

Dearly beloved friends in BMC,

It gives me immense joy to greet you in the name of Jesus our Lord as we introduce this first monthly bulletin of BMC. As you all are aware, BMC is an outreach ministry of IMC. I praise God that this long awaited dream of IMC has come true. I am Grateful to God for His presence and leading at the Dedication Service and at the same time express my gratitude to Bishop Taranath Sagar and Mrs. Padma Sagar, for dedicating this sanctuary for His glory. I am sure this church will become a blessing to those who live in Bethel Nagar and surrounding areas, especially to those who could not attend any church service due to the number of hours they have to spend on road, travelling long distances.

Friends, church is the visible manifestation of the kingdom of God concerning which, Jesus preached in Mat.4:17. He said "repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand". Jesus gives an open invitation to all who express their faith in Him and receive Him as their personal Saviour and Lord, to come and enter into this kingdom (Mat.11:28). This kingdom which is the church of God consists of people who by repenting for their sins have come to Him trusting in Him to forgive their sins for it is He who paid the penalty for sin on the cross of Calvary. This is my prayer that BMC may be a community of God's people, washed by His blood and whose purpose is to worship Him and to spread the message of His love through their love and actions.

Dear friends especially during these Lenten days "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." Joshua 3:5 (NIV) Consecrate means to set apart something for God's special use. Joshua is telling us that we need to set ourselves apart so that God can use us. I hope and pray that God will help you to consecrate your family for God's special use. God has a special purpose for each of our lives. As individuals, families and as a church, submit ourselves to let God fulfill His purpose in us.

May the Lord richly bless you,

In His Bonds,

**Rev. Moses Mamdapur**  
 Sr. Pastor, IMC.



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

The grace which God has been showing towards our Bethel Methodist Church family is indeed very great. Let us thank the Lord for our new Church and our growing worship fellowship in the Church.

We are in to the Lenten Season according to Church Calendar from February 6, 2008. May this Lent season help us to prosper our personal spiritual life and build us in God. If we observe an Eagle, it will consciously take effort in a certain season to shed its weight and other unnecessary growth. By taking a shelter in a mountain gap, it will quietly wait until it renews its strength and then would fly high in the skies. We are also called to soar high in divine life. But there are always obstacles which gather inside us in the form of worry and sin. Therefore, I would like to encourage each one of you to take all the efforts to shed down the burdens that surround us, by waiting at the feet of the Lord in this Lenten season. We have greater calling and greater goals as God has put us in a new context at Bethel Methodist Church, which is his plan.

It is in wilderness that the great prophet Elijah received the food supplied directly by God. Our Lord Jesus Christ too prayed in the wilderness all alone before beginning His ministry on earth. May the experience of Elijah and our Lord Jesus Christ come to us as we follow the season's disciplines of prayers, fasting, meditations, etc.

Let us pray for one another and rest assured in the grace of God that is sufficient for our needs always. God Bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**  
 Pastor, BMC



## Pulpit Calendar - March 2008

| Date                       | Speaker          | Timings              |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 02nd Mar 08                | Dr.Rabindra      | 09:30 am             |
| 09th Mar 08                | Mr.Malcolm       | 09:30 am             |
| 16th Mar 08<br>Palm Sunday | Rev.Arun Andrews | 09:30 am (communion) |

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 20th Mar 08<br>Maundy Thursday | Rev.John Wesley        | 06:30 pm<br>(Communion service) |
| 21st Mar 08<br>Good Friday     | Dr.Rabindra and others | 12.00 noon                      |
| 23rd Mar 08<br>Easter          | Mr. J.S.A.Julius       | 09:30 am                        |
| 30th Mar 08                    | Mrs. Bharti Moses      | 09:30 am                        |

## Area Fellowship

- Bethel Nagar Area Fellowship meets at Mr. Navin's Residence at 6:00 pm on all Saturdays. Contact Mr.Publius for details. (9902010658)
- AECS area fellowship meets every 1st and 3rd Friday evening at 7.00 pm. Contact Mr.Irwin for further details (9886771163).



## Prayer Meetings

- Prayer meeting will be held every 2nd Saturday at 5:00 pm at the church premises. For prayer requests, pls contact Mr. Thirunavukarasu at 9980157062.

## Sunday School

- Sunday school (English) will be held at 8:30 am every Sunday at the church premises. Parents are encouraged to send their kids. Contact Mrs. Iris Irwin for further details (080 41215655)

## Choir Practice

- Choir will meet every Saturday evening at 6:30 pm for a time of practice. Anyone interested to join the choir is requested to approach Mr.Isaac. (9845232807)

## Tamil Service

- Tamil Service is held every Sunday at 7:00 am. Kannada / Tamil Sunday class is held at 2.00 pm on all Sundays at the church.

## Church Needs

- Since we have just started our worship in the new church building, we need plants to beautify the church, a wooden rack to keep the PA System, Table, Guitar, and an Electronic Key Board. Please do pray for these needs and if you are led to donate for any of these items, please contact Mr. Irwin (9886771163)

- ❑ Praise God for enabling us to have a beautiful sanctuary to worship and glorify him.
- ❑ Praise God for all the preachers who in their busy schedule are taking time to come and preach to us the word of God.
- ❑ Praise God for the recovery of Mrs.Suganthi's mother. Continue to uphold her and Publius's mother in your prayers for complete healing.
- ❑ Pray for more souls to get added to the church and also to reach out to the SEA college and Garden City college students.
- ❑ Pray for Rev.Moses Mamdapur and Rev.Ramesh Christopher and their families.
- ❑ Pray for the Tamil service and Whitefield, Priyanka Nagar and Hoodi children ministries.
- ❑ Pray for the area fellowships in Bethel Nagar and AECS layout.
- ❑ Pray for the studies of Shine, Daniel, Steffi, Stella, Jessica, Sam, Praneet, Tina and others.
- ❑ Pray for the English Sunday school, Sunday service, Saturday prayer meeting, website for BMC; that BMC will be prayer centered and Bible centered.
- ❑ Pray for IMC and its various departments



## Missionary Story : - Amy Carmichael

India has been blessed by the presence of thousands of missionaries. One of the most illustrious of them was Amy Carmichael who landed in India in 1895. Amy was born in 1861 into a middle class family in Northern Ireland, and her parents were God fearing Presbyterians. Amy started working in slums and among the poor mill girls. As a little girl of 9, watching a poor child look longingly at the food items in a bakery store, Amy was moved and went back home and wrote in her diary,

*'When I grow up and money have I know what I will do I'll build a great big lovely home For little girls like you.'*

In 1893, she sailed to Japan but was forced to return back to England due to ill health. In 1895, she was accepted by the London Missionary Society to work in Bangalore where the climate was healthier. She then settled in Tirunelveli district of



Tamilnadu and started evangelism work among the villages. The small village of Dohnavur was where she settled, changing forever the lives of thousands as her light shone around the area. In 1901, she rescued her first temple child (little children dedicated to the gods and forced into a life of prostitution). As news of her crusade spread, more babies were brought to her. As more children arrived, new homes were built. By 1913, the number of children rescued totalled 140. She was Amma to all these children and workers. She started a hospital and many were touched physically and spiritually. After 36 years of long service in India, in 1931, she broke her leg and dislocated an ankle and due to complication, she became bedridden for the rest of her life. For the next 20 years, she was confined to her room but wrote thousands of letters and authored many books. She died in 1951 at the age of 90 after a life full of selfless service for God and man.

## Bethel Methodist Church – Our Prayer

- May this Bethel truly be your house O Lord!
- May you be the Shepherd and we your sheep who will not just hear but obey your voice.
- May we like John the Baptist truly desire to decrease and you increase in us.
- May our thoughts and our ways be in tune with your thoughts and your ways which are so far above ours.
- May our gaze be constantly fixed on you that the things of this world will grow strangely dim in our sight.
- May we be like the early church, loving and caring for one another, making a difference in the lives of others around us.
- May we truly hunger and thirst for righteousness. That our foremost desire will be holiness and not happiness, that holiness will be our way of life – holiness in our thoughts, words and deeds.
- Micah 6:8: And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

## Bible Quiz

1. Which of the following men put a fleece out to see if dew would collect on it?
  - a) Moses b) Gideon c) Jacob d) Samuel
2. Which dead prophet's spirit did a woman bring forth for King Saul?
  - a) Abraham b) Samuel c) Moses d) Elijah

3. To whom did God give 15 extra years of life?
  - a) Ahab b) Jehoshaphat c) Hezekiah d) Eli
4. Where was Abraham born?
  - a) Antioch b) Ur c) Nebo d) Bethany
5. What Giant king had a large bed made of Iron?
  - a) Ahiman B) Talmai C) Sheshai d) Og.
6. What was the name of Elisha's servant?
  - a) Baalam b) Gehazi c) Arphaxhad d) Joash
7. For what offence was Miriam, the sister of Moses, turned leprous by God?
  - a) Gathering too much manna
  - b) Killing Someone
  - c) Opposing Moses Authority
  - d) Refusing to help someone who was leprous
8. Who was the longest living man in the Bible?
  - a) Noah b) Moses c) Absalom d) Methuselah
9. What Island was John on when he recorded the book of Revelation?
  - a) Patmos b) Sicily c) Malta d) Madagascar.
10. Who was Jabin's commander?
  - a) Sippai b) Sisamai c) Siserra d) Sotai

**Ans:** 1)b 2)b 3)c 4)b 5)d 6)b 7)c 8)d 9)a 10)c

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