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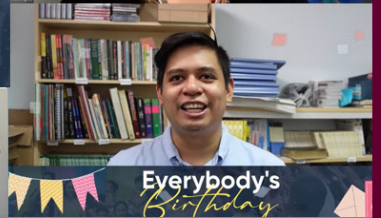
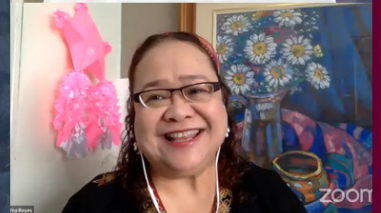
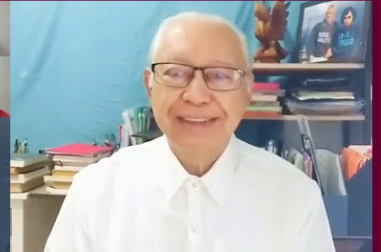
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Elder Cesar Montano
Officer-in-Charge, KBCF



Pastor Ronel Rubica
Interim Pastor, KBCF

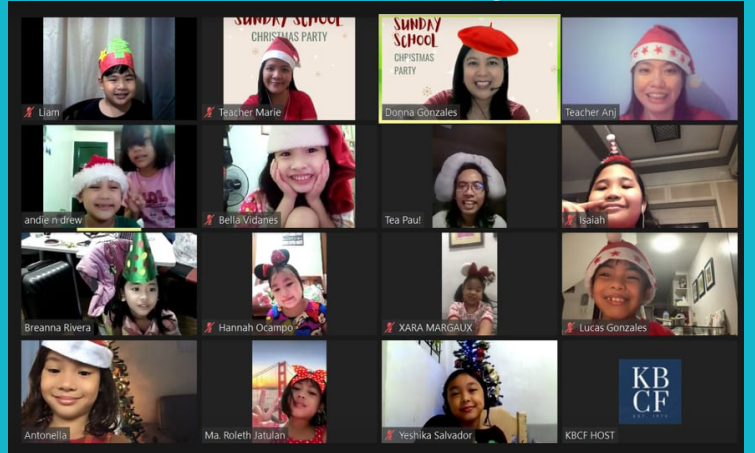


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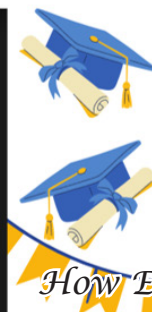


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FROM THE HEART OF AN ELDER

By Cesar Montano

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!

What is KBCF's theme for 2021?

ASCEND! The exhortation is to "...come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in His paths." (Micah 4:2, Isa. 2:3a)

As God's church, we want to rise above the challenges of the times and be reminded that as the Lord reigns supreme, He will continue to direct our path to fulfill His purpose and plan for us.

Part of Ptr. Johnny Pabia's message in KBCF's 45th anniversary was that Christ is committed to beautify His church. How does God beautify His church? By purging and purifying His people. What is the best form of purging and purifying? Ptr. Johnny said "I do not know of any best form other than spiritual brokenness. Brokenness is His way of blessing."

It is comforting to be reminded in Isaiah 60:2, "See, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness is over the people, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you."

As we assess what is happening in the world, in our country, in our community, in our church, in our families, who could have anticipated the darkness that the C-19 pandemic would trigger. And it does not stop there. There are pockets of darkness even in our personal lives.

Praise God, spiritual brokenness is one of God's way of blessing His children! Praise God, Jesus had taught and modeled prayer! Praise God, He continues to raise up people who can enrich our prayer lives! Charles Ringma & Mary Dickau, in their book *The Art of Healing Prayer*, wrote, "Prayer is, at its very core, the witness of death becoming life. The



art of healing prayer is, at least in part, the art of dying to self. We become less, so that Christ can become more within us and in our prayers for another. This sacrificial aspect of praying for others makes our prayers safe, so that the journey towards healing and wholeness is marked by hope and goodness for those whose story we are holding before God. In this way, our prayers become sacraments of God's healing, comfort, and provision, which flow from the death and resurrection of Jesus."

As we look back at the start of this year and look towards year-end, let us continue to uphold in prayer others and ourselves on our journey away from brokenness, and journey together towards healing and wholeness. Together we will learn His ways and will walk in His path, and will rise above the challenges in our families and in our church.

The Lord reigns supreme. To God be the glory!

Mentoring of the Heart Reflections

By Pastor Johnny Pabia

God, Make me Hungry for You!

Read Psalm 63:1-11

We are wired to yearn for satisfaction or fulfillment. The big question is, where and to whom do we direct our yearning for wholeness?

If we are not hungry for His presence (sheer enjoyment) and His purposes (participation in His work), then, we consequently end up hungering for something else.

We chase after things that are naturally attractive to us in response to these kinds of hunger:

- Financial security
- Career success
- Praise and affirmation of others
- Boy-girl relationships
- Marriage, and more.

But only Jesus can genuinely give life with deep and abiding satisfaction. He calls this life Eternal life or abundant life. "He is more than enough for me" goes the chorus. The hungrier we are for God, the more alive we are.

As someone said – the most powerful prayer any Christian can pray is, "God, make me hungry for You."

We are all a product of our spiritual appetite and none of us is greater than our prayer life. We get what we thirst for.

There are two kinds of spiritual hunger or restlessness of which I am keenly aware.

1. Hunger for His presence, Psalm 63:1, the reward of which is satisfaction & pleasure, Psalm 16:11



2. Hunger for His purpose, Acts 20:24, that is, hungry to participate in His global mission

As someone well put it –

"There is a healthy restlessness that each of us should embrace – the restlessness that longs for heaven, for a deeper knowledge of God's presence; the restlessness that marks us out as nothing more than pilgrims, passing through this temporary place and heading for our true destination.

"Never stop looking for His 'new thing'. The moment we think we have arrived, we will fall. The moment we lose that hunger to travel to find Him, the willingness to wait in line to hear Him, the humility to encounter Him in a package that offends us, we're in danger of missing His next move. Wise men still travel."

So, let us pray – Lord Jesus, make me hungry for You!

WOMEN OF WORTH AND THEIR LEGACY

The first half of 2021 saw the demise of two former Editors of *The Scroll*. Vicki Litiatco, who breathed her last on January 27, 2021, was in the US with husband Ronnie spending time with family. Cesylle Talusan was called home by the Lord on May 31, 2021.

Our loss is heaven's gain. We are forever grateful to the Lord for these ladies' faithful service and commitment.

Read on and see how these two ladies touched people with their lives.



Tribute to Tita Vicki

By Vida Isabel L. Vasquez

I was eleven when I first came into Tita Vicki's class. It wasn't one of my best memories of her but it surely left an impression I'll never forget.

It was summer of 2005 when Tita Vicki conducted an English Enhancement Program to help church kids improve their English speaking and writing skills. We knew Tita Vicki as one of the most outspoken people in church. So one could just imagine how nervous we felt while waiting for her to enter the conference room.

When she came in, the class fell silent. Carrying a bag and a thick brown envelope containing our worksheets, she greeted us with a warm smile. She introduced herself with so much eloquence and passion. She was intentional in connecting with us. It didn't matter if our ages ranged from 8-11 years old and she was nearing her 60s. She talked to us as if we were adults. She asked about our interests, the books we liked to read, and summer activities we

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Blessed by Ate Cesylle's life

By Milet Lacorte Cardano

I first met Ate Cesylle in 2012, when I started working in the Church office. Ate Cesylle was a passionate and committed Church worker, the only volunteer involved in the Church Bulletin Ministry of KBCF.

In my first six years of working as Church office clerk, a week never passed without a short and meaningful talk with Ate Cesylle. Every Saturday at 10 a.m., the office telephone would ring, and I was almost always sure that when I pick up, it would be her on the other end of the line. With lots of patience and much love, she consistently read and edited the KBCF Bulletin and Announcements. She was a very busy woman but made sure she always had time to help the Church when she was needed.

What I appreciated the most about Ate Cesylle was her genuine concern for people. We used to discuss work in the ministry, and she also made sure to take time to minister to me. She was one of my prayer partners in one of the most challenging situations in

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KBCF turns 46

For the second time, Kamuning Bible Christian Fellowship refused to allow the pandemic to hinder the celebration of God's goodness and faithfulness to His church. Now 46 years old, KBCF was able to hold an online anniversary worship service via Zoom, and though virtual, it was such a joy to see one another.

Songs of worship, testimonies, greetings... we surely miss hearing them in our face-to-face services. But we make do with what we have, and hearing them online is a blessing just the same.

The theme for 2022 is "Be Holy" and the message of Ptr. Philip Flores on being Christlike drove the point home. In a nutshell, his message was this: God's will

for the Church is to be Christlike, filled with Christlike disciples led by Christlike leaders. This is a challenge we all must take seriously.

The EiP Choir also recorded a song, Press On, to remind us to keep on toward the prize in spite of difficulties. Yna Reyes emceed the service.

In the afternoon, we continued the celebration with fun, games, and prizes. Our In-house comedian, Jay Cayari, together with Elder Billy Munoz facilitated the games and raffle.

We look forward to our 47th, with much hope that it will be a face-to-face gathering. - RCD



An Answer to Prayers



After years of praying as a church to send us a shepherd, the Lord finally gave us a pastor who will lead the KBCF flock.

Pastor Ronel Galinato Rubrica heeded the Lord's call to pastor our orphaned church. He, together with his wife Lysel, was installed on November 7, 2021, via our Sunday Zoom worship service.

Ptr. Ronel has a rich background. He earned his degree in Theology at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary (PBTS), after which he served in Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) as Counselor (Heartline radio counseling program). He later shifted to the Public Ministries Department as Church Relations Officer, and eventually became department head. He also served in other ministries there.

Listeners of 702 DZAS's *Hardin ng Panalangin* would easily recognize his voice, as he hosted and produced the program for 14 years. Additionally, he handled several radio programs such as *Oras Na Pilipinas* (news and current events) and House Blend (musical and in-

spirational). He has written more than 20 songs that have been recorded in the roster of PAPURI! compositions, and was an Awit Awards nominee for Best Inspirational/Religious Recording in 1998.

Furthermore, he pursued post-graduate studies and graduated Master in Management Major in Human Resource Management at Dela Salle Araneta University with honors – “*Bene Meritus*” (Magna Cum Laude). Ptr. Ronel is deeply devoted to Christ and His Word and holds a deep and abiding passion for disciple-making—the simple biblical model of teaching God's Word, mentoring others, and sharing faith. He has a passion to see people's lives changed through the preaching of the gospel.

He has previously served as Calocan Bible Church Senior Pastor and

was The Filipino Christian Church of Dubai Lead/Head Pastor for nine years. He was ordained as minister by the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches on July 2, 2012. His involvement in Church Solutions Now, a movement that aims to help pastors and church leaders regain vitality and dynamism in their ministry through training, mentoring, and counseling, is an addition to his long list of experience. He has been happily married to his wife, Lysel, a licensed pharmacist, since 1993. She loves the Lord and is a great encouragement to Ronel personally and in ministry. They are blessed to go through life together as a couple and are committed to glorifying and serving the Lord together.

Welcome, Ptr. Ronel and Lysel! You are indeed God's answer to our prayers. – RCD



How the EHS Books and Course Helped Me

By Wilma Limjoco

I had the privilege to take the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality online course from May 8 – July 3, 2021. Going through the course itself and through the work of the Holy Spirit, it was an experience of a beneath-the-surface look into one's inner self, of who I am and what I had experienced in the past that made me who I am, and allowing God to speak and transform me for a deeper relationship with Him and with others and of having an emotionally healthy spirituality.

The book was a good read for learning and re-learning, discovering and re-discovering realities in my own life as a person and as a Christian as we went through the sessions for 8 weeks. The videos by author Peter Scazzero added to the gleanings and learnings I read in each chapter of the book.

The Manual helped me process and answer questions on some issues and experiences I went

through in my life. For instance, Chapter 4 – *Journey Through the Wall* – was a lesson on letting go of power and control. The “walls” the Lord has allowed me to go through were indeed His way of purging or re-wiring me for a deeper, closer relationship with Him. Chapter 5 which is *Enlarging Our Soul Through Grief and Loss* allowed me to have a deeper introspection that through the griefs and painful experiences my family had gone through in the past, God had used them in enlarging my soul, of getting closer to God and being stronger in my faith. In Chapter 6 which is about *Discovering the Rhythms of the Daily Office and Sabbath*, it has helped me form the habit of taking a moment of my day to center my awareness on God through the disciplines of silent meditation and prayer. Though I already practiced Sabbath days, the chapter has helped me savor more the value in the gift of Sabbath in my



life – not only in my weekly schedule but even inserting mini-Sabbaths in my mostly occupied daily schedule.

The last chapter on the *Rule of Life* is something similar to the *Individual Growth Plan* which we in our mission organization are encouraged to do yearly focusing on three major missionary growth areas: Spiritual Formation, Self-Management Skills and Ministry Skills. In this last chapter of the EHS Course, there was emphasis in cultivating habits and disciplines in the areas of Prayer, Rest, Relationship and Work. This chapter has encouraged me even more to do these disciplines with consistency whether in my daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly goals – not by being mechanical but using them creatively as guide and life goals in the time frame God allows me to accomplish them to be a better person for His good purposes and glory.

Lastly, the companion booklet *Day by Day - 40-Day Journey with the Daily Office*, has helped me establish my daily routine of



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Sunday School:

Teaching Amid the Pandemic

By Didi Salem

Our public and private school teachers have been laboring twice as much this school year, 2020-2021, holding online classes due to the COVID pandemic. And so have our Sunday school teachers! Do you know that only three of them are actual teachers by pro-

“Teaching is one of the noblest of professions. It requires adequate preparation and training, patience, devotion, and a deep sense of responsibility. Those who mold the human mind have wrought not for time, but for eternity.” – Calvin Coolidge

fession? The others have different professions, yet they have chosen to minister to the kids on Sundays.

Among the teachers who responded to the need for virtual Sunday school classes last year were:

Marjolyn Tomasa, Marychelle Romero, Angieline Punio, Kath Declaro, Jenny Anduiza, Jessica Soleng, Kathryn Leonen, Paulo Bibay, Veronica Romero, and Marie Ocampo.

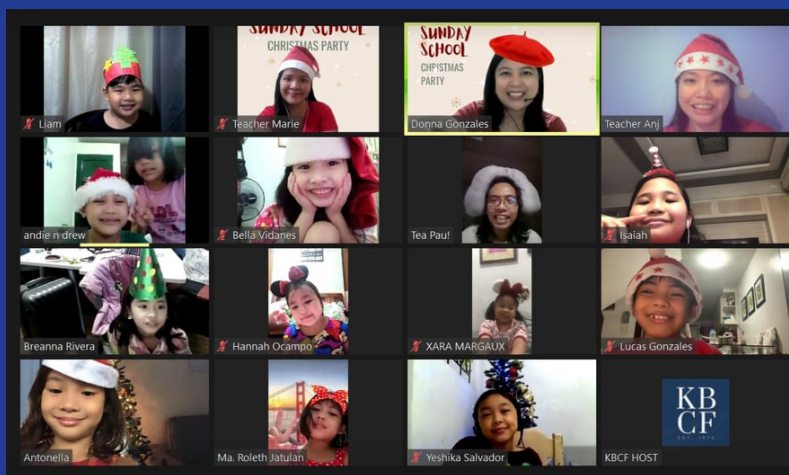
However, for some reason, some of them were hindered from continuing this year.

“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.” – Bob Talbert

Donna Gonzales heeded the call for additional teachers this year. Then Chiara Gonzales followed suit. The mother and daughter tandem handles the preschool to Grades 1-3 classes.

Angieline Punio and Marie Ocampo handle the Grades 4-6 classes.

(details supplied by Angieline Punio)



“I appreciate our Sunday school classes kasi kahit na may COVID, nagkikita at nakakapag-usap pa din kami ng classmates ko. Hindi tumigil sa pagpapalano ang mga teachers sa lessons namin. They are so patient even though makulit kami.

Thank you to our teachers dahil may energy pa sila para turuan kami. I pray for their health, and that they will continue with their ministry and commitment to God.” – Yellow Salvador

“We’d like to give our biggest thanks to our Sunday school teachers. It was already challenging to manage the little kids in a physical classroom set-up. This was doubled in a virtual setting. No matter the kakulitan of the bulilits our teachers are always there. This is truly appreciated.

Siopi looks forward to this class every week. And even when Joco leaves the room (only because he finds it hard to sit and stay at one place for a long time), he knows 1 pm Sunday is school time.

Thank you to all teachers who continue to give their commitment to this ministry. God bless you all!” – Jp and Hayriene Purugganan

KBCF Building Project:

A Journey of Faith

By Building Committee

It all began in 2008 when one KBCF member donated P500,000 as seed money to renovate the then 33-year-old church edifice. It has been over 12 years and we are still waiting to witness God's surprise for us and set foot on our new church building - which we believe will be very soon!

The Lord provided us with a parcel of land on May 14, 1979, along 11th Jamboree Street, and the construction of our church building immediately commenced the following year. After 5 years of gradual development, the two-level building was formally dedicated to God during KBCF's 10th year anniversary on Dec. 14, 1985.



Since the official launch of our "Building Project" in March 2009, it had undergone four major design revisions with the loving dedication of two architects - Arch. Ed Madulid and Arch. Jun Espinosa.



2009 (Madulid)

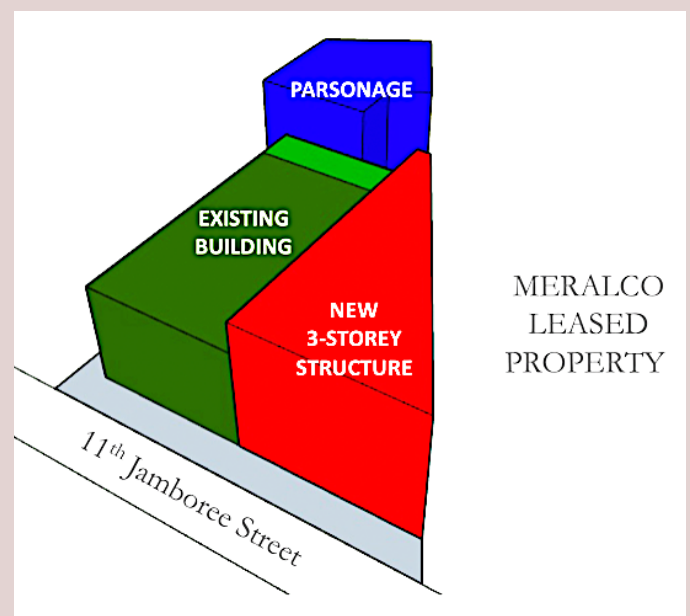
2012 (Espinosa)

2014 (Espinosa)

2016 (Madulid)

After the long and arduous process of technical design amendments, acquiring government requirements and permits, we finally got our Building Permit from the Quezon City Department of Building Official Services in August 2019. With all plans set and the construction works ready to begin, the COVID-19 pandemic hit us in 2020, along with the entire world. God's timing is always perfect! It could have been a totally different story if the pandemic happened post-demolition. God has spared us from a much-complicated situation.

In the midst of the nationwide community quarantine, the Core of Leaders (COL) was able to meet and decide a very important matter - the expiration of the Building Permit. On November 14, 2020, the COL decided to call off the 4-Storey Building Construction and instead plan for the renovation and extension of the existing building structure. This also supports the earlier leadership resolution to work and plan within the available Building Fund. Moving forward, they also decided to plan and raise additional funds for the construction of a 3-level building structure adjacent to the existing.



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Tribute to Tita Vicki

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enjoyed.

She was quite excited when she pulled out her first lesson: commonly misused English words or phrases. Her eyes twinkled as we went through her list, and her frustration was evident over the use of “cope up” or “luggages”.

Unfortunately, I did not share her passion about English then. I dreaded her class. Recitation and exercises scared me; she would immediately correct us on the spot. By the end of the program, I barely passed her standards. I might have even sworn then that I would never join any of her activities ever. Or so I thought. God had a different plan.

Three years later, I found myself involved in the Scroll ministry, where Tita Vicki served as one of the editors. I knew the quality of work she expected and my writing was far from it. However, she was very patient. Every time she finished editing my work, she would point out areas for improvement. Sometimes, she would walk me through my piece so we could work on it together. Her constant encouragement pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me find confidence in myself.

When I turned 17, our *working* relationship blossomed into an “unlikely” friendship. Neither of us expected that we would become friends despite our 47-year age gap. We bonded over our love for Nancy Drew, Philippine history, watercolor paintings, and the

color green. As years went by, we became even closer. She shared stories about her family - from her younger years to present anecdotes of her grandchildren.

Tita Vicki never failed to ask how I was doing. She was a cheerleader and prayer partner. When she learned I volunteered to teach English to the youth in the church my Dad pastored, she instantly sent me materials.

While there are many other memories for which I thank the Lord, I am most grateful for Tita Vicki’s legacy. Her love, excellence, and passion shaped who I am today. Thank you, Tita Vicki for your love and friendship. Thank You Jesus for sharing Tita Vicki with us. We know that death has no power and we will see Tita Vicki again soon.

2021 Highlights

January

- Prayer and Fasting

February

- HB - Ascending in Love
- Seniors - To V or not to V

March

- CGLA
- PCEC Concert of Prayer

April

- Holy Week Prayer Gathering
- Discerning Truth in the Age of Social Media -Regular & Youth
- HB - Single Parents Meet and Greet

May

- Mothers Day
- EHS (May to July)
- YA - Honoring God in the Workplace
- HB - Strengthening the Christian Men’s Core

June

- Fathers Day
- YA - Christian Help
- HB - Parenting Webinar (Purity)
- Mid-year Prayer & Fasting

July

- Family Fun Day

August

- CC 2021 Installation

October

- Missions Month
- Pastors’ Appreciation

November

- Installation of Interim Pastor
- CGLA
- YA - Mental Health
- HB - Maintaining Mental Health in the Midst of Pandemic
- SHAPE Retreat

December

- Seniors - Property and Inheritance Issues
- 46th Church Anniversary
- Workers’ Appreciation
- KOPF Anniversary
- Simbang Madaling Araw
- Christmas Eve Worship

Blessed by Ate Cesylle's Life

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my life as I supported my sister's college education. It was a treasure to have her as a prayer partner.

Church Bulletin editing may not be a frontline ministry, but Ate Cesylle's service was vital. In some instances when I failed to send her the Church bulletin for editing, a member or two would surely call my attention on errors in grammar and spelling. Behind each and every Sunday Service and Prayer & Fasting event of the Church was the quiet and humble service of Ate Cesylle. I am blessed to have known her and witness her dedication and commitment in the Lord's ministry.

How the EHS Books and Course Helped Me

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morning and evening "pausing" or centering on God - moments of silence, sensing His presence, reading a short Bible passage, listening to His voice, and putting learnings into life applications require resolve and discipline on my part yet with God's help are doable.

The breakout group had allowed us to have a more intimate sharing time. With candor and confidence, we were able to share personal experiences and learnings. As we listened to each other, we got to know the other person better without being judgmental and without violating confidences outside of our group. It was interesting to note how God has woven His ways and good purposes into the tapestry of each one's life making that person a unique and special person by our Loving, Creator God.

Above all, I am grateful to God and to KBCF leadership for giving me the opportunity to go through this course. I am likewise thankful to our facilitators for the time and efforts they spared as they facilitated each session and who likewise honestly bared their hearts and their own learnings from God in each of our sessions.

KBCF Building Project

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To date, we are currently appraising the structural integrity and soundness of our old church building. Based on the assessment result, the renovation plans and the creation of architectural designs will commence.

All's well that ends well! Our "Building Project" has taught us, as a church, not only to be faithful and generous but to develop a heart that trusts God, every step of the way. This long and winding road is a faith-stretching and a faith-building adventure, manifesting God's power and sovereignty.

By faith, let us continue to embark on this exciting journey and wait upon the Lord with anticipation, expectation, and confident hope for a new and improved worship center.

Ministry Opportunities

SPIRITUAL CARE DEPARTMENT

- a. MEMBERS' CARE
 - a.1 Seekers/Believers sub-comm - [to handle follow-up of new believers; sharing gospel ; coordinate w/ age groups, w/ Bridging for discipleship]
 - a.2 Membership Comm
 - a.3 Sunday Teachers
 - a.4 Youth Cell Leaders
 - a.5 Young Adults Committee
- b. SHEPHERDS' CARE
 - b1. Cell Group / 101 Leaders
 - b2. Discipled Development [persons to recruit disciples to handle monthly Disciplers Assembly]
 - b3. Monitoring [persons to bridge disciplers to disciples; assist in monitoring CG health & meetings]
 - b4. Cell Group Support
- c. GROWTH CARE
 - c1. Equipping
 - c2. Spiritual Journey Tracker
 - c3. Resource & Development

MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

- a. MISSIONS COMMITTEE
- b. CAMPUS MINISTRY

WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

- a. VOLUNTEER WORKER [Overall Coordinator for Worship Dept., WD; available to be in church premises, daytime, during weekdays. Will assist Interim Pastor in operation of Worship Dept.]
- b. MUSICIANS/SINGERS
- c. CHOIR
- d. PRAYER
- e. PULPIT
- f. USHER
- g. VIDEO RECORDING [helper to assist in recording of videos done within church premises, off-site at residences of KBCFers, physically available on weekdays, daytime at KBCF.]

ADMIN DEPARTMENT

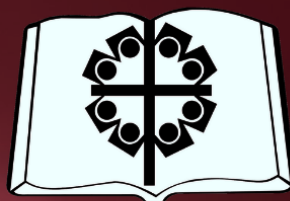
- a. DEACONS
- b. MULTIMEDIA
- c. SCROLL
- d. COUNTERS (for f2f)

VISION

A CHURCH AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART THAT MULTIPLIES DISCIPLE-MAKERS, LEADERS, AND CONGREGATIONS.

MISSION

WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD BY BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST AND MEMBERSHIP IN HIS FAMILY, DEVELOPING THEM TOWARDS CHRIST-LIKE MATURITY, AND EQUIPPING THEM FOR THEIR MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH AND LIFE MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY, THE NATION, AND THE WORLD.



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