



CABC Connect

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"Come and See, Go and Tell"

by Pastor Alexander Lee

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;" — 1 PETER 3:15 (NKJV) —

In 1 Peter 3:9, Peter tells the believers, to not repay evil with evil. The believers were facing persecution so Peter needed to remind them to love even their enemies. He tells them, when people insult them, they should bless them instead of trying to get revenge.

Peter is saying, even when they persecute you, be ready to share your faith. It may cost you your life but always be ready to share. People will see the hope you have in the midst of hardships and wonder why you still have joy when you are rejected by this world. Your actions speak louder than your words. Some people are all talk but we must live out what we preach. The biggest sermon you will preach is the way you live your life in accordance with the Word.

When you look at 1 Peter 3:15-16, Peter says, to share with meekness and fear. We do this so that when people speak against us falsely, they will be ashamed because we are living in accordance with the Word of God and our conscience is clear. Praying that when they see us still having hope in the midst of their lies, God will grant them repentance.

When you read chapter 4, Peter says that Christ suffered and that we may suffer as well but do not lose hope. He goes on to say in chapter 4 verse 4,

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER HOURS

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

CHURCH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

July 1: Salute to Canada
Sunday facilitated by
Illoggo Bible Study Group

July 7: Young at Heart's Summer
Trip at the GRAND RIVER cruise at
Caledonia Ontario, see page 5

July 8: Baccalaureate Sunday

July 16-20: Vacation Bible School
(VBS). Fun-filled week of God-
glorifying activities. Theme:
Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues

August 10: Seek Him Out
(S.H.Out!) Praise & Worship Night.

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... that people will think it strange that you do not join with them in their sins but they will one day have to give an account to God. They may keep on speaking evil against you but do not lose hope. This is the hope that we have and this is the hope that we share with this world. No one can take this hope away, not even Satan and his servants. As we come and see, we go and tell of this glorious hope in Jesus Christ. Always be ready to give an answer for the hope that you have, in the good times and bad. Even if we are being persecuted, they will see us being obedient to God and they may end up repenting of their sins and turning to Christ.

We come and see and go and tell of this glorious hope because we deserved hell on account of our sins but Jesus died on the cross and took the penalty for us. He rose again from the grave to give us eternal life with the Father. We must repent and put our trust in him. We cannot earn this salvation but it is a free gift. True repentance means we turn away and hate our sins. This is the hope that we have and that is why we share even in dark times because nothing cannot separate us from the love of Christ. That is why we have hope in the midst of troubles and that is why we are always ready to give an answer for the hope that we have because this hope is eternal. Come and see, go and tell of this glorious hope in Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO THE CABC FAMILY!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FEATURE

Who is Jesus Christ to you?

Once again, our Sunday school kids give awe inspiring answers to the simple question Sis Maritza Salangsang asked them, during one of the Sunday school lessons. The Lord is surely glorified.

“God’s son on earth because God’s son Jesus did come down to earth as a friend in heaven” - Alex D.

“Jesus Christ is the savior of my sins, and he is the one true God” - Anonymous.

“Jesus is my personal saviour. Jesus is my personal savior because he died for all of our sins” - Isaah D.

“Friend because He’s always beside me. Saviour because He protects me. Father because He takes care of me” - Aksha S.

“Jesus Christ is my best friend. In this sinful world you friends aren’t perfect. They may influence you in a bad way. 1 Samuel 17:45, “David said to the Philistines, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” For me this means Goliath is Satan and we are David. Goliath’s weapons are bad people/friends. In this sinful world we only need Jesus” - Aaron S.

“Jesus Christ is my saviour because He took my place on the cross” - Leah.

“My saviour, because I pray that certain things can get better and I pray for almost everything. He helps me believe in myself and have courage” - Anonymous

CHURCH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Aug 13-17	AIKARA (Traditional AIKIDO & Shotokan Karate) Camp A week of physical and spiritual training, led by Bros. Jhun Castro and Jeff Fegarido
Aug 18	Community Car Wash and Barbecue Free car wash and BBQ for our surrounding community
Aug 19	AIKARA Graduation & Fellowship
Aug 21	Urban Street Mission
Sept 8	Christian Foundation Session "Age of KINGS part 1 United Kingdom" led by Bro. Mike Borja
Sept 8-9	Children's Choir Presentation "The Tale of Three Trees" Musicale
Sept 22	Christian Foundation Session "Age of KINGS part 2 Divided Kingdom" led by Bro. Mike Borja
Sept 29	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of Ezra and Nehemiah" led by Bro. Mike Borja
Sept 30	Ministry Fair
Sept 30	Outreach at Shepherd's Village Church Children's Choir presented "The Tale of Three trees" Musicale
Oct 07	Thanksgiving Sunday Facilitated by the Adult Choir
Oct 13	Prayer & Fasting Conference
Oct 14	Election of new church officers (See page 6 for list of 2019 officers)
Oct 20	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of Esther" led by Bro. Mike Borja
Oct 27	Ushering Workshop
Oct 31	Hallelujah Night for children and Community Outreach Night (with warm drinks and snacks) facilitated by DOTK and YPM
Nov 03	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of Job" led by Bro. Mike Borja
Nov 10	Children's Missions Conference
Nov 11	Daughters of the King Fellowship & Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing A total of 404 shoe boxes were contributed by CABC family
Nov 17	Annual Fall Cleaning
Nov 17	Workshop on Calligraphy Facilitated by Linden Laserna
Nov 18	Semi-annual Congregational Meeting
Dec 02	Baptismal/Membership Service
Dec 07	Young at Heart Christmas Fellowship
Dec 08	Praise & Worship Team Annual Fellowship & Meeting
Dec 09	Outreach at Shepherd's Village Church Youth choir presented "Come and see, Go and Tell" musicale
Dec 15-16	Youth Choir Christmas Presentation "Come and see, Go and Tell" Musicale
Dec 23	Outreach at Journey Church in Markham Youth choir presented "Come and see, Go and Tell" musicale
Dec 25	Christmas Day Services
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Services Facilitated by Praise & Worship Teams

Pastor Solomon Reyes Testimony:

As CABC has been blessed this year to have a new Associate Pastor, we welcome him (and his family) to the CABC family. May you be inspired and blessed by his testimony.

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

— JEREMIAH 31:3 —

I grew up in a home that was religious but devoid of gospel truth that is the power of God unto salvation. However, through my readings of a picture bible I began to develop an idea of what sin was and God's judgment and condemnation of it. I remember as a young person, I had a dream that I ended up in hell and woke up very troubled and afraid.

Nobody taught me how to sin. I did that all by myself. It was in my nature to sin. And yet, I looked at myself as a good person. I thought my good works would outweigh my sin and I would still end up in heaven if I died. God graciously preserved me despite my blinded and self-deceived assurance. But there was a growing emptiness inside of me that I could not understand.

I felt like my life was a barren desert with a few patches of green. There was a gnawing darkness of despair that threatened to swallow up my soul. But even then, God was keeping me with His everlasting love. God sovereignly brought people into my life to connect me to Himself and His people. There was Vic who patiently endured my arrogant resistance to the gospel. We had Bible studies which the Lord would use to open my eyes to the truth. The Scripture that spoke to me was:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,[9] not of works, lest anyone should boast.

— EPHESIANS 28:9 —

Eventually I would realize that my righteousness was but as filthy rags before the perfect, Holy God. I began to understand that by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified before Him; and that the only way to be forgiven and saved is to be justified freely by the grace of Christ. On March 9, 1986, as a visiting

pastor preached on Ephesians 2, I embraced the Lord Jesus by faith as my Lord and Savior. From that day, I began to experience the reality of what Paul wrote in his epistle to the Corinthians:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 —

The emptiness that I had felt before was gone. I had much to learn as a new believer in Christ, but I found the meaning and purpose in life that I had long been searching for through Christ.

My family migrated here in Canada in 1990. I worked in Canada Trust for about nine years. Then the Lord called me to full time ministry in 1999 in Peel International Baptist Church (a daughter church of CABC) where I previously served as a deacon. We went to the Philippines for my studies at the Doane Baptist Seminary, where I got my Bachelor Degree in Religious Education. We came back in 2002 and served in Peel International Baptist Church. In 2008, the Lord called us to serve in the United States at Union Community Bible Church until September 2018, when the Lord called us to serve here in CABC. I thank God for the mentorship of more experienced pastors like Pastor Elbern Latorilla and Pastor Eliezer Catanus. I am grateful to God for my loving and supportive wife, Ethel. And for our precious children, David, John and Jada. The journey has not always been easy. God never promised us a rose garden, but He did promise us that He will never leave us nor forsake us... and that is enough.



GRAND RIVER CRUISE AT CALEDONIA, ON - JULY 7, 2018



YOUNG AT HEART CHOIR



The Young at heart (our beloved senior brothers and sisters) have been actively enjoying God's blessings with their trips and ministries. Aside from their regular once a month meetings, here's a glimpse of what has transpired within the past 6 months of 2018.

YOUNG AT HEART VISITED "NOAH'S ARK" AND "CREATION MUSEUM" IN KENTUCKY, JULY 13-16, 2018



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INCOMING 2019 CHURCH OFFICERS

Please remember to include them in your prayers

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