

Dear Members,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is the alpha and omega!

"You saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place." Deut 1:31

We have witnessed His glory, power and His guidance in the past days. We should be ever thankful to the Lord for it. I started ministering to you all at Hoodi SM School from July 4th of 2004 evening. From that day God has been faithful and sufficient to my family and me.

Our fort is built on the foundations of our Lord and Saviour, and He is building His church based on this Mighty Power.

I thank all of you who helped me in my ministry especially Mr. Franklin, Mr. Selvin, Mr. Rathod and Mr. Thirunavukarasu. I also thank Rev. Paneer Williams (ex Pastor of IMC) and Rev Moses Mamdapur (Current Pastor of IMC) for their support and guidance. I thank each one of the PC members of IMC and all the congregation members for their support.

There have been lots of trials in my mission path but on February 7th 2007 when brother Franklin and myself were beaten up for preaching the word of God, I consider that as a blessing.

Let the good God continue to bless you and use you all for establishing His kingdom through you. Greetings from my wife Mrs. Arulvimala and my daughters Helen and Dorothy.

The new pastor to the church Rev Paul Rayappa is a good friend of mine. I know him for years and he is a sincere and godly man. I would urge you all to continue supporting and helping in this ministry.

May God Bless You

Yours in Christ,

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



## Pulpit Calendar - May 2008

Date	Speaker	Timings
04th May 08	Rev. Christopher Mohan	09:30 am
11th May 08	Dr. Rabindra	09:30 am
18th May 08	Rev. Arun Andrews	09:30 am (communion)
27th May 08	Mr. J.S.A.Julius	09:30 am

### Vacation Bible School

- VBS is being held in our church premises from 27th April to 4th May. Around 80 children are attending the VBS and many are from non Christian background. Pray that many may continue in our Sunday classes. We thank God for the many who have helped as director, teachers, volunteers especially Rev. Ramesh Christopher for excellent overall co-ordination and food arrangement.



### Area Fellowship

- Bethel Nager Area Fellowship meets at Mr. Navin's Residence. Contact Mr. Publius for details (9902010658).
- A ECS 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 5:00 pm at the church premises. For prayer, please contact Mr. Thirunavukarasu at 9980157062.

### Choir Practice

- Choir will meet every Sunday after the English service for a time of practice. Anyone interested to join the choir please 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.

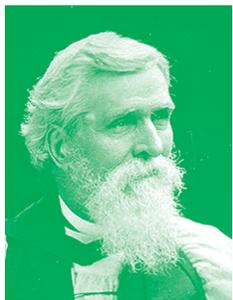
- Praise the Lord for the new people who have started attending the church
- Praise God for the choir members and director (Isaac, Clement, Jabez and others including Sam ) for their commitment
- Praise God for the committed Bible study groups and leaders like Irwin
- Praise God for the VBS planning meetings and the enthusiasm shown by Sunday school teachers
- Praise God for the success of VBS
- Praise God for His hand upon the SIRC action plans and outcomes of the recent annual meetings that were held
- Pray for the follow-up of VBS participant children
- Pray for Bible Literature team to hand-over Bibles for the new and first-time church attendees..Also to hand over a small pack of items including tracts on the fundamentals of Christian life, salvation and other growth topics
- Pray for more people to show up for Bible studies and monthly prayer meetings
- Pray for global prayer day (11th May 2008)
- Pray for innovative ideas led by Holy Spirit (Word of God) to reach out and bring in needy people around
- Pray for the preparation of the prayer and Bible study tools that is in progress for day to day progress
- Pray for the new "conference year " that is ahead with new pastors to steer the church according to God's plan as it has been in the past
- Pray for the fresh anointing of Holy Spirit in the month of May to reign God's people at church, at home, at work and at marketplace
- Pray for the powerful worship team that is rising now as it was in Nehemiah's days
- Pray for the sanctified and holy lives of the congregation that meets
- Pray for the pastors and their families (Rev. Ramesh Christopher, Rev. Moses Mamdapur and Mr. Rajesh Anand)



- ❑ Pray for the preachers who are on the calendar of this month
- ❑ Pray for new Bible study groups
- ❑ Pray that God would use mightily the BMC Sisters Fellowship
- ❑ Pray for Sis.Anitha for deliverance from sickness, total healing for Sis.Paul Durai and Sis. Grace
- ❑ Pray for effective mutual support between Tamil and English congregations
- ❑ Pray for starting of a small library as Mr.Manoj co ordinates
- ❑ Pray for the outreach to SEA college
- ❑ Pray for some of the needs of the church like wooden racks for PA system & books, guitar, keyboard, inverter, gas stove, hymn board, CD player, Strangers Speakers, second phase of the building project.

*(compiled by Mr.Thiru)*

## Missionary Story : - Robert Caldwell



Robert Caldwell was born on May 7th, 1814 to Scottish parents. He accepted Christ at the age of 16. Initially self-taught and deeply religious, young Caldwell graduated from the University of Glasgow and was fascinated by the comparative study of languages. At 24, Caldwell arrived in Madras on January 8, 1838 as

a missionary of the London Missionary Society and later joined the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Mission (SPG). His mother who fell very sick at the time of his departure blessed him and sent him to India wholeheartedly even though she realized that she would never see her beloved son again. Caldwell realized that he had to be proficient in Tamil to preach to the masses and he began a systematic study of the language. In 1841, he went to Idayankudi, a village in southern Tamil Nadu. People in this village were very poor and in a backward state. Caldwell worked very hard to bring many to Christ and to improve their social and economic status. He led many thousands to Christ and built many schools and ordained 54 reverends. The climatic condition there

affected his health badly. He fell sick often. Caldwell was married in 1844 to Eliza Mault (1822-99), by whom he had seven children. Years later, the death of his daughter and her twin children affected him deeply. He translated many hymns into Tamil. He died in 1891 and was buried inside the Trinity Church at Idayankudi, the church he greatly loved. He said, 'I lived as a Tirunelvelian and am willing to die as a Tirunelvelian'. He even studied palm leaf manuscripts and Sangam literature in his search, and made several excavations, finding the foundations of ancient buildings, sepulchral urns and coins with the fish emblem of the Pandyan Kingdom. In summary, Caldwell the Tamil language scholar, Christian evangelist and champion of the native church, remains today an important figure in the modern history of South India. He is still revered and his statue, erected eighty years after his death, stands on the Marina Beach at Chennai.

*(compiled by Mrs. Giftlyn Clement)*

## John 3: 16

For God - the greatest lover  
 so loved - the greatest degree  
 the world - the greatest multitude  
 that he gave - the greatest act  
 His only begotten son - the greatest gift  
 that whosoever - the greatest invitation  
 believeth in Him - the greatest faith  
 shall not - the greatest redemption  
 perish - the greatest sorrow  
 but - the greatest difference  
 have everlasting life - the greatest joy

## Bible Quiz

- 1) Who said, "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall"?  
 A) Jesus B) Peter C) Paul D) Samuel
- 2) What did Paul strike Elymas the sorcerer down with?  
 A) Lameness B) Blindness C) Dumbness D) Deafness
- 3) Proverbs describes a fair woman without discretion as like a jewel of gold in what?  
 A) pig's ear B) pig's snout C) sheep's ear D) goat's nose

- 4) To whom was Jesus referring when he said, "Go tell that fox, behold I cast out devils?"  
 A) Herod B) Caesar C) Judas Iscariot D) Nicodemus
- 5) What man was struck on his side by an angel while in prison?  
 A) Peter B) Saul C) Silas D) Jesus
- 6) What is the tenth month in the ancient Israeli calendar called?  
 A) Nisan B) Ab C) Tebeth D) Kislev
- 7) Who accompanied King Agrippa when he came unto Caesarea to salute Festus?  
 A) Bernice B) Drusilla C) Pilate D) Felix
- 8) Who was the "goddess of the Zidonians"?  
 A) Milcom B) Molech C) Chemosh D) Ashtoreth
- 9) Who erected a pillar as a memorial to the fact that he had no sons to continue his name?  
 A) Job B) Elkanah C) Samuel D) Absalom
- 10) Which of the following cities repented in sackcloth and ashes?  
 A) Bethsaida B) Chorazin C) Capernaum D) None of these

**Answers**    A) 10) D) 9) D) 8) D) 7) A) 6) C) 5) A) 4) A) 3) B) 2) B) 1) C) 1)

*(compiled by Mr. Arun)*

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