



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**

Pastor Dindo Caporal, Pastor Daniel Christian Suello

**SUNDAY, December 23, 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 Heart For Christmas*  
**Text:** *Matthew 1:18-25*
- **Benediction**

## PASTOR'S CORNER



What do you see in a nativity scene? A manger that cradles the baby Jesus. Mary showering her motherly love over the newborn. Shepherds watching. Wise men approaching with their gifts.

But there's one figure in the shadows of this scenic gathering. As quiet as he is in the biblical account, Joseph is observing the scene. But he is a hero that makes the Christmas story come to life.

As a young man, poor by any economical standards, his greatest joy in life was to be betrothed or engaged to Mary to be her future husband. According to the customs of his culture, they would be apart for a year. This would be the solid proof of the purity of the bride.

Then came the devastating news. Sometime before the betrothal year was completed, Mary was found to be pregnant. Joseph was devastated.

In agony, Joseph decided to divorce Mary quietly. Then, the angel of the Lord commanded him in a dream to take Mary as his wife without fear. The virgin birth was key to the Christmas prophecy (Isaiah 7:14), and Joseph, a righteous man, insured that this miracle would happen by being obedient to the angel's command and abstaining from what was natural. He is a hero of the prophetic virgin birth.

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## CHURCH LIFE

1. **Joint Candlelight Service, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm.** Willow River Church.
2. **Mid-Week Worship Celebration on Wednesday, December. 26<sup>th</sup>.**
3. **Church Annual Report, January 6<sup>th</sup>**
4. **GAC Mission Trip, January 26, 2019 to February 6**
5. **Valentine's (Love's) Night on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM** (in place of Wednesday Night Service)

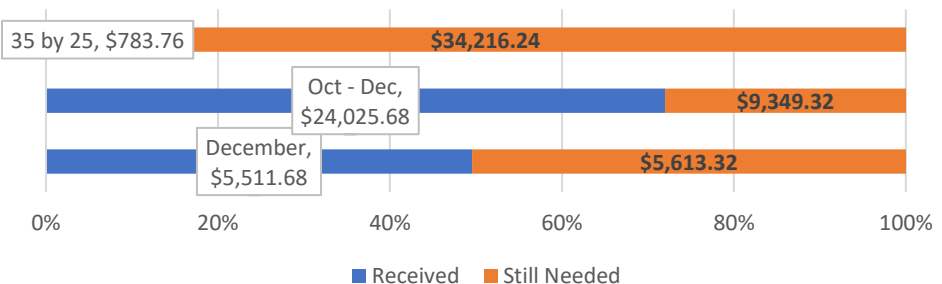
## PRAYER ITEMS



Please submit prayer requests and answered prayers at [www.graceaboundsmore.org/prayer/request](http://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: 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](http://www.graceaboundsmore.org/give) (for general fund, tithes, offerings, and missions). For special project 35 by 25: [paypal.me/35x25](https://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

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

## WEEKDAYS

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

## Adult Sunday School

### Current Series: Why Are We Here?

- Last Week (12/16): Connecting and Engaging People in Your Church – Gracious Hospitality. 1 Peter 4:7-11
- This Week (12/23): Intentional Love. Luke 10:25-37
- Next Week (12/30): Authentic Joy. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

## 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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