

Upcoming Events

Saturday
Dec. 17

Christmas
Food
Giveaway



We need volunteers in the morning to help in preparing the grocery bags for distribution.

Sunday, Dec. 18
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Short seminar for Ushers and Prayer Team

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Crossroads' Christmas Celebration
A Night of Different Ministries' Special Presentations & Fellowship

Sunday, Dec. 25

Children's Christmas Celebration
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

With Deep Sympathy:

To the Ronas Family for the loss of their dearest mother.

"Yes, we are fully confident, And we would rather be away from these bodies, For then we will be at home with the Lord."
2 Corinthis 5:8



Praise Reports

1. A powerful night of worship, God's Word, testimonies, fellowship, and feasting on Thanksgiving Service
2. Successful cardiac procedures for Mamang Concepcion; healing of Sis Linda's eyes; good biopsy results of Sis Nancy; improvement of health conditions of people being prayed for.
3. A fruitful Sunday School teachers' workshop
4. Anointed and fruitful revival service with Pastor Rene Canlas.
5. More people attending different Bible Study groups; new people visited Crossroads.
6. God's favor for families - salvation, healing, provisions, immigration issues, and God's sustaining grace in trying situations.

Prayer Requests

1. Holy Spirit's sustaining fire for the Prayer Marathon; increased hunger and thirst for the Lord.
2. Covering of the Spirit for Pastor Andy, church leaders, workers and their families.
3. Guidance and direction for Crossroads as the 2 Sunday services (9 am & 10 am) start this January 2012; more workers for both services
4. Fruitful discipleship program; strong in God's Word, prayer, praise and worship; evangelism, service, fellowship, and giving.
5. Spiritual blessings for families (salvation and revival; healing and restoration; godly parents and children; family devotion and prayer in every home)
6. Healing for Sis Natalia, Adoracion, Randy & Felix Rivera; Willie and Jojo Magno & other sick brethren; continue to uphold the people in our last month's list.
7. God's peace and comfort for the bereaved Opillas (Bro Dudi's relative) and Ronas families
8. A massive harvest of souls and genuine revival.
9. God's peace, comfort, support, and provisions for the victims of the recent Thailand floods

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Church Services

Sunday

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayers
- 10:45 am English Worship Service
- Children's Church
- 6:00 pm Tagalog Worship Service

Wednesday

7:30 pm Mid-Week Prayer Meeting

Friday

- 7:00 pm Youth Night
- 7:30 pm Young Adults/College Ministry

Saturday

7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

Home Bible Studies are held throughout the week. Please contact Bro. Frank at 650-438-4423 for details.

The COMMUNICATOR

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THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

It is Christmas season once again. How time flies by quickly. It seems like only yesterday that the last Christmas was here. Actually if my count is right, we had 2000 Christmases already. What a difference from what it was to what it is now! We need only to look back to the records of the scriptures to find a stark contrast. There are so many things now that supposedly define Christmas but were not present on the first Christmas in Bethlehem – the shopping, the fun, the food, the parties, the decorations. All of which seemingly give you the feeling that it is Christmas time. The lavish compared to the simple, the fun compared to the faith, the simplicity of the manger compared to the complexities of the malls: How we wish that everyone understands what Christmas is all about! If they do, then all the fun and the merrymaking become meaningful.

Let me bring your attention to the first Christmas when the angels made the announcement to the shepherds. Luke chapter 2 records the event. From this we could understand the real meaning of Christmas: CELEBRATION - "Don't be afraid, I bring you good tidings of great joy"; SALVATION - "for unto you is born this day a Savior"; and RECONCILIATION - "peace on earth, goodwill towards men" (Luke 2:10-14). Let us rejoice for many reasons but most importantly because we have been reconciled to God through the salvation that His Son Jesus provided for all of us. The moment we understand this, everything falls into proper perspective.

Enjoy the season. Rejoice with your family and friends. Watch your calories as you feast on the bounty of the holidays and let the whole world know that Jesus is the best gift one can ever have.

Merry Christmas to all from my family to yours!

Pastor Andy Antenor
Sis Abby, Kim, Brian & Timothy

Ministry Updates

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – Last November 6, there was a fruitful teachers' make-up workshop. Pastor Andy and Sis Abby Antenor gave inspirational messages while Sis Marivic Caparas gave a brief Bible Study on building our lives on Jesus, the Rock. (Mt 7:24-27) The teachers gave group oral presentations on teaching strategies taken from the binders given to them with Sis Marivic as the facilitator.

There are also room changes for Sunday School: Preschool now occupies the room behind the sanctuary; Middler now in the Kiddie World (former room of Preteen 1); and Preteen 1 & 2 now combined in the former Preteen 2 room.

PRAYER MINISTRY - About 35 brethren, led by the prayer warriors, had a night of revival with Pastor Rene Canlas on November 14. There was a powerful worship, God's Word, prayer and laying on of hands for healing and impartation of gifts. Pastor Canlas preached on the three roles of the Holy Spirit - to give life (John 6:63); to give power to evangelize, understand God's Word and pray; and to make us holy. The hungry souls experienced times of refreshing that night!

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Jesus ...The Greatest Gift

Jesus came down from heaven to the manger; from the manger to the cross; from the cross to the grave; and from the grave back to where He came from. When we receive Jesus, the greatest gift, we experience the greatest miracle! We become a new creation...it is a metamorphosis! (2 Corinthians 5:17) When we reflect on what Jesus has done in our lives since we accepted Him as our Lord and Savior, we get overwhelmed and become deeply, infinitely grateful. Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to Him. We can tell the world, "Look what Jesus has done!" Because of that, we see Christmas in a totally different light! The GREATEST GIFT when received brings about the greatest transformation in our lives.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lost	Found	Satan	Jesus	Satan's kingdom	God's kingdom
Old	New creation	Darkness	Light	Shame and guilt	God's righteousness
Sinner	Saint	Blindness	Sight	Forsaken	Accepted & God's Beloved
Captivity	Freedom	Idols	God	Powerless	Power in the Holy Spirit
Separation	Reconciliation	Self-will	God's will	Curse	Blessing
Death	Eternal life	Mortal	Immortal	Disability	Ability
Hell-bound	Heaven-bound	Indifference	Love	Condemnation	Forgiveness
Purposeless	Purpose-driven	Hopelessness	Hope	Fruitless	Fruitful
Longing	Satisfaction	Defeat	Victory	Loser	Victor
Orphan	Adopted	Illness	Health		
Deception	Truth	Dishonor	Honor		
Ashes	Beauty	Selfishness	Selflessness		
Miry clay	Solid rock	Childishness	Maturity		
Mourning	Dancing	Troubles	Peace		
Fear	Faith	Unrighteousness	Holiness		
Thirsty	Quenched	Good	Evil		
Complaining	Praising	Filth	Purity		
Insecurity	Assurance	Worldly	Spiritual		
Desert	Streams	Gluttony	Fasting		
Empty	Filled				
Doomed to die	Born-again				
Despair	Joy				
Pauper	Heir of God's kingdom				

Sis Marivic Caparas

Sis Hilda Gray

For these and many more....thank You, Jesus! You are the reason for our celebration this Christmas! We can gladly sing from our hearts, "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come!"
(This article was produced through social network interactions.)

Ptra. Nomee Dizon-Canlas

Thanksgiving in a More Meaningful Stride

The birth of Thanksgiving celebration had its origin in Massachusetts back in 1621 when the Pilgrim colonists and Wampanoag Indians held a grand celebration for a bountiful harvest at Plymouth. This is popularly known as the first thanksgiving feast organized to thank God for His blessings. However, it wasn't repeated until 1623 after the people experienced a severe drought. The day did not become a national holiday until 1863 through the persistent efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor. After 2 centuries of Thanksgiving celebration by individual colonies and states, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed last Thursday of November as the national day to express thanks for the many blessings bestowed by God to the Americans. Then in 1942 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law making the fourth Thursday of November as the national thanksgiving celebration. The turkey became the most common dish among other dishes prepared for the banquet table making it inseparable with the celebration ever since to remind the Americans the wildfowl served during the Pilgrims' harvest celebration.

Today, people celebrate Thanksgiving with a long weekend, a grand meal with family and loved ones and watching football. For Christians all over the world, as well as individual churches like Crossroads, their celebration of Thanksgiving has taken a more meaningful stride wherein they treat this day with great fervency and outpouring of giving thanks to God, the One who blesses and provides all good things. So last November 23, Wednesday evening at Crossroads, around 100 brethren gathered and enjoyed a time of fellowship, God-glorifying testimonies, spontaneous prayer of thanksgiving and a big meal of delectable food shared by the brethren. Crossroads celebrated thanksgiving as one big family by magnanimously thanking God for His unceasing love and goodness to everyone.

"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year, to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow." Edward Sandford Martin

Share Jesus in a Very Special Way!

They say Christmas is for children, maybe because Jesus was born in December. But Jesus did not remain a baby or a little kid. He grew up and stayed on earth until He was crucified, died and was buried. He was risen so until now He is alive! He is with us, in us and among us! We just commemorate Jesus' birth when December comes. Our celebration means joy and peace in His coming to earth.... becoming man to be with us and most of all, to redeem us from our sins.

There are so many ways to celebrate Jesus' birth. Young and old alike have their own way – sometimes unique and often-times through the most traditional way. Besides the family fellowship through the Noche Buena as Filipinos call it, we send our message of Christmas to others through gift-giving and sending Christmas cards. Crossroads as one big family aims to make the Christmas holiday a challenge to introduce the real reason for the season – Jesus as the Gift and the great, good, very approachable and gracious God.

Share love through the blessings you enjoy. There are so many people suffering from homelessness, financial hardship due to unemployment, and other depressing circumstances. This situation is the right avenue to share God's love. Proverbs 19:17 says, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done."

Christmas Food Giveaway

This Christmas, Crossroads Christian Center embarks on giving away food/groceries to at least 100 families in the community. Three weeks ago, church members signed up for grocery bags to fill them up with anything a needy family would enjoy at Christmas dinner. Besides, Crossroads will give a whole chicken to every bag of donated groceries. And to top them all, a simple yet powerful and illustrative gospel tract to share Jesus as the reason for the season is also included. Distribution is scheduled on Saturday, December 17.

Operation Give 2011

A labor of love started in December of 2010, where the Set Free Young Adults Ministry goes out to about 2 or 3 needy families in the community to distribute gifts and toys to them. This 2011 Christmas, the Ministry members are set to show the love of God again to about 4 to 5 families. As early as the onset of the month of December, the young adults started to ask financial donations for the purchase of the gifts. Please support this great love-sharing event!

Share The Gift

Children are generally enticed by beautiful things they see around them. On Christmas season, they enjoy shopping,

wrapping and receiving gifts, singing or listening to Christmas carols, and sending Christmas cards. Crossroads children share the real meaning of Christmas to their friends through their simple Christmas message—Share JESUS.... Share the GIFT!

Christine Montalvo

There is a purpose for CHRIST to be in CHRISTMAS – for you to remember that the Lord made every day a beautiful day especially the day He was born!



Mier Legaspi

Joy to the world for God's LOVE!

Edgar Junio Santos

JESUS cares for everyone so love the Lord your God!

Gabi Estrada

God's LOVE is the Greatest GIFT!

Shauna Crysel Tagab

As Christmas lights glitter, carols play and gifts wrapped, Think of JESUS, the REAL reason for the season.

Katrina La Rosa

If CHRIST was never born, it would be called "Mas".

Vanessa Santos

Christmas is a time for joy and praise for our Savior Jesus is born.



What We Believe

- The Scriptures are the inspired words of God
- The one true God is revealed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ
- The fall of man
- The salvation of man
- Ordinances of the Church, water baptism, and the Lord's Supper
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- The initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit through speaking of a heavenly language
- Sanctification
- The Church and its mission
- The ministry to which God call people
- Divine healing
- The blessed hope - the return of Christ, the rapture
- The millennial reign of Christ
- The final judgment
- The new heaven and the new earth