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RAISING UP
DISCIPLE MAKERS

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Join us Thursday, November 12, 2026
for an evening of celebration

Calvary Church – 707 E Beltline Ave NE
6:00 pm Punch Bowl | 6:30 pm Dinner



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One of the most meaningful ways to partner with Jubilee is through prayer—and we want to make it simple, accessible, and timely.

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Dear Friends,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer season. It's hard to believe we are already more than halfway through the 2026 school year! With over 400 students enrolled, we have witnessed tremendous joy and encouragement as God continues to work in our school community. We have seen remarkable growth among our staff and in programs like our Athletes for Christ after-school ministry, which is reaching more children and youth than ever—both within Jubilee and throughout the surrounding community.

One of the greatest privileges of serving at Jubilee is having a front-row seat to the life-changing work God is doing in our students' hearts. There is no greater joy than watching kids grow in their love for Christ, develop a genuine desire to follow Him, and boldly begin sharing their faith with others. Throughout this year, our theme has been **discipleship—learning what it truly means to take up our cross and follow Christ**. We are encouraged as more students share their growing faith with family members, and as new families join our church, choosing to follow Jesus.

Another incredible blessing is seeing God raise up Christian leaders from within our own Jubilee family. This journal highlights one such story through Ms. Lisbeth. She first came to Jubilee Church as a shy 13-year-old with her mother and younger sister. Today, she is a respected teacher, an active leader in our church and youth ministry, and the first college graduate in her family.



Her journey is a beautiful testimony to God's faithfulness and to the lasting impact of investing in young lives.

As we look ahead, we are excited for several ministry opportunities. **This summer, our sixth and seventh graders, along with several staff members, will visit rural schools to share books, school supplies, food, and, most importantly, the message of the Gospel.** Then, at the end of August, nearly every student will participate in our musical and theatrical production of David and Goliath, using music, drama, dance, and choreography to tell God's story.

Thank you for partnering with us through your prayers and support. Please continue praying that God would move powerfully in the lives of our students, families, staff, and surrounding community!

In Christ's Love,

David & Emily Romero
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DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR 2026

Our students made us incredibly proud at the District 11 Science Fair! Competing against schools from across the district, every Jubilee team earned a place in their respective division—a remarkable achievement that reflects their hard work, creativity, and God's faithfulness. Both our 4th Grade and 11th Grade teams will now advance to compete at the wider district level. **To God be all the glory for these amazing accomplishments!**

Kindergarten – 2nd Place (Preschool Division)

Their project explored Borax crystals, showing how crystals form through a simple chemical process.

"Our project was Borax crystals. We presented our experiment, had fun riding the bus, and enjoyed the competition. We were so happy because we received a medal!"
- Kaylani



2nd Grade – 2nd Place (Lower Elementary Division)

Their project was a three-motor robotic garbage collector designed to move and collect trash.

"We felt good, although we were a little scared and nervous. We thought we were going to lose because the competition was difficult. But thanks to God, we finished in second place." - Neizan



4th Grade – 1st Place (Upper Elementary Division)

Their project was a rain detector that uses a sensor to identify approaching rainfall. They hope this idea can be adapted into a larger system to help protect homes.

"When they announced we had won first place, we felt so blessed—we were so excited we almost fell over! Now we'll be representing our district at the city-level competition." - Matias



7th Grade – 3rd Place (Middle School Division)

Their project featured a plastic cutting and cauterizing device

"We were amazed because we couldn't believe it, but the Lord carried out His perfect plan. We felt very happy, even though we were nervous" -Daniela



11th Grade – 1st Place (High School Division)

Their project was a sign language translating glove, designed to help people with hearing impairments communicate more easily.

"Through this project, we believe the Word of God can also reach more people. When we won, we knew the victory belonged to the Lord. We didn't think we would win, but God had other plans and moved powerfully among us." - Valerie



Students Test Their Knowledge and Nerves

AN EPIC SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Few competitions in Jubilee's history have been as exciting and unforgettable as this year's English Spelling Bee.

From each class, three representatives were selected to compete for the opportunity to become their grade's champion. While every participant demonstrated impressive preparation and determination, three grade levels stood out above the rest.

Our Kindergarten students amazed everyone by spelling more than 60 short English words without mistakes, despite many of them still learning to read.

The ninth and eleventh graders delivered unforgettable performances during the spelling competition. **The ninth graders correctly spelled more than 70 challenging words—many with six or more letters—demonstrating an outstanding command of English vocabulary.** Round after round, they refused to miss a beat, keeping the competition incredibly close.

The eleventh graders were just as impressive, spelling word after word without a single mistake. In both divisions, the contestants' exceptional skill and determination made it impossible to break the tie, leaving judges with an unexpected challenge: **they simply could not determine a winner.**

Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee participants for making this year's competition one for the history books!





“A perfect way to win souls for His Kingdom” RAISING CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

This year, our Athletes for Christ sports program has grown considerably. Our teams have competed in more than 20 matches across multiple age groups and divisions—far more competition than in previous years. These opportunities have allowed our students to develop their athletic abilities while learning valuable lessons about teamwork, perseverance, character, and faith.

One of the highlights of the year was participating in the School World Cup in San Pedro Sula. It was an unforgettable experience for our students as they competed against schools from across the country, proudly represented Jubilee, and grew both as athletes and as young men and women of Christ.

Most importantly, our students are learning that the ultimate goal is not simply winning games, but glorifying God in everything they do. Whether on the practice field or in competition, they are being challenged to display Christlike character, encourage others, and share the hope of the Gospel.

Sports continue to be one of the most effective platforms for building relationships and reaching young people with the message of Jesus. In a year when soccer continues to unite people across cultures and nations, we are grateful for the opportunity to use the world's most popular sport as a powerful tool for discipleship, evangelism, and the advancement of God's Kingdom.



The Athletes for Christ Sports Program motivates me to become a better person and a better athlete. But most importantly, it has helped me focus on the Lord since I joined. It is a perfect way to win souls for His Kingdom.
- Samuel Lopez, Jubilee Futbol Club midfielder.



For me, Athletes for Christ is the space where I have learned so much more about the Word of God. I have also learned a lot about fellowship, discipline, and the fear of God.
-Ailin Lopez, Handball

The impact of this program can be seen in the lives of our students as they are growing not only in athletic ability, but also as leaders, servants, and disciples of Christ.

An exciting milestone this year was the launch of our brand-new **Kids' SoccerTeam**, designed for our youngest boys and girls from Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. Watching these little athletes learn teamwork, discipline, and biblical values through sports has been a wonderful reminder that discipleship can begin at any age.

As our Athletes for Christ Sports Program continues to grow, our prayer remains the same: **that every practice, every match, every victory, and every challenge would point our students and their communities to Jesus Christ.**

Jubilee offers children and youth who live in poverty-stricken neighborhoods the opportunity to meet Christ and receive a transformative education while also discipling the student's entire family.

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Student Feature: Allison

GROWING UP IN CHURCH, CHOOSING CHRIST

Allison is a 9th-grade student who has lived all her life surrounded by the Jubilee family. She lives with her mom, grandma, older sister, and younger brother.

Jubilee has been part of her story for as long as she can remember—in fact, her mother attended church while pregnant with her, meaning Allison has spent her entire life with us.

Many people might think that growing up in church is easy, but **Allison shares that one of her greatest struggles was trying to fit into the world around her.** For a long time, she felt she could belong to both the world and the church at the same time. She describes herself as spiritually lukewarm, often questioning whether reading God's Word was really worth it and whether it was necessary to be different from her friends and classmates.

Everything began to change during the last year as she developed a closer relationship with the Lord. **Today, Allison understands that following Christ does mean being different—and that it is absolutely worth it. "There is nothing more beautiful than dwelling in the presence of the Lord," she says.**



Allison and her mom, older sister and little brother.

Allison serves faithfully in the dance ministry and also is learning the piano in Jubilee's music program. She explains that in the past, she did not fully appreciate the importance of these opportunities to serve. Now, every time she dances or plays, she sees it as a way to connect with God's presence and seek Him more deeply.

Her favorite class is Bible, and her Bible teacher describes her as respectful, kind, loving, and eager to hear God's Word. Above all, she says, Allison is defined by one thing: love. We thank God for the work He is doing in Allison's life and pray that He continues to strengthen her as she follows Him wholeheartedly.

Read the full story at: jubileehn.org/blog

Teacher Feature: Ms. Lysbeth

EDUCATOR, MENTOR, DISCIPLE-MAKER

When you walk into Ms. Lysbeth's third-grade classroom, you quickly realize that teaching is much more than a job for her, it is a calling.

Lysbeth's journey with Jubilee started with her younger sister, a Jubilee student. Lysbeth and her mother were introduced to the church when Lysbeth was 13 years old, and most importantly, to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

As a 17 year old, Lysbeth began serving as a PreK teacher assistant at Jubilee. Over the years, God continued to open doors and Lysbeth studied at the University and she graduated with an elementary education degree, the first college graduate in her family. Today, she serves as one of our full-time teachers, faithfully investing in the lives of her third-grade students every day.

Her impact extends far beyond the classroom. Lysbeth has become a youth leader and a leader of our dance ministry. One of her greatest joys is discipling young girls through dance, helping them grow not only in their talents but also in their relationship with Christ. Many of these girls look up to her as a mentor and friend.

Recently, God has answered one of the deepest prayers of her heart. One of the greatest blessings in Lysbeth's life has been seeing her father begin attending church with their family. Her continued prayer is that he would grow stronger in his faith each day and soon take the step of baptism as a public declaration of his commitment to Christ.

Lysbeth's favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 60:1-2: **"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."**

These verses beautifully reflect her life and ministry. Whether she is teaching in the classroom, leading young people, ministering through dance, or sharing the Gospel with those around her, her desire remains the same: **to faithfully preach Christ and help fulfill the mission and vision of Jubilee. We are grateful for Ms. Lysbeth and the countless ways God is using her to be a disciple-maker!**

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