

# Logos Visit—Vol. 9, No. 7—February 13, 2015



Back in October our Logos Fellowship Church dedicated their newly renovated facility in Loyalhanna near Latrobe, PA (pictured at left). Linda and I wanted to go, but other commitments kept us away until last Sunday. Christine and Bennie Florendo started this church back in 2008 in their home, and after outgrowing the house they utilized the Latrobe Church building for a time. Over two years ago the church moved to the Allegheny Region office, but about the

same time they purchased an old church building that was rather run-down and began renovations. Progress went slowly due to the amount of repairs needed and a limited volunteer work force.

Then last spring they decided to hire a contractor to finish the sanctuary and the building exterior. The result looks great as the photos show.



The lower level, however, remained unfinished. A lot of the infrastructure (heating, electric, plumbing, etc.) is in place, but it needs drywall, trim and paint, as well as carpet.



Lower level still in progress



That was to change this past week as the contractors were returning. When finished the down stairs will provide a large fellowship area and room for children's ministry. The outside sign has the 9:30 a.m. time taped over for now. Soon there will be a functioning Christian Education ministry for children and adults on Sunday morning and the tape will be removed.

We left our home in Carlisle at 7:30 Sunday morning and arrived at Logos fifteen minutes before their 10:30



start time which gave me time to take some photos. I think we surprised Christine and Bennie as I hadn't let them know we were coming. They and all the people welcomed us as one of their own.



Bennie at the keyboard



Christine Florendo brings the morning message

The church is blessed with real quality music led by Bennie on the keyboard. Christine's message came from Matthew 6:25-34 and focused on our need to trust God and not worry about non-essentials for God knows our needs and cares for us. She brought an excellent message, but I teased her afterward about using medical analogies. It's what you would expect from a preacher M.D., right?



Blessing the gifts and offerings



Communion table

The written word is the DNA of Logos Church. They hold a Saturday night service at 5 p.m. which always includes a fellowship dinner and sponsor quite a number of Bible studies through the week for various groups: children, youth, men, women, mothers, seniors, etc. The church is also very mission minded. Both Bennie and Christine grew up in the Philippines and so they have a heart for friends and family there. The Logos Church helps support two congregations in the Philippines, Santa Maria Free Gospel Church in Laoag City and Mt. Zion Church in Bohol. Given the connections, wouldn't it be great to see CGGC missions expand into East Asia. I've been praying along those lines for several years now. Please join me in that prayer.





The Logos worship team

Christine and Bennie are supported in the work at Logos by a solid group of volunteers and by a retired pastoral couple, John and Charlotte Chappell who help with visitation and teaching. Logos Church welcomes everyone just as they are and seeks to help them learn more about God. Their website <http://www.logoschristianfellowship.net/> (<http://www.logoschristianfellowship.net/>) declares that being a real Christian is about having “a RELATIONSHIP with God and growing spiritually through daily prayer, reading the Bible and fellowship with each other.” I can AMEN that!



Left to right: Bennie and Christine Florendo, Charlotte and John Chappell

After bidding our good-byes at Logos Linda and I continued on our way rejoicing. The Churches of God are blessed with leaders and churches who understand and live out the Gospel. Christine is a pediatrician by profession. She and Bennie have full time jobs, yet still they make time to start a new faith community and lead it week after week, year after year. May their tribe of dedicated, committed Christian leaders multiply! What's your real work in this life? Christine and Bennie know theirs. So, why not start a Bible study in your home and see what God might do. That's where nearly every church I know began.

ONE Mission Together,  
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*Soli Deo Gloria!*

## Eagle Scout Project at CGGC

At the end of 2014, Eagle Scout candidate Michael Friese sent a letter to all the churches of the General Conference. In it he outlined his plans to build a 20' by 30' pavilion on the grounds of the CGGC office here in Findlay as his Eagle project. It is an ambitious project, as construction materials and equipment rentals are estimated at \$10,000. However, if each church donated \$30, the project would be well funded. It should be noted that individual donations are also accepted toward this worthy cause.

Mike is a member of Troop #322, the Troop chartered by the CGGC office. This project has been Mike's vision from the beginning as he seeks to bless the organization that has blessed him. The pavilion will serve well as an outdoor meeting area for staff and many CGGC related gatherings. Current organizational tenants of the building will find it useful and it will be available to serve our

local community on a reservation basis. It will be constructed in close proximity to the walking trail (another scouting project!) that is nearing completion on a portion of the ten acres the conference owns at the back of our property.



To date we have been blessed with donations of \$1,055.00. Mike is hoping to have the all funds in hand to begin construction in April. Please pray for Mike and the project, donate if you are able and feel so led, and thank God for another quality youth being raised up in the community.