

GOD'S CALL TO EVERY CHURCH AND EVERY BELIEVER

Psalm 96 | 6/7 July 2019



**CREATIVE WITNESSES
AS THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

GCF Missions Month 2019

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This psalm is part of a larger hymn of praise that David sang on bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem in 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 (especially vv. 23-33). As we open Missions Month, it serves as a great reminder that God's plan never changed from the Old Testament to the New: to declare His glory among the nations, and to establish His reign over all the earth, and we are His instruments for that. Whenever we pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done" we are actually committing ourselves to that intention of God. What does God want from every church and believer alike?

1. GOD CALLS US TO W_____ FOR GOD, WHO IS GREATER THAN ALL OTHER GODS (vv. 1-6, 10).

- a. Proclaim His s_____ (vv. 1-2): from day to day.
- b. Proclaim His s_____ (vv. 3, 6): Tell everyone about his glory, majesty, strength and beauty.

Verse 3 is a reiteration of the promise made to Abraham (*Genesis 12:1-3*) and a call to world missions (*Matthew 28:16-20*). It is the Old Testament anticipation of the world mission of the New Testament people of God.

- c. Proclaim His s_____ (vv. 3, 6): Tell people of what He has done in the Bible, in your life and in others' lives.
- d. Proclaim His s_____ (vv. 4-5, 10): God alone is worthy of our praise and reverence, and judges all people fairly.

Sunday 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

Pastor Larry Pabiona

The Lord's Supper

Worship Through Giving

Benediction

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As we reflect on God's majesty and his goodness to us, we cannot help telling others about him. Witnessing comes naturally when our hearts are full of appreciation for what He has done. God has chosen to use us to "declare His glory among the nations." How faithful are you at telling others about God's greatness?

2. GOD CALLS US TO W_____ GOD, WHO IS COMING TO JUDGE THE EARTH (vv. 7-13).

- a. Give g_____ to God (vv. 7-8): All nations should recognize God and give Him the glory He deserves.
- b. Give g_____ to God (vv. 8-9): All nations should worship God in His splendor and tremble before Him.
- c. Give g_____ to God (vv. 11-13): All nature shows the way for believers to worship God with praise and thanksgiving for His righteous reign to come.

Verse 13 is one of the clearest and most thrilling revelations that God will rule on the earth, not just from heaven. He will do so in the person of His Son when He returns to earth. He came the first time to save the world. He will come the second time to judge it. Therefore, all creation may rejoice.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Psalm 96 commands that all believers participate in global evangelism in one way or another, whether by going, praying, supporting, or training. It is incumbent upon the church to take this message of God's supremacy into all the earth and declare His glory among the nations.

Let "the Lord reigns" be declared far and wide to all nations and peoples. This theme of His universal reign should promote a missionary zeal throughout the earth. Let God's people say to the world, "Come bow down before God in repentance and faith in his Son!" ■

THE BLESSING OF HOSTING THE 2019 LAUSANNE GLOBAL WORKPLACE FORUM

The Lausanne Movement is a global movement that mobilizes evangelical leaders to collaborate for world evangelization, and the most recent gathering hosted by it was held here last June 25-29, the 2019 Lausanne Global Workplace Forum (GWF). GWF brought together a diverse range of influencers to mobilize the whole church—from every corner of the global workplace—as bearers of the gospel.

This gathering was the first of its kind in Lausanne's history, with 850 leaders from 109 countries chosen as participants, with majority as participants in Manila, and 200 joining online. At least 65% of the participants were from secular workplaces (they don't receive income from a church or ministry organization) at least 30% were women, and at least 30% were younger leaders (40 years old and below).

GWF represents Lausanne's most concerted effort to date to address the false sacred-secular divide that has permeated the church's thinking and action. GWF highlighted the biblical truth that all legitimate work is intrinsically valuable and integral to the missional work of God's kingdom. Participants developed new regional, local, and issue-specific initiatives for how all God's people might live, think, work, and speak from a biblical worldview and with missional effectiveness.

We take this opportunity to thank (besides our GCF staff) our hardworking GCF volunteers and participants who went out of their way to give service for God's kingdom.

MISSIONS MONTH OPENS TODAY

We start Missions Month this weekend with a message that highlights God's call for every believer to missions and missional living. These two are inseparable, and understandably some balk at separating these two. I only do so here for emphasis. Missions is often defined in layman's terms as cross-cultural evangelization, crossing barriers beyond geographical to reach other people for Christ. On the other hand missional living means to embrace the truth that every Christian in the church is sent into the world; rather than expect people to come into the church. Being missional means we engage the world the same way Jesus did—by going out rather than just reaching out.

We often say, "The church has a mission," but the correct statement is "God's mission has a church." Missional thinking is not content with missions being a church-based work. Rather, it applies to the whole life of every believer. Every Christian should strive to be a representative of the kingdom of God, and every follower should try to carry the mission of God into every sphere of his life. We are all missionaries sent into the world. That's missional living. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus told us that we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world...to let our light shine before men. We sum it up with Paul: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God...and whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (*1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17*) ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



THINK RIGHT! SEEING CHRIST ABOVE THE GODS OF TODAY

Apologetics Conference with Pat Zukeran and Greg Koukl

July 12 (Fri, 6-9 p.m.) & 13 (Sat, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.)
Topics include worldviews, Jesus as apologist, faith and relativism, and many more
Registration is free; go to thinkright.gcf.org.ph to sign-up or visit the info booth at the lobby every Sunday.



MUGS 'N' MUFFINS: ONCE WORTHLESS, NOW PRECIOUS

with Precious Lara Quigaman

July 20 (Sat), 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
For women 18 years old and above
Admission is free. To register or for more details, contact 0917 532 1921.



SUFFICIENT, SUSTAINED, SATISFIED

Connect Ministry Camp for BPO workers

August 2-4 (Fri-Sun), Word of Life Camp Site
Speaker: Pastor BJ Sebastian
Early bird fee: P1,000, until July 7 (Sun)
Regular fee: P1,500, until July 21 (Sun)
To register, please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/aS9wV3ktAuN356W8A>. Payment is at the information booth at the lobby.



DISCOVERING OUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD

Sabbath Retreat 2019

August 23-25 (Fri-Sun), Hacienda Isabella
For young and middle adults
Fee: P2,500, registration starts today (Sun) at the booth, or through sabbath2019.gcf.org.ph
For more details, contact 0917 625 0244.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by an anonymous donor, Rubelyn Enriquez 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

GGEx Extreme

Choose any group: Women, Men, Young Men, Youth
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Burning Hearts Chronicles GG

Group for couples
Sundays, 9:30-10:00 p.m.
Rm. B124

Jars of Clay GG

Group for women
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Rm. B512

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 0932 282 2290.

Oikos Bible Study (OBS) Training

Learn how to facilitate inductive Bible studies at your home, school, or office on June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4 and 11 (Suns), 9:30-10:30 a.m., at B302.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / June 2019

JUNE	Projected	Rcvd., June 1-30	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Jun 30
General Funds	7,311,261	8,555,290	General Funds	48,655,827	50,820,353
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	2,074,661	Mission Support Fund	7,906,187	7,487,033
Others (Designated, etc.)	717,488	749,751	Others (Designated, etc.)	7,190,106	6,762,065
TOTAL	9,346,447	11,379,702	TOTAL	63,752,120	65,069,450

Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

—Mark 3:4 (NRSV)

Beginning in Israel's exodus from Egypt, Sabbath stood as a challenge against the culture of fear and manipulation, of alienation and exploitation, which Pharaoh lorded over the Jewish people. Sabbath declares that all manner of work and enjoyment revolves around God's love. It is a visible declaration that God is the one true King and Provider. To take part in His Sabbath is to have fellowship with Him and take part in His rest-giving work, restoring wholeness to the tired and broken creation.

We now come to Jesus' last rebuke about Sabbath. In fear of compromising their moral integrity, Pharisaic tradition emphasizes the prohibition of work during the Sabbath, which includes healing. Jesus enters the synagogue, and saw a man with a shriveled hand. Driven with compassion and justice, unfazed by the prohibition, Jesus asked those who are gathered in the synagogue, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm

on the sabbath?" Without hearing any response from the people, angered and grieved, he continued on to restore the man's hand.

Jesus put God's kingdom in display against the alienating piety of the religious leaders, challenging them to put love of neighbor above law and tradition. While the religious leaders busied themselves building fences with moral codes and traditions, Jesus announced the Good News by giving the real picture of God's Torah: "to do good...to save life." The Sabbath is meant to attend to human need, and true devotion to God means pursuing compassion and justice for the poor and powerless (James 1:27).

As we gather together to share at the Lord's table, we are declaring to take part in His life and mission. As we are invited into His fellowship, let us ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to see and hands to reach those around us who are in need. Let us be true disciples who follow Jesus' example, that instead of building fences out of fear, let us be filled with love in bridging the gap between the church and the world. Let us be a source of true Sabbath rest to others, as we anticipate His return ■

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: Dr. Antonio Ligot, a GCF local missionary, ministering to a patient in the Good News Clinic (*photo courtesy of Dr. Ligot*). The Good News Clinic is a 25-bed general and Christian mission hospital in Banaue, Ifugao. Dr. Ligot is currently transitioning out of Good News Clinic in Banaue as their BOH Medical Doctor and Hospital Administrator. He still does clinical and hospital duties. He ministers through healing and by sharing God's love to patients.



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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 6/7 July 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.

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.