

Dear Members,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

As we are meditating on the theme 'Nature of the Church' this month, I am excited to relate it to our Church and its ongoing growth. The Church was a mystery to Old Testament saints but it is a reality to us, who form a part of it. The sole burden of Jesus Christ, subsequent to his resurrection, was forming the body of the Church, to which he directed his believing community after the event of his resurrection. Today, He is present in the Church as its head, and causing all our blessings to spring forth from it. Therefore, I encourage all the members to ascertain your membership to our Lord Jesus and his body, that is the Church, in every detail prescribed in the Scriptures. Let us together get excited about it, in our growing church, BMC.

The special highlight of this month in our Church is Vacation Bible School. Instead of considering the VBS as a regular annual program for kids, I would like each one of you to focus your attention on the importance of this ministry. When we were in our childhood days, VBS and other programs contributed to our spiritual growth in Christ. If such a ministry was absent, we had a possibility of going astray. Therefore, let us think about the kids who are growing fast to become adults and take our places of leading and deciding. Jesus wanted the parents and disciples to bring the children to them, never to put any obstacle to them while they come to him.

Please pray for the annual Regional Conference session of South India Regional Conference (SIRC) that is coming up, to be conducted under the leadership of our honourable Bishop, Bishop Dr. Taranath Sagar and Mrs. Sagar on the dates April 24-27, 2008 in Bangalore.

May God Bless You

Yours in Christ,

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



## Pulpit Calendar - April 2008

Date	Speaker	Timings
06th April 08	Mr.Malcolm	09:30 am
13th April 08	Mr.J.S.A.Julius	09:30 am
20th April 08	Mrs. Bharti Moses	09:30 am
27th April 08	Rev. Robin Paul	09:30 am (Communion service)

### Vacation Bible School

- VBS will be held in our church premises from 27th April to 4th May. Parents are encouraged to send their kids and also encourage the neighbours to send their kids for this program. For further details on VBS, please contact Mrs. Iris (080-41215655) and Mrs. Kiruba (9342473900)



### 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 details (9886771163).

### Prayer Meetings

- Prayer meeting will be held every 2nd Saturday at 6:00 pm at the church premises. For prayer, please 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.

- Praise for the wonderful Good Friday and Easter services
- Praise for every member / attendee of church as they are committed for the Lord
- Praise for Isaac & team leading the worship effectively
- Praise for the hospitality and ushering team (Mr. Paul Durai, Mr. Anban & others)
- Praise for all the speakers who give their time and effort
- Praise God for the formation of WSCS (Women's fellowship) and pray for Mrs. Angelin, Mrs. Rose, and Mrs. Selina as they have taken leadership
- Praise God for the Area Bible Study that is happening regularly
- Pray for VBS 2008 to take place bringing all the children from different children ministry groups (Whitefield, Hoodi & Priyanka Nagar)
- Pray for revival among the nominal Christians to become born again
- Pray for the manifestation of gifts and fruits in every believer's life
- Pray that God will put more thirst for fasting prayer and many will turn up for the monthly meetings
- Pray for finance of phase 2 project of the church
- Pray for fly-over at railway crossing near BMC
- Pray for property management and further beautification of church (including clock inside, flower pots etc...)
- Pray for new Bible study area groups
- Pray for IMC, Rev. Moses Mamdapur and Rev. R.J. Christopher.



## Church Needs

Church needs the following items

- Plants to beautify the church
- Wooden tables and wooden racks to keep the PA System, books
- Guitar, and an Electronic Key Board.
- Inverter
- CD player, clock
- Weekly Altar Flowers.
- Volunteers and materials required for VBS.

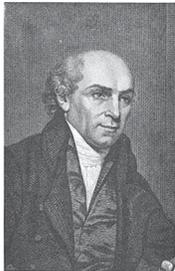
Please do pray for these needs and if you are led to donate for any of these items, please contact Mr. Irwin (9886771163)

## Missionary Story : - William Carrey

Born in England in the year 1761, Carey was a Baptist missionary to India. As a young shoemaker in England, he began to pray and plead for the conversion of the heathen. He spent forty one years serving the Lord in India including translating the scriptures into many Indian languages. He never returned to England.

William Carey was one of the greatest men of his age. Twenty ordinary men, however complete their consecration, could not have accomplished what this one man wrought. He was very poor and his education was extremely limited; but as he began to speak in the Baptist church in England, the thirst for knowledge began to possess him. He mastered the Latin grammar in six weeks. An old book on the French language gave him the ability in three weeks to read French with ease. Dutch, he learned with the same facility. In an incredibly short space of time he had acquired a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew.

He traced rude maps of the world on brown wrapping paper and hung them over his cobbler's bench, and often he would weep aloud and pray for the heathen countries. On May 30, 1792, at the occasion of a ministerial gathering, he preached from Isaiah 54:2,3, in which he laid down his two general arguments, which have since become a missionary motto, "Expect great things from God: attempt great things for God." The Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen was formed in the same year, and a year later Carey left for India as a missionary. India was under the control of the East India Company and many discouragements awaited him there. He found it necessary to engage in business in order to support his family and provide himself with



means to carry on the work. But God was with him, and raised up friends for him in unexpected places. His work as a translator drew to him the interest of scholars and statesmen. In the year 1798, the mission was established permanently at Serampore, and reinforced by the arrival of new missionaries. Soon after this, Carey's translation of the Bible into Bengali made its appearance.

Soon after, a college was established in Calcutta by the British authorities, and Carey, now recognized as a profound scholar, was called to a professorship. Carey and his fellow-labourers translated the New Testament into twenty-three languages, and by doing so made it accessible to one-third of the whole world!

Carey's later years were crowded with honours, but nothing turned him from his purpose to serve Christ in India to the very uttermost. His humility increased as his honours grew. "When I am gone," he said, "say nothing of Dr. Carey -speak only of Dr. Carey's God." He lived to be an old man, and it was his privilege to be actively at work until near the end of his long life. He was especially thankful that three of his children had given their lives to the cause of missions.

Few lives have achieved so much. Few, indeed, have been so entirely given to the will and work of God as was that of William Carey, cobbler, preacher, missionary, scholar, scientist, and hero of the faith.

## Brethren, Let Us Pray

No Christian is greater than his prayer life. The church has many organizers but few agonisers. Many who pay but few who pray. Many resters but few wrestlers. Many who are enterprising but few who are interceding. People who are not praying are playing. Two prerequisites of dynamic Christian living are vision and passion and both are generated in the prayer closet. Don't mistake action for unction, commotion for creation, and rattles for revival. Tithes may build a church but tears give it life. The emphasis of the early church was on praying, ours is on paying. When we have paid, the place is taken. When they prayed, the place was shaken.

In the matter of effective praying, never have so many left so much to so few. Brethren, let us pray.

*Leonard Ravenhill*

## Bible Quiz

- 1) For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock  
A) John B) Peter C) Paul D) Jesus

- 2) In the prophecy of Habakkuk, the reference to "that bitter and hasty nation" referred to the...  
A) Egyptians B) Assyrians C) Chaldeans D) Syrians
  - 3) What prophet did Peter quote at the beginning of his message on the day of Pentecost?  
A) Joel B) Isaiah C) Jonah D) Malachi
  - 4) What wild beast did God use to punish a disobedient prophet?  
A) Ass B) Serpent C) Bear D) Lion
  - 5) Who ordered a copy of a pagan altar that he had seen in Damascus?  
A) Ahaz B) Omri C) Asa D) Baasha
  - 6) What woman tore her clothes and cried, "Treason, treason!"?  
A) Deborah B) Jezebel C) Athaliah D) Naomi
  - 7) Who built an altar on mount Ebal?  
A) Samuel B) Joshua C) Moses D) Elisha
  - 8) Who said, "For the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain"?  
A) Paul B) James C) Peter D) Jesus
  - 9) Where did Eutychus fall out of a window?  
A) Assos B) Troas C) Philippi D) Berea
  - 10) Who was placed into prison because he tried to leave Jerusalem?  
A) Amos B) Nahum C) Isaiah D) Jeremiah
- Ans: 1) C 2) C 3) A 4) D 5) A 6) C 7) B 8) A 9) B 10) D

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