



Friends Doing
the Master's Work:
Friendship *and* Discipleship
in the Gospel of John

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SCRIPTURE READING

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

1. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE (vv. 12-14)

Sunday Services

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Testimony

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Ryan Emis

Buddy Bartido (3 p.m.)

Benediction



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2. JESUS CALLS US FRIENDS (v. 15)

3. JESUS COMMISSIONS US (vv. 16-17)

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Ian de Ocampo



This month, there are a lot of opportunities for us to learn practical ways to be involved in Missions. In the past weeks we have had opportunities to

meet our missionaries and learn from our guest speakers every Sunday. If you have missed on the past week's activities then we invite you to grab the opportunities that will be available in the coming weeks.

PARTNER MISSION ORGANIZATION BOOTHS

One of the best ways to learn and participate in Missions is to get to know our partner organizations and pray for them. Every Sunday this July we have invited (in batches) different partner organizations we support and are doing a great work in mission beyond the reach of a local church. You can visit them before or after attending the service. Please to get to know them and learn about the many ways God is working out in the field.

CHISMISSIONS

If you notice every after service at the lobby, there is a section where you can find a lounge and stage with the banner "ChisMissions." Feel free to enter, get a cup of coffee, sit down, and meet our partner missionaries. Ask about their stories, learn about their struggles and joys, pray for them, and be refreshed from testimonies of God's work in their lives and ministries.

OFW FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

(July 22, 12 noon)

Being far away from your loved ones is a difficult struggle. That is why it is

important that we learn to minister and support families of Overseas Filipinos. If you are family to an OFW, we invite you to join this time of fellowship. We will be joined by the Global Filipino Movement, which will help us learn together about the opportunities and ways we can serve the families of global Filipinos.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD TOGETHER *(July 21, 1-4 p.m.)*

Operation World is one of the most well-known resource provider in Mission that helps people pray and learn about every country in the world. The book's author, Jason Mandryk, will be visiting us and will help us learn to pray not just as individuals but together in friendship and partnership for the Mission of God.

REACHING OUR UNREACHED NEIGHBORS *(July 28, 1-4 p.m.)*

One of the biggest difficulties in Missions today is bringing the gospel to Unreached People Groups. What we don't realize, however, is that the unreached is within our cities. Learn about our unreached neighbors and the radical ways we can bring the good news to them.

RECONCILING WITH GOD'S CREATION *(August 4, 1-4 p.m.)*

Does God care about His creation? Should we care about His creation? If God says His creation is good, how should we relate to it? As witnesses of Christ to the world, caring for creation is part of our Mission. Let's learn together about the relationship of God's Mission and Creation Care and practical ways we can be witnesses of God's goodness to our world. ■

Ablaze Devotional

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” — Matthew 20:28 (NLT)

Jesus’ invitation to His disciples portrays a gentle rebuke. When the disciples were fighting over who should rule alongside Him, Jesus told them that it is not about ruling. To be with Jesus means following Him in serving others and giving one’s life for many.

God is faithful in strengthening us. His love invites us to His presence, and transforms our minds in seeing the truth in the life of His Son, Jesus Christ. We do not serve out of our own strength but by the strength God gives us. We do not give to God as if He owes us, but it is because we owe Him our very lives, the things we do for Him is, in truth, things that we do with Him—with His strength, His power, His love. Nothing we give is ever ours but His. And all of this is for His glory—His name and work made known.

As we celebrate Missions Month, let us remember that Missions is His Mission, and we are all called to be partners with Him in this Mission. Let God search our hearts and minds. Let us ask for His gift of forgiveness and repentance to learn and act in loving Him, His church, and all His creation. Let us seek opportunities to serve together following Jesus, giving our lives to make Him known ■

GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL:
The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.
Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



IMPULSE

Connect Ministry Camp 2018

August 3-5, at Word of Life (Calauan, Laguna)

For more details/to register, please contact Noli at **0917 625 0244** or visit the ministry info booth at the G/F lobby.



BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 2

August 11, 18 & 25 (Sat) at the Fellowship Hall

Last day of registration: August 5. Registration is at the G/F ministry info booth. For more details, contact Dana at **0917 532 7725**.



SABBATH RETREAT 2018

Young Adults' Ministry retreat

August 25-27, Sinagtala Farm Resort (Orani, Bataan)

Reg. Fee: Php 3,000, registration starts July 8 (Sun) For more details/to register, please contact **0917 532 7741** or visit the YA booth at the lobby.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT GCF

Full-time positions available: one (1) Building Engineer, one (1) Human Resources manager, and one (1) Ministry Assistant. For application info/job descriptions, please e-mail gcfhr@gcf.org.ph.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

July 2018

	July Budget	Received, July 1-10
General	9,140,955	3,958,764
Missions	927,000	4,000
Missions Contingency		1,234,820

	Jan. - July Budget	Received, Jan. - July
General	55,094,599	41,783,501
Missions	5,562,000	5,681,041

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to our God for His love, mercy and grace by an anonymous donor, the Valera family, the Messiah College.

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



**Seeing with eyes of
faith**
*by Con Air**

Gen, a committed disciple of Jesus, was working at a Western Christian International School where she saw how children were taught based on holistic Biblical principles of love, wisdom, and discipline. Kids were not forced to learn through rote memory and harsh discipline. She wished that her country – a nation without freedom of religion – could have such a school. God saw her heart’s desire, and she was invited to run a local school with dwindling students. With fear and trembling, she accepted the offer.

With the blessing of the Christian International School leaders who eagerly desire that their staff become salt and light, a group of brave Christian educators left the comfortable International School and took the risk to transform a local conventional school into a holistic educational system that would be filled with God’s wisdom. Here, Gen obeyed Biblical principles, treated her employees fairly and encouraged them to love and develop the children holistically. God blessed the school with steadily increased enrollment. The financial deficit was eliminated. There were many opportunities to naturally witness and share God’s love in the school community.

But there has been fierce opposition from people who partner with the school solely to profit. With intense opposition, the team’s faith is stretched. But they are looking at things through the eyes of faith, trusting the Father to deliver them from myriad sectors trying to bully them and take advantage of their educational expertise in order to profit ■

Con-air is a missionary working in an insecure country that is hostile to the gospel. Let us continue praying for her, as well as our other missionaries, through our 40-day Missions Prayer Guide.

Join a
**DISCIPLE-MAKING
GROUP**

New Growth Group (Mixed Group)
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B124
Growth Group Center

High School & College Y-Groups
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.,
and 4:30-5:30 p.m.
at GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

Life in Technicolor Support Group
for cancer patients
3rd Sundays, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Senior’s Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8 a.m.: Ages 1-3, B415; Ages 4-5, B410;
Age 6, B414; Age 7, B403; Age 8, B413,
Age 9-10, B411; Ages 11-12, B409;
Transition Age 13, B406

10:30 a.m.: Ages 1-2, B412; Age 3,
B415; Age 4, B408; Age 5, B410; Age
6A, B402; Age 6B, B403; Age 7, B401;
Age 8, B413; Age 9, B411; Age 10,
B414; Age 11, B409; Age 12, B405;
Transition Age 13, B406

3 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Ages 6-9, B402;
Ages 10-12, B403

5:30 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Age 6,
B402; Ages 7-9, B401; Ages 10-12,
B403; Transition Age 13, B404

Nursery: 2nd flr. for nursing moms and
babies aged one week to 11 months old

Yayas: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., B404

Sunday School Parents’ Class:
9:30 a.m., B406

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.



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How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year of membership: _____

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

Today is **14/15 July 2018**, and I attended the
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.