



OCTOBER
2023



THE ONE ANOTHER COMMANDS OF THE BIBLE

Encourage One Another

1 THESSALONIANS 4:18

OCT 7-8, 2023

**Traditional Worship
Saturday • 5:30 PM**

ENGLISH SERVICES

SUNDAY • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Community Prayer
Worship Through Fellowship
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Bong Durana
Response Song
Worship Through Giving
Benediction

FILIPINO SERVICE

SUNDAY • 3:00 PM

Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit
Panalanging Pangkapulungan
Pakikipag-ugnayan
Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan
Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Tugon na Awit
Paghahandog
Basbas



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1 THESSALONIANS 4:18

Various circumstances can lead to discouragement among Christians, causing anxiety about the future and a lack of energy to uplift each other. However, the sacrifice Christ made on the cross provides a solid foundation for our faith and a hopeful future, motivating us to encourage each other.

I. In Christ...Our Hope for a Bright Future is Assured (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

When Christ returns, believers will be saved from God's wrath at the tribulation, to be reunited with their departed Christian loved ones and to be with God forever (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; Romans 11:29).

II. In Christ...Our Hope for a Bright Future will come Anytime (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Christ's coming that signals the end times is imminent. As Christ could return and might return at any time, we are to be prepared for Him to come at any day (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Hebrews 3:13).

Failure or lack of preparations will result in two things: apostasy or falling away from God (Hebrews 3:13) and unfruitfulness in our Christian journey (1 Thessalonians 4:1-3; Ephesians 1:4; John 15:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

The solution? Put on the full armor of God, especially those that protect the vital parts: our full assurance of faith and love and our hope of salvation from tribulation (Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:8).

III. In Christ...Our Hope for a Bright Future is Assembled in His Church (1 Thessalonians 5:12-24; Hebrews 10:25)

Our love for each other is best expressed in the church. This includes our attitude towards our leaders, our relationships with each other, and our individual and collective behavior.

Regular church attendance and active participation in various ministries foster love for one another. The church serves as a place for reminders and exhortations to persevere as we anticipate the Lord's return.

Final Thoughts

We sometimes find ourselves in situations that may discourage us in the present and make us anxious about the future. Take heart and be steadfast. We have a God who is faithful to His promises concerning our present and our future (Romans 11:29). We have ample reason to **Encourage One Another** in our hope in Christ Jesus. ■



Hikayatin Natin Ang Isa't Isa

1 THESSALONIANS 4:18; HEBREWS 10:25

Mahirap ang buhay Kristiyano at marami tayong sinasalubong na mga hamon sa ating mundo at kultura. Bilang isang iglesia na nagtatapat sa ating pagtatalaga kay Kristo Hesus, pahirap nang pahirap ang manindigan sa Kanya. Hindi tayo kailangan manlupaypay at manghina. Mayroon tayong isang tiyak at buhay na pag-asa na nakasandig sa ating kinabukasan kay Kristo at sa kaligtasan na Kanyang tinamo para sa atin.

1. DAHIL SA KATIYAKAN NG ATING KINABUKASAN KAY KRISTO (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

- a. Dahil hindi tayo katulad ng iba na walang pag-asa (v. 13)
- b. Dahil ang ating Panginoon ay binuhay na maguli, ang lahat ng nauna ay bubuhayin Niya muli (v. 14-16)
- c. Dahil tiyak na kukunin ng Panginoon ang Kanyang hinirang at niligtas sa pisikal na kamatayan (v. 17)

2. DAHIL SA KADAKILAAN NG ATING KALIGTASAN KAY KRISTO (Hebrews 10:19-25)

- a. Kaligtasan na nagbigay sa atin ng bagong daan patungong langit (v. 19-20)
- b. Kaligtasan na dapat mag-udyok sa atin na lalong palaguin ang ating pananampalataya (v. 21-25a)
Dahil mayroon tayong dakilang Tagapamagitan kay Hesus...
 - Lalo tayong lumapit sa ating kaugnayan sa Panginoon (v. 22)
 - Lalo tayong kumapit sa ating pinaniniwalaan tungkol sa ating pag-asa sa Kanya (v. 23)
 - Lalo tayong magtipon bilang isang kapatiran upang palaguin ang ating pag-iibigan at paggawa ng mabuti (v. 24-25a)
- c. Kaligtasan na dapat mag-udyok sa atin na hikayatin ang isa't-isa (v. 25b)

Hamon

Tapat ang ating Diyos sa Kanyang mga hinirang. Tinutupad Niya palagi ang lahat ng Kanyang mga pangako sa lahat ng Kanyang niligtas kay Kristo Hesus (John 6:39-40). Maaaring dumaranas tayo ngayon ng mga paghihirap at pagsubok na dala ng kahirapan sa ekonomiya, hamon sa kalusugan, problema sa ating mga relasyon, at marahil, pagpanaw ng ating mga minamahal sa buhay (1 Peter 4:12-13). Bilang magkakapatid kay Kristo Hesus, hikayatin natin ang isa't-isa dahil mayroon tayong buhay na pag-asa, tiyak na kinabukasan, at dakilang kaligtasan sa Kanya. ■



The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Migs Orleans, Worship Ministry Director

Happy Holidays soon, GCF! Whether you are reading in print or digital format, I hope and pray you are well. We are on the final quarter of this 45th year as a church family, and there are certainly more reasons to **BUILD UP** and **REACH OUT**:

- 1. Church Leaders Elections:** Let us continue to pray, as the pre-screened list of candidates for Elders and Deacons will be released soon.
- 2. The GCF Pulilan and GCF Dubai Church Plants:** Please continue to pray for these recently launched church plants. Perhaps, we can also seek out ways that we can help them out.
- 3. GCF-supported Missionaries and Missions Organizations:** While Missions Month has officially ended, let us continue to pray for how we can partner with them.
- 4. YouthLIVE Saturday Worship and YA Fridays:** The younger generation of our church family continues to gather on these particular evenings. Let us pray for them, and even join them!
- 5. The Deaf Community:** Especially during the 3:00 PM Worship Service, a number of our friends from the deaf community gather to worship together. Let us pray for them, and even consider learning sign language!
- 6. GCF Christmas Special in December:** Let us pray for this next set of evangelistic, church-wide special Services! Pray for that workmate, classmate, friend, neighbor, or family member who needs to hear the gospel!
- 7. Growth Group Meetings:** Growth Group leaders continue to study, hosts continue to prepare, members continue to listen and learn. Let us pray for them!
- 8. Worship Service first timers, Growth Group newcomers, Membership Class teachers and students:** May the Lord enable us to steward these friends of ours, and those who labor in the Lord.
- 9. Ministry Leaders and Servants:** Pray as well for all the Pastors, non-Pastoral Staff, the general community of volunteers, the Council of Deacons, and the Board of Elders.

God bless you, church family! ■



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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – English*
3:00 PM – Filipino
5:30 PM – English

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM – YouthLIVE Worship
5:30 PM – Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM – Ortigas Community Worship

Join us in-person at GCF Ortigas

*KidsLIFE Sunday School every Sunday 10:00 AM

PRAYER GATHERING

THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer
Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763
Passcode: 984990

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM

Sunday Bible School
Series: Basic Doctrines
Live at GCF Chapel

ON-SITE FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAYS

7:30 PM

Young Adults (YA) Fridays
Open to 20–40 year olds
Fellowship Hall

GROWTH GROUPS

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week,
throughout Metro Manila and online

SIGN-UP AT gcf.org.ph/growth-groups

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. (Revelation 15:4)

THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)

THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

“Jesus said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

“Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.”

Church **UPDATES** **AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

YouthLIVE and KidsLIFE

LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 PM

Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online

Open to high school and college aged youth

All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School

(except Special Sundays)

Sundays • 10:00 AM

4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- **KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5)**
Pre-register at gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg
- **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**
Pre-register at gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite

PASTORS APPRECIATION MONTH 2023 (Whole month of October)

Three Ways to Show Our Gratitude:

- Pray for a Pastor or Elder
- Invite a Pastor or Elder to your GG
- Post your Appreciation with the hashtag #SalamatPastor2023

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SHAKING HANDS 2023

A Forum Series on
Understanding Life Stages

Topic: *Shaking Hands with
Midlifers and Mid-Adults*

9:00 AM–12:00 NN

Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas

Register via gcf.link/ShakingHands

**NOV
11-12**

SAT TO SUN

MONEY MATTERS IN MARRIAGE

GCF Couples Retreat 2023

CCT Tagaytay

Early Bird Registration Fee
until October 15: Php 3,500

Register via gcf.link/CouplesRetreat

CALLED TO WORSHIP: TAKE A CHANCE ON CHANCEL

Join the GCF Chancel Choir!

If you are:

- Able to sing and pass the auditions
- Teachable and able to commit to regular choir trainings and activities
- An active member of GCF Ortigas

Sign up at gcf.link/JoinChancel

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help.

GCF ERCC Hotline: **0917 532 7794**

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service! Reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

On-Site: Drop by **BM07, Mezzanine Floor**

Online via Zoom: gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group?
Looking to apply for church membership?
Curious about the various ministries?

Visit the new **INFO HUB** at the Lobby