



Worship Bulletin

GCF ORTIGAS

NOVEMBER 2023

KNOW YOUR FAMILY

Why Elders and Deacons?

(SELECTED PASSAGES)

NOV 11–12, 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 Larry Pabiona

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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Why Elders and Deacons?

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What are elders? Why are they necessary? (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-7)

Their description is known from the three terms in the Bible used for them, while their most basic function was defined in Acts 6:1-7 as “prayer and the ministry of the word”:

- *presbuteros* – elder
- *episkopos* – overseer
- *poimen* – shepherd

What are deacons? Why are they necessary? (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13)

The prototype for deacons is found in Acts 6:1-7, but their role would continue to develop, culminating in the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

- *diakonos* – servant
- Their basic functions were defined in Acts 6:1-7, giving flexibility and adaptability to their role in every local church:
 1. Relieve elders of whatever hinders them from prayer and the ministry of preaching/teaching the Word.
 2. Be the frontline of compassion for the church – e.g., the mercy ministry (or hospitality).

What is an elder-led congregational church? (Matthew 18:15-17)

- The foundation of elder-led congregational governance is the plurality of elders. This New Testament principle puts the church under the collective leadership of a council of elders. It protects the church from autocracy and men like Diotrephes (3 John vv. 9-11). At the same time, it protects the church from the other extreme of unguided congregationalism that may quickly deteriorate into mob rule.
- Elder-led congregational governance is where elders and pastors have oversight of the flock, observing the principle that “When the church is not in session, the plurality of elders decides for the church.” When the church is in session, the plurality of elders lovingly submits to the collective decision of the congregation, guided by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit through prayer.

What does this mean for all of us? (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- The role of pastors/elders: to equip (instruct and inspire) members to do ministry.
- The role of members: do the ministry in day-to-day life by living out the Word and speaking the Word.



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Bakit Ba Elders at Deacons Ang Pamumuno ng Iglesia?

(SELECTED PASSAGES)

- 1. Ano ba ang Elders? Bakit ba sila kailangan sa Iglesia? (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-7)**
Sila ay inilarawan sa pamamagitan ng tatlong salita sa Bibliya para sa kanila, at ang kanilang pinakamahalagang tungkulin ayon sa Acts 6:1-7 ay “prayer and the ministry of the word”:
 - a. *presbuteros* – elder
 - b. *episkopos* – overseer
 - c. *poimen* – shepherd

- 2. Ano ba ang deacons? Bakit ba sila kailangan sa Iglesia? (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13)**
Ang larawan ng deacons ay makikita sa Acts 6:1-7, ngunit ang kabuuan ng kanilang tungkulin sa iglesia ay mababanaag natin sa kanilang kwalipikasyon sa 1 Timothy 1:8-13.
 - a. *diakonos* – lingkod
 - b. Ang kanilang tungkulin ay makikita sa Acts 6:1-7 na kailangan din nating timbangin ayon sa pangangailangan ng isang iglesiang lokal:
 - i. Pagaanin ang gawain ng mga elders upang sila ay makatutok sa pananalangin at pangangaral ng Salita ng Diyos.
 - ii. Pangunahan ang mga gawain ng iglesia na ukol sa pagkakawanggawa.

- 3. Ano ba ang isang elder-led na congregational church? (Matthew 18:15-17)**
 - a. Ang pundasyon ng isang elder-led congregational na pamumuno ay ang prinsipyo ng plurality of elders. Ang prinsipyo na ito na mula sa Bagong Tipan ay inilalagay ang iglesia sa ilalalim ng pamumuno ng isang grupo ng mga elders. Pinoprotektahan nito ang iglesia sa autokrasiya at mga taong katulad ni Diotrefes (3 John 1:9-11). Gayundin, pinoprotektahan nito ang iglesia sa kalabisan ng isang magulong congregational na pamumuno na maaring maudyok ng malalakas pero maling mga kaisipan.
 - b. Sa isang elder-led congregational na pamumuno, ang mga elders ay may tungkulin na pag-ingatan ang kapatiran sa ilalim ng prinsipyo na kapag ang kongregasyon ay hindi nakatipon, ang mga elders ang magdedesisyon para sa iglesia. Ngunit, kapag ang iglesia ay nakatipon, ang mga elders ay may pag-ibig na magpapasakop sa sama-samang desisyon ng lahat ng miyembro ng iglesia, sa ilalim naman ng paggabay ng Salita ng Diyos at ng Espiritu Santo.

- 4. Ano ang implikasyon nito para sa lahat? (Ephesians 4:11-13)**
 - a. Ang tungkulin ng mga elders/pastors ay ang pagtuturo at pagpapatibay ng mga miyembro upang gawin ang ministryo ng iglesia.
 - b. Ang tungkulin naman ng mga miyembro ay isagawa ang ministryo ng iglesia sa pagsasapamuhay at pamamahayag ng Salita ng Diyos.



The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Larry Pabiona, Senior Pastor

“KNOW YOUR FAMILY” New Sermon Series for November-December 2023

Starting this weekend until December 17, we will have a mini-series of four sermons to make GCFers understand and appreciate their faith community, inspiring them to pray, praise, and participate in our GCF church family. The same content will serve as the core of the GCF Ethos Manual we are putting together for the lead Pastors of our new church plants.

The series starts with the GCF system of governance based on the New Testament concept of “the plurality of elders.” The message will explain elder-led congregational governance, where Elders and Pastors have oversight of the flock. But, when the congregation gathers in session, the plurality of elders lovingly submits to the collective decision of the gathered Body as guided by the Holy Spirit.

The subsequent three messages are based on four foundational doctrines that make GCF a church founded on the Word of God and the finished Work of Christ:

1. The Inerrancy of the Bible (taken together with GCF Core Value Number one, The Centrality of the Word).
2. The Deity of Christ (taken together with its inseparable counterpart, the Doctrine of the Trinity).
3. The Doctrine of Justification by faith alone, in Christ alone, by grace alone.

In all these messages, the practical implications to the church collectively and to each GCFer personally will be emphasized because “doctrine is always practical.”

The series begins the weekend of November 11-12 and ends December 16-17, interspersed with our Communion Worship on the first weekend of December and the Christmas Cantata on December 9-10.

Serving as more than a “filler” till Christmas comes, this short series means to lay down the foundation for the future so that the next generations have something they can build on, for as Psalm 11:3 rightly asks, “if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” ■

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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

**NOV
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SHAKING HANDS 2023

A Forum Series on

Understanding Life Stages

Topic: *Shaking Hands with*

Elderlies and Late Adults

9:00 AM–12:00 NN

Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas

Register via gcf.link/ShakingHands

CHURCH LEADERS ELECTION Voting is now open!

Two Ways to Vote:

- Online via election.gcf.org.ph
 - On-site at the Election Booth (weekends)
or Lobby Reception (weekdays)
- Questions? Email election@gcf.org.ph

VOLUNTEER HERE! WE NEED MORE USHERS

Let's make GCF a warm and welcoming place! Respond to the growing need for more young and vibrant ushers!

Sign up at gcf.link/UsherSignUp

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?
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Curious about the various ministries?

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

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS SEASON 2023

Evangelistic Christmas Special

- Dec 9 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 10 – 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve Services

- Dec 23 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 24 – 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

New Year's Eve Services

- Dec 30 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 31 – 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

*No 3:00 PM Services on these weekends.