

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Beyond Blessed @ 25!

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*"For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands... the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing."  
Deuteronomy 2:7a, c*

A milestone in the life of GCF South Metro Church beckons as we celebrate 25 years of God's matchless grace and mercies in the life of the church.

Indeed, we have every reason to rejoice and be thankful for what God has done and what He promises to do in our midst as we continue pursuing the mission He has set out for us to do in the coming years ahead.

So, mark your calendars as January 23, 2022 is the date when we will come together and celebrate this auspicious occasion with many things in store for everyone. We will start off with our worship service at 9:00 a.m. wherein Pastor Edmund Chan will give us an exhortation from God's Word. We will also hear short congratulatory messages from our former senior pastors, Dr. Narry F. Santos and Dr. Larry P. Pabiona. Then, after a lunch break, we invite you to join us again for an afternoon program that promises to bring loads of fun as we hold trivia games, a Tiktok challenge among GG's and a raffle will be conducted as we give away major prizes for the winners to enjoy!

For the Anniversary Committee Team that started planning the event a year ahead of the event, this is the culmination of many hours of prayer and brainstorming to make this a truly special event as we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness in our midst.

Allow me to share, as well, that Pastor Edmund Chan has so graciously accepted our invitation to conduct an online IDMC (Intentional Disciple Making Conference) wherein we have the opportunity to invite our friends, pastors, church leaders from beyond our borders to partake of the blessing of multiplying disciples as we have been commanded in the Great Commission. Please await further announcements on the specifics of this special online IDMC from Teacher Carol Felipe and her team. Watch out on our GCFSM app for this and other church events. Downline the app now on IOS and your Android gadgets.

In all of these, we desire that as we recall the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord in the life of the church, we would align ourselves with the church's theme for 2022 which is Biblical Rootedness. Truly, God's Word is our compass, our true north that should guide us and allow us to remain grounded and rooted to face the challenges that lie ahead as the world, and indeed, our families have been shaken to our very core due to the current pandemic. Countless in our midst have experienced massive challenges as they were forced to face the ordeal of losing loved ones, family and friends to the dreaded virus, while others have lost their livelihoods to business closure or have been laid off from their jobs. It is during times like these when it becomes imperative that we would remain rooted in God's Word.

Therefore, we celebrate this milestone, our 25th Anniversary, while at the same time being faithful to the call to be biblically rooted in God and His Word! By doing so, we

will have the confidence to face the challenges that lie ahead as we look forward to what God has in store for us in the next 25 years!

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

We are only 21 days to Christmas and preparations for our families' celebrations are at a frenetic pace as the day draws near.

At a lowly manger in Bethlehem, hope was born when Jesus came through a virgin birth to bring light to this dark and dreary world. Even then, as Mary and Joseph awaited the birth of the coming King, eyes were focused on that glorious event that brought hope and continues to do so for those who have put their faith and trust in the living God, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate.

Let us, therefore, not lose sight of the significance of Christmas. Let us veer away from the inevitable commercialization of the event, rather, let us focus on what it truly means - Hope was born, for the Savior, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day! ✨

