

LET US CELEBRATE – GCFSM AT 25!

REV. MIKE TRINIDAD

This early, the 25th Anniversary Committee has been meeting already to draw up plans to mark a milestone in the life of GCF South Metro Church. Mark your calendars on January 23, 2022 as we come together to celebrate the Lord's goodness and faithfulness in the life of the church.

Many exciting things are in store as we desire to make this a year-long celebration as we line up events throughout 2022 that should remind us of how gracious God has been to us in helping us to multiply disciples in our midst and in the communities near and far with a message of hope through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

As we prepare for this momentous occasion, we invite those who have pictures in your files of church gatherings and events especially taken during the One Legacy Place and Madrigal Business Park days to put them together and send an email to ge.nano@gcfsouthmetro.org so she can send you the Google Drive link.

We will give updates from time to time as anniversary plans are firming up and finalized. Abangan!!!

CHRIST GIVES US HOPE

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or

grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31

Perhaps, now, more than ever, the verses above cannot be more relevant than today, with the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases around the country carrying with it the unwanted fear and anxiety that it inevitably brings to those afflicted and the families that are left reeling from the negative effects of the dreaded virus. As we have been placed on lockdown once again since March 29, our worries and anxieties have exacerbated as news of those getting infected have hit close to home. Unlike last year, we have now been hearing of people known to us, in our church, our communities and our own families who have fallen victim to the much-dreaded virus. We all long to see the end of the pandemic.

In the early part of lockdown last year, our fears were based on the lack of knowledge about what we were facing. There was much uncertainty and lack of information about how the virus enters the body and its characteristics, and how to effectively combat the

virus. But, alas, vaccines have been developed in different countries that give a glimmer of hope amidst the desperation that we see around us. While this development should normally give us hope, yet for some, uncertainty lingers about the efficacy of the vaccines that are available in the country, resulting in the low rate of vaccinations among the population.

And as we struggle through the different stages of quarantine that had left so many confused about what the future holds, we have no recourse but to turn to God who alone could minister to our tired and weary souls, and rightfully so, only God could allow us to move on with our lives with the comfort and assurance that we could glean from God and His Word. As the scripture above reminds us, let us put our hope and faith in the Lord so that we may be renewed with much-needed strength that will enable us to soar high above the storm with eagle like wings.

As a result of the pandemic, there are many challenges that we need to face, but our only hope is in Christ alone who promises to give us hope in our present battles. So, if you are tired and weary and can't wait to see the end to our worries and cares, turn to Christ. He is the God who gives us hope! ✠