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**Program Guide**  
**February 14, 2021**

**Anniversary Worship Service**  
10:00 am • On-site & Online

**Family Fellowship**  
2:00 pm • Zoom Live



## **HAPPY 43RD ANNIVERSARY, GCF!**

God has shown His faithfulness to us so richly for the past 43 years! And there is nothing ahead but a future, as Missionary William Carey liked to say, that is “as bright as the promises of God”. That also happens to be our founding Pastor’s favorite quote, our dear Rev. David Yount.

Some may say this is unrealistic to expect amid a pandemic that has triggered the worst recession in our country’s history. There are also naysayers who opine that the spiritual recession will be as bad as the economic recession, that people will be too lazy to return to church. We do not see it that way. Instead of a church in one building, we now have church in over a thousand buildings – a church in every home, office, dormitory and condo where our Worship is streamed, including a radio audience. We bless and appreciate you, our online congregation!

Faith always sees crisis as opportunities, rather than hindrances. This crisis has forced us to simplify our ministries and to reset, not rest, so that what we do counts in the eyes of the One whose evaluation is never amiss (Revelation 2:7-13).

### **NEW MINISTRY AND MINISTER IN CHARGE**

Because our future is as bright as the promises of God, we are launching a new ministry today, a ministry for Kingdom Impact through Biblical Social Engagement, the GCF Mercy Ministry. This ministry will focus on what we can do for the marginalized, underprivileged, or underserved (e.g., the financially struggling, orphans, widows, calamity victims, etc.).

This will be spearheaded by our Minister in Charge, Elder Benigno “Bong” Durana, who retired recently as Major General from the Philippine National Police. If you ask him, all his past 56 years of life was just a preparation for this ministry. Since in the New Testament, elders are pastors, and pastors are elders, feel free to call him Elder, or Pastor or Minister or General. I prefer “pastor”. It fits him very nicely.



As the first output of our Mercy Ministry, E. Bong has relaunched GCF's Deaf Ministry with an online interpreter for our hearing-challenged online audience. If you are online or will watch on FB Live or YouTube later, you will see our wonderful interpreter bravely translating my often too-rapid words. She needs a lot of prayer because of me.

Should you wish to be involved personally or your Growth Group or family in the GCF Mercy Ministry, please feel free to inform us through the following means:

By text message or Viber: 09175327662 through Grace Mosquera

By email: [grace.mosquera@gcf.org.ph](mailto:grace.mosquera@gcf.org.ph)

### **RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS**

We welcome our newly elected elders and deacons for 2021 and beyond. Praise God for your heart to serve our Lord. We joyfully welcome (in alphabetical order) elders:

1. June Acebedo
2. Ed Dames
3. Bong Durana
4. Aris Lumague
5. Arnold Perona
6. Marlon Roldan
7. Eugene Villanueva

We gladly welcome our deacons and deaconesses:

1. Eliza Shih-Chiusinco
2. Najee Chua
3. Levi Fabellar
4. Sam Hernando
5. Noel Mojica
6. Arnel Nunez
7. Jeff Tan
8. RJ Yu

We will collectively, both onsite and online, have the joy of commissioning them in prayer for the ministry as part of our Anniversary celebrations today.

# Anniversary Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship Through Thanksgiving

Worship Through Praise

Testimony

Missionary Commissioning

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Prayer for New Church Leaders

Worship Through Giving

Response Song

Benediction





The Heart of Our Mission:  
**Love for God &  
Love for Others**



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CHURCH RESET: The Hand of God in the Early Church and Ours

# The Heart of Our Mission: Love for God & Love for Others

## SELECTED VERSES

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All of us are called to God's Kingdom Agenda (The Mission of God, i.e., The Great Commission)

We can accomplish this through God's enabling (The Holy Spirit)

God will do His work through His personal family (The Local Church)

And God will work through individual Christians who share the gospel despite difficulties (Personal Ministry and Sacrifice)

But why? Because these Christians are driven by love for God and others (The Great Commandment, i.e., the Heart of the Mission)

## WHY SHOULD I OBEY AND SERVE GOD?

- **I obey and serve God out of love for God:**

*"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died." - 2 Corinthians 5:14*

## WHY SHOULD I LOVE GOD?

- **Because I am loved. He loved me first.**

*"We love because he first loved us." - 1 John 4:19*

- **I was meant to be in a loving relationship with God forever and my life will never be right till then.**

*"And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." - John 17:3*

*"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord,  
and our heart is restless until it rests in You."*

- St. Augustine

## WHY SHOULD I LOVE OTHERS?

- **Because as I learn to love God, loving others becomes the expression of that love.**

*“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.” - 1 John 4:20*

- **Because as my life focuses on God, I become like the one I am focused on.**

*“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”  
- 2 Corinthians 3:18*

## HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH SHOW LOVE FOR GOD AND ONE ANOTHER?

**The believers became a caring community who worshiped together, prayed together and served together. The church sought to minister to her members and reach out to the world.**

Acts 2:42–47 The believers shared in right teaching, had fellowship together, broke bread, met needs, praised God, and prayed together.

Acts 4:23-31 records the early church’s exemplary prayer for boldness in speaking the Word.

Acts 4:32–37 indicates how they shared possessions with each other to meet their needs.

Acts 6:1–6 portrays how they lovingly solved a potentially explosive racial issue and let those who raised the issue help in resolving it.

Acts 11:29 shows how one local community sent material aid and food to another community in need.

Acts 13:1–3 show how the church prayed, supported, and commissioned a missionary endeavor.



## FINAL THOUGHTS

Dear friends, let's look up and move out, like the disciples were asked to do in Acts 1:8-11. As we look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2) we shall discover the same joy that He did, as we endure the cross of sacrifice, despising the shame, and one day come before throne of God, not with fear, but excitement! This is your destiny as believers, who live driven by love for God and others.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Based on your own experience, what is the more common motivation for some of us to obey and serve God, other than pure love for Him? Why do you think that happens?
2. Why do you think that it is never a waste of resources for a church to invest time, effort and money into blessing the underprivileged, marginalized, and underserved (e.g. the financially struggling, orphans, widows, etc.) among them and in the community? Why is "ROI" as the world defines it, often a poor parameter for work in the kingdom of God?
3. Pray together and ask God's Spirit to work in our hearts, to change us into people passionate to love God and others, and to show this in concrete actions and evangelism.





# Worship Through Giving

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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Send a copy of your transaction document to **[finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)** so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.

## **COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS**

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts. Just indicate **“For COVID-19 Fund”** when you email your transaction document.

## **GCF RELIEF OPERATIONS FOR #UlyssesPH VICTIMS**

We are accepting CASH donations for the typhoon victims. Email a copy of your transaction slip to **[finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)** with the subject “Typhoon Ulysses”



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