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Don't Give Up!

Galatians 6:9-10

English Services

(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Anthem
Worship through Fellowship
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Parkin Young
Worship through Giving
Response Song
Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon

*See inset inside for the **Traditional Service (Sat., 6 p.m.)** program.*

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SCRIPTURE READING: GALATIANS
6:9-10

⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1. **DOING GOOD IS RIGOROUS** (vv. 9a, 10a).

- It can be tiresome.
- It's hard to do towards people.
- It's continuously done.

Traditional Service

(Saturday, 6 p.m.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Worship in the Word

Pastor Parkin Young

Worship through Giving

Response Hymn

Benediction

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2. DOING GOOD IS REWARDING (vv. 9b, 10b).

- It's a worthwhile thing.
- It should be done to everyone.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Next year is a great way to start applying our sermon today. I pray that as we go back to our homes today, let us be united as one church, each one reaching one and teaching that person. A blessed New Year to everyone! ■

A YEAR-END REFLECTION

Congratulations on making it through the endless feasting and celebration of every Filipino Christmas! :) No matter where you are in the world, Christmas has become a special tradition. It is an event that I personally hope will continue to be a celebratory and meaningful occasion for the peoples of the world. I pray its real meaning and significance will be preserved and celebrated in the hearts and lives in this generation, and the generations to come.

Emmanuel ('God with us'). Gospel indeed! God took on human form and moved into our world in the person of Jesus Christ, bringing the gift of deliverance and eternal living to humankind. This gift is a precious thing that you and I possess as Christ-followers. That is why we can and do celebrate the Christmas season at least one big time in December, but more appropriately each day of the year.

How do we do that 365 days in a year? Living out the Gospel is one clear mark of celebrating this precious gift. It is about bearing witness to a life marked with unending hope and peace because of an assured future. No matter what comes our way, we know that the presence of Almighty God is all that we will ever need. Of course, on a day-to-day basis, it also involves a life of closeness and intimacy with God. It is through a life of unceasing prayer, experiencing His reality in our earthly existence. As we spend more

time in His presence, we grow deeper in knowing him and grow deeper in our relationship with Him. Such a life journey will manifest His love beautifully and naturally. This is what it means when we live out the Gospel daily.

Make time for some year-end reflection. It may usher in more celebration, or it may usher in a fresh resolve for a better year in 2019. Even if you feel like you didn't do as well as you may have liked, God's grace will always be there to lift you back up. There is always hope and the prospect of a new beginning.

As we look forward to the brand new year, let us revisit the Gospel of Christ. Let us make a fresh resolve to always dwell on the precious gift of love and life we have received from God. Commit to honoring Him by devoting your time to prayer, remaining attentive to the Spirit's abiding presence, and loving Him with everything we've got. In all aspects of our lives, let us allow the Spirit to do His work so that we may produce fruit that draws others to Him.

Finally, walk alongside someone in their spiritual journey just as someone walks alongside you now. Let us encourage one another to foster discipleship relationships in the spiritual community of GCF as we await the Lord Jesus' return. In 2019, let us each journey with one, as we journey as one in Christ. Amen ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements

Blessed New Year!

from Greenhills Christian Fellowship

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Growth Group Express

How to Make Decisions You Won't Regret (Lessons on David's Life)

Adults without GGs are invited!

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Best Together in Christ

Group for Couples

Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Rm. B508

Spark Growth Group

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Seniors' Room

Life in Technicolor

support group for cancer patients and survivors

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

12:00-3:00 p.m., Seniors' Rm.

Overcomers

support group for those under any kind of addiction

Thursdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form of this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag, or submit it at the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 1921.



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULES

New Year's Eve Service (Dec. 31, Mon), 5 p.m.

Please note that we will still have regular worship services on the preceding weekends (December 22/23 and 29/30).



PRAISE FACTORY AUDITIONS

January 12, 2019 (Sat), 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at A201 (Old Choir Room)

Open to kids ages 6-11, especially boys

Please prepare one audition song.



GGEX EXTREME

featuring Discovering What the Future Holds by Precept Ministries

All adults without GG are invited.

March 31, 2019 (Sun) at the Fellowship Hall

Free snack and material will be provided.

Registration is **free** but **limited to first 200**.

Registration starts on January 6, 2019.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His grace and faithfulness by the Valera family, the Santos boys, and the Messiah College.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / December 2018

	December Budget	Received, Dec. 1 to 27	January to Dec. Budget	Received, Jan. 1 to Dec. 27
General Fund	7,213,495	8,341,898	102,654,224	92,066,937
Missions Fund	927,000	973,864	11,124,000	10,221,824

Let us approach [God] with a true heart in full assurance of faith...Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. — Hebrews 10:22-24 (NRSV)

As the year comes to an end, there is a reality that invites us to reflect on the days passed. There may be times of tragedy, of trial and struggle. There may be times of joy, peace and rest. Or maybe times when we just gave up and just gave in to apathy. But in all these, the presence of God remains alive. Even if things seem less than alive, heaven remains alive, in us and for us.

Just a few days ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus, a witness to the reality of God's presence on earth. In Jesus, we see how God willingly entered into the troubles of humanity, and dwelt among us messy humans. The one who called out light into being became the very light that shines hope in our darkness. And this truth of God's presence and the reign of heaven should move us into hope that He will shine again.

We might think of hope as some kind of optimism, a positive outlook of the future, devoid of our present

circumstances. Optimism focuses on what *could* be, while hope, in the person of Jesus Christ, waits in expectation for what *will* be—that God will come again just as He has come and dwelt among us.

Hope teaches us to wait for the Lord despite the tensions in our circumstances. It turns our eyes toward heaven. Hope invites us to remember God's faithfulness yesterday, and to join in reliving that same faithfulness in our lives today expressed in love. Hope in Christ makes us experience the reality of heaven, of God's presence here and now with fellow believers, with our neighbors, and even with our enemies.

As we join in that hope, it makes us more expectant that God's goodness

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and steadfast love will shower all. Truly, then, God's presence—heaven—will come down to earth once again.

Let this year end in thanking the Lord for how He has shown His steadfast love and mercy in our lives. Let us live out His faithful presence to our families, community, His church, and in our nation ■

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.

ON THE COVER: A new day dawning over growing wheat stalks in a field in South Korea. In a few months, these will be ready for harvest (pixabay.com).



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