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**Teach thy generation
Deuteronomy 6:7**

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Pastoral Letter



Dearly beloved,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This summer has turned to be a season of rich harvest with VBS programmes conducted. In spite of conducting separate programmes, children attendance was very high wherever conducted. We should be planning for follow up programmes and also expect more turn out of children in the coming years also. At the same time care should be taken to the quality of content in the area of Bible teaching to our children.

Bible says, **"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."** Deut. 6:7

The diligence is insisted because of the importance of their souls and also the content of God's Word. To put it in simple words "What should we teach our children?"

Sometimes even our Bible teachings can become inconsistent if we care not to look into it. We can teach more of morals which are taught in the schools or just few facts of God that does not have any relevance or impact to souls. Both morals and sound truth of God should be taught to children. What will you teach from the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand? It could be just a lesson of how to share things with others or it could teach a lesson of rich faith in Jesus or a call to be the stewards of Kingdom. Even kids need teaching of sound doctrines of God according to their level of understanding. They need to be taught for believing in God for our material needs at the same time to carry their cross. Our teaching should be Christ-centered. As a church let us give care to these things into our own children through their summer ministry programmes.

Also I wish that you will spend a good quality time with your parents and elders in your native places. Your presence may bring cheer in them. Some of them seem finicky and show serious attitudes only to hide their loneliness and insecurity. Bear with them, understand them and cheer them. Once, an old man went to a mobile repair shop for a complaint in his phone. The shop keeper checked and returned the phone saying, there was nothing wrong with the phone set and asked him what exactly was the problem that he faced. The old man answered, "No calls are coming from my children in it!" Call them and visit them.

I thank all the concerned people who were involved in conducting all the four VBS programmes at BMC, Whitefield and Irula field in April and May. On May 9 & 10, BMC Christian Education Committee is organizing a camp at Claret Nivas for studying the Old Testament and there are other camps for children and youth by Evangelistic organizations. Make use of these spiritual programmes for your souls and enrich your summer. Praise God for the Regional Conference sessions that are going on in Baldwin Boys High School these days under the leadership of our Episcopal leaders Bishop Dr. Taranath Sagar and Madam Padma Sagar. May the Lord add his blessings to our Methodist Church in the ensuing conference year too. Grace be with you always. **Rev. T. David Livingston**

போதகர் மடல்



கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் பிரியமானவர்களே,

நமது இரட்சகரும் ஆண்டவருமாகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் நாமத்தில் வாழ்த்துக்கள். கடந்த மாதம் நடைபெற்ற அனைத்து விடுமுறை வேதாகம பள்ளிகளும் சிறுவர்கள் மத்தியில் சிறப்பான ஆத்தும அறுவடைக்கு ஏதுவாக அமைந்தது. இம்முறை தனித்தனியாக அவை நடைபெற்ற போதிலும், ஒவ்வொன்றிலும் அநேக சிறுவர்கள் பங்குபெற்று பயனடைந்தனர். இவற்றை ஆதாரமாகக் கொண்டு வரும் ஆண்டில் சிறுவர் ஊழியத்தை நாம் விரிவுபடுத்த வேண்டும். அதே சமயத்தில் தரமான வேத போதனையை சிறுவர்களுக்கு அளிப்பதில் நாம் கண்ணும் கருத்துமாக செயல்பட வேண்டும்

“நீ அவைகளை உன் பிள்ளைகளுக்குக் கருத்தாய்ப் போதித்து, நீ உன் வீட்டில் உட்கார்ந்திருக்கும்போதும், வழியில் நடக்கிறபோதும், எழுந்திருக்கும்போதும், அவைகளைக் குறித்துப் பேசி அவைகளை உன் கையின் மேல் அடையாளமாகக் கட்டிக்கொள்வாயாக” உபாகமம் 6:7-8

சிறு பிள்ளைகளின் ஆத்துமாவையும், வேத வசனத்தின் மேன்மையையும் உணர்த்தும்வண்ணமாகவே, “கருத்தாய்” போதிக்க வேண்டும் என்று வேதம் சொல்லுகிறது. அப்படியானால், சிறுவர்களுக்கு நாம் எதனை போதிக்க வேண்டும்.

நாம் கருத்தாய் போதிக்கவில்லை என்றால், வேத போதனை கூட சில சமயங்களில் சீரற்றதாகி விடக் கூடும். பள்ளிகளில் கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும் நன்னெறிகளையோ அல்லது கடவுளைப் பற்றி சில உண்மைகளையோ நாம் போதிக்கலாம். ஆனால் அவை சிறுவர்களுக்கு, அவர்தம் ஆத்துமாவிற்கு எத்தகைய தாக்கத்தை உண்டுபண்ணுகிறது என்பதே முக்கியம். கடவுளைக் குறித்த ஆழமான சத்தியங்களையும், அவற்றின் நன்னெறிகளையும் நாம் சிறுவர்களுக்குக் கற்றுக் கொடுக்க வேண்டும். ஐந்து அப்பத்தைக் கொண்டு இயேசு ஐயாயிரம் பேரை போஷித்த சம்பவத்தின் மூலமாக நாம் என்ன கற்றுக் கொடுக்கலாம்? மற்றவர்களுக்கு பகிர்ந்தளிப்பதையோ, அல்லது இயேசுவின் மேல் ஆழமான விசுவாசத்தைக் குறித்தோ, அல்லது நாம் தேவ ராஜ்ஜியத்தின் கண்காணிகள் என்பதைக் குறித்தோ நாம் கற்றுக் கொடுக்க முடியும். சிறுவர்களின் புரிந்து கொள்ளுதலுக்கு ஏற்ப, அவர்களும் கிறிஸ்தவ கோட்பாடுகளை அறிந்து கொள்வது அவசியம். தங்கள் அனுதின தேவைகளுக்கு தேவனை சார்வதும், கஷ்டங்கள் மத்தியில் தங்கள் சிலுவையை சுமக்கவும் கூட அவர்கள் கற்றுக்கொள்ளவேண்டும். நமது போதனைகள் அனைத்தும் கிறிஸ்துவை மையமாகக் கொண்டே அமைய வேண்டும். சிறுவருக்கான கோடை விடுமுறை ஊழியங்களில், திருச்சபையாக நாம் இவற்றை கவனத்தில் கொள்வோமாக.

உங்கள் பெற்றோர்களையும் உறவினர்களையும் சொந்த ஊர்களில் நீங்கள் சென்று காண இந்த விடுமுறை நாட்கள் சிறப்பாக அமைவதாக. உங்கள்

சந்திப்பு அவர்களை மகிழ்ச்சியடைச் செய்யும். அவர்களில் சிலர் சில சமயம் தீவரமாகவும் வருத்தமடையத்தக்கதாகவும் நடந்துகொள்ளக் கூடும்; அது அவர்களின் தனிமையையும் பாதுகாப்பின்மையையுமே வெளிப்படுத்துகிறது. அவர்களை புரிந்து கொண்டு, தாங்கி, மகிழ்ச்சியடையச் செய்யுங்கள். ஒரு முறை ஒரு முதியவர், ஓர் அலைபேசி கடைக்குச் சென்று தனது அலைபேசி பழுதடைந்து விட்டதாகவும் அதனை சரிசெய்து தருமாறு வேண்டினார். அதனை வாங்கி பரிசோதித்த கடைக்காரர், அதில் பழுது ஏதும் இல்லையென்றும், அவர் கண்ட குறை என்ன என்றும் வினவினார், அதற்கு அந்த முதியவர், “என் பிள்ளைகளிடமிருந்து எந்த அழைப்பும் இந்த அலைபேசியில் வருவதில்லை” என்றார். ஆம், நமது முதியவர்களை கண்டு, அழைத்து நலம் விசாரிப்போம்.

நமது ஆலயத்தின் மூலம் நடைபெற்ற நான்கு விடுமுறை வேதாகம பள்ளிகளிலும் ஆர்வத்துடன் ஈடுபட்டு உழைத்த அனைவருக்கும் எனது நன்றியை தெரிவிக்கிறேன். மே மாதம் 9 & 10 ஆம் தேதிகளில், பழைய ஏற்பாட்டைக் கற்கும் முகாம் நமது ஆலயத்தின் மூலம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. சிறுவர்களுக்கும் இளைஞர்களுக்கும் சில சுவிசேஷ இயக்கங்கள் முகாம்களை ஒழுங்கு செய்துள்ளன. இந்த முகாம்களில் பங்குபெற்று ஆவிக்குரிய வளர்ச்சியைப் பெற உங்களை அழைக்கிறேன். நமது பேராயர் டாக்டர் தாரநாத் சாகர் மற்றும் திருமதி பத்மா சாகர் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் பால்வின் பள்ளியில் நடைபெற்று வரும் தென்னிந்திய பிராந்திய மாநாட்டிற்காக நான் தேவனை துதிக்கிறேன். தேவன் தாமே வருகின்ற புதிய ஆண்டிலும் நமது மெத்தடிஸ்ட் திருச்சபையை ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக. தேவ கிருபை உங்களுடன் தரித்திருப்பதாக

போதகர் டேவிட் லிவிங்ஸ்டன்

ஒயிட்பீல்டு ஊழியங்கள்

- திருமதி மாலா வாசு

கர்த்தருடைய பெரிதான கிருபையால் ஒயிட்பீல்டு பகுதியில் ஊழியங்கள் சிறப்பாக நடந்து வருகின்றன. லெந்து நாட்களில் தினமும் பெண்கள் அநேகராக கூடி அப்போஸ்தலர் நடபடிகளை தியானம் செய்து ஜெபித்தோம். இந்த கூடுகை அனைவருக்கும் ஆசீர்வாதமாக இருந்தது. கடந்த மூன்றரை வருட ஊழியத்தின் பலனாக அநேகர் வசனத்தைக் கேட்டு மனந்திரும்பி இயேசுவை சொந்த ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு ஞானஸ்நானம் பெற்றுள்ளனர். இவர்களுடைய ஞானஸ்நான ஆராதனை பெத்தேல் மெத்தடிஸ்ட் ஆலயத்தில் ஏப்ரல் 5 ஆம் தேதி ஈஸ்டர் ஆராதனைக்குப் பின் நடைபெற்றது. ஞானஸ்நானம் பெற்ற அனைவரும் பிற மதத்தில் இருந்து வந்து கிறிஸ்துவை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டவர்கள். இப்பொழுது இவர்கள் கடவுளுடைய பிள்ளைகளாக இருப்பதில் எனக்கு மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி. தொடர்ந்து இவர்கள் கிறிஸ்துவில் வளர இவர்களுக்காக ஜெபியுங்கள். இந்த ஊழியத்தில் ஈடுபட்டு ஜெபித்து வரும் அனைவருக்கும் நன்றி

மிஷனரி வரலாறு

- திருமதி ரோசலின் மேரி

லிலியாஸ் ட்ராட்டர் [Lilias Trotter] (1853 - 1928)

லிலியாஸ் ட்ராட்டர் ஒரு சிறந்த ஓவியர் ஆவார். தேவனுடைய அழைப்பிற்கு இணங்கி வடக்கு ஆப்பிரிக்காவில் சென்று மிஷனரிப் பணி செய்த முதல் பிராட்டஸ்டன்ட் (Protestant) மிஷனரி ஆவார்,

பிறப்பும் குடும்ப பின்னணியும்:

லிலியாஸ் 1853 ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜூலை மாதம் 14 ஆம் தேதி அலெக்சாண்டர், இசுபெல்லா என்பவர்களுக்கு மகளாக லண்டனில் பிறந்தார். லிலியாஸ் 12 வயதாயிருக்கும்போது அவருடைய தகப்பனார் மரித்துவிட்டார். அதனால் அவருடைய குடும்பம் பணப்பிரச்சனையை சந்திக்க நேர்ந்தது. அதன்பின் குடும்பமாக மோன்டாகு சதுக்கம் [Montagu Square] என்ற இடத்திற்கு இடம் பெயர்ந்தனர். லிலியாஸ் ட்ராட்டர் 20 வயதாய் இருக்கும்போது லண்டனில் நடந்த சவிசேஷ சூட்டங்களில் தன்னார்வ ஊழியராக பணியாற்றினார்.



ஓவியத்தில் ஈடுபாடு

ட்ராட்டர் பெரும்பாலும் தானாகவே ஓவியங்களைத் தீட்டக் கற்றுக்கொண்டவர். அதனால் அவருடைய தாயார், தனது மகளின் ஓவியங்களை ஜான் ரஸ்கினிடம் அனுப்பி வைத்தார். ரஸ்கின் லிலியாஸ் ட்ராட்டரைக் கண்டபோது “ நீ ஓவியக் கலையில் தொடர்ந்து நிலைத்திருந்தால், மிகப் பிரபலமான, என்றும் அழியாத படைப்புகளை உண்டாக்க முடியும்” என்று கூறினார்.

மிஷனரி அர்ப்பணிப்பு

1879 ஆம் ஆண்டு, ட்ராட்டர் தன்னுடைய வாழ்க்கையை கலை ஈடுபாடுகளில் ஒப்புக்கொடுத்திருந்த போதிலும், “முதலாவது தேவனுடைய ராஜ்ஜியத்தையும் அவருடைய நீதியையும் தேடுங்கள்” என்ற ஆண்டவர் இயேசுவின் வார்த்தையின்படி அவருடைய ஊழியத்துக்கு தன் வாழ்க்கையை கொடுக்க தீர்மானித்தார். YWCA இயக்கத்தில் இணைந்து ஊழியம் செய்யத் தொடங்கினார். மேலும் பெண்கள் மத்தியிலும் ஊழியம் செய்தார். இரவு நேரத்தில் தெருக்களிலும், அருகில் உள்ள விக்டோரியா ரயில் நிலையத்திலும் எவ்வித பயமுமின்றி, துணிச்சலாகச் சென்று, தவறான நடத்தையில் ஈடுபடும் பெண்களிடம் சவிசேஷத்தைக் கூறுவார். அதன் பின்னர் ட்ராட்டர் வடக்கு ஆப்பிரிக்கா சென்று மிஷனரி பணி செய்ய

உந்தப்பட்டார்.

அல்ஜீரியாவில் ஊழியம்

1888 ஆம் ஆண்டு மார்ச் மாதம் ட்ராட்டரும் அவருடன் இரண்டு பெண்களும் தன்னிச்சையாக அல்ஜீரியா புறப்பட்டு சென்றனர். அதைக் குறித்து ட்ராட்டர் சொல்லும்போது “ அந்த மக்களுக்கு உதவி செய்வதற்கு எந்த தகுதியும் இல்லாதவர்களாய், எந்த ஒரு நபரையும் அறியாதவர்களாய், ஒரு அரபி வார்த்தைகூட அறியாதவர்களாய், நாங்கள் அறியாத இடத்தில் எப்படி மிஷனரி பணி செய்யவேண்டும் என்று தெரியாதவர்களாய் நாங்கள் இருந்தோம். உண்மையில் தேவனுக்கு பெலவீனர்கள் தேவை என்றால் அவர் எங்களை பயன்படுத்தட்டும் என்ற தீர்மானத்துடன் நாங்கள் புறப்பட்டோம்” என்றார்.

அதன் பின் அரபி மொழியை ஒரு ஆசிரியரிடம் கற்றனர். ட்ராட்டர் அப்பகுதியில் உள்ள குழந்தைகளிடம் அன்புடன் பழகி, அங்கிருந்த பெண்களிடம் தொடர்பை ஏற்படுத்திக் கொண்டனர். ஒரு சில இஸ்லாமிய பெண்கள் சுவிசேஷத்தை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு கிறிஸ்தவர்களாக மாறினர். ஆனால் கிறிஸ்துவை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டவர்கள் தண்டிக்கப்பட்டனர், அடித்து துன்புறுத்தப்பட்டனர். ஏராளமான விசுவாசிகள் கொல்லப்பட்டனர். மாந்திரீக வசிய மருந்துகளை, உணவு மற்றும் பானங்களில் கலந்து கொடுத்து புதிய விசுவாசிகளின் மனதை ஊனமாக்கினர். மேலும் அந்நாட்டு அரசாங்கம் மதம் மாறுகிற ஜனங்களை வேவு பார்த்து, அவர்களை பயமுறுத்தவும் செய்தது.

ஆனாலும் ட்ராட்டர் தொடர்ந்து பெண்களுக்கான முகாம்களை நடத்தி அவர்களை ஆவிக்குரிய நிலையில் பலப்படுத்தினார். அரேபிய பாணியில் வேதத்தை வாசிக்கக் கற்றுக்கொடுத்தார். அரபு மொழியில் வேதாகம பகுதிகளை அட்டைகளில் வடிவமைத்து அவற்றை விநியோகித்தார்.

இறுதி நாட்கள்

ட்ராட்டர் கூறுகையில் “ஆரம்ப கால நாட்கள் எங்களுடைய தலைகளை கல் சுவர்களுக்கு எதிராக வைத்து முட்டுவது போல் இருக்கும் அனுபவமாக இருந்தது” என்றார். தனது வாழ்வின் இறுதி நாட்களை ஜெபத்திலும் எழுதுவதிலும் செலவழித்து வந்தார். அவருடைய சரீரம் பெலவீனமடைந்தாலும், அவருடைய மனம் தெளிவாக இருந்தது. அவர் இறுதி நேரத்தில் படுக்கையை சுற்றி நின்றவர்கள் கீர்த்தனை பாடல் ஒன்றை பாடும்போது அவர் மகிமைக்குள் பிரவேசித்தார்.

Hindrances to Prayer

There are some things which hinder our prayer. God has made these things very clear in his Word.

1. Selfish Purpose

The first hindrance to prayer we will find in James 4:3, “Ye ask and receive not BECAUSE YE ASK AMISS, THAT YE MAY SPEND IT IN YOUR PLEASURES”. A selfish purpose in prayer robs the prayer of power. Very many prayers are selfish. These may be prayers for things for which it is the will of God to give, but the motive of the prayer is entirely wrong, and so the prayer falls powerless to the ground. The true purpose in prayer is that God may be glorified in the answer.

For example many pray for a revival. That certainly is a prayer that is pleasing to God, it is along the line of His will, but many prayers for revivals are purely selfish. The churches desire revivals in order that the membership may be increased, in order that the church may have a position of more power and influence in the community, in order that the church treasury may be filled, in order that a good report may be made at the conference. For such low purposes as these, churches and ministers oftentimes are praying for a revival, and oftentimes too God does not answer the prayer. Why should we pray for a revival? We have to pray for the revival so that God may be glorified.

2. Sin

The second hindrance to prayer we find in Isaiah 59:1,2: “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE SEPARATED BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD, and YOUR SINS HAVE HID HIS FACE FROM YOU, THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR.”

Sin hinders Prayer. Many a man prays and prays and prays, and gets absolutely no answer to his prayer. Perhaps he is tempted that it is not the will of God to answer or he may think that the days when God answered prayer, if He ever did, are over. Many and many a man is crying to God in vain, simply because of sin in his life. It may be some sin in the past that has been unconfessed and unjudged, it may be some sin in the present that is cherished, very likely is not even looked upon as sin, but there the sin is, hidden away somewhere in the heart or in the life, and God “will not hear”.

Anyone who finds his prayers ineffective should not conclude that the thing which he asks of God is not according to his will, but should go alone with God with the Psalmist’s prayer, “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there is any wicked way

in me” (Ps 139:23,24), and wait before Him until He puts His finger upon the thing that is displeasing in His sight. Then this sin should be confessed and put away.

3. Idols in our Heart

The third hindrance to prayer is found in Ez. 14:3, “Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?” **IDOLS IN THE HEART CAUSE GOD TO REFUSE TO LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS.**

What is an idol? An idol is anything that takes the place of God, anything that is supreme object of our affection. God alone has the right to the supreme place in our hearts. Everything and everyone else must be subordinate to Him.

One great question for us to decide, if we would have power in prayer is, Is God absolutely first? Is He before wife, before children, before reputation, before business, before our own lives? If not prevailing prayer is impossible.

4. Stinginess

The fourth hindrance to prayer is found in Proverbs 21:13, “WHOSO STOPPETH HIS EARS AT THE CRY OF THE POOR, HE ALSO SHALL CRY HIMSELF, BUT SHALL NOT BE HEARD”.

There is perhaps no hindrance to prayer than stinginess, the lack of liberality toward the poor and toward God’s work. It is the one who gives generously to others who receives generously from God. “Give, and it shall be given unto You...” (Luke 6:38).

The generous man is the mighty man of prayer. The stingy man is the powerless man of prayer. George Muller was a mighty man of prayer because he was a mighty giver. What he received from God never struck to his fingers; he immediately passed it on to others. He was constantly receiving because he was constantly giving.

5. Unforgiveness

The fifth hindrance to prayer is found in Mark 11:25, “And when you stand Praying, if you hold anything against anyone, FORGIVE them so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

An unforgiving spirit is one of the commonest hindrances to prayer. Prayer is answered on the basis that our sins are forgiven; and God cannot deal with us on the basis of forgiveness while we are harboring ill-will against those who have wronged us. How many there are crying to God for conversion of husband, children, friends, and wondering why it is that their prayer is not answered, when the whole secret is some grudge that

they have in their hearts against someone who has injured them, or who they fancy has injured them.

6. Wrong relation between Husband and Wife

The sixth hindrance to prayer is found in 1 Peter 3:7, “Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel as being also joint-heirs of the grace of life; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.” Here we plainly told that A WRONG RELATION BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE IS A HINDRANCE TO PRAYER.

In many and many a case the prayers of husbands are hindered because of their failure of duty toward their wives. On the other hand, it is also doubtless true that the prayers of wives are hindered because of their failure in duty toward their husbands. If husbands and wives should seek diligently to find the cause of their unanswered prayers, they would often find it in their relations to one another.

Many a man who makes great pretensions to piety, and is very active in Christian work, shows but little consideration in his treatment of his wife, and is oftentimes unkind, if not brutal; then he wonders why it is that his prayers are not answered. The verse that we have just quoted explains the seeming mystery. On the other hand, many a woman who is very devoted to the church, and very faithful in attendance upon all services, treats her husband with the most unpardonable neglect, is cross and peevish toward him, wounds him by the sharpness of her speech, and by her ungovernable temper, then wonders why it is that she has no power in prayer. Any man or woman whose prayers seem to bring no answer should spread their whole married life out before God, and ask Him to put His finger upon anything in it that is displeasing in His sight.

7. Unbelief

The seventh hindrance to prayer is found in James 1:5-7, “But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask IN FAITH, NOTHING DOUBTING: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.” Prayers are hindered by Unbelief. God demands that we shall believe his Word absolutely. To question it is to make Him a liar. Many of us do that when we plead His promises, and is it any wonder that our prayers are not answered? How many prayers are hindered by our wretched unbelief? We go to God and ask Him for something that is positively promised in His word, and then we do not more than half expect to get it. “let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord”.

Extracted from the Book *“How to Pray”* by R.A. Torrey

AN ACT OF KINDNESS

You must give time to your fellow men – even if it's a little thing, do something for others – something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.
- Albert Schweitzer

President Abraham Lincoln often visited hospitals to talk with wounded soldiers during the Civil War. Once, doctors pointed out a young soldier who was near death and Lincoln went over to his bedside.

“Is there anything I can do for you?” asked the president.

The soldier obviously didn't recognize Lincoln, and with some effort he was able to whisper, “Would you please write a letter to my mother?”

A pen and paper were provided and the president carefully began to write down what the young man was able to say:

“My dearest mother, I was badly hurt while doing my duty. I'm afraid I'm not going to recover. Don't grieve too much for me, please kiss Mary and John for me. May God bless you and father.”

The soldier was too weak to continue, so Lincoln signed the letter for him and added, “Written for your son by Abraham Lincoln.”

The young man asked to see the note and was astonished when he discovered who had written it. “Are you really the president?” he asked.

“Yes, I am,” Lincoln replied quietly. Then he asked if there was anything else he could do.

“Would you please hold my hand?” the soldier asked. “It will help to see me through to the end.”

In the hushed room, the tall gaunt president took the boy's hand in his and spoke warm words of encouragement until death came.

(The best of Bits and Pieces, Taken from the book Chicken Soup for the Soul)

இம்மாதத்தில் பிறந்த நாள் மற்றும் திருமண நாள் காணும் அனைவரையும் சபையின் சார்பாக வாழ்த்துகிறோம். கர்த்தர் உங்களை ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக!

Wishes from congregation to all who celebrate Birthday and Wedding Anniversary this month. May God Bless you!

Prayer Diary

Compiled by Mrs. Anne F Sangeeth

SUNDAY:

BRAZIL: Key Facts

Brazil is officially called the Federative Republic of Brazil and is the largest country in both South America and the Latin American region. It is the world's fifth largest country, both by geographical area and by population. Following more than three centuries under Portuguese rule, Brazil gained its independence in 1822, maintaining a monarchical system of government until the abolition of slavery in 1888 and the subsequent proclamation of a republic by the military in 1889. Catholicism is the country's predominant faith. Brazil has the world's largest Catholic population. However, in the last ten years Protestantism, particularly Pentecostal and Evangelical Protestantism, has spread in Brazil, while the proportion of Catholics has dropped significantly. The economy of the resource-rich nation had been booming until 2010, but stagnation followed and a recession is now underway, along with inflation and charges of corruption and the bankruptcy of a major oil business. Corruption costs Brazil almost \$41 billion a year alone, with 69.9% of the country's firms identifying the issue as a major constraint in successfully penetrating the global market.

Capital: Brasilia, National Language: Portuguese, Currency: Brazilian Real, Demonym: Brazilian

Government: Federal Presidential Constitutional Republic, President: Dilma Rousseff, Vice President: Michel Temer.

1. Pray that the corruption in the country would stop.
2. Pray that the most serious health problems in Brazil like childhood and motherhood mortality, etc. would come down.
3. Pray for the economy of the country as it has not been improving.
4. Pray for the government and the citizens of the country that they would all know the LORD.

MONDAY:

- Thank the LORD for the VBS programs that happened in April 2015.
- Pray for proper followup for the kids who have attended the VBS.
- Pray for the families that are travelling for the summer vacation.
- **KR Puram Area Fellowship & its members** (Dennis, families of Ashok Doddanna, Atheejoe, Jayant, Jeevan, Jothi, Naveen Warren, & Dev Sundar Raj)
- **Hoodi Tamil Area Fellowship & its members** (families of Andrew Isaac, Arul, Churchill, Gladston, Jyothi, Mary Rita, Sarah Sarojini, Usha Reddy & Vasu)

TUESDAY:

- Pray for the leadership camp in May 2015.
- Pray for the various summer camps for the kids & youth so that these camps would bring the kids to the LORD.
- Pray for our Pastor Rev. David Livingston, his family and the ministries he is involved in.
- **Bethel Nagar Area Fellowship & its members** (families of Pastor, Anand, Benjamin, Dr. Arun, Jays, John Prashanth, Kalyan, Miss Simon, Paul Naveenraj, Prabhu, Publius, Rajkumar, Sahityadeep, Saju Alexander, Sangeeth, Selina Mohandas, Sharon, Solomon, Uttam, Vijay Prakash & Vivek)
- **Devasandra Tamil Area fellowship & its members** (families of Anandaraj, Koilraj, Philip, Ruth, Shekar, Thiyagaraj, Vino & Wilson)
- **Marathahalli Tamil Area Fellowship & its members** (Dennis families of DC Franklin, Rani Jeypaul, Prabu, Bernard, Vasanth, Paul Dinakaran)

WEDNESDAY:

- Thank the LORD for the people who were baptized in April.
- Pray that they may grow closer to the LORD and know more about Him.
- Pray for the outreach fields Irula, Hoodi Sunday School, Devasandra Sunday School and Whitefield and for the families involved.
- Pray for the safe journeys of the families that are travelling for the summer.

- **Whitefield Area Fellowship & its members** (Jebakumar, Jeffry Samuel families of Alan Paul, Binu George, Christopher Vasa, Irwin, Praveen, Rajan Abraham, Sanjay Joel & Thomas)
- **Priyankanagar Tamil AF & its members** (Families of Inbaraj, Karunamurthy, Nithya, Rueben Gandhi, Swamidasa & Suresh)
- **ITPL Area Fellowship & its members** (Jeffin, Shanno Isaac, families of Anban, Clement, Darwin, Dr. Kumara Rajasingh, Franklin Koilpillai, Jabez, John Manohar, Ronald & Prem)

THURSDAY:

- Thank the LORD for some of us who got employed and some who changed jobs.
- Pray for the expecting moms and their health.
- Pray for the family of Mr. Jothi that has moved to Hyderabad that they would stand as witness in the new place.
- **Hoodi Area fellowship & its members** (Ruth families of Arun, Arul Rajasingh, David Anand, David Jabez, Isaac Peterson, Joel Thompson, Shibu, Vivek Bangera, Meryl Joseph & Tony)
- **Kodigehalli Tamil AF& its members:** (Families of George & Ravi Kumar)

FRIDAY:

- Pray for the North East students who have graduated and for those still studying in Bangalore.
- Pray for the foreign students who are a part of our church and their families back in their countries.
- Pray for the victims of the tornado in Brazil that has damaged over 500 homes. Many were hospitalized and a couple of them died inside their homes.
- **Marathahalli Area Fellowship & its members** (Kasturi, Merlin, Praveen families of Dinakar, Frank Jeyakar, Himanshu, Dilip, Melwyn, Praveen Paul, Sathiya, Selvin, Solomon, Sundar, Vadivel, Vijay Dhanasekar & Wilfred)
- **Bethel Nagar Tamil AF & its members** (Dorai, Jonathan, Justin, Solomon, Peter families of Pastor, Bernard, Das, Joseph, Huldah, Latha, Rev. Stanley Jayaseelan, Vinod & Vijay)

SATURDAY:

Mission: Mission to the blind (www.missiontotheblind.org)

Mission to the blind came into being on 1st June 1992 as an expression of God's love and concern for people with visual disabilities in India. It was June 1, 1992. In an empty room of a house in Kilpauk, Chennai, a team of 8 persons, including two blind young men, knelt down on borrowed mats and offered themselves to the Lord for serving the blind people in India. The office space was given to them by a Christian family without payment of rental advance. There were no furniture or equipment, no financial backing, but the team's trust was on God who brings everything out of nothing. 'Fear not, little flock' was the Lord's encouragement to them and that was sufficient. The journey of faith began and before the day was out, the Lord provided a truck load of furniture and equipment from a friend who had extras to spare. At the end of the month they saw God's provision of funds towards their support. 'Tell God and inform His people' became their policy and experience.

Vision : To bring visually challenged people into the mainstream of Church and Society

Mission : To provide opportunity for every blind person in India to hear, understand and respond to the love and concern of Jesus Christ practically through rehabilitation and training programmes and uplift them socially.

Core Values : Life and ministry based on the Word of God; faith, prayer, integrity, uprightness, transparency in relationship and financial matters, no discrimination between the blind and sighted.

Ministries : Some of their ministries include discipleship and leadership camps for the blind, care centers for the blind, releasing Bibles in Braille and various other training programmes.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the missionaries, volunteers and their families who are a part of this ministry.
- Pray that they would get the VBS material in Braille for the kids who are blind.
- Pray that this mission would bring the blind in our country to the LORD.
- Pray for the financial support required and also for the staff they are looking for.

MISSIONARY PROFILE

- Mr Dilip

Bishop Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah

Known affectionately in Dornakal Diocese as Thandrigaru (“father”), Bishop Azariah was the chief inspirational force behind mass movements that brought roughly 2,00,000 outcast Malas and Madigas, tribals, other people considered low-caste into the fold of Christ during his lifetime.

Coming from a humble background, Rev. Azariah was born in the village of Vellalanvilai in the southern Indian district of Thoothukudi on 17th August 1874. His father, Thomas, converted to Christianity in 1839 while at a Church Missionary Society school. He named his son Samuel after the Old Testament prophet, possibly because of the 13 year gap after he and his wife Ellen had a daughter. It is said that Samuel learned to read from palmyra-leaf books and write with his finger in the sand. Unfortunately, his father passed away early, but his widowed mother, a paramount influence in his life, reared him, without sparing the rod, as commanded in Proverbs 13:24. Such upbringing helped him keep his trust with God everyday, at 4:30am, as Christ showed us in Mark 1:35.



Samuel Vedanayagam then went to Madras to study Mathematics where the British principal of Madras Christian College gave him the name Azariah to distinguish him from other boys. He though could not receive his degree, as post completing his course work in 1893, he fell ill and later decided not to retake the exam. Azariah though valued being B.A (Born Again) over any earthly degree. He then became an evangelist with YMCA at the age of 19.

Azariah was married to his devoted wife, Ambu Mariammal Samuel in 1898, whom he is said to have described as ‘the most spiritually minded girl in Tirunelveli.’ She was one of the first Christian women in South India to take a college course. Right from the beginning and all through life, she kept pace with him, sharing his inward growth and outward responsibilities.

In 1902 Azariah traveled to Ceylon (now Jaffna) in Sri Lanka to evangelize among the indigenous Tamils, where he found a completely indigenous missionary society, worked and supported entirely by Tamil Christians. At the dead of one night there, he found himself kneeling in an agony of prayer. For the first time, he faced the bitter truth that India, with all its religious heritage, had left the spread of the Gospel to be undertaken by foreigners. Out of the travail of his soul that night, was conceived and dedicated to God a purpose that never wavered and was to bear fruit many fold.

Azariah imparted his vision to his wife and a few other kindred spirits. His wife had an entry in an old diary, ‘Started to pray for an Indian Missionary Society (IMS)’ and it was literally prayed into being in 1903. Consistent with Biblical principles, no public appeal was made but both workers and money was forthcoming (Luke 22:35). Its highly avowed principles still remain, ‘**Indian workers, Indian money and Indian management**’. The goal was also to remove the western appearance of the Church in its building (as still seen in the Epiphany Cathedral, Dornakal) and services.

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Azariah was more encouraged by the YMCA's promotion of the Indian leadership. Local CMS missionaries had actually put mission theory into practice by trying to establish self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating churches. This led to the launch of another indigenous missionary society, National Missionary Society of India (NMS), with him as the first General Secretary. In 1909, Azariah left the YMCA to become an ordained Anglican missionary of the IMS to Dornakal in the Telugu-speaking dominions of the Nizam of Hyderabad. In 1912, after three years as a priest, he was promoted to an unprecedented indigenous bishopric in the new diocese of Dornakal. He remained the only Indian diocesan bishop in the Anglican Church until his death.

Though a bishop, Rev. Azariah was willing to pay the price to fulfill his mission to the people of Dornakal. He spent much of his time traveling across his vast diocese by bullock cart or bicycle, usually accompanied by his wife and coworker, Ambu. His village sermons often attacked "the four demons – Dirt, Disease, Debt, and Drink". Threat of thieves and the danger of the tiger-infested forest too did not deter this missionary priest, who took the Gospel to many places. By 1924, the Diocese of Dornakal had 8 English-born priests and 53 Indian clergy. By 1935, his diocese had 250 ordained Indian clergy and over 2,000 village teachers, plus medical clinics, cooperative societies, and printing presses. There was great evangelical moment during his tenure. At the end of his life the Diocese grew to about 240,000 Christians.

Rev. Azariah also wrote many books and articles with *Christian Giving* (1940), which was translated into more than 15 languages, being very popular. Bishop Azariah was also an avid ecumenist and one of the first to see the importance, indeed the necessity, of a united Church, as our Lord and Saviour prayed in John 17:21, to mission and evangelism.

Bishop Azariah moved on to eternal glory on January 1, 1945, two years before a dream of his, the inauguration of the united Church of South India (CSI), for the first time unifying an Episcopal Church (Anglican) with non-Episcopal Churches (Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist) since the Reformation. Two of his sons at that time were serving in his Diocese, one as a doctor and the other as a priest. His eldest daughter had long been his right hand while his youngest daughter, a true follower of her mother, was married to a missionary priest. Two younger sons and eight lively grandchildren then were seen by him.

Bishop Azariah held fast deep in his heart, all through his life that "By the grace of God I am what I am; yet not I but the grace of God in me."

Passin' the Faith Learning

- Ms. Ruth Christopher

We the faith team completed a year!! Yippee!! A wonderful year to learn, encourage, challenge, question and pray. It was all about Faith and the great faith heroes were on our list from whom we learnt faith truths which were applied in our lives.

*This is
the gist
of our
list of
Faith
Heroes*

Character	Faith in Topics
General	Intro to Heroes of Faith
Abraham	Obeyed in Faith
Noah	Didn't mind what other think about Faith
Ruth	Progressed in Faith
Samuel	Responded in Faith
David	Humbled in Faith
Elijah	Proved Faith
Thomas	No doubt in Faith
Disciples & Storm	No fear in Faith
Shunamite Woman & Son	No worries in Faith
Centurion's servant	Witnessed Faith
Bartimaeus	Asked in Faith
Peter	Looked to Jesus in Faith
Hannah	Waited in Faith

The faith journey prepared us to be different folks in our walk of life.

Hear it from the kids who were part of the team.

Hannah – We had to learn Memory Verses every day and it helped me to write my exams well. I trusted in God to help me remember my portions. And the verses that most encouraged me were Matthew 21:22 – if you believe, you will receive what you ask in prayer. Also another verse was Psalm 56:3 – When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

Jason – A lesson I learnt from David was his blind faith in God. As a little boy he had so much of faith that he could go to fight a giant.

As part of our activities, we had one on prayer, for which I prayed for those from our church and I had all my prayer requests being answered; I'm excited to pray for more

Franklin – There was a lesson where we learnt about Bartimaeus asking God in faith and I too asked God for good knowledge and God gave me. I asked God for a toy and God gave me. I'm still asking God to provide health for one of my friends and also for my handwriting to improve. I believe that God will answer it soon.

Pradeep – I learnt the importance of being in Church on Sunday mornings and said no to all the other activities

English VBS Report

- Mrs. Giftlin Clement

The BMC English VBS (Vacation Bible School) was envisioned to be an evangelistic outreach programme for around 150 students. The English VBS was held from the 6th of April to 12th of April with the theme "Triumph Always". Children were taught scripture verses and lessons on the themes of (1) God provides (2) Triumph over sin (3) New beginning (4) Triumph over fear (5) Triumph over unbelief (6) Triumph in the power of the Holy Spirit

The VBS started everyday at 9.00 AM and closed by 12.30 pm except on Saturday when the lunch was served in the church. We chose to use the study material from VBS ministries, Bangalore. The songs and themes were selected by Scripture Union. The VBS was directed by - Mr. Sam, Mr. Robin and Mr. Arun. The English VBS was supported by 22 dedicated teachers and 16 volunteers. We had 12 individual classes and 150 children attending on an average out of which only 55 children were from our church Sunday School. Transport was arranged with 3 vehicles plying upto a radius of ~20 kms around the church. Special thanks to the drivers Mr. Shaktivel, Mr. Manjunath and Mr. Ishmail for being very co-operative, time conscious and driving with safety as the highest concern.

Jumpy tunes, meaningfully worded songs earned a special place in the hearts of our children. Every day, all the classes were evaluated for charts and models, understanding of the themes and the lessons they learnt, memory-verse recitation, discipline and cleanliness. Praise be to God (1) for the kids who had come (2) for keeping everyone safe (3) for all the arrangements that fell in place at the right time. Continue to pray that the kids will come to know the Lord. Even though we have put all our efforts in watering their faith, love and peace in the hearts of the children, it is God who makes it grow. Let us intercede for these children.

Kannada VBS Report

- Mrs. Sharon Whittaker

Thank and praise God for the Kannada VBS which took place in our church from 20th to 25th April. Our directors for this VBS were Pastor Moorthy, Mr. Prashant and Mr. Vijay. Over the years, God has blessed this ministry abundantly. Every year the number has been increasing, and this year the highest attendance was 200. We were able to reach out to new areas. We had transport arranged for the children who came from Mahadevapura, Marathahalli, Hoodi, Sadarmangla, Priyanka Nagar, Devasandra and Ayyappa Nagar.

The VBS theme was 'Great God with us' with each day emphasizing different aspects like Great God created us, helps us, teaches us, forgives us, and delivers us. As most of the kids were from non-Christian background, the VBS material was prepared in a very simple and easy way so that it could reach the children who enjoyed listening to the stories and learning the beautiful songs. Many children came forward saying that they want to know more about God and also asked for

Bibles. On the final day program which was on Saturday, all the kids performed the songs that they had learnt and also recited verses that they had learnt during the week. Around 50 to 60 Bibles were distributed to the children. Bible distribution was made meaningful by calling all these children in front and they were told how to read the Bible everyday. They were also prayed for as they took the Bibles. We had a good team of teachers and volunteers who worked hard and supported in every possible way and the work is not going to just stop with the VBS.

As a followup, our next step is to visit these children in their own areas. We already have regular Sunday schools going on in many places. This year, we want to start a Sundayschool in KR puram. Pray for God's guidance to start this Sunday school as soon as possible. By the grace of God, we hope that through these children we will be able to reach out to their families also. We thank all the church members for their prayers and support. Continue to remember all the children and their families in your prayers.

Whitefield VBS Report

- Mr DC Franklin

VBS for the kids in and around Gandhinagar – Whitefield, was conducted from April 27th to 29th in the rented premises of St. Joseph's Convent, Whitefield. Since this is the first VBS in this area, it was truncated to three days, to get to know the practical difficulties. Close to 78 children attended the VBS every day. The class room given to us was just sufficient for this number. By God's grace everything went smoothly and the children enjoyed the VBS all through.

The Theme for this VBS was "Shreshta Devaru Nammondhige", that is "Great God is with us". Same books and teachers material used in BMC kannada VBS was used here.

Our teen's team from BMC lead by Sharon along with youth from Wilson Garden Methodist church lead by Mr. John taught the kids new action songs, and performed skits during general sessions also taught classes. According to age the kids were separated into eight classes and they were taught different topics each day. After the classes, when the kids gathered for second general session, the older kids were lead separately by Mr. John to teach them Christian commitment.

The kids were encouraged to come for the Sunday school every week. God's word sewn among them will bring transformation in them in God's own time in each one's life for the glory of God! Hallelujah!

TESTIMONY - WHITEFIELD MINISTRY

- Mrs. Mala Vasu

By the grace of God, ministry in the Whitefield area is going on really well. During the days of Lent, we gathered as women for prayer and Bible study, choosing for our meditation the book of Acts. This was a blessing to all of us to draw closer to God.

The consistent ministry over the last 3-1/2 years has led to many people repenting and accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Those who made a decision for Christ were baptized during the Easter service in our church. Seven adults took baptism and six children were dedicated at the time – this includes two each of Hindi-speaking and Kannada-speaking families and one Tamil family. I am thrilled to see them come to the fold of Christ and continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. I request the church to pray much for the ministry here.

My sincere thanks to the families of Franklin DC, Clement and Atheejoe who have consistently worked with us for the last 3 years and also the families of Ashok Doddanna for the Kannada Bible study and Jays for the Hindi Bible study, and the families of Dilip and Arun and others who have joined us now. I know many of you in the church are praying – please continue to pray and involve as much as possible as the need here is truly great.

April news round-up - Mrs. Ajji Alan

Palm Sunday

On March 29th, BMC worshippers started off the Sunday service with a procession from the church's entrance by singing songs while holding the palm fronds, recalling the holy day in the Bible when Jesus entered Jerusalem a week before his arrest and crucifixion.

Seven proofs of Jesus - Good Friday service in English

The BMC worshippers gathered together for the Good Friday service on 3rd April. To make it more interesting the events starting from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the last supper with his disciples and the events leading to his death on the cross were split among the different area fellowships and each team prepared either a video or ppt presentation on the event allotted. Each team also sang either a bhajan or a hymnal after the presentation and our pastor then shared a thought where he explained the deep truths behind each event and many references from the Old and New Testament explaining the divinity of Jesus and how to counter mis-interpretations and know the truth as the Bible says.

Easter Services - Praise and Worship by BMC

On April 5th, Easter dawn, a common service for all Methodist churches was conducted at Baldwin's girl's college at 5 a.m. led by our Bishop, Rev. Taranath Sagar. During the service, a team from our church trained by our pastor led the praise and worship time and our African students sang a special song.

The 9 am service in our church was bilingual (Tamil and English) and represented by members from all our outreach missions. We had a wonderful time of worship and testimony and afterwards a baptism service for members from the Whitefield outreach for seven adults and dedication for six children.

Bible Studies - May 2015

		Date		Study Topic		Study leader		Venue	
English	As decided by the respective area fellowships								
Tamil	As decided by the respective area fellowships								
Kannada	White field Kannada AF (Co. ord.: Ashok Doddanna)	8 th May	Fri 7.30pm	Assurance of Faith- Study1	Ashok Doddanna	Shalini's house			
		22 nd May	Fri 7.30pm	Assurance of Faith - Study2	Ashok Doddanna	Rakshitha's house			
Telugu	Telugu AF (co. ord.: Jeevan)	2 nd May	Sat 6.00 pm	The Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13:45)	Uttam	Deep's house			
Hindi	White field Hindi AF (Co. ord.: Jays)	9 th May	Sat 6:00 pm	Calling of Jesus - Part1	Jays & Anisha	Avinash's House			
		23 rd May	Sat 6:00 pm	Calling of Jesus – Part2		Mohan's house			

Sadarangamala Outreach – May 2015 (Co. ord.: Irwin, Missions dept.; Additional support: Timothy & Grace Timothy, Churchill, Allan, Selina Mohandas)

Date	Resource Person	Venue
3 rd May Sun 4:30 PM	Timothy	
10 th May Sun 4:30 PM	Mrs. Selina Mohandas	Shanmugam's house,
17 th May Sun 4:30 PM	Rev. David Livingstone	Sadarangamala
24 th May Sun 4:30 PM	Mrs. Selina Mohandas	
31 st May Sun 4:30 PM	Atheejeo	

Whitefield Outreach - May 2015 (Coordinator - Atheejee, Missions Dept.)

Date	Topic	Resource Person	Venue
3 rd May Sun 3:30 – 5:00 PM	VBS Final Day Program & Communion	Rev. David Livingstone	St. Josephs School, Whitefield
10 th May Sun 3:30 – 5:00 PM	Scripture based overview on Relationship	Mr. Solomon Pushparaj	
17 th May Sun 3:30 – 5:00 PM	Relationship with In- Laws and parents	Mrs. Angelin Isaac	
24 th May Sun 3:30 – 5:00 PM	Relationship between Believers in Church	Mr. Franklin D C	
31 st May Sun 3:30 – 5:00 PM	Husband and wife relationship	Mr. Ashok Dodanna	

Regular & Special Programs – May & June 2015

Program	Date	In charge	Department
Morning worship service (Tamil)	All Sundays 7.00am-8.45am	Pastor	Pastor
Morning worship service (English)	All Sundays 9.30am-11.15am	Pastor	Pastor
Contemporary Worship Service	All Sundays 6:30pm-7:30 pm	Pastor / Isaac	Pastor / Music dept
Hoodi Kannada Sunday school	All Sundays at 2.00 pm	Sharon / Gracy	Sunday school
Whitefield Kannada Sunday School	All Sundays at 4:00pm -5.00 pm	Gifflin Clement	Missions
Sadaramangala Kannada Sunday School	All Sundays at 3.30 pm	Sharon / Gracy / Rebecca	Missions / Sunday School
VBS - Irula Field	1 st May Fri- 3rd May Sun	Atheejee	Missions dept
BMC Study Camp: OT survey (English) by Dr. Godwin Nicholson	9 th Sat and 10 th Sun at Claret Nivas, Carmelaram	Wilfred	CE dept
Release of yearly program 2015-16	31 st Sun	Pastor / Secretary	Pastor / Secretary
Release of BMC yearly handbook 2015-16	31 st Sun	Pastor / Secretary (help: Lit. dept)	Pastor / Secretary (help: Lit. dept)
Sunday school starts	7 th Jun Sun 8.15 am	Sunday school dept	Sunday school dept
Quarterly quiz	20 th Jun Sat 6.00 pm	Dr.Rajkumar	CE dept
Teaching Session	28 th Jun Sun 11:30am - 1:30pm (including lunch)	Dr.Rajkumar	CE dept
Regular Programs	May 2015		
Special Programs	June 2015		

Whitefield VBS - 2015



...for you have exalted above all things your name and your word Psalm 138:2

BMC Leadership Camp 2015

Theme - Survey of the Old Testament



Date 9-May-15 (Sat.) 7:30 AM TO 10-May-15 (Sun.) 5:00 pm

Venue Claret Nivas, Sarjapur Road, Carmelaram

Speaker Dr J Godwin Nickelson

Advance Registration - Rs 500 per person or Rs 1000 per family

Total Registration fee - Rs 1600 per person (with accommodation) & Rs 1200 per person (without accommodation)

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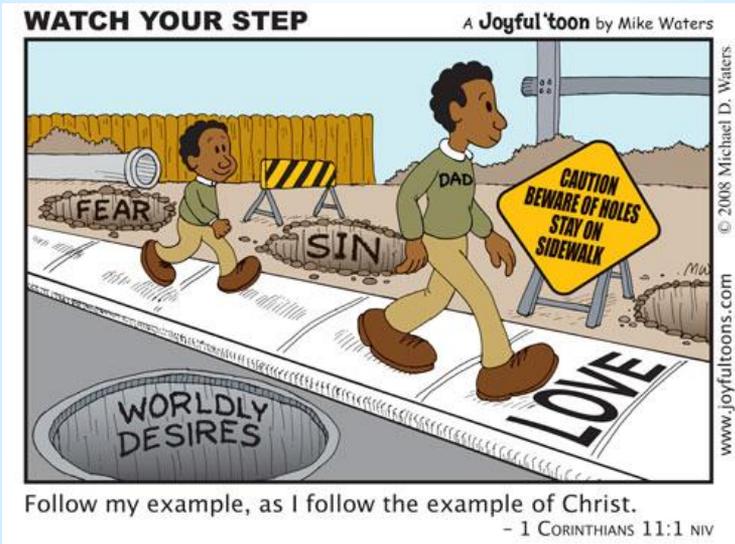
RSVP : Wilfred (9945 833 883) or Pastor (9986 526 450)

Pulpit Calendar - May 2015

Theme: Teach thy generation, *Deuteronomy 6:7*



Date	Time	Speaker	Topic
3-May-15	7:00 am (Tamil)	Rev P Koilraj	Diligent Teaching
	9:30 am (English)	MR John SOS	
	6:30 pm (English)	Pastor	
10-May-15	7:00 am (Tamil)	Rev Dr Mrs Shanti Tilak	The Good Teacher
	9:30 am (English)	Rev Dr Tilak Samuel	
	6:30 pm (English)	Pastor	
17-May-15	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Syllabus for Life
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Pastor	
24-May-15	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Rod of Love
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Mr Wilfred	
31-May-15	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Teaching to teach
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Pastor	



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