





## VOL. 46 NO. 1 FEBRUARY 11, 2024



#### SUNDAY MESSAGE

GCF 46th Anniversary Message

## Together! Unity in Our **Diversity**

1 COR. 12:12-27; CH. 13

#### 1 COR. 12:12 **AND 27**

"12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

- \*FEBRUARY 10 (SAT) 5:30 PM
- \*FEBRUARY 11 (SUN) 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM
- \*SPEAKER

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Live at GCF Ortigas & online No 3:00 PM Service on Feb 11

## ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP

#### TOGETHER IN PRAISE

Let us thank the Lord today for His faithfulness of the past 46 Years.

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High" PSALM 92:1

## TOGETHER IN SONG

Let us sing together as a Church Family.

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!" **PSALM 96:1** 

## TOGETHER IN DANCE

In thought, in speech, in action, let us praise!

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!" PSALM 150:6

## TOGETHER IN GROWTH

Celebrate the Lord's work in the lives of our brothers and sisters who have responded in faith and obedience through the waters of Baptism.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

## TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Let us pray as a church today.

"these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

## TOGETHER IN STEWARDSHIP

As the Spirit leads, let us give in worship.

"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

## TOGETHER IN SCRIPTURE AND IN THE WORD

Let us worship the Lord according to His Word.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17

## ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

## Together! Unity in Our Diversity

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27; CH. 13



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As we build up and reach out together as a church, God's Word reminds us of basic things in our aim to do ministry that is pleasing to God. This involves realizing we are more than any ordinary team: we are a Body, where everyone belongs, is needed, and affects others significantly:

#### We Belong to Each Other Spiritually (1 Cor. 12:12-14)

- We're bound together in the Body of Christ by the Spirit of Christ (vv. 12–13).
- We belong to the Body and, through it, to one another.
   The exercise of ministry amid diversity should lead to interdependence and appreciation (v. 14).

#### We Need Each Other Dependently (1 Cor. 12:15–24)

- We are all necessary in the Body of Christ.
- Two reasons some Christians never become involved in ministry:
  - a. Some think they have no gifts or abilities and let others do the work (vv. 15–19).
  - Some feel so qualified that they do not need the help of others to do ministry (vv. 21–24).

#### We Affect Each Other Significantly (1 Cor. 12:25–27; ch. 13)

- Paul sought to show those who had either error that they needed each other and were given diverse gifts so that they could care for each other (12:25–27).
- Caring for one another is both the reason and result of our unity. Our gifts should express and be driven by love (12:31, ch. 13), a way of life superior to seeking and displaying spiritual gifts.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

We are dependent on each other. Each of us has unique gifts so that we can make our personal contribution "for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7). Through cooperation, each of us makes our contribution and, in turn, is helped and aided to grow.

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### THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

By Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, Senior Pastor

#### WHY BUILD UP AND REACH OUT TOGETHER?

We build up one another because it makes no sense to minister to others outside the church, when inside our GCF spiritual family, we can't even treat each other right. As Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). That's why we went through a lengthy "One Another" sermon series to drive this home. Prayerfully, it will make a difference in how we think (Romans 12:2), and ultimately in how we love each other.

We reach out (evangelize personally, plant churches corporately) because not only is that the mandate of Jesus (Mathew 28:18-20), but to paraphrase C.H. Spurgeon, those who do not tell others how to be saved should ask if they themselves are saved. Every truly saved and growing Christian will desire to evangelize. Practically also, no church family has any future if its worshipers don't bring others, especially those they have led or desire to lead to Christ. Note that a Growth Group is an easy and non-threatening venue where you can invite pre-Christian friends and loved ones.

Why "together"? Because in our desire to glorify God through ministry that is simpler, more effective, and more Biblical while observing good stewardship, we want to serve in a way that unites the different ministry efforts, unites the different generations, unites men and women, and involves not just leaders but prayerfully, more of the previously uninvolved. Reaching out together also means that this year, our church will emphasize evangelism and immediate follow-up in most, if not all, of its plans.

All of the above, in a nutshell, captures the essence of why our theme this year builds upon last year: **BUILD UP AND REACH OUT – TOGETHER!** ■

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

#### WORSHIP SERVICES Live on-site and online

6:30 PM -

employees)

WEDNESDAYS

#### **SUNDAYS**

8:00 AM • English 10:30 AM • English 3:00 PM • Filipino 5:30 PM • English

#### SATURDAYS

5:30 PM • Traditional Worship

#### **PRAYER GATHERING**

#### **THURSDAYS**

8:00 рм

#### **GCF Family's Hour of Prayer**

**Ortigas Community Worship** 

(for Ortigas residents and

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 Passcode: 984990

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

Sunday Bible School Live at GCF Chapel

#### KIDS, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS

#### **SUNDAYS**

10:30 AM

#### **SATURDAYS**

4:00 РМ

#### **FRIDAYS**

7:00 PM

**KidsLIFE Sunday School** For ages 1.5 to 13, 4th Floor

#### YouthLIVE Worship

For highschool and college, Auditorium A

#### Young Adults (YA) Fellowship

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.

66 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

Saturdays • 4:00 PM Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas Open to high school and college aged youth

#### **KidsLIFE Sunday School**

(except Special Sundays) Sundays • 10:30 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

#### **CARELINK CLASSES (Open to all)**

#### **HOW TO GROW CLASS (7 sessions)**

A discipleship series that will help build a good foundation in one's Christian life Sundays, 12:00–2:00 PM, Room A303 Batch 1 started already

Register for the next batch via gcf.link/HowToGrow

## FEB 18

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS (4 sessions)

Learn more about how to become a member of GCF Sundays, 12:00–2:00 PM Room A306

Register via gcf.link/Membership



### SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS (1 session)

Discover your spiritual gifts and how you can serve in church Sundays, 12:00–3:00 PM Room A307

Register via gcf.link/SpiritualGifts

#### **GCF'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY**

#### **Anniversary Worship Services**

February 10 (Sat) - 5:30 PM February 11 (Sun) - 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM Live at GCF Ortigas and online \*No 3:00 PM Service on Feb 11

### In-House Medical and Dental Mission for GCFers

February 11 (Sun) – 12:00 NN–6:00 PM February 12 (Mon) – 8:00 AM–2:00 PM Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas

#### FEB 24 MAR 9 APR 13

#### BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE I

A Three-Session Series for Couples Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM On-site at GCF Ortigas

Register via gcf.link/BPOM

#### 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