



## The Delights of a Life Devoted to God

*Psalm 16*

### **English Services**

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

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Baptism (8:00 a.m.)  
Worship through Fellowship  
Community Prayer  
Anthem  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*  
Worship through Giving  
Response Song  
Benediction

### **Filipino Service**

*(3 n.h.)*

Paghahanda  
Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan  
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita  
Panalangin ng Komunidad  
Tanging Bilang  
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos  
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos  
*Pastor BJ Sebastian*  
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay  
Tugon na Awit  
Bendisyon



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IT IS  
DEPENDENCE  
ON GOD,  
DEVOTION  
TO GOD,  
ABSORPTION  
WITH GOD,  
THE LORD  
AND SOURCE  
OF LIFE, THAT  
GIVES YOU A  
CONFIDENT  
HOLD ON LIFE.

The life of a very imperfect and often troubled David is a great example of how God treats those who belong to Him. This wonderful psalm he wrote relates how he found the secret of contentment and gladness even in hard times, and also speaks prophetically of Jesus and His work for us. How does a life devoted to God begin?

1. D\_\_\_\_\_ YOUR DEPENDENCE  
AND DEVOTION TO GOD THROUGH  
PRAYER (vv. 1-2).

- “Preserve me, O God!” The basis of his request is that God was David’s refuge. David had put his trust exclusively in God. God was his all-and-all, his security and satisfaction, his one and only good thing.
- If God was unreliable, we are of all men, most miserable. But if anyone sincerely tells God, “I have no good apart from you,” He will show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is completely His (*2 Chronicles 16:9a*). The whole Bible is a record of God’s faithfulness. You will never have the distinction of being God’s first ever failure in this universe.

2. D\_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD’S PEOPLE, BUT  
DISAPPROVE WHAT IS DESTRUCTIVE  
(vv. 3-4).

- David delighted in God’s people despite their imperfections. This is an obvious failure of many Christians now. They’re so negative about God’s people, they find themselves unable to see any good. But those who love the Lord will love the company of those who also love Him. This is a way to evaluate our own relationship with the Lord.
- Another mark of God’s people is that, while they love whom God loves, they disapprove of

## **Traditional Service**

*(August 10, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)*

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Community Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

*Pastor Larry Pabiona*

Response Hymn

Benediction

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what God disapproves. There's a fallacy that says, "To love someone you must agree with everything they believe or do." The even worse flipside is that, "If you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must hate or shun them." Remember this: you don't have to compromise Biblical convictions to show Christ-like compassion. Jesus never had to personally sin, just to show love to sinners.

3. D\_\_\_\_\_ JOY IN GOD'S PLAN AS IT UNFOLDS IN YOUR LIFE (vv. 5-11).

**a. God's gracious favor in the present life (vv. 5-9)**

- The presence of God
- The guidance of God

The presence and guidance of God create a stability and security that can only come from God. It just can't get any better: "I shall not be shaken...my heart is glad...my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure."

**b. God's gracious favor in the next life (vv. 10-11)**

- David pleaded for deliverance from untimely death. You can ask and be granted the same favor, or get something even better—deliverance from death by being in the presence of God. The believer never truly loses in life or in death because of the reality of God. Indeed, there is fullness of joy as His plan unfolds in your life!
- Though written by David about his own situation, Peter and Paul saw verse 10 as a prophecy of Christ defeating death (*Acts 2:27-28; Acts 13:35*). What David hoped God would do (i.e., deliver him from death) is what God did for Christ in the most spectacular way: resurrection. The psalm is a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus Christ in whom its ideals and hopes were fulfilled, and through whom the same hope awaits us (*Romans 8:11, 23*).

## FINAL THOUGHTS

The LORD filled the personal horizon of David. Every one of the lines say, one way or another, "The LORD is everything to me. The LORD is my Lord, my God, my destiny, my counsel, my security." The whole psalm confesses, "The LORD is my life." It is this dependence on God, this devotion to God, this absorption with God, the Lord and Source of life, that gives you a confident hold on life.

This life of gladness and rejoicing and fullness of joy is not a problem-free life. It is a life that may be challenged, and face attack on many levels. But when a life commitment to God has been made and is enjoyed, it is a secure, joyful, blessed life, no matter what comes next ■

# The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Migs Orleans

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## FROM 'PASTORAL PRAYER' TO 'COMMUNITY PRAYER'

A few weeks ago, our Senior Pastor shared a slight change in how we call our time of corporate prayer. Both on a Saturday night and Sunday, we will emphasize more the importance of praying together. I remember our family's early years as attendees here, where Pastor Luis would kneel on the kneeler as he led us to pray (my eyes were obviously open). Eventually, I would stand behind him together with co-servants as he prayed on stage, before we sang our next song. Whether it was then or now, at the heart of it is praying together as a church family.

Given its new name, what then is "Community Prayer?" For us in GCF Ortigas, it means spending a few silent minutes with our Heavenly Father—to talk to Him, and for Him to talk to us. It is time to remember what about Him did He show you, or what He did for you—whether recently or repeatedly. It means

saying sorry, if you owe God an apology. It is time to make that bold move to stand, and share to someone. Or, if you would rather stay where you are, to maybe pray with your seatmate? Whatever the conversation may be, it is done together as a church family.

A lot of us, I presume, enjoy singing. In fact, we spend a good amount of time doing that together once the service starts. A lot of us, I presume, love to read and study the Bible. In fact, that occupies the largest portion of our time together. At some point, we offer our gifts to the Lord and thank Him for guests that come and join us. I am also sure that we very much look forward to all these. May we, then, also, always, as a church family, look forward to our times of community prayer, even today as we pray together ■

# Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



## #PARENTSTALK

*Parents, establish and build your relationship with your children*

August 9, 16, 23, 30 (Fris), 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Sign-up (at the info booth) for a free parenting book! Please contact 0917 532 7663 for details.



## PINGPONG MINISTRY

*Join us in this safe and low-impact sport!*

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite others on Aug. 17, 24, 31 (Sats), 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bring your own towels and extra shirt. Extra rackets are available if you don't have one.



## DISCOVERING OUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD

*Sabbath Retreat 2019*

August 23-25 (Fri-Sun), Hacienda Isabella  
Fee: P2,500, registration is extended until August 18 (Sun) at the ministry information booth, or through [sabbath2019.weebly.com](http://sabbath2019.weebly.com).  
Payment is at the info booth at the lobby.



## WORDBANK BS TRAINING

*Precept training for banking and finance professionals with Elder Ave Gaspar*

September 8 (Sun), 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up at the booth for your free material and snack!



## TURNING ADVERSITY TO STRENGTH

*3R's: Annual Retreat of GCF Women's Ministry*

Open to women 18 years old and above  
September 27-29 (Fri-Sun), at MMRC  
Speaker: Grace Shangkuan Koo, Ph.D.  
Early bird fee: P2,500 (until September 1)  
Regular fee: P3,500 (until September 15)  
For details, contact 0917 532 1921.

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by the Basilad family, the Valera family, Crosslight Medical Clinic, 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

### Burning Hearts Chronicles GG

*Group for couples*

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Rm. B123

### 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 0917 779 1549.*

### Growth Group Leaders Training 1

September 1, 8, 15, and 22 (Suns)  
12:00-3:00 p.m. at A303

### DMG Assembly

All small group leaders are invited  
September 7 (Sat), 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT / August 2019

JUNE	Projected	Rcvd., Aug. 1-7	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Aug. 7
General Funds	7,448,848	1,788,454	General Funds	64,091,938	59,035,923
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	402,066	Mission Support Fund	14,283,253	9,444,797
Others (Designated, etc.)	735,278	111,568	Others (Designated, etc.)	8,573,434	8,718,981
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,501,824</b>	<b>2,302,088</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,948,625</b>	<b>77,199,701</b>

*...While he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.*

—Luke 15:20 (NRSV)

Jesus' legitimacy as teacher of God's law was put into question by religious leaders and scholars. He was being scrutinized for welcoming and eating with men and women of doubtful reputation. So Jesus gives a series of parables telling His motivation for doing so: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

All throughout these parables, Jesus made it clear that the God He speaks of is a God of compassion who actively seeks the lost and joyously brings sinners to His table. This is something the religious leaders couldn't wrap their heads around with. For them holiness is measured by strictly following purity laws and remaining in the rules of tradition. Coming from an understanding of God in a transactional and non-personal way, that permeated their way of life. Jesus came to change that kind of perspective, He came to change mankind's view of God.

Perhaps we are familiar with the story of the prodigal son. Maybe we

are used to identify ourselves to the younger son who rebelled and lived a life of squander, or to the elder brother who grumbled about his father's actions towards the younger son. It's easier to identify with the two brothers, but the center of this parable is the father himself. Jesus has shown us what it looks like to have God as a father. Jesus's life revealed what God is like. By welcoming and embracing the prodigal and lost, and by pleading for the resenting and bitter one, Jesus has shown how far God's love goes.

God as revealed by Jesus relates to mankind and all of His creation in a transformational and personal way. And this character of God poses both as an invitation and a challenge for us who hear to grow in our kinship

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with God. We are to love just as the father showed love to his two sons. This is the core message of the gospel, and this is what we are to share and proclaim to the world, and one another ■

**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:** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. —Psalm 16:11 (pixabay.com).



**Greenhills Christian Fellowship**  
Know Christ and Make Him Known

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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 **10/11 August 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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# 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.

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