

NEWSLETTER

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BIBLE STUDIES AND VISITATION

Our ministry outreach continues with commitment and joy as we carry out our regular activities. We conduct scheduled visitations to our brethren, bringing encouragement, prayer, and spiritual support to strengthen their faith and fellowship within the church. These visits help build closer relationships and ensure that everyone feels cared for and connected in our spiritual family.

In addition, we hold Bible study sessions for prospects who are interested in learning more about God's Word. These sessions provide a welcoming space to share the Gospel, answer questions, and guide seekers toward understanding the truth. Through both visitation and teaching, we aim to grow together in faith and extend God's love to more people.



BAPTISM

We rejoice with Ivan and Keshia Cañas, as they publicly declare their faith and commitment to walk in God's light. May the Holy Spirit dwell in their hearts always, leading them in wisdom, peace, and goodness. This sacred moment welcomes them into the family of God, washing away the old and beginning a new life filled with grace, hope, and divine love. May this day be remembered as the start of their spiritual journey, guided by faith, surrounded by blessings, and strengthened by the promises of God.



NEGROS SUMMER CAMP



The Negros Summer Camp 2026 was successfully conducted from April 1-4 in Tayasan, Negros Oriental. Under the theme "Challenges We Are Facing Today," this gathering aimed to help participants understand and overcome the personal, social, and spiritual struggles of modern life. I had the privilege to represent Mactan alongside Jundel and Brother Dodong, and together we made the journey to be part of this meaningful event.

Our journey was long and tiring—traveling first by motorcycle on winding roads, then by boat—yet we stayed determined, knowing the fellowship and lessons ahead would be worth the effort. The trip itself already tested our endurance before the camp even began.

During the four days, we joined Bible studies, talks, discussions, and team activities focused on facing life's challenges. We gained biblical wisdom, fresh perspective, and renewed faith, while also strengthening our bond as representatives from Mactan, realizing we do not carry burdens alone.



VACATION BIBLE CLASS

2026

The Vacation Bible Class was successfully held from May 11 to 13 at Mactan Church of Christ, under the theme "Transformed Heroes" based on Romans 12:2. This 3-day activity gathered almost 80 children, aiming to teach them that true heroes are those changed and renewed by God, not just by strength but by a transformed heart and mind.

Throughout the program, lessons, Bible stories, songs, and interactive activities were shared to help the children understand what it means to be transformed. Using Romans 12:2 as our guide, we explained how to turn away from wrong ways, follow God's will, and grow into good examples and heroes in their own homes, schools, and communities. The children participated actively, listened attentively, and shared what they learned with enthusiasm.

The activity concluded successfully with joyful fellowship and meaningful learning. The children went home happy, inspired, and with a clearer understanding that they too can become transformed heroes through God's word. The event achieved its goal of planting good values and faith in their young hearts, making it a fruitful and memorable gathering.

MACTAN CHURCH OF CHRIST



SUDTUNGGAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

A separate one-day session of the Vacation Bible Class was held on May 29, 2026 in Sudtunggan. While conducted on a different date and for a shorter time, it followed the same theme "Transformed Heroes", used Romans 12:2 as the guiding verse, and shared the same core lessons and activities used in Mactan. This allowed us to bring the same spiritual teaching to the children in this area.

The day was filled with simplified lessons, songs, and interactive activities adapted for a single session. The children listened attentively, joined actively, and easily understood the message of being changed and renewed by God. Even in just one day, the goal remained clear: to show them that anyone can be a hero when their life is transformed through faith.

The activity went smoothly and ended successfully. It provided a meaningful opportunity for the children in Sudtunggan to receive the same spiritual guidance, leaving them inspired and encouraged to live as transformed individuals.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



SBC 2026 was successfully conducted from May 20 to 23, 2026, centered on the theme "God's Blueprint: Living According to His Design." The program was designed to guide participants in understanding God's plan for their lives, using lessons and activities that compare spiritual growth to building a structure according to a clear, perfect design. Over four days, the gathering combined teaching, fellowship, recreation, and reflection to help everyone apply biblical truths to daily living.

From Day 1 to Day 2, the activity opened with registration, orientation, and worship, followed by lessons introducing God as the Master Builder and the importance of building a firm foundation in Christ. Sessions covered spiritual growth, strengthening connections, and rebuilding one's life, supported by daily devotions, exercises, and group activities to reinforce the teachings. On Days 3 and 4, participants explored their unique purpose and value in God's plan through talks, the Amazing Race, a parade, and evening fellowship. The camp concluded with a review of lessons, sharing of insights, and a closing program, leaving everyone inspired to live according to God's design and strengthened in unity across congregations.



April and May is the school break, so this is the perfect chance for youth activities such as Youth Recharge and the overnight gathering. With the young ones more available during this time, we started holding Youth Recharge sessions right after every Sunday worship. During these times, they honestly evaluate what makes their spiritual "battery" run low and learn how to renew and strengthen their faith through God's Word, prayer, and shared encouragement.



Following this, the Overnight Youth Fellowship with the theme "Awake All Night, Alive in Christ" based on Colossians 2:13 was successfully held on June 5-6, 2026 at Mactan Church of Christ. Beginning with registration at 1:00 PM, the event brought young people together for worship, fellowship, and reflection, living out the motto "One Night, Eternal Impact." It served as a special time to deepen their relationship with Christ and build lasting bonds with one another.



LADIES IN ACTION

LADIES INTERCONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The 70th Ladies Intercongregational Fellowship, hosted by Compostela Church of Christ, was held successfully with the theme "Rooted in Faith, Blooming in Grace," based on Proverbs 31:30. The day opened with registration, songs of praise, prayer, and welcome remarks, followed by the main message from guest speaker Sis. Gaddiel Puzon, highlighting the true beauty and worth of a woman who honors and fears the Lord. The morning also included fellowship time, introductions, and meaningful activities before breaking for lunch.

In the afternoon, the gathering continued with worship, a fun energizer, and an introduction to the Discovery Bible Study approach to help everyone grow in studying Scripture. Further group activities were held, followed by the distribution of certificates and tokens, photo opportunities, and closing remarks and prayer. The event brought sisters together in unity, encouraging each one to stay firmly grounded in faith and continue growing in God's grace.



BIBLE STUDY



The Ladies Bible Study serves as a regular gathering where ladies come together to grow deeper in God's Word and strengthen their walk of faith. It provides a peaceful space to study Scripture, share insights, encourage one another, and reflect on how biblical teachings apply to daily life, helping every woman build a life firmly rooted in Christ.

One session of the Ladies Bible Study was hosted and led by Sis. Kristel Alegre, who also served as the speaker. Her topic focused on submission, exploring its true biblical meaning and how it is lived out in a spirit of love, respect, and humility. The teaching helped clarify common misunderstandings, explaining that submission is not weakness but a beautiful expression of faith and trust in God's order and purpose.

The discussion encouraged the sisters to apply this principle in their relationships, homes, and daily walk with the Lord. It became a meaningful time of learning, reflection, and mutual encouragement, helping everyone understand how living out this biblical value brings peace, harmony, and spiritual growth both personally and within their families and the congregation.

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

This quarter has truly been memorable for us here in the congregations of Mactan, Sudtunggan, and Marigondon as we celebrate our respective anniversaries. Looking back, we see how our faith, unity, and willingness to work together have made every service, activity, and gathering meaningful and successful. Through our shared effort and support, God's work has continued to grow and reach more people in our communities. These milestones remind us of just how faithful and good the Lord has been all these years. We are so grateful for every member's love, service, and dedication. May these special days refresh our hearts, draw us even closer to one another, and give us renewed strength to keep going. We pray for God's continued blessings, guidance, and fruitfulness for each congregation in the years ahead.

