

## EAGER ANTICIPATION

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### THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

With the "ber" months upon us once again, the Philippines, the Christmas Capital of the world is once again gearing up for the Christmas celebration which many await with eager anticipation because of the merriment associated with the longest touted celebration in the world.

For this reason, relatives and friends from near and far fly in to be with family over a festive spread of various home cooked specialties and heirloom recipes of Lola and Nanay that promise to induce calorific spikes in blood cholesterol and sugar levels. Malls and shopping centers make a killing as shoppers rush to do their last minute shopping, grabbing every available gift on the shelves, in a frantic attempt to beat the mad rush of people before the strike of midnight on Christmas Eve. Families gather together for the traditional Noche Buena feast as they excitedly exchange gifts carefully selected for every family member.

Notwithstanding the excessive preparations that come with the season, Christmas brings the best in many of us in the most eagerly awaited family gathering that Filipinos have

been ubiquitously known for.

However, the big question of the day that begs to be asked is, "Do we have the right motives in our celebrations?" Luke 2:10-11 reminds us, "***Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.***"

On that cold Christmas morning, Jesus, the Savior was born in a manger in the city of David. He is Christ, the Lord! For the countless who have yet to come to salvation and be set free from their sins, this is indeed reason to rejoice for the Savior has come, the one who paid the penalty for the sins of mankind who come to repentance and profess faith in the Lord. And that is the essence of the commemoration of Christ's birth. However, that gets lost in most celebrations as commercialism overtakes the significance of the real reason for the season - **THE SAVIOR IS BORN!!!**

### EXCITING FAMILY MONTH EVENTS

As we continue the events in celebration of Family Month in GCF South Metro, we are

thankful for the opportunity to pray for our children in today's services. As we have heard from the testimony of Adrian and Gretchen Ramos and their son Yggy, they affirmed the power of prayer that helped them in guiding and molding Yggy to help him in his adolescent life to seek the Lord always amidst the many challenges that confound today's youth.

Next Saturday, September 23, 2023, the Rev. Tony Yeo, Senior Pastor of our partner church in Singapore, Covenant Evangelical Free Church (CEFC), speaks on "Intentional Discipleship in the Home" from 9am to 12noon. Pastor Tony (aka Jackie Chan) will fly in from Singapore to be with us to speak in this seminar that promises to be beneficial to all families.

Let us, therefore, come together as we eagerly await what the Lord has in store for the rest of the month and as we look forward to the Christmas Season that is upon us! ✨



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