, yes, my child,” replied the Pastor, more than a little tired of hearing this over and over. “I will continue to pray for you. Have faith—the Lord will watch over you.”
 “Oh yes, He has kept me safe thus far, only...”
 “Only what, my child?”
 “Well, now Joe says if I keep coming to your church, he's going to kill YOU!”
 “Okay my child, I think it's high time for me to consider the church in the other town.”

Brothers and sisters, we are being challenged by the enemy who seem stronger and has power over us, someone to fear. But let these verses remind us, lest we forget that our God is much more strong and far more powerful than the enemy; and He has promised that no one will be able to stand up against us all the days of our life, and He will be with us and will never leave nor forsake us (Joshua 1:5). So don't be like that Pastor. Be like Joshua, His soldier.

⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” —Joshua 1:6-9



EASTER PRESENTATION APRIL 13, 19, 20

The Young People's choir presentation for Easter was quite unique. The Easter oratorio entitled "The Echoes" was another fruit of our musical Director John Isip's talent and creativity. Meanwhile our YPs choir saturated with multitalented ones delivered the message of the whole piece in a simple yet beautiful way that helped the audience focus on the message of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Praise God for blessing CABC with gifted brethren who willingly serve through their God-given gifts.



CHURCH PLANNING DAY MAY 3

Thirty nine CABC leaders participated in the annual all-day planning session at the OMF International retreat house. Pastor Alex Lee shared a devotion from 1 Corinthians 12 on being diverse but united as one body. The leaders spent time evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of CABC's general program and activities from the previous year and potential solutions/ improvements for the year ahead. As they seek the Lord's guidance, let us continue to pray for all our leaders' discernment and obedience as to where the Lord is leading CABC.



SPRING CLEANING MAY 10

For the first time in years, a very good number (65) participated in this year's spring cleaning as bible study groups were assigned to clean different turfs of the church building. Well represented were the groups in-charge: SOL, SOL2, Sunday friends, The Bereans and S.O.L.D., as well as other faithful servants present year after year.

APRIL

YOUTH SOCIAL NIGHT APRIL 11

About 80 youth, 23 of which were guests, came to John McCrae Public School that Friday for our Young People's Ministry's Games and Prizes Night. It was an opportunity for our youth to invite friends to play sports and at the same time, share the gospel. After an evening of playing dodge ball, volleyball, and basketball, there was a raffle for prizes. Pastor Alex Lee shared his inspiring testimony to the attendees.

MAY

SHERYL A'S COMMISSIONING MAY 8

Another worker for the Lord from within CABC was sent out to His field. Sheryl A. was on a photographic mission with ABWE. She was away from May 14 to 28, 2014.

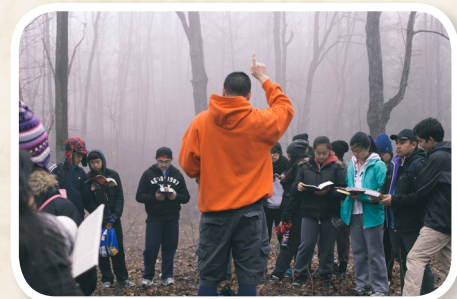


SAY RETREAT APRIL 25-27

Twenty nine youth along with 7 leaders enjoyed a three day retreat in New Life Camp, Priceville. Pastor Alex gave encouraging lessons on "Freedom in Purity," "True Love," and "Eating God's Word". The youth and leaders bonded together through hikes & devotionals, food & fellowship, and discussion & prayers.

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 11

It was a beautiful spring day to honor CABC mothers as the Young @ Heart facilitated both services. Pastor Elbern encouraged all mothers through his message based on Proverbs 31, "God's Model of Motherhood" which emphasized 5 qualities (fidelity, industry, modesty, sagacity and piety) that ought to be emulated not just by mothers but also by all of us.





DEACONS' WIVES TROUBLESHOOTING WORKSHOP MAY 24

The Deacons' Wives Ministry hosted a troubleshooting workshop for minor problems around the house from 10 am to 2 pm. The three-part workshop covered topics such as plumbing issues (Speaker: Bernie Javier), automotive troubleshooting (Speakers: Derrick Dulay and Mark Ares), and simple home organization (Speaker: Nik Labayen).

YOUTH SUNDAY JUNE 1

The J-Crew, SAY, and CNU groups took on the responsibility of leading our worship services. It was also an opportunity to share how the ministry has grown throughout the year and to extend the invitation to other youth. Lester Salangsang, the speaker for both services, shared the message about being set apart for Christ.



FAMILY CAMP JUNE 26-28

The Family camp that happens every other year was again at Fair Haven, Beaverton Ontario with 255 participants. SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS.

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 15

CABC fathers were once again honored, as the Branches of the Vine Bible study group facilitated both morning services celebrating the lives and legacies of our fathers. Pastor Elbern encouraged everyone specially our fathers to follow the example of Joseph, the man God chose to be our Lord's human father.

JUNE

URBAN STREET MISSION MAY 25

The SAY and CNU groups brought lunches to homeless people in Downtown Toronto last Sunday, May 25th. About 32 of our young people responded to the invitation and in turn, were able to reach 39 people that afternoon through starting conversations, giving food, and prayer. SEE PAGE 4 FOR FEEDBACK FROM SEVERAL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS.

BAPTISTMAL SERVICE JUNE 1

We welcome 29 new members of CABC, 14 by baptism through immersion and 15 through membership transfer. SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS.

PEARL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION JUNE 21-22

Thirty years and counting... CABC joyfully celebrated God's faithfulness for the past 30 years. SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.



YOUNG@HEART JOINT FELLOWSHIP JUNE 14

As part of their annual activities, the Young @heart once again spent time with other seniors from other churches. SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY JUNE 26-28

Graduates were honored by CABC as tokens were given before they were prayed for. SEE PAGE 8 FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF OUR GRADUATES.

Urban Street Mission

MAY 25



We asked some feedback from those who participated in the May 25th Urban Street Mission as part of the SAY and CNU ministries' outreach. Here's what several have shared:



We often forget that there are people right in our city who are in need, and my first USM this year was able to remind me of that. Talking/interacting with the homeless may be a step out of people's comfort zones (including mine), but it was a worthwhile and valuable experience.

Pearl Dulay

Having gone to USM in previous years, it has always been a great experience. We talk about doing practical things for Christ all the time, and handing out food (and praying with the homeless if they want) is one awesome way to show God's love to others!

Jorel Gatz

Being on the streets and seeing those who are so much less fortunate was a sobering experience. It's so easy to forget how blessed I really am.

Don Jay Montemayor

Being part of the USM was a rewarding experience! It reminded me of how Jesus Christ has compassion for the lost, and as a follower of Jesus, I should too.

Abimae Almendarez

USM is one of the ways where we can put our faith into action and show God's love to those who are in need in our city. Blessed to be a part of this.

Jayjay Umali

Praise Jesus. It was a great experience. We were able to step out of our comfort zones and share God's love to the homeless.

Pastor Alex Lee

The Young @ Heart Joint Fellowship

By Lyn Elson

JUNE 14



The joint fellowship was one of real fellowship. There were 24 in attendance, and although the attendance was below expectation, nothing could dim the spirit of togetherness as we experienced God's presence in worship.

Pastor Clement Williams from House of Faith Tabernacle church gave the message on Psalms 133, verses 1-3 on the blessing of Unity which was well received.

We all enjoyed a very hot nutritious lunch prepared for us by our sister NikNik Labayen. Everyone was truly satisfied.

The programme consisted of special music, solos, a poem and Bible quiz. Participation was very good and thought provoking.

We are inviting anyone that would like to join us on the first Sunday of each month after second service. If you think the seniors are dull, COME AND SEE!

PONDERINGS

Moving Forward

By Willie Damian

June 21, 2014, the Commonwealth Avenue Baptist Church had its grand 30th anniversary celebration to thank God for His faithfulness to CABC. We rejoice for this opportunity to remember the past, to thank God for the present, and to look ahead for the future – given the time to reflect, recommit and rejoice in God's goodness and daily guidance.

Today is another page to reflect on the things we are currently facing, e.g., discipleship & mentoring programs; evangelism & outreach activities; prayer campaigns for renewal and growth; developing relationships to the surrounding communities & neighborhood; better support for our missionaries & mission agencies;

better support for our Bible students & schools; and maximizing church facilities, etc., so we will never forget to give thanks and ask for guidance from the Lord for the many challenges and changes that CABC is working on and will be working on, in other future plans and new grounds.

A wonderful foundation has been built during our 30 years as a church, and now it is time to recommit ourselves as we move forward to another 30 years. Who will lead CABC in the next 20, 30, or 40 years? We never know what the future brings - no one knows, but God knows! So in Him alone we put our trust and rely on His promises. We can continue to pray that God will send us another pastor

like Pastor Elbern Latorilla, though seemingly quite impossible to happen, but there is nothing impossible with God.

We need to remain steadfast and continue to build on this foundation in the years to come, to continue to minister and be found faithful! Our most valuable asset is to share the good news and the grace of Jesus Christ - who is yesterday, today and tomorrow. We had a blessed past, and we believe God is not finished with CABC just yet - the best years are yet to come!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

CABC Turns 30

JUNE 21-22



Our church celebrated its 30th (PEARL) anniversary at the Pickering Recreation complex Saturday, 21st of June with Dr. Timothy Starr as guest speaker; while the following Sunday's worship services at CABC had Dr. T.V. Thomas as the Lord's messenger. The well-attended celebration had majority dressed in the 80's era, since CABC was 'born' in 1984. In line with the theme "Remember, Rejoice and Rededicate",

the programme coordinated by John Isip and Heartie Abellanosa flowed smoothly with songs and skits by different age levels, interspersed with uplifting testimonies. The banquet that followed was a bounty as expected but starting on time and ending within schedule was surely a big plus. Kudos to the Anniversary committee: Nik Labayan, Fe and Norman Bautista, Marge Castro and Boie Paras!!!

Family Camp 2014

“One Mind, One Body, One Spirit for Christ”



JUNE 26-28, 2014. Fair Havens Ministries, 255 CABC members, adherents and guests enjoyed the beautiful place, great weather, fun, fellowship and food for the body and the spirit. MORE PHOTOS POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

The theme of this year's camp was based by the camp committee (D'KFC Bible Study group) on Romans 12 in line with CABC's current goal "1&1 for Christ". After almost 6 months of intensive preparation, a few details still had to be ironed out last minute. But by God's truly amazing ways, the three-day camp brought the church family together as one, as most even wished for a longer one. Here are a few feedbacks from campers which hopefully will encourage more campers in 2016.

I've been joining camps and I can't even count how often since I joined CABC in 1991, but there is always improvement every time. I think this is the best and most organized, though there's no such thing as perfect one since there is always something beyond our control. This is the first time though that I am with my husband who definitely is enjoying.

Fely De villa

This is my first time and I do not regret joining so that next camp 100 % I will join again. I learned a lot from what the speaker (Wil) shared that our responsibly as Christians, to show our walk with Christ, is toward everyone, both Christians and non-Christians alike. As a whole, things are very organized.

Bernie Javier

I will never forget this camp at Fair Havens because I learned to ride a bike without training wheels.

Aya Guatelara, 5

This is our first time actually for any camp here in Canada which I really like since it is a time for church family and our own family together. Since coming to Canada two years ago, we have been looking forward to camping but had no chance due to limitations like transportation and having no idea on how to go about it or where best to go. But because of this family camp, that desire became possible. I learned much from our speakers (Wil & Jacquie Chevalier), especially on the topic on forgiveness and family relationships...and learned I should not wear gray anymore.

Ruth Dela Cruz

This is my 4th time to join CABC's family camp but I like this camp venue best. There are more rooms and services are a lot better and Fair Havens staff have been very cooperative. As for the program it is well organized. Everyone was involved and participated.

Sheila Herbert

As a first timer, I am enjoying. Everyone seems to be happy. The food is good and it is a new experience being in a trailer. The preaching is also good as it made me realize certain things. Definitely, I will join next camp.

Bong Capada

I am just a guest and being my first time, I know nobody else aside from my mom and brothers but I am having fun and making friends. I feel that people are missing out on such a great experience and thus recommend it. It is good exploring completely different things as I come from a different religious background (Muslim). I learned that many religions are somehow similar. I would consider joining your church's youth camp next year.

Atif Esufali, 13

Joining for the first time, it is something I did not expect. I thought it would be boring but I felt very welcome like my own family. My kids are enjoying and I am having fun. It is my best vacation ever in Canada where I can also study the Bible and learn from very good couple speakers. Everything is great. I cannot complain about anything. It's nice to be with very graceful people. I am looking forward to the next one and hope this is an every year thing.

Lily Rebello

Congratulations Graduates!

God Bless all CABC Graduating Students of 2014

University/College

1. Abimae Almendarez - Honours BS major in Statistics & Environmental Science
2. Jairus Micah Ballaret - Diploma in Fire Protection Engineering
3. Llewelyn Ariane Caguiat - Diploma in Dietary Aide, with honours
4. Miller Caguiat - Building Environmental System Class I & II
5. Grace Calauad - Diploma in Dietary Aide
6. Rose Capada - Diploma in Dietary Aide
7. LA Lambino - Bachelor of Education
8. KC Lambino - Diploma in Police Foundations
9. Alyca Layacan - Bachelor of Arts, major in English
10. Mia Reyes - Bachelor of Design, Graphic Design
11. Cynthia Rivera - BA in International Development & Political Science
12. Lendl Salalngsang - Bachelor of Arts, Youth Ministry
13. Maue Sia - Bachelor of Arts in Humanities
14. Bridgette Sireneo - Diploma in the General Arts and Sciences
15. Lulibel Soliven - Diploma in Dietary Aide

High School

1. Nathan Alconcel
2. Martin Borja
3. Earl Jon Fegarido
4. Julie Anrei laude
5. Don J Montemayor
6. Joshua Paras
7. Jeff Perico

Elementary School

1. Augustine Didier, Valedictorian
2. LJ Facun
3. Lemuel Javier
4. Michelle Rose Pappin
5. Sara Dominique Sian
6. Naomi Abigail Tibayan

Middle School

1. Althea Bautista, with honours
2. Bryan Bollozos
3. Anne Layacan
4. Gabriel Limas, with honours
5. Bianca Navarro
6. Rouel Sia
7. Jammy Umali
8. Arianne Joy Villamor

Senior Kindergarten

1. Johanna Emlyn Dean
2. Angela Belle Dela Cruz
3. Isaiah Diwa
4. Marianne Grecia
5. Zuki Marikit Guatelara
6. Isabella Guevarra

Welcome to the CABC Family!

Through Water Baptism by Immersion

1. Aim Abellanos
2. Abraham Almendarez
3. Bryan Bollozos
4. Erlinda Bollozos
5. Carl Richard Blum
6. Jonas Ferranco
7. Constanca Flores
8. Cesar Garcia
9. Phoebe Garcia
10. Anne Layacan
11. Lean Layacan
12. AJ Poquiz
13. Joy Poquiz
14. Rudy Tomboc

Through Transfer

1. Felicita Abad
2. Abigael Almendarez
3. Abimae Almendarez
4. Abimere Almendarez
5. Manuelito Almendarez
6. Remedios Almendarez
7. Sherryll Hortillosa
8. Vic Hortillosa
9. Liezel Layacan
10. Alejandro Layacan
11. Jecelyn Miguel
12. Ariel Poquiz
13. Josie Poquiz
14. Aireen Taladua
15. Omar Taladua



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