



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events

Art of Parenting Class #6: 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 27** – Art of Parenting Class #7
- March 2** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- March 5** – Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- March 6** – Art of Parenting Class #8
- March 16** – Meal: Chicken Burrito Bowl Salad, Chips, Dessert
- March 30** – Meal: Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- June 19-25** – Youth Group Mission Trip

Birthdays:

- 21st Cheryl McNabb
- Konrad Myrick
- 23rd Renny Hartman
- 26th Jovita Lang
- Chris Taylor

Record for 2-13-22

Morning Worship.....	145
Contribution	\$5,331.00
Budget	\$6,642.00

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements/Scripture Reading	Erik Granberg
Song Leader	Jim Coker
.....	<i>We Sing Praises to Your Name</i>
.....	<i>Praise the Lord</i>
.....	<i>We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise</i>
Prayer	Nate Tinius
.....	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>
.....	<i>Praise the Name of Jesus</i>
.....	<i>That's Why We Praise Him</i>
Communion Talk	Chris Taylor
Dismiss Children
.....	<i>Cornerstone</i>
.....	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>
Sermon: Jesus the Messiah-Collision Course	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright

Children's Worship	Carrie Mills
Nursery	Patrece Allen
Sound Booth/Slides	Robb Mills

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 21-23

Sermon Thought:

This section of scripture sets Jesus on collision course with the crucifixion. Jesus speaks the truth. When people are confronted with the truth there are two options: accept it or deny it. Jesus speaks the truth about him being, "the rock." People can either build on the solid rock or trip over it.

Sermon Questions:

1. In Mt. 21:42 what is "the rock"?
2. Who would be broken to pieces on this rock and why?
3. How can we be more like the people who praised Jesus at the triumphal entry and less like them when they mocked and spit at him?

New Prayer Concerns:

Johnnie Walker – Glenn Walker's mom; is in the hospital with a deteriorated ball joint in her hip

Next Week's (2/27/22) Servants:

- Song Leader:** Robb Mills
- Opening Prayer:** Roger Unruh
- Communion Talk:** Dan Kent
- Shepherd's Prayer:** Brent Dittmeyer
- Sound Booth/ Slides:** Dee Plummer
- Nursery:** Jacqueline Anderson
- Children's Worship:** Alyssa Plummer

Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast from 7:00am - 8:00am Saturday March 5th. Anyone wanting to help Bill cook should arrive at 6:00am. We will be introducing the startup of a North Garland Men's group, presenting the name, calendar and the theme for this year. We would love to have all men present as we view the roll of men being essential to a healthy spiritual atmosphere within the Church, community, and our families. It is our prayer that we are each committed, accountable and resolved to be the leaders that we should be for the Kingdom. Hope to see you there!!!

Your brother,
Derek Tinius

Pilgrim's Praise Memory Assignment:



Life of Jesus (Geography)

- 1.) Bethlehem - Birth place
- 2.) Egypt - Called out of Egypt
- 3.) Nazareth – Home
- 4.) Jerusalem - Temple

Dear family and friends,

Howdy! We hope this update finds all of you doing well. We know most of you reading this right now, are going through some cold winter weather with lots of snow & ice covering large parts of Oklahoma & Texas. We are praying for you all to stay warm & safe. Emperado clan is doing well. We are still living under Alert level 3 Covid restrictions. They were supposed to end Jan. 31, but the government extended it until Feb. 15 for Negros. Now the government is requiring people to show their vaccinations cards to go to their jobs, or enter malls, or to sit down to dine in restaurants. The restrictions vary from different establishments & businesses, and from island to island. Richard and the kids have been vaccinated last December. I was ill at the time, and could not join them.

Richard and the girls made their first trip to Cebu last week, since the pandemic hit in March of 2020. Richard needed to get some supplies for the typhoon relief work, and the girls were happy to tag along to be able to see all our missionary family there. They had a really good time seeing everybody. They were gone Tuesday to Saturday morning. Crossing back and forth from Negros to Cebu, and Cebu to Negros went really smoothly. This was a sort of test trip to see how things would go. All they needed to show for crossing was their vaccination cards and government issued picture ID. Now Richard hopes to plan a trip later this month to Leyte to visit the churches and check up on the brethren affected there by the typhoon in December.

Due to the typhoon and destruction and loss of electricity for a majority of the Negros island, the schools and colleges postponed the starting of classes until this month. Almost all the schools and colleges are doing remote learning and online learning. Our kids were able to get enrolled and look forward to a new semester of classes. Jennylou is hoping to have one class on campus, it depends if the government lowers the level of Covid Alert on Feb. 15. All three wish they were having classes on campus full time. Grant should be graduating in May or June, hopefully.

Richard has been working hard and traveling back and forth from Dumaguete to Calag Calag several times a week to do typhoon relief related works and counseling. Typhoon Odette, a Category 4 typhoon, brought a wide path of destruction to several islands, including our home island of Negros. In Richard's 62 years of existence, he says he has never seen any storm as powerful as Typhoon Odette hit Negros Island. The typhoon struck the week before Christmas, leaving thousands without homes, water, and electricity. There were miles and miles of down pour lines along the national highway. Many places were unreachable due to landslides, mudslides, and flooding due to the big storm surge. We were without power at our home place for almost 6 weeks. God has been good to our family. Our home and Seyer Training Center buildings are located near the coastline, and we had very little damage. We did lose our newly built concrete chain link wall along the front of the beach, due to the storm surge. We lost many big mango, coconut, and bamboo rees on the property, but thankfully they all fell away from our home and buildings. I wish I could say the same for our neighbors and nearby villages along the coast. Most of their homes were made of light materials like bamboo, nipa roofs, or G.I. sheets. The strong winds and almost 10ft storm surge destroyed most of their homes, boats, and belongings. Some almost drowned trying to get to higher ground or to government shelters during the night when the storm surge hit. The storm was so much stronger than the government predicted, many were caught off guard.

So many families are struggling. Their source of livelihood, fishing is gone, since their boats were smashed all along the shore. Their homes are lost. The government help of little bags of rice and canned sardines is running out. People are emotionally depressed and stressed. The children seem the most vulnerable. The trauma and fears keep coming back, especially when they hear strong waves or it rains hard with strong winds.

I have organized a team of volunteers and called our ministry as the "Hands of Christ". We have focused on feeding, healing, and counseling. We have fed over 1,000 people so far in several different villages and churches. We have been conducting group counseling as well for different age groups. Along with food, these folks need mental and emotional support as well. We go to the different places every week to feed and counsel. We are building relationships and trust among the people.

We really appreciate that Christians in the U.S., who have generously sent funds to help our fellow countrymen in their time of need from this typhoon. After spending time with them counseling, we can really see that one of the great needs is to help the fishermen rebuild their lost boats so they can provide food for their families and a way to make a living so they can start to rebuild their lives. It cost about \$500 to buy the materials needed to build each boat, that includes the plywood, bamboo, epoxy, nails, paint, and small Kohler or Honda "water pump" engines to power the wooden vessel.

Last Jan. 28, we were able to help the first 10 fishermen living in a little village called Nalok-an (pronounced: Nah-look-an) with materials given to them to rebuild their small pumpboats. Some were also given G.I. sheets to help with roofing needs. After the fishermen build their boats, we will help them buy new small engines or repair the ones they were able to salvage. No one is doing a work like we are doing in this area of Negros. After weeks of feeding and counseling, the fishermen were so surprised and thankful when we showed up with boat materials a week ago. We pray that through our helping hands and actions, showing the love of Jesus to all, we can have a great impact for Christ in this village and others too.

We will try and help as many as we can with feedings and building materials, but we are going to focus on trying to help fishermen rebuild their boats so they can start to get their dignity back, and have a means to be able take care of their families on their own again. There are more than 20 more fishermen in this one village that need our help. We would like you to consider being a partner in this great work, any amount will help. We send out a big thank you to Highland Lakes Church of Christ, Boerne Church of Christ, and several individuals, who have already sent funds to help us get started being the "Hands of Christ" to those in need right now due to the typhoon last Dec. Please pray for our safety, as we try and do these works while being on Covid restrictions. Pray for us to be able to find all the materials we need here locally. Many remote places are still struggling without electricity and water. There is a very slow return to normalcy here, our grocery stores shelves are half empty, basic food needs are still hard to find sometimes. I always feel like I am on a scavenger hunt looking for food stuffs for our weekly feedings. Please pray for those struggling, and for those looking for hope.

if you would like to help with the typhoon relief, please send funds to our sponsoring church:

Austin Avenue Church of Christ
1020 Austin Avenue
Brownwood, Texas 76801

Phone # (325)646-0855

Please earmark funds- "Emperado-Typhoon Relief Funds"

We love you guys!

In Him,
Richard & Becky