

Welcome to **CHURCH!**

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.



We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

Leaders Ministry Summit

Calling all ministry leaders, core members and assistants to join the **Leaders Summit** on **March 1, 2026 (Sun)** at **7PM**. Please send ahead a copy of your 2026 Ministry Plan to Ptr. Nic.

Lenten Retreat 2026

You are invited to join our **annual Lenten Retreat** to be held during the **Holy Week**. In order to accommodate more people, we will have **two batches**. There is a registration fee of **P3,000.00**.

Batch 1: March 30-April 1, 2026
Batch 2: April 2-4, 2026

How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

Discover life with our **Small Groups**.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

Stay for **fellowship** and **refreshments**.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

Free **Blood Pressure** and **Sugar Check-up**.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service!**

Ways to give tithes and love gifts.

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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

STONES & SIGNS

Until He Comes: The King Prepares A Watchful Church.

Mark 13:1-8
Ptr. Nic Sy

March 01, 2026

SERMON NOTES

I. IMPRESSIVE IS NOT ETERNAL **The Principle of Impermanence**

Anchoring our sense of security to anything created is a mistake.

Reflect: What in your life have you quietly promoted from “a blessing from God” to “a guarantee from God”?

What you hold tightly can become what holds you.

II. CONFIDENCE IS NOT THE SAME AS ACCURACY **The Call to Discernment**

“Watch” | Greek blepó meaning “to see, to perceive, to look with intentionality.”

Reflect: When bad things happen, what is your first instinct?

Information without discernment produces anxiety.

III. PAIN IS NOT WITHOUT PURPOSE **The Posture of Hope**

Birth pains are not the language of death. They are the language of life arriving.

“Alarmed” | Greek throeó meaning “to be inwardly troubled, to be thrown into a state of panic or agitation.”

There is a difference between a tree in a storm and a leaf in a storm. Both experience the same wind. Only one stays grounded.

Sunday Services

English 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Cebuano 4:00 PM

2nd Floor,
Northgate Center.
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Banilad, Cebu City.

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“STONES & SIGNS”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of March 2-8, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you could instantly know the future about one small everyday thing (traffic tomorrow, weather next week, or how a project turns out), what would you choose and why?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Mark 13:1-8

1. The disciples were amazed by the temple, but Jesus saw something very different. Why do you think the temple felt so permanent and secure to them? What kinds of things today give people a similar sense of security or pride? Read Psalms 20:7 and Hebrews 13:14. How do these passages reshape what believers place their confidence in? How can we appreciate blessings in this world without quietly depending on them for ultimate security?

2. Jesus does not answer the disciples' question in verse 4 the way they expected. Instead of giving them a date, he gives them a disposition. Read Deuteronomy 29:29 and Acts 1:6-7. What does the pattern of God withholding specific timing while still giving direction tell us about how God relates to his people in seasons of uncertainty? What does it reveal about what God thinks we actually need when we are anxious about the future?

3. Jesus' very first response to their question about the end is “Watch out that no one deceives you.” Why do you think deception is the first and most urgent danger Jesus identifies rather than persecution or suffering? In what specific ways are Christians today vulnerable to being misled about the end times, and what habits or convictions help you stay anchored?

4. Read Acts 17:11. What habits helped the Bereans avoid deception? Practically speaking, what helps a believer grow in discernment rather than fear or suspicion?

5. Explore Mark 13:7-8 alongside Romans 8:22. Why does Jesus use the metaphor of “birth pains” to describe wars and earthquakes? What does the birth pang metaphor tell us about the nature, purpose, and trajectory of the suffering the world is currently experiencing? How does that image change the way you emotionally and spiritually process bad news in the world around you?

6. Read Psalms 46:1-3 and compare it to the “alarm” mentioned in Mark 13:7. How do you distinguish between being “aware” of a crisis and being “alarmed” by it? What specific attributes of God's character allow a believer to remain unshaken when the earth literally or figuratively gives way? What is one area of your life right now where you need to trade “alarm” for “abiding”?

NEXT STEPS

Not every crisis is the end, but every crisis reminds us the end is coming.

- **Stay Grounded.** I will stay grounded in God's word, not every loud voice or confident prediction that I hear.
- **Stay Calm.** I will stay calm when the world feels unstable.
- **Stay Faithful.** I will stay faithful to what God has called me to do instead of obsessing about tomorrow.
- **Stay Hopeful.** I will stay hopeful because history is moving towards God's redemption and not chaos.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for hearts that remain anchored in Christ – discerning in truth, calm in uncertainty, faithful in obedience, and hopeful in God's unfolding purposes.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

March 2	Mark 13:1-8
March 3	Psalms 20:1-9
March 4	Acts 1:6-11
March 5	Isaiah 26:3-9
March 6	Romans 8:18-25
March 7	Psalms 93:1-5
March 8	Romans 1:16-17

