



WORSHIP BULLETIN

CLEAR THE AIR: BURNING ISSUES
CONFRONTING CHRISTIANS TODAY

Dangerous Religious Fads and Trends

GALATIANS 1:3-10

JAN 13-14, 2024

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



Dangerous Religious Fads and Trends

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The Danger of the Prosperity Gospel:

1. Misrepresentation of Biblical Principles:

- **Focus on material prosperity:** Jesus repeatedly warned against greed and the dangers of storing earthly treasures (Matthew 6:19–21).
- **Prosperity as a test of faith:** Prosperity teachings imply that suffering and illness indicate a lack of faith. However, the Bible contains examples of innocent people facing hardship, including Jesus.

2. Emphasis on self:

- **The fallacy of the “law of reciprocity”:** Prosperity teachings turn prayer into a transactional exchange, portraying God as obligated to reward faith with blessings.
- **Focus on personal gain over service:** The Bible teaches that true Christianity involves dying to self and serving others, not seeking personal enrichment.

3. The importance of suffering is minimized:

- **Focus on earthly comfort vs. eternal perspective:** The Bible calls for repentance and focusing on heavenly rewards, not earthly comfort.
- **Prevalence of suffering:** The Bible teaches that suffering is part of life. Romans 8:17–18 and James 1:2–4 speak of trials as useful for growth and perseverance.

The Danger of the Attractional Paradigm of Ministry:

“An attractional church conducts worship and ministry according to the desires and values of potential consumers. This leads to the dominant ethos of pragmatism throughout the church.” — JARED WILSON, Gospel-Driven Church

What are some dangers of the attractional paradigm of ministry?

1. **It shifts the focus in worship from glorifying God to pleasing people.**
The focus of true worship is God. The target audience of worship is not any human in the church. The primary audience is God Himself!
2. **People are attracted by the church rather than Jesus.**
It’s possible to get people all fired up and led to church without a focus on Jesus. Consequently they’re won to the church rather than to the Lord.
3. **It misleads the church about the role of its leaders and congregation.**
The explicit instruction for the church is that the gathering be one where pastors teach sound doctrine to equip the saints to build up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11–12).
4. **This paradigm often grows a local church without enlarging the Kingdom of God.**
Advertising celebrity pastors, family-friendly programs, and famous speakers seem designed to attract members from other churches. Transfer growth shifts people to and fro from church to church without expanding God’s Kingdom through actual conversions.
5. **It attracts consumers primarily due to its focus on numbers.**
The attractional paradigm appeals to the wants of those it is targeting. Once in, it must keep doing what got people inside in the first place. This is religious consumerism.

The insidiousness of both errors can creep into any church, including ours. Let us be vigilant that we remain a God-exalting, Christ-centered, and Bible-based church that exists for God’s purposes and agenda. After all, Matthew 6:33 is true not just for individuals, it is true for the entire church as well. ■

Mga Mapanganib na Nauuso sa Relihiyon Ng Ating Panahon

GALATIANS 1:3–10

Ang Panganib ng “Prosperity Gospel”

1. Pagbaluktot ng mga Prinsipyo ng Biblia:

- **Pagbibigay halaga sa materyal na pagyaman:** Nagbabala si Hesus laban dito. (Matthew 6:19–21).
- **Pagyaman ay sukat ng tunay na pananampalataya:** Ang paghihirap daw ay kawalan ng pananampalataya. Ngunit ang pagdurusa ng mga banal ay nasa Biblia, kasama na rin si Hesus (1 Peter 4:12–13).

2. Pagpapahalaga sa sarili:

- **Pagbaluktot ng “law of reciprocity”:** Ang panalangin ay ginagamit na paraan upang obligahin ang Diyos na biyayaan tayó.
- **Pagpapahalaga ng personal na ganansya:** Ang turo ng Biblia ay baliktað—dapat isakripisyo ang sarili para paglingkuran ang iba (1 John 3:16).

3. Pagbabawas ng kahalagahan ng pagdurusa:

- **Pagpapahalaga sa temporal na ginawa kaysa sa kaluwalhatiang walang hanggan:** Ang turo ng Biblia ay pagtuon sa gantimpala sa langit at hindi sa ginawang makalupa.
- **Pagdanas ng pagdurusa:** Ang turo ng Biblia ay ang katiyakan ng pagdurusa sa ating buhay. Ayon sa Romans 8:17–18 at James 1:2–4, ang pagsubok ay nagpapalago at nagpapatibay sa atin.

Ang Panganib ng “Attractional Ministry”

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1. **Nagiging mas importante ang kaluguran ng tao kaysa sa pagbibigay luwalhati sa Diyos.**
Ang pananambahan ay dapat nakatuon sa Diyos, hindi sa kagustuhan ng mga nanambahan.
2. **Naaakit ang mga tao sa church imbis na kay Hesus.**
Posibleng mahumaling ang mga tao sa mga programa ng church, imbis na kay Hesus (1 Corinthians 2:1–5).
3. **Nabaluktot ang pag-unawa ng iglesia tungkol sa tungkulin ng mga pinuno at ng kongregasyon.**
Ang direksyon sa iglesia ay ito: dapat magturo ng tamang doktrina ang mga pastor para lumago ang mga miyembro para sa pagtataguyod ng iglesia (Ephesians 4:11–12).
4. **Nagpapalaki ito ng church ngunit hindi ng kaharian ng Diyos.**
Ang mga mapang-akit na programa ay maaaring umakit ng maraming tao, ngunit hindi tunay na mananampalataya, kapag nalulunod ng mga ito ang ebanghelyo ni Kristo.
5. **Napaparami nito ang bilang ng isang iglesia sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng hinahanap ng karamihan.**
Kailangang patuloy na ibigay ang hiling ng karamihan kahit na ito ay labag na sa tunay nilang pangangailangan ayon sa Salita ng Diyos.

Mapanganib ang mga nauusong mga kaisipan na ito. Kailangan nating manatiling nagtataas ng ating Diyos, nakasentro sa ating Panginoong Hesus, at nakasandig sa Kanyang Banal na Salita. Ang Matthew 6:33 ay hindi lamang totoo sa mga indibidwal kundi sa buong iglesia din. ■



The Shepherd's Voice

By Pastor Migs Orleans, Worship Ministry Director

Join me in thanking the Lord for 2023!

1. The 45th Year of GCF, a milestone year.
2. The fruitful return of ministries this year.
3. Fellowship that has become more tangible again.
4. For Growth Groups that are able to meet again, those who have increased in number, and those who have grown in friendship and in Bible study.
5. For Ministry Teams whose leaders and members have resumed meeting and serving, in and out of the church building.
6. Good health, healing for those with varying sicknesses, and future hope for those who are still in the bed of illness.
7. For diversity of community in the church — those who are growing up as GCFers, those who are grown up GCFers, and everyone in between — especially those of the younger generation.
8. For times of enjoying camaraderie and teamwork among teams and small groups, times of coping with issues and trials, and times of overcoming adversity.
9. For how He continues to bless GCF as a local church — monetarily, materially, and through the presence of leaders.
10. For servant leadership exemplified by Growth Group Leaders, Ministry Heads, Deacons, and Elders.
11. For volunteers who sacrifice time and effort to simply be available, exercise their spiritual gifts, and pour out their passion to prioritize the matters of the local church.
12. For all ministry servants who have chosen to follow a tug in their heart to be used by the Lord, in and out of our local church setting.
13. For this church family as a whole — from stewarding what the Lord has blessed them with (time, effort, money, others), serving in and out of the church building, to simply joining God's work (as an individual, a friend, a relative, a brother or sister, a son or daughter, a husband or wife, an apo, an employee, an employer, etc.).

Have a blessed 2024, church family!



Worship Through Giving

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Together, let's seek to know
Christ and make Him known

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

YouthLIVE Worship

Resumes on February 3

Prayer Gatherings all Saturdays of January
Saturdays • 5:00 PM
Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online
Open to high school and college aged youth

KidsLIFE Sunday School

(except Special Sundays)
Sundays • 10:00 AM

- **Little Ones I (ages 1.5–3)**
Toddlers' Room, Ground Floor
- **Little Ones II (ages 4–5)**
4th Floor, GCF Ortigas
- **Growing Kids (ages 6–13)**
4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

REGULAR GATHERINGS ARE BACK

All have resumed to their usual schedules!

- **Sunday Bible School (SBS)**
Sundays, 9:00 AM, GCF Chapel
- **Ortigas Community Worship (OCW)**
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **GCF Family's Hour of Prayer (FHoP)**
Thursdays, 8:00 PM, via Zoom
- **YA Fridays (Young Adults)**
Fridays, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

REGISTER FOR FREE

STARTING

**JAN
16**

GRIEFSHARE

*A 13-session support group
program for those who lost
loved ones*

Every Tuesday Night
6:00–8:30 PM
RM B123, GF, GCF Ortigas
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GCF'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY

**FEB
10 & 11**

Discover what it means to
"Build Up and Reach Out
Together"! Across different
generations and ministries,
let us celebrate God's
faithfulness for the past
46 years!

CALL FOR PHOTOS: GCF Through the Years

Email your GCF photos and include photo's
details (year or decade and activity)
Email to communications@gcf.org.ph on
or before **February 3**

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. Our pastors and
team are excited to meet you!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor
or reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

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