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ANSWERING THE CALL: ORDINATION OF PASTOR MARK CAPANING

The FCC family rejoices in the blessing of welcoming another dedicated servant into our midst. On January 11th, Pastor Mark Capaning was officially ordained as a Lay Pastor at FCC Abu Dhabi during our Saturday Worship Service. The ceremony was officiated by our Senior Administrative Pastor, Benjamin Masiglat, alongside Pastor Ben Hur Pineda, Pastor Edman Ocampo, and FCC Chairman of the Board, Elder Agnes Morales.

Pastor Mark has been with FCC since March 2007, serving faithfully for 17 years, including over a year in Eldership. The congregation celebrates this wonderful milestone, grateful for God's provision. Let us all warmly welcome our newest pastor as we embrace this new chapter together, continuing to serve and honor God. Glory to God!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The world is moving at an ever-increasing pace, and we recognize that change is both inevitable and essential for growth. As we continuously strive for excellence and improvement, it is our desire to push the boundaries of spreading the Gospel, embracing the power of technology to reach more hearts. We encourage our brethren to view change not as a challenge, but as an opportunity for spiritual growth and deeper connection with God.

Through the Trumpet Ministry, we aim to evolve, elevate, and embrace this new era, while staying true to our faith and the covenant we share with God. Our commitment is to move forward without compromising the core values that define us.

Welcome to 2025, and welcome to the inaugural issue of the Trumpet Newsletter. We are excited to embark on this new chapter together.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FEBRUARY EVENTS

Ride Ramble & Run
February 1, 8, 15, & 22
Social & Sports Ministry

Crash Course Operation GO
February 8
Mission & Evangelism Ministry

Baptism & Graduation
February 8, 9, and 14
Church Growth Ministry

Dance Rhythm of Unity Workshop
February 9
Praise & Worship Ministry

Love Month
February 14, 15, & 16
Disaster & Calamity Response Ministry

Couple's Event
February 15
Family Builders Ministry

Love Month Fellowship
February 15
SALT Singles Ministry

Hearts Day
February 15
Counterflow Youth Ministry

Refresher Course
February 15
Ushering Ministry

Operation GO
February 22
Mission & Evangelism Ministry

Basketball Inter-faith
February 28
Social & Sports Ministry

● DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS ●

2025 BOARD MEMBERS INSTALLATION

FCC held its annual board installation on December 14, 2024 during the Saturday worship celebration. FCC is blessed to announce the induction of 20 new members to the board. These new appointees, together with the current board members, bring a wealth of unique skills and fresh perspectives that will strengthen and elevate the FCC's mission to faithfully serve God. Now as we move forward into 2025, let us commit ourselves to prayer, to ask God for his wisdom and guidance as he leads our church to embark on this new chapter. Under God's leadership, 2025 is set to be a year of faith, service, and progress.

[View more pictures here.](#)

Camp Rock 2024: A Journey of Faith and Fellowship

From December 26-29, a vibrant group of 64 young campers gathered at Al Danah Farm, Al Khatim, Abu Dhabi, under the powerful theme *"EPIC Jesus! Go, Grow, and Glow."* Led by Ptr. Benjie Masiglat, Ptr. Edman Ocampo, and Ptr. Ben Hur Pineda, the camp was a transformative experience that combined faith-building sessions with dynamic house cheers, fostering a spirit of unity and spiritual growth and the exhilarating Amazing Race.

The camp took an emotional turn on the final night with a surprise visit from the campers' parents, strengthening the bonds of family and deepening their collective faith.

Organized by the Counterflow Youth Ministry, Camp Rock 2024 concluded with an atmosphere of joyous fellowship, leaving an indelible mark on the Filipino Christian youth of the Emirates.

For more pictures, click [here](#).

LuzViMinda: Filipino Festival of Flavors

The annual FCC Food Festival took place on December 28, 2024, at the TEC Courtyard, organized by the Food Ministry with the theme LuzViMinda: Filipino Festival of Flavors. This vibrant event celebrated the rich culinary heritage of the Philippines, highlighting the diverse flavors from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Each major region was represented by three BS Clusters, showcasing unique dishes that captured the essence of their respective areas. Whether savoring Luzon's savory delights, Visayas' sweet offerings, or Mindanao's bold flavors, the festival truly delivered a delicious and colorful experience, embodying the spirit of Filipino food culture.

For more pictures, click [here](#).

An Unexpected Christmas Christmas Cantata 2024

FCC Choir's annual Christmas Cantata, captivated church members during all worship celebrations on 20-22 December. The Choir showcased a heartfelt musical, "An Unexpected Christmas". When a flight is delayed due to bad weather, a diverse group of travelers finds themselves united in an unlikely setting, where shared cups of coffee, Christmas carols, and unexpected companionship offer solace. In this heartwarming narrative, they come to realize that their paths crossing is no mere coincidence. Through their time together, they uncover the true meaning of Christmas—rediscovering the power of connection, kindness, and the unanticipated gifts of the season.

The Cantata aimed to minister God's Word, inspire reflection on love, faith, and togetherness, and share Christmas' deeper message.

For more pictures, click [here](#).

Pasko sa Disyerto 2.0

The much-anticipated "Pasko sa Disyerto 2.0" took place on December 1-2 at the Al Wathba Desert Camp, bringing together over 150 FCC brethren and 4 guests for a truly unforgettable early Christmas celebration. This festive fellowship was made even more memorable as the Dawnwatch service was also held, marking a significant spiritual moment.

The event's success was made possible by the dedicated support of various ministries—SALT Ministry, Men's Ministry, Prayer Ministry, and Mission and Evangelism Ministry—whose contributions elevated the experience for campers of all ages, adding energy and excitement to each activity.

All praise and glory be to God for the joy, unity, and fellowship experienced during this remarkable occasion!

For more pictures, click [here](#).



● JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS ●

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Saturday, January 11, 2025 – The Board members convened for the Leadership Conference, featuring team-building activities and fun exercises. The ministries presented their plans for the year, focusing on initiatives to help FCC members grow spiritually. During the conference, the Board was also reminded of their vital responsibilities to the church, its members, and most importantly, to our Lord. Pastor Benjie's message centered on the leadership qualities of Nehemiah, inspiring us all to lead with vision, courage, and humility.

View more pictures [here](#).

FCC, we're fully prepared and excited for a transformative and inspiring 2025!

SALT January Fellowship

On January 25th, 2025, the first Fellowship of the SALT Ministry for the year took place in TEC room F12 at 2pm, with 24 singles in attendance. Pastor Edman Chester Ocampo shared a powerful message titled "Beginning: Don't Live Empty, Overflow with Jesus." We learned the importance of allowing God to "EMPTY, CLEAN, and FILL" us so His presence can overflow in our lives. The event also featured icebreakers, group discussions, and one-on-one sharing, making it a memorable experience for everyone.

To all FCC Singles, let us serve God together as we continuously wait for God's best in our life.

For more pictures, click [here](#).

Children's Ministry Moving Up

On Saturday, January 25, 2025, the Children's Ministry held its Moving Up Ceremony for children who reached a certain age. Eighteen children advanced to the next level of learning and growing in their relationship with God. We are excited for these kids to make new friends and deepen their understanding of God. We are deeply grateful to the teachers and parents for their dedication and unwavering support in this ministry.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

For more pictures, click [here](#).

Ministry Fair

The FCC Ministry Fair, held at the TEC courtyard during all three worship celebrations on January 25, 26, and 31, featured 29 ministries offering unique opportunities for service and fellowship. Attendees enjoyed snacks and drinks, received pens and bookmarks as souvenirs from the ministries they connected with, and learned about various ways to serve God and the church. The fair encouraged members to explore their passions and sign up for ministries that resonated with them, inviting all to serve the Lord.

For more pictures, click [here](#).

BS Leaders Installation

The Filipino Christian Church (FCC) demonstrated its commitment to nurturing leaders and supporting spiritual growth by installing 81 new Bible Study Leaders for its 32 groups during the Saturday Worship Celebration on January 18th. The newly installed Bible Study Leaders are committed to embracing FCC's core values and participated in an orientation session to prepare them for their leadership roles in fostering spiritual growth within the church.

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JANUARY WORSHIP CELEBRATION
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY
155 268 130

TOTAL VISITORS
FOR THE MONTH 49

CGM JANUARY 2025
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DATE	ATTENDEES	BAPTIZEE
17 - 24	6	4
18 - 25	11	8
19 - 26	8	2

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
SCHEDULES

Friday Worship Celebration
7:15 PM, TEC Basement Hall

Saturday Worship Celebration
10:15 AM, TEC Main Hall 1

Sunday Worship Celebration
1:15 PM, TEC Basement Hall

Tuesday Prayer Meeting
8:00 PM, TEC Basement Hall

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2025 NEW TIMINGS

SUNDAY WORSHIP
CELEBRATION

1:15 PM - 3:00 PM

Blessings, see you all at our new timings
@ TEC Basement Hall (same venue)!

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celebrations this month, or you would like
to go back and be blessed, or share the
Word of God, you will find them here:

Saturday Worship Celebrations

4th January
[The Foundation of Unshakable Faith](#)

11th January
[Overcoming Worldly Challenges with Faith](#)

18th January
[The Eternal Perspective of Unshakable Faith](#)

25th January
[Starting the New Year/Beginning
with What is Right with God](#)

Sunday Worship Celebrations

5th January
[Starting the New Year/Beginning
with What is Right With God \(Part 1\)](#)

12th January
[Starting the New Year/Beginning
with What is Right With God \(Part 2\)](#)

19th January
[Trusting Jesus](#)

26th January
[Thanking God for He Does Not Change](#)

31st January
[Starting the New Year/Beginning
with What is Right With God](#)

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