

YOU MUST RECEIVE CHRIST TO BE SAVED

By Lakan Mariano

The Texas panhandle winter breeze made us shiver as we got in our car. While Kim and I were excited about celebrating Christmas with people we love we were also apprehensive. We knew that a loved one was upset with us. We did not know the reason why but the phone conversations we had with her before this trip were short and not sweet.

When we got there we were happily greeted by everyone. Except for one. We had to go to her room to see her. We were greeted with silence. We tried to make small talk and got no response. I finally sat the presents down on her lap. We stood there in awkward silence for a few seconds. We were about to leave the room when she tossed the presents by our feet. She refused our gifts.

As bad as we felt at that time I often think about how worse the Lord Jesus must feel when his gift of eternal life, his gift of himself, is rejected.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Imagine not being accepted in your own home. By your own family.

“He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him” (John 1:10-11).

This free gift of eternal life—knowing and enjoying God forever—the most expensive gift ever offered. Paid for by the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Offered to any sinner. Rejected by his own people.

But the promise of God is, “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).

A pastor told me years ago that the problem with me and pastors like me is we teach that a person must receive Christ for him to be saved. But that is precisely what the Bible teaches. While God is sovereign over salvation a person has to respond to his invitation.

Both things are true.

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God” (John 1:12-13).

Jesus invites any and all sinners to come to him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

For anyone to receive the blessings of salvation he has to receive Christ.

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them” (John 3:36).



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Ladies,
Join us for a day of considering
our Calling before God.

April 27, 2024
9am - 3pm
College Hills Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

There will be two morning sessions:
"Being Called" & "Living Called"

Lunch will be provided.

Afternoon Q & A session on
pertinent issues that we face.



Ladies Dinner Out
Tuesday April 16
6pm at Cheddar's
Bring a friend & join us!

Come & share how the Lord
is blessing you
during this time!



LIFE WALK 2024

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BIRTHDAY

The annual Pregnancy Help Center Life Walk will be held on Saturday May 4 at 9:00 a.m. The Pregnancy Help Center is a safe haven for women who find themselves in unexpected pregnancy. Help us reach our goal of 10 walkers for College Hills Baptist Church! Please contact Helen Shanafelt for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday:

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:45am Worship
- 3:00pm Myanmar Bible Study, College Hub
- 5:30pm Body Life, Smith Home
- 6:00pm Body Life, Stephenson Home

Monday:

- 6:00pm BTCL, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday:

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm Filipino Life Group, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday:

- 6:00pm Ephesians, Co Ed Adult, Fellowship Hall
- Awana for Kinder—Grade 5
- Study of Psalms, Youth Room
- Men's Bible Study with Scott Steele
- Ladies Bible Study, Love & Joy Class

Friday:

- 6:00pm Body Life, Jackson Home



On average, the Foster Closet is able to help 17 foster children each month, but this is a fraction of the children in need.

Imagine how much more we could do if we were able to keep more items on hand.

Please consider committing to just \$10 per month to help us move into a larger area to better meet the needs of our local foster families. All donations are tax deductible.

*Set up automatic recurring donation through <https://app.tithely.com/login>, search "Foster Closet" and click our logo!

*Not one for online transactions? Checks can be sent to: P.O. Box 3202, San Angelo, TX 76902 or to:

Foster Closet of San Angelo
405 S Adams St. San Angelo, Tx 76901

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"We care for the orphaned and vulnerable because we have been greatly cared for by Jesus:

The gospel is our why.


~Jason Johnson Blog

Men's Prayer Breakfast
At 7:00 a.m. Saturday April 20
In the Fellowship Hall
FMI or to help, see Cole Calloway

Ladies Prayer Breakfast
Saturday March 16
9:00 a.m. Stephenson Home
3229 Canyon Creek Dr
See Stacy with any questions or for more info.



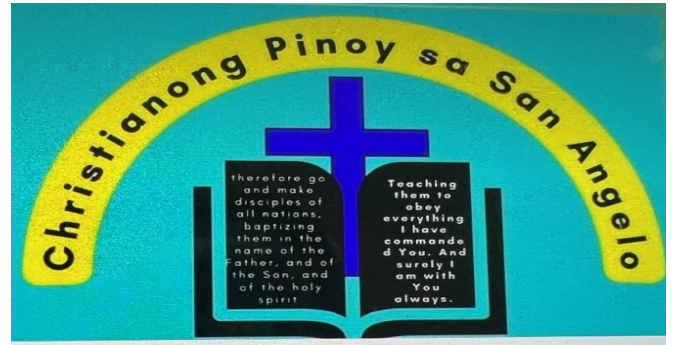
Sunday School/Discipleship Leader Meeting
Sunday April 21 at 3:30 p.m.
Room behind the office



College Hills Student Ministry

Sunday
 Sunday School
 9:30 am
 Morning Worship
 10:45am

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
 The Book of Ephesians
 Upstairs-Youth Room



Filipino Life Group
 Tuesdays at 6p.m. Fellowship Hall



Weekly Meetings:

Sunday School:

Sunday - 9:30am
 Preschool-5th Grade

Extended Session:

Sunday 10:45am Birth-Preschool

Wednesdays

For K - 5th Grade

Awana for Kinder—Grade 5

FMI: Philip Cross 277-7980 Or Church 949-5788





CHBC College

Sunday School
 9:30 am
 Morning Worship at
 10:45 am
 Wednesdays
 6:00 pm
 In the Hub

Kinder—Grade 5

Wednesdays at
 6pm

Men's Bible Study
 Wednesday's
 At 6:00 p.m.
 With Scott Steele

Ladies

Ladies Classes
 Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall

Wednesday at 6pm
 Love & Joy Class
 The study will be in 1 Timothy

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Children/Administrative Pastor

Cody Smith:
College Minister

Maggie Gonzales:
Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday:
9:00AM—4:00PM

Office Closed Noon to 1pm

Lunch Break: Noon—1:00PM



BodyLife Home Groups meet on evenings in host homes throughout the city to share a meal, join in fellowship, study the Word of God and pray for one another.

All groups are open to anyone, so choose one and join us!

Host Homes:

6290 Stokes Rd (Greg & Laura Jackson)
Fridays at 6:00 PM
Led by: Greg Jackson, Scott Steele & Sam Torbett

405 S. Adams (JT & Chel Smith)
Sundays at 5:30 PM

3229 Canyon Creek Dr (Rex & Stacy Stephenson)
Sundays at 6:00 PM
Led by: Jimmy Allen & Rex Stephenson

ELDERS AND DEACONS:

These men are responsible for hospital visitation and are available to anyone who has needs.

Elders

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JT Smith.....656-6205

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