



# True Flourishing

*Psalm 1*

## English Services

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

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Worship through Fellowship  
Testimony  
Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word  
*Dr. Dane Ortlund*  
Worship through Giving  
Response Song  
Benediction

## Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda  
Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan  
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita  
Patotoo  
Panalanging Pastoral  
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos  
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*  
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay  
Tugon na Awit  
Bendisyon

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



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PSALM 1: The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## 1. THE SECRET TO TRUE FLOURISHING

### Traditional Service

(May 18, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Testimony

Worship Through Giving

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

*Pastor Larry Pabiona*

Response Hymn

Benediction

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2. THE TRAGEDY OF MISSING IT

3. THE SURPRISING ACCOMPLISHING OF TRUE FLOURISHING



## CDO UPDATE

We praise God for the past months that the Lord is working ahead of us in Cagayan De Oro City. Last March, I spent two weeks on the ground to meet with contacts, potential partners, and team members who will participate in starting up a new church. We praise God for connecting us to old and new friends who are creative and passionate about the gospel, and are excited to participate in starting up the church. By His Grace we now have a team that will be led by Pastor Eugene Geanga starting this June. We also praise God for our supportive leaders and prayer partners in lifting up CDO to the Lord. We invite you to join us in praying for the following:

- The regular meetings ongoing in Xavier Estate Country Club
- Pastor Eugene Geanga as he transitions
- Everyone involved, that they will be sensitive to the Lord's leading in every step of the way

## MAKING THE GOSPEL CLEAR FOR OUR OIKOS

Many Christians can easily understand the gospel message. The words and language used is very familiar to regular churchgoers. To many non-believers however, such presentations may sound foreign. This is why it is important that when we share the gospel, we must take initiative in making the gospel clear by using words that make an impact.

I would like to give an illustration. In some instances in scripture Paul uses language that refers to 'shame.' Paul talks about Jesus being shamed on the cross in our place, and because of that "God exalted him to the highest place" (*Philippians 2:9*). We can present salvation, then, as Romans 10:11 would: "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." Why? Because

many Filipinos immediately understands the concept of shame or 'hiya.' It is a shameful, or 'nakakahiya,' when we fail in school, marry the wrong person, or have done something immoral.

The word 'shame' can make more impact in many Filipino contexts. When we share the gospel in such situations, we can talk about the shame Jesus took from us by dying on the cross, and therefore giving us honor. As we do so, we can explain to them in more detail what Jesus has done and invite them to turn away from shameful lives and make a decision to live a new life in Christ. In order to make the concept of sin clear and close to the heart, we evoke the shame that sinfulness causes. On the other hand, to make the concept of salvation clear, we can explain it as restoration of dignity or honor.

This example is just one among many, and with every situation it is necessary that we make our message clear. This is why we need to immerse ourselves in the lives of our *oikos* and in scripture that we may discover how Jesus would present himself to every individual in every encounter.

So the challenge is this: how would you present the gospel to your *oikos*?

## OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY

We are greatly blessed to have Dr. Dane Ortland (PhD, Wheaton College) as guest speaker for our Sunday English Services. Rev. Ortland is Executive Vice President for Bible publishing and Bible publisher for Crossway in Wheaton, Illinois, where he lives with his wife, Stacey, and their five kids. He serves as an editor for the *Knowing the Bible* series and the *Short Studies in Biblical Theology* series, and is the author of several books, including *Edwards on the Christian Life*. Let's prepare our hearts to be greatly blessed through our preacher today ■

# Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



## PASSING THE BATON OF FAITH

*Parenting Series organized by Couples' Ministry*

**May 22 topic: Parenting as Disciple-making**

Speaker: Rev. Caloy Diño

7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Chapel



## 2019 YOUTH LIVE CAMPS

**ROOTED: HIGH SCHOOL CAMP**

Venue: Batangas Country Club, May 30-June 2

Fee: P2,500, registration is until today (Sun)

**BEYOND: COLLEGE CAMP**

Venue: Rizal Recreation Center, June 5-8

Fee: P2,500, registration is until today (Sun)

For more information, please visit their booth.



## ROAR! LIFE IS WILD, GOD IS GOOD

*Daily Vacation Bible School 2019*

May 27-June 1 (Mon. to Sat.), 8 a.m.-12 nn.

Fee: P600.00. To register, please visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/dvbs-roar-2019-update>.

For more details, please text **0917 532 7663** or **0917 532 7768**.



## MEN'S BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

*Break free from hurts, hang-ups and bad habits*

June 15 and 16 (Sat-Sun) at CCT Tagaytay

Fee: P1,000 | For more details, visit the info booth or contact **0917 532 1921**.



## LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE MENTORS FOR OUR YAs

Our Young Adults Ministry will be launching a one-on-one mentoring program. If you are 40 years or above, and have a heart for building up and guiding the next generation into personal and spiritual maturity, please signify your interest by contacting us at **0917 532 7693**.

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by Ramona Almirez, Teresita Roseus, the Basilad family and the Messiah College. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.*

## Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

### Growth Group Express

*Mixed group led by Ptr. Emer Manaloto*

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

Rm. B124

### Chesed 3

*Group for ladies aged 21-35*

Sundays, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Rm. BM02

### God's Grace GG (G4)

*Group for couples*

Fridays, 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Rm. B124

### Best Together in Christ

*Group for couples*

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

Rm. B508

*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**.*

## Growth Group Leaders' Training 1

May 5, 12, 19, 26 (Sundays),  
12:00-3:00 p.m., Rm. A303

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT / May 2019

MAY	Projected	Rcvd., May 1-16	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of May 16
General Funds	7,736,444	4,524,623	General Funds	41,344,566	37,702,668
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	357,786	Mission Support Fund	6,588,489	5,017,747
Others (Designated, etc.)	1,370,033	257,756	Others (Designated, etc.)	6,472,618	4,966,668
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,424,175</b>	<b>5,140,166</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,405,673</b>	<b>47,687,083</b>

# God provides for those He sends

BY THE PARACELIS WETFOOT TEAM

After our Wetfoot training, we only had two weeks to prepare for the Paracelis, Mountain Province short-term mission trip. We did not even know each other personally before the Lord made us a team. Most of us were first timers and didn't have any medical background, yet we were willing to participate in the medical-dental mission initiated by Pastor Darwin Bayani, a GCF-commissioned missionary. Despite feeling pressed for time, we experienced our faithful God move. We found ourselves in awe on how He orchestrated and provided for everything, especially our needs for food, a driver, and means of transportation.

We saw God's power and wisdom while we ministered to the locals of the Gaddang tribe. It is amazing how He has used different Christian groups with various backgrounds to work together with a common goal of sharing God's love and His Word. Truly, our Father desires unity in diversity. He is actively working among the Gaddang people and He has been there even before Pastor Darwin and his team came. We were all simply participating in His work as He enabled us to do so. Our experiences also helped us become more prayerful and more dependent on God. Many things happened beyond our control, yet we were confident that God



would take care of things, even the unseen and unforeseen.

Before this local Wetfoot trip, whenever 'short-term missions' is mentioned, we immediately visualized going to another country still not reached by the gospel. However, our experience served as a reminder that there are still a lot of unbelievers among various peoples in our own country. We also saw that it is equally vital to minister and care for our missionaries, that we do not simply send them out to the mission field. We can interact with them, visit them, and of course, pray for them. We can mobilize for them, raise support, create prayer groups for them and the unreached. So church, we urge you to prayerfully discern how God wants you to take part in His greatest commission and to obey Him when He reveals His will for you ■

## PRAYER *at the Chapel*

**The GCF Hour of Prayer**  
*Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.*

**Midweek Prayer Service**  
*Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.*

**Weeknight Prayer Gatherings**  
*Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.*

**ON THE COVER:** "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."—Psalm 1:3 (photo from pixabay.com).



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Today is **18/19 May 2019**, 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.

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

# 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*).

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**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.