



A family-oriented, multi-cultural, Bible-based community committed to
Knowing God, Worshiping Him, Growing in the faith and
Sharing the Good News about Jesus Christ

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PASTORAL TEAM

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SUNDAY, December 16, 2018

A GRACE-full WELCOME TO ALL



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

- **Praise and Worship • Welcome • Offering / Offertory • Announcements**
- **Message:** Pastor Dindo Caporal
Today's Message: *The Right Response To Christmas*
Text: *Luke 1:26-38*
- **Benediction**

PASTOR'S CORNER



*And Mary said, "Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word."
(Luke 1:38)*

Part of the Christmas narrative is that an angel appeared to Mary, whom Bible describes as a virgin, engaged to a man named Joseph. Prior to that angelic visit, Mary must have felt great excitement as she anticipated her marriage. But suddenly her dreams were dashed as the angel declares that she

has found favor with God and is chosen to be the mother of the promised Messiah, Jesus. Mary knows immediately that this news, though wonderful in many ways, will also bring her great humiliation, as people will despise her for being pregnant and unmarried.

What will she do as the angel explains that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and the baby Jesus will be conceived in her womb? Will her fear cause her to reject God's plan, or will her faith lead her to accept God's will? Will she be unwilling to face the rejection of many or courageously trust God as she faces an unknown and difficult future?

Mary overcomes her fear, grabs hold of faith, and quietly says, "Yes, Lord." She proves that her commitment to God is central to her life for she describes herself as the Lord's *bonds slave*. God asks each of us the same question: "Will you entrust your life to Me no matter the cost?"

At this Christmas season as a New Year lies ahead, are you willing to say, "Yes, Lord," no matter what other people may say or do? Are you willing to accept His plan even if it includes hardship and sacrifice? What answer will you give as God offers you an uncertain and/or challenging future? God invites you, like Mary, to be part of His great plan.

CHURCH LIFE

1. **Mid-Week Worship Celebration on Wednesday, December. 19th.** Led by Service Ministry Group. **Speaker:** Bro. Butch Suello. **Praise and Worship:** Sister Polly.
2. **Happy Birthday Jesus on Sunday, December 23rd.** Offering will go to the missionaries we support. Plan ahead on how much you will designate when your birth month is called.
3. **Need to borrow GAC's property/equipment** (for non-profit use)? Please see "Authorized Forms for Borrowing Church Property or Items" (available in the office)
4. **GAC Mission Trip, January 26, 2019 to February 6**

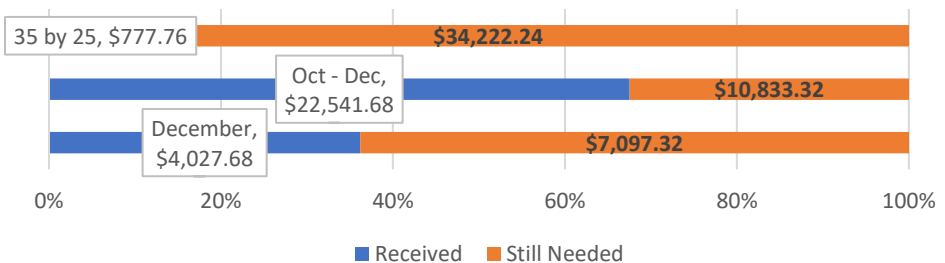
PRAYER ITEMS



Please submit prayer requests and answered prayers at www.graceaboundsmore.org/prayer/request

1. **For Healing, Wholeness and Health:** • Baby Snow (apo of Leo & Fely), for continuous improvement of her health • Bobby Punu • Rosalina Salva (daughter of Sis. Lina) and her 4 kids as they adjust to life here in the U.S.
2. **December Celebrants**
 - Birthdays: Daisy Padron – 7, Julian Chester – 10, Jorge Carilimdiliman – 12, Ildefonso (Tatay) Salinas – 23, Mia Allesia Padron – 23, Fely Salinas – 24, Alex Caparas – 27, Josephine Deguzman – 27, Kate Carilimdiliman – 29, Tzarina Stewart – 30
 - Anniversaries: Daniel B. & Stella Suello – 17, Chester & Joan Julian – 18

STEWARDSHIP



Online giving: www.graceaboundsmore.org/give (for general fund, tithes, offerings, and missions). For special project 35 by 25: paypal.me/35x25

VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision:

Grace Abounds Church exists to glorify our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by fulfilling His Great Commission and living out His Great Commandment to make, mature and multiply disciples of all people groups.

Our Mission:

To magnify our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by

- drawing people to become BELIEVERS in Jesus Christ
- directing believers to become life-long LEARNERS of God's Word
- developing learners to be DOERS in various church ministries
- deploying church members as REPRODUCERS of disciples

GET CONNECTED

SUNDAY

Prayer Time	9:00 am
Sunday School for all ages	9:30 am
Worship Celebration	11:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday: Mid-Week Worship Celebration	7:00 pm
Friday: AWANA	6:00 pm
Saturday: G.A.P. @ GAC Dawn Prayer Watch	6 to 8 am

Adult Sunday School

Current Series: Why Are We Here?

- Last Week (12/9): Connecting and Engaging People in Your Church – Open Arms. James 2:1-10
- This Week (12/16): Connecting and Engaging People in Your Church – Gracious Hospitality. 1 Peter 4:7-11
- Next Week (12/23): Connecting and Engaging People in Your Church – Intentional Love. Luke 10:25-37

WHY WE NEED TO BE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

- *To learn more about God and His Word.*
- *To mature spiritually.*
- *It's a place for Praise and Prayer with and for one another.*
- *It's a place of interactive learning.*

TRY IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT!



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