



WELCOME TO CROSSROADS

We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship today! We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about our service.

We are here to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to glorify God by living faithfully for Him and serving Him as He directs us.

SERVICE & MINISTRY TIMES

Sunday School: 10:00am

Sunday Morning Service: 11:00am

Adult Choir Practice: Sundays at 5:30pm

Orchestra & Youth Choir Practice: Sundays at 6:00pm

MINISTERING TO OUR CHILDREN

At Crossroads we encourage each family to determine when their children are ready to join us for the entire worship service. We understand that this is a process and varies from child to child and from family to family.

We offer the following options for your children:

- Nurseries on the West Hall for Infants & Toddlers.
- Nursery #3 on the South Hall (front entrance) for 2-3 years old

Children's Churches are available for children from age 3 through 6th grade. (Morning only)

Nurseries are available on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

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I am
the light

of
the
world

John 8:12b



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Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

December 7th

Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 12th,
7:00pm

Church will provide the chicken and drinks. You bring your favorite side, finger food or dessert.

There will be a gift exchange, so men bring a man's gift and ladies a lady gift valued around \$20.

CANTATA REHEARSAL

Saturday, December 13th
3:00pm—5:00pm for adults
3:45pm—5:00pm for children

Christmas Cantata

Christ is Born for This!

Sunday, December 14th
during evening service

Join us after the Cantata for a Fellowship Dinner. Bring sides & dessert.

A John the Baptist Christmas Card

People love receiving Christmas cards. Most of us especially like Christmas cards with good Christian artwork on the cover. The lion with the lamb; the three wise men and the message, "Wise Men Still Seek Him," the mother and child; or the star piercing the darkness over stable and manger; all are beautiful depictions of the Christmas story.

Yet I do not recall ever receiving one with John the Baptist preaching in the desert. Do you? I can picture it in my mind: a card front marred by the dead, barren wilderness of Judea out by the Jordan River, with this strangely dressed, prophetic figure as the focal point. But I have never read one that even closely resembles such a scene.

But John the Baptist is totally appropriate for the way we approach Christmas. Christmas is about the birth of Jesus as Matthew and Luke report that holy night many years ago. Mary, Joseph, angels, manger, shepherds, wise men; a child is born unto us. Glory to God in the highest! That is what Christmas is all about. Jesus is the reason for the season. What does John the Baptist have to do with Christmas?

Everything. Instead of Bethlehem and choirs of angels, he begins the story of Jesus' coming with preaching and baptizing in the wilderness of Judea, announcing the coming of the Messiah. It all goes together!!

Mark 3:1-8

Pastor Morgan



The Aquilinos...Your Missionaries to the Philippines

Greetings, from your missionaries to the Philippines. In September we were blessed to have Pastor West, and his wife Carroll, from West Side Baptist Church in Durant, OK, come to see and help the mission work. Their stay here was filled with excitement and adventure. On the day of their arrival a strong typhoon was forecast to pass directly over us. With much prayer and by God's grace, the typhoon passed south of us. After the typhoon we had car problems. The shop that had repaired our starter did not connect the fan, and one of the hoses had a leak. We were driving our car without radiator fluid! Pastor West went on u-tube to see how to connect the fan. Marvel's brother came the next morning and replaced the hose. Then we came home from our prayer meeting and found that the electric company turned off our electricity. We never got our electricity bill nor a cancellation notice. Our bill was less than fifty dollars and only three weeks late. We spent two nights and a day without electricity. Next, it rained. Hoping it would stop, we went to see a volcano close to us. But we did not know that the volcano had a big eruption of fire the day before. Normally there are hundreds of people visiting the volcano, but when we got there nobody was there. The rain continued, then came strong wind, and heavy fog, so we could not see the volcano. But through all those trials, we realized that God was in control and God is always good. At the electric company we shared the Gospel, at the volcano, with a few souvenir shops still open, we were shared the Gospel. In the midst of all our adventures and trials, we continued to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

While here Pastor West preached for us three times, and his wife, Carroll, gave an exhortation to forty ladies from five churches for our ladies' fellowship. Pastor West and his wife also joined us for soul-winning and evangelism. They were truly a big blessing to the ministry here in the Philippines.

In the last five weeks, the Philippines had three typhoons, one was a category 5, one erupting volcano, and four earthquakes registering 6.9, 7.4, 6.8, and 5.7. The schools south of us closed for the month of October, with only online classes. There is a string of major fault lines that surround the Philippines. And there is great fear here that Metro Manila will soon experience a devastating earthquake. Please keep our safety in prayer as we labor in a country constantly battered by typhoons, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

We continue to go out soul-winning and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One Sunday I challenged the church that they need to be more involved in bringing children to Sunday school. The following Sunday we had close to one hundred children in Sunday school. There were so many that the children and adults could not fit in the church. Prayer: The property connected to the church is for sale; it used to be a car wash. The owner of the car wash was renting the property and wants to buy it, but he may not have the funds. Please pray with us, that if it is the Lord's will, the Lord would allow us to purchase the lot. Lastly...there is a little girl in the church, her name is Faith, she is six years old and she loves to draw. Faith is always asking for paper, colored pencils, and crayons. This past Sunday as Faith was drawing, she asked me to spell "I love you". Then she showed me a pretty house with me and her, and the words, I love you. Then she drew and showed me a picture I will never forget. It was a little girl with big tears and a sad face. I said, "Faith, why the sad picture?" She said "I have no father". These are your children, many are fatherless and hurting, please pray for them.

With Love and Thanks...The Aquilinos

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR PRIOR WEEK

Wednesday	N/A	Sunday AM	178
Sunday School	117	Sunday PM	92

Nursery Schedule for the Week:

Sunday PM: Kristi & Alyssa Booth
Wednesday: Sharon & MiKayla Schubert

THANK YOU FOR SERVING