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**...Again I say Rejoice
Philippians 4:4**

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Pastoral Letter



Dearly beloved,

Welcome you all back to BMC. Indeed the months of April and May have been a time of long respite to BMC family. As birds migrate to their winter destinations, many of you have been to your native places and have now come back - some of you joining after more than a month.

Some have moved to other countries due to promotion in job and hence are missing this re-union. Few others have had new born babies and are busy nursing them. Our children have fared well in their public exams and bagged up excellent scores. Almost all of them have passed in first class with high marks. All these make our church family to rejoice in the Lord. I congratulate and wish God's blessings upon all the students, parents and families for all the blessings you have received from the Lord.

"And again I say rejoice." is the theme I have chosen for this month. Let us try to explore what really human life is made up of. St. Paul in his epistles explained great theologies about Christ and the practical aspects of following Christ. But at one point in the same portion, he explained the ultimate way of living the human life: In simple terms he said, "Rejoice...always...again I say, rejoice." Scriptures does teach about the basic fabric of human life. It is worth looking into.

We face a worrying reality of life around us every day that human life is made up of challenges, competitions and never-ending battles for survival and success. The generation has become increasingly gadget-centric instead of being people-centric. While happiness is elusive for some, the world picks up sinful pleasures and redefines them as happiness. As children of God, are we regretting the chaos around us or enjoying a meaningful life is a pertinent question to introspect. In this month, we meditate on the reality of human life from as entailed in the Scriptures.

God created us as perfect beings on earth and gave us his blessings to multiply and be fruitful. He has protected us by his Old and New Covenants. Why don't we then live happily on this earth trusting Him. Let Paul's words ring in our ears always, **"Rejoice in the Lord always. And again I say rejoice." Philipians 4:4**

In the month of May there were many summer activities. Thanks to the Music Lovers Camp and DRM camp which were attended by many teens and youth of our Church; many children committed their lives to God. The Missions and Evangelism team conducted a VBS programme for the Irula children and we were excited to see the growth and transformation in the lives of these tribal children. The Christian Education team organized a leadership camp through Haggai Institute; This was a great time of learning.

I congratulate the new Pastorate Committee for this year and pray that all the office bearers would do a committed job in the given responsibilities for God's glory.

Grace be with you always.

Rev. T. David Livingston

போதகர் மடல்



கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் பிரியமானவர்களே,

பெத்தேல் ஆலயத்திற்கு உங்களை மறுபடியும் வரவேற்கிறேன். நம்மில் அநேகர் கடந்த ஏப்ரல் மற்றும் மே மாதங்களில், நமது சொந்த ஊர்களுக்குச் சென்று, உறவினர்களைச் சந்தித்து இங்கு திரும்பியிருக்கிறோம்.

சிலர் அலுவலகப் பணி உயர்வு நிமித்தமாக வெளிநாடுகளுக்குச் சென்றிருக்கின்றனர். புதிய குழந்தைகள் மூலம் சிலர் ஆசீர்வதிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளனர். நமது பிள்ளைகள் அரசு பொதுத் தேர்வில் மிகச் சிறந்த மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற்றுள்ளனர்; பெரும்பாலோர் முதல் வகுப்பில் தேர்ச்சி பெற்றுள்ளனர். இத்தகைய ஆசீர்வாதங்களால் நாம் திருச்சபையாக மகிழ்ச்சி அடைந்திருக்கிறோம். தேவ ஆசீர்வாதத்தைப் பெற்றுள்ள நம் பிள்ளைகள், பெற்றோர்கள், மற்றும் குடும்பங்களை நான் வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

இந்த மாதத்திற்கான தியான வார்த்தை “சந்தோஷமாயிருங்கள்” என்பதாகும். மனித வாழ்க்கையைக் குறித்து சற்று சிந்திப்போம். பவுலடியார் தனது கடிதங்களில் கிறிஸ்துவைப் பற்றி சிறந்த இறையியல் கோட்பாடுகளையும், நடைமுறையில் கிறிஸ்துவைப் பின்பற்றுவதைக் குறித்தும் விவரித்துள்ளார். அதே சமயத்தில், மனித வாழ்க்கையின் இறுதியான வழியை, சுருக்கமாக “...எப்பொழுதும் சந்தோஷமாயிருங்கள், சந்தோஷமாயிருங்கள் என்று மறுபடியும் சொல்லுகிறேன்” என்று கூறுகிறார். ஆம், மனித வாழ்வின் இயல்பைக் குறித்து வேதம் நமக்கு போதிக்கிறது. அதை நாம் அறிந்து கொள்வது அவசியம்.

சவால்கள், போட்டிகள், வெற்றிக்கும் உயிர் பிழைப்பிற்குமான முடிவில்லா போராட்டம் ஆகியவை மனித வாழ்வில் நாம் அனுதினமும் காண்கிற உண்மை நிலை. இந்த தலைமுறையினர், மனிதனோடு உறவாடுவதைவிட மின்னணு சாதனங்களை அதிகம் நாடுகின்றனர். ஒரு புறம் சிலர் மகிழ்ச்சியை தேடிக்கொண்டிருக்க, பாவ உல்லாசங்களை அனுபவிப்பதே மகிழ்ச்சியென இவ்வுலகம் புதியதாக வரையறுக்கிறது. தேவ பிள்ளைகளாகிய நாம் இந்த குழப்பத்தைக் கண்டு வருத்தப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறோமா அல்லது தேவன் அளித்துள்ள வாழ்வின் அர்த்தத்தை உணர்ந்து மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் இருக்கிறோமா என்பதே முக்கியமான கேள்வி. இந்த மாதம் மனித வாழ்வின் உண்மை நிலையை வேதத்தின் மூலம் தியானிக்க உள்ளோம்.

தேவன் நம்மை பூரண சிருஷ்டிகளாகப் படைத்து, பலுகிப் பெருகுமாறு ஆசீர்வதித்துள்ளார். நம்மை பாதுகாக்க பழைய ஏற்பாட்டையும் புதிய ஏற்பாட்டையும் தந்துள்ளார். எனினும் அவரை நம்பி நாம் ஏன் மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் வாழ்வதில்லை? பவுலடியார் கூறிய வார்த்தைகள் நமது செவிகளில் எப்பொழுதும் ஒலித்துக்கொண்டிருப்பதாக: “கர்த்தருக்குள் எப்பொழுதும் சந்தோஷமாயிருங்கள், சந்தோஷமாயிருங்கள் என்று மறுபடியும் சொல்லுகிறேன்” (பிலிப்பியர் 4 : 4).

கடந்த மாதம் நடைபெற்ற சிறப்பான ஊழியங்களுக்காக நான் தேவனை துதிக்கிறேன். இசைப்பிரியர்களுக்காக நடந்த முகாமில் பல சிறுவர்கள் இசையைக் கற்றதுடன், தேவனுக்குத் தங்களை ஒப்புக்கொடுத்தனர். சீஷத்துவ மறுமலர்ச்சி ஊழியங்களால் நடத்தப்பட்ட முகாமில் அநேக வாலிபர்கள் பங்குகொண்டு பயன்பெற்றனர். 'இருளா' சிறுவர்களுக்கான வேதாகம விடுமுறைப்பள்ளியில், தேவன் இவர்களுக்கு கொடுத்துள்ள மாற்றத்தையும் வளர்ச்சியையும் உணரமுடிந்தது. ஆகாய் ஸ்தாபனத்தின் உதவியுடன் கார்மேலரத்தில் நடந்த தலைமைத்துவ பயிற்சி மிகவும் பயனுள்ளதாக இருந்தது

புதிதாக தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள சேகர குழுவினரை நான் வாழ்த்துகிறேன். தேவன் கொடுத்துள்ள பொறுப்பினை தேவ மகிமைக்காக அவர்கள் சிறப்பாக செய்ய நான் ஜெபிக்கிறேன்

தேவ கிருபை உங்களுடன் தரித்திருப்பதாக

போதகர் டேவிட் லிவிங்ஸ்டன்

Announcements

- **Sunday classes** begin on 1-Jun-14 after summer vacation. Kindly send your children to the classes at 8:15 AM every Sunday.
- **Newborn**
 - Uttam and Namratha are blessed with a baby boy on 23-May-14
 - Vijay and Priscilla are blessed with a baby girl on 29-May-14
- **Wedding (திருமணம்)**

திரு. நித்யா மற்றும் திருமத குளோரி நித்யா (பிரியங்காநகர்) அவர்களின் மகள் செல்வி நிவாஞ்சலிக்கும் திரு.மகேந்திரன் (எ) ஜேம்ஸ் அவர்களுக்கும் ஜூன் 9 ஆம் தேதி காட்பாடியில் திருமணம் நடக்கவுள்ளது

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!

மிஷனரி வரலாறு – டேவிட் லிவிங்ஸ்டன் (1813-1873)

- திருமதி ரோஸ்லின் பிரபு

1813 ஆம் ஆண்டு மார்ச் மாதம் 19 ஆம் தேதி டேவிட் லிவிங்ஸ்டன் ஸ்காட்லாந்து தேசத்தில் பிறந்தார். அவருடைய பெற்றோர் மிகவும் ஏழைகள். ஆனால் உண்மை கிறிஸ்தவர்கள். குழந்தைப் பருவத்தில் டேவிட் கிறிஸ்தவ ஒழுக்கங்களைப் பெற்றோர்களிடமே கற்றுக்கொண்டார். மிகுந்த வறுமையின் காரணமாக அவர் பள்ளிக்குச் சென்று கல்வி கற்க இயலவில்லை. 10 ஆம் வயதில் ஒரு பஞ்சாலையில் வேலைக்குச் சேர்ந்தார். வேலை செய்துகொண்டே கிரேக்க மொழி, மருத்துவம் மற்றும் இறையியல் நூல்களைக் கற்று வந்தார்.



லிவிங்ஸ்டன் தன்னுடைய 20 ஆம் வயதில் கிறிஸ்துவை தன் சொந்த இரட்சகராக ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு அயல்நாடுகளில் மிஷனரியாக செல்ல தீர்மானித்தார். இரண்டு ஆண்டு மருத்துவ கல்விக்குப் பின் சீனாவுக்குப் போக தீர்மானித்திருந்தார். அவர் கர்த்தருடைய வழிநடத்துதலுக்காக காத்திருக்கும்போது, ராபர்ட் மொபட் என்னும் ஆப்பிரிக்க மிஷனரி, லண்டன் நகருக்கு வந்து ஆப்பிரிக்க நாட்டின் தேவைகளைக் குறித்து பேசினார். அவர் கூறியதாவது: “ஆப்பிரிக்காவின் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான கிராமங்களில் உள்ளவர்கள் கடவுளற்றவர்கள், கிறிஸ்துவை அறியாதவர்கள், உலகில் நம்பிக்கையற்றவர்கள்”. இந்த வார்த்தைகளால் தொடப்பட்ட லிவிங்ஸ்டன் ஆப்பிரிக்காவிற்குப் போக தீர்மானித்தார்.

கேப் டவுன் நகரிலிருந்து 700 மைல்கள் தொலைவிலுள்ள குருமான் என்ற இடத்தில், ராபர்ட் மொபட்டுடன் இணைந்தார். பின்னர் மோபட்சா என்ற பள்ளத்தாக்கு பிரதேசத்தில் 3 ஆண்டுகள் தங்கிப் பணிபுரிய தெரிந்துகொண்டார். அங்கு ராபர்ட் மொபட்டின் குமாரத்தியான மேரி மொபட் என்பவரை திருமணம் செய்தார்.

லிவிங்ஸ்டன் தங்கி பணிபுரிந்த இடத்தில் தண்ணீர் பற்றாக்குறையால் பஞ்சம் ஏற்பட்டது. அதனால் 300 மைல்கள் பிரயாணம் செய்து அவ்வனாந்திரத்தை கடக்க முடிவெடுத்தார். மிகுந்த சிரமத்துடன் நகாமி ஏரியை வந்தடைந்தார். இதுவே அவரது முதல் புவியியல் கண்டுபிடிப்பு. தொடர்ந்து பிரயாணப்பட்டு மத்தியப் பகுதிக்குள் செல்ல விரும்பினார். அங்குள்ள தீங்குகளை எண்ணி தன் மனைவி மற்றும் பிள்ளைகளை இங்கிலாந்து நாட்டிற்கு அனுப்பினார். மத்திய ஆப்பிரிக்காவில் பல பழங்குடியின மக்களை அவர் சந்தித்தார். அவரது அன்பும், அனுதாபமும் மருத்துவ சேவையும் பல ஆப்பிரிக்க மக்களை அவருக்கு நண்பர்களாக்கிற்று. எனினும் சிலர் அவரை பகைத்ததால், அநேக முறை அவர் உயிர் தப்பிப் பிழைக்க வேண்டியதாயிற்று.

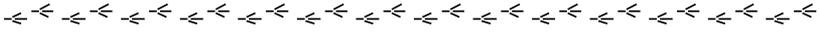
இந்நிலையில், ஆப்பிரிக்கர்களை அடிமைகளாக்கி விற்று தொழில் நடத்தும் பயங்கர நிலையை அவர் கண்டுகொண்டார். அவர்கள் திடீரென, கிராமங்களைச் சுற்றி, அடிமைகளாக பிடிக்க விரும்புகிறவர்களைப் பிடித்து

மிகவும் துன்புறுத்தி, காடுகளின் வழியாக கடற்கரைப் பகுதி வரை பல மைல் தூரம் நடக்கச் செய்து, அங்கு அவர்களை விற்றுப்போடுவர். இந்நிலையை “ஆப்பிரிக்காவின் ஆறாத புண்” என வர்ணித்துள்ளார். அடிமை வியாபார கொடுமையை தடுக்கவும், அவர்களிடம் மிஷனரிப்பணி மேற்கொள்ளவும் உறுதிகொண்டார்.

ஒரு ஆப்பிரிக்க இனத் தலைவன், இயேசுவால் தொடப்பட்டு, முதன்முதலாக கிறிஸ்துவை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டான். இந்த உற்சாகத்தால், நூற்றுக்கணக்கான ஆப்பிரிக்க இன மக்களை அவர் தேடிச் சென்றார். அங்கு அவருக்கு தொடர்ந்து ஆபத்துகள் நேர்ந்தவண்ணமாகவே இருந்தது. ஒரு முறை ஒரு காண்டாமிருகத்தால் வேகமாக தாக்கப்பட்டார். இன்னொரு முறை ஓர் எதிரி பத்து அடி தூரத்திலிருந்து ஒரு ஈட்டியை அவர்மேல் எறிந்தான். அது அவரது கழுத்தின் ஓரமாய்ச் சென்று மரத்தில் குத்தி நின்றது. எவ்வகை ஆபத்து நேரங்களிலும் கர்த்தர் அவரோடிருந்தார்.

வயது சென்ற நிலையில், பல வருட பாடுகள் நிறைந்த பிரயாணங்கள், சொந்த வேலைக்காரர்களின் உண்மையற்ற தண்மை, மக்களின் விரோத மனப்பான்மை அவரை வாட்டியது. அவருக்கு வரும் கடிதங்கள், பொருட்கள் யாவும் களவாடப்பட்டன. குறைந்த ஆகாரம், கந்தலான ஆடை, உடைமைகளையெல்லாம் இழந்த நிலையில் வறுமை மிக்க மனிதனாய், அன்பற்ற மக்கள் மத்தியில் அவர் வாழ்ந்து வந்தார்.

பெரும் மழை, குளிர் ஆகியவற்றால் அவருடைய சரீர சுகவீனம் மேலும் அதிகரித்தது. அவ்விடத்திலுள்ள இளைஞர்கள் சிலர் அவரை அன்போடு கவனித்து வந்தனர். 1873 ஆம் ஆண்டு, மே மாதத்தில் ஓர் நாள் காலையில் அவருடைய குடிசைக்குள் அவரது நண்பர்கள் பிரவேசித்த போது, அவர் படுக்கையருகே, முழங்காலில் நின்றவண்ணம் அவரது முகம் தலையணையில் சாய்ந்திருந்தது. ஜெப நிலையில் அவரது உயிர் பிரிந்திருந்தது. மரிக்கும் தருவாயிலும், ஆப்பிரிக்கர்கள் கிறிஸ்துவை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என மன்றாடியபடியே அவர் உயிர் துறந்தார்.



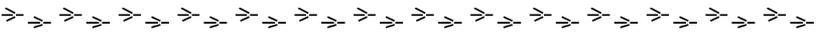
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ASSURING A FUTURE FOR THE GIRL CHILD

- Dr. Vivek Arunkumar



The purpose of this article is to disclose the grounds on which a girl child can have an assured future. There is a view that has been propagated for centuries that ‘the hardest profession to take in life is being a girl child’! As illogical as it sounds, one may as well ask, ‘was it her choice of profession?’ We are all aware that discrimination and manipulation in our society are factors that hamper the journey of many girls from their infancy.

In the article entitled, “Prioritizing the girl child,” Prasenjit Chowdhury states that according to the UNICEF report in 2010, India was ranked 49th out of 193 countries in descending order of the Under Five Mortality Rate (U5MR). The report further stated that every year, about 12 million girls are born in India, and three million, or 25 per cent, do not survive to see their fifteenth birthday. The child mortality rate between 0-4 years for girl child is 20.6 per cent, two per cent more than that of boys (18.6 per cent). The reasons could be lack of nutritious food and even gender bias. In yet another recent research it was found that women and girls comprise of 80 percent of the world’s refugees. It was also found that two million girls annually between the ages of 5–15 around the world are forced into the commercial sex market. Girls are bound by various cultural norms, poverty, feudal values, caste, class and religion. Even today in our country, we come across well-dressed men from seemingly well off families and well educated, pass **extremely offensive and derogatory words at girls and women.**

For the vast majority of girls in India and around the world, the future expectation is darkened into anxiety, anxiety into dread, and dread into despair. Most of the country’s education budget and health budget does not assure that a girl will get her right to education or health. These budgets are more often administrative decorations rather than having been implicated. Not to say that the governments have done nothing, but however, it is incompetent in comparison to the enormity of the challenge. In a context like this, what assurance could we possibly give a girl, when the future throws more displeasure and fear before her eyes and animosity grips her heart? It would be precarious to assure her a future without challenges. As perplexing as it gets, it stigmatizes our responses; but, only till we pose pressing questions to validate answers.

When we look at the title of this article, two significant questions arise i.e.: What kind of a future are we trying to assure a girl, our own daughters/sisters? And what is a girl’s future assured on? In Mark 5:22-23 we read, “Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, ‘My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.’” Here we see Jairus, a father intensively requesting the Lord Jesus Christ, a future for his daughter. He pleads

earnestly for the hand of Jesus on his daughter so that she will be healed of a seemingly dead situation and made alive. The father is committing his daughter's future in the hands of Jesus Christ. The story continues again in Mark 5:35-43; while Jesus and Jairus were still a long way off, some men from Jairus' house come with the news of his daughter's death. But Jesus says to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe." When we commit the future of a child in the hands of Christ, he in turn gives us the assurance of the child's future. At the end of Mark's narrative, we read that Jesus resurrected the girl from death.

The **first principle** in assuring a future for the girl child is to commit her in the hands of Christ. In the letter to the Ephesians 6:1-3, the Apostle Paul instructs children to 'obey' and 'honour' parents in the jurisdiction of God's will. For Paul says that when children obey and honour parents, they are setting a basis for a bright future for themselves. Though obeying and honouring are not inherited qualities for humans, Paul is instructing the children to follow the commands written in Deut.5:16. Eph.6:1-3 is an echo of Deut.5:16. And then in Eph. 6:4 Paul addresses the Fathers, (comes from the Greek root word *pater* which can be translated as parent) to implement in their children the instructions written in God's Word. Hence, Paul's basic admonition is that if we want a bright future then the secret is living according to the Word of God.

The **second principle** in assuring a future for the girl child is to plant the Word of God in her heart. Today, there are parents who assure their children of a superfluous education, a fabulous wedding, a promising career, and an assurance that they would be a sensational star. All these grand assurances but devoid of God and His word! With all these assurances and much more that parents think is best for their children, sadly enough, it is with these very things that they end up in a tragic lifestyle.

In 2 Kings 5:1-5, we read a motivating and a persuading story of a young captive girl from Israel who was willing to open a new tomorrow for Aram's army commander Naaman who was affected with leprosy. The captive girl from Israel says to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." This young girl knew the function of the prophet, she knew the gift of healing, and she knew what it is to talk in faith. Her statement in 2 Kings 5:3 was a statement of faith, for she was convinced in her heart. Romans 10:17 reminds us that, "Consequently, faith comes hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

We have assured a future for the girl child when we have committed her to Christ and when we have handed the word of God to her and teach her obedience by our own example. As a result, she will learn not only to open a new future for herself but will also learn to open a new future for others.

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Parents' Section

How is the concept of God established in the mind of the child?

It is a well-known fact that a child identifies his parents with God, whether or not the adults want that role. While yielding to their loving leadership, for example, children are also learning to yield to the benevolent leadership of God Himself. We have the responsibility of reflecting the two aspects of divine nature to the next generation.

First, our Heavenly Father is a God of unlimited love, and our children must be acquainted with His mercy and tenderness through our own love toward them. But make no mistake about it, our Lord is also the possessor of majestic authority! The universe is ordered by a supreme God who requires obedience from his children and has warned them that “the wages of sin is death.” To show our little ones love without authority is as serious a distortion of God’s nature as to reveal an iron-fisted authority without love.

Many people believe that children are basically “good” and only learn to do wrong from their parents and culture. Do you agree?

If they mean that all children are worthy and deserving of our love and respect, I certainly do agree. But if they believe that children are by nature unselfish, giving, and sinless before God, I must disagree. I wish that assessment of human nature were accurate, but it contradicts scriptural understanding. Jeremiah wrote: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it” (Jer 17:9). Jeremiah’s inspired insight into human nature is validated by the sordid history of mankind.

The path of civilization is blotted by murder, war, rape, and plundering from the time of Adam forward. This record of evil makes it difficult to hold to the view that children are pure and holy at birth and merely learn to do wrong from their misguided parents. Surely during the past 6,000 years, there must have been at least one generation for whom parents did things right. Yet greed, lust, and selfishness have characterized us all. Is this nature also evident in children? King David thought so, for he confessed, “...in sin did my mother conceive me” Psa 51:5.

What meaningful difference, then, is made by the distinction between the two views of children? Practically everything, in fact. Parents who believe all toddlers are infused with goodness and sunshine are urged to get out of the way and let their pleasant nature unfold. On the other hand, parents who recognize the inevitable internal war between good and evil will do their best to influence the child’s choices – to shape his will and provide a solid spiritual foundation. They acknowledge the dangers of adult defiance as expressed in I Samuel 15:23 – “For rebellion is as bad as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as bad as worshipping idols.”

(The above Q&A are taken from the book Dr. Dobson answers your questions. James Dobson is a leading psychologist and has been in the family ministry for over five decades)

Testimony

– Mrs Suba Vadivel

Praise the Lord! I come from a Hindu background. I would like to share with you briefly how Jesus has changed my life. Even though I studied in a Christian school, personally I did not know the Lord Jesus Christ.

My father was running a business and all the needs of my family were met by him. Still there was no peace in our family because of the hardship I went through in my personal life and also my sister passed away. It was such a painful time in our family; I don't have words to explain. To get rid of the pain and my problems and situations, I came to Chennai and decided to continue my studies. I thought that my studies and the new place would help me change my thoughts and bring peace and happiness in my life, but I could not find any peace or joy in my life. I felt that there was no purpose in my life.

One of my roommates, Mohana, invited me to River of Destiny Church in Chennai and another friend Adah also played a role in my coming to church. I saw the people around me in the church and realized that there was a difference in them. They were friendly and hospitable and I was touched by the love they showed me for this is what I was longing for. Then I started attending church regularly. I started believing in the Lord Jesus and saw changes in my life. The words of Jesus Christ comforted me, and I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour in the year 2008. He restored the joy and peace that I had lost.

I started to believe that God has a great plan and purpose in my life. I was praying and waiting from my life partner, and God has fulfilled my heart's desire by bringing Vadivel into my life and uniting us as husband and wife. After marriage, during the fourth month of my pregnancy, I was affected by dengue fever and hospitalized for about 15 days. Miraculously, God healed me and protected the baby in spite of the heavy medication I had to take.

At the time of confinement, we went for a routine checkup completely unaware of the danger to our baby. The umbilical cord had entangled around the baby's neck and had begun to compress her neck. When the doctors sensed the danger, they rushed me for an emergency Cesarean section and saved the baby. We learnt later that just a few hours of delay could have meant grave danger, but God led us to the hospital at the right time and graciously blessed us with a beautiful girl baby. We christened her Charis which means grace, and we know how much we owe to God's grace.

All my life, I will serve Him and declare the Word of God to the people who don't know Him. I give all glory and honour to God my Saviour. Praise the Lord!

(Suba, Vadivel and their daughter Charis worship in our Church and they take part in Marthahalli Area fellowship)

Prayer Diary

Compiled by Mrs. Anne F Sangeeth

"What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use - men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men, men of prayer." – E. M. Bounds

SUNDAY:

Sudan: Key Facts

Sudan is officially called the Republic of the Sudan in the Arab republic. Sudan suffers from several challenges, for much of Sudan's history the nation has suffered from ethnic strife and has been plagued by conflicts like two civil wars and the War in the Darfur region. Sudan suffers from poor human rights particularly dealing with issues of ethnic cleansing and slavery in the nation. The Corruptions Perception Index has indicated Sudan as one of the most corrupt nations in the world. Sudan is the 5th hungriest nation in the world and has an alarming hunger situation. The country has one of the lowest human developments in the world. 97% of the population in Sudan follows Islam. There are a few groups of orthodox Christians in Sudan in a few places. Religious identity plays a role in the country's politics. Muslims in the country have dominated the country since independence. Government forces have targeted the areas where Christians live and many have fled the place due to violence. Here is some basic information of the country:

Capital: Khartoum, Official Languages: Arabic and English, Current Population: 37.2 million

Government: Presidential System, Federal Republic, Representative Democracy, President: Omar al-Bashir, Vice-President: Bakri Hassan Saleh, Monetary Unit: Sudanese Pound

1. Pray for stronger Christians as there is a lot of persecution in Sudan.
2. Pray that the leaders and the government would know the Lord.
3. Pray for the economy of the country as most of the population is below the Poverty Line.
4. Pray for the droughts in the country and the people affected by droughts.
5. Pray that the corruption in Sudan reduces.

MONDAY:

- Praise God for the Irula VBS that happened in May.
- Pray for the kids as the new academic year is starting in June, that this would be a blessed year of studies and work.
- Pray for the Sunday school that reopens in June.
- **KR Puram Area Fellowship & its members** (Dennis, families of Ashok Doddanna, Atheejoe, Jayant, Jeevan, Jothi, Naveen Warren, Stephen Daniel & Dev Sundar Raj)
- **Hoodi Tamil Area Fellowship & its members** (families of Andrew Isaac, Arul, Gladston, Franklin, Jyothi, Mary Rita, Prabhu Paul, Rani Jeypaul, Stephen Babu, Sarah Sarojini, Usha Reddy)

TUESDAY:

- Praise God for the Leadership training program that happened in May.
- Pray for the new committee of our church that they would work sincerely for God's kingdom and be people of prayer.
- Pray for our Pastor Rev. David Livingston & his family and the missions that our pastor is a part of.
- **Bethel Nagar Area Fellowship & its members** (Moses, families of Pastor, Anand, Benjamin, Ebenezer, Dr. Arun, Jays, John Prashanth, Kalyan, 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)

WEDNESDAY:

- Praise God for many kids and adults were healed from chicken-pox in May.
- Pray for the Irula outreach program in Hosur, Hoodi Sunday School and the Whitefield outreach ministry.
- Pray for the Sports Day and the Annual Family Camp that are scheduled to happen in July.
- **Whitefield Area Fellowship & its members** (Daniel, 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, Paneer Selvam, Rueben Gandhi, Swamidas, Suresh)
- **ITPL Area Fellowship & its members** (Jeffin, Shannon Isaac, families of Abraham Edwin, Anban, Clement, Darwin, Franklin Koilpillai, Henry Sam, Jabez, John Manoah, Ronald, Sheldon, Prem)

THURSDAY:

- Thank the Lord for the PC meeting that happened in May and pray for all the programs that are planned for the year.
- Pray for the Bible quiz that is scheduled to happen on June 21, 2014.
- Pray for Bethel Shaale – for the children who attend and for Mr. Prabhu's family and Mr. Sangeeth who conduct the classes.
- Pray for the children of the home in Raichur in North Karnataka and for Mr. Shadrach and Mrs. Gladys Peters who labor there.
- **Hoodi Area fellowship & its members** (Frank Jeyakar, Ruth, families of Arun, David Anand, David Jabez, Dr. Kumara Rajasingh, Isaac Peterson, Leon Christian, Ranjan, Shibu, Vivek Bangera, Meryl Joseph, Franklin)
- **Kodigehalli Tamil AF& its members:** (Families of George & Ravi Kumar)

FRIDAY:

- Pray for the new government of our country.
- Pray for the Nigerian school girls who were abducted by the Islamic militants.
- Pray for the Christians who are being persecuted in many countries.
- **Marathahalli Area Fellowship & its members** (Kasturi, Merlin, Margaret, Jebakumar Families of Dinakar, Frank Jeyakar, Frank Santhosh, Himanshu, Melwyn, Praveen Paul, Sathiya, Selvin, Solomon, Sundar, Vadivel, Vijay Dhanasekar, Wilfred)
- **Bethel Nagar Tamil AF & its members** (Dorai, Jonathan, Justin, Solomon Families of Pastor, Bernard, Das, Emmanuel Dass, Joseph, Huldah, Paul Durai, Rev. Stanley Jayaseelan, Vijay)

SATURDAY:

Mission: Dying Seed Ministries (www.dyingseedministries.org)

Dying Seed Ministries was founded by Mr Lloyd Devairakkam who was born in a small village in Madurai. He had the experience of salvation in 1970. The vision of Dying Seed took shape in the year 1962 during Hindi opposition movement. Mr Lloyd was still a teenager then. With fervent prayers the Dying Seed Ministries began with just a small committed band of three people at CSI Church Ennore, Chennai. To fulfil their goal, this mission organises Dynamic Discipleship Training Programmes in a number of churches.

Dying Seed Ministries began with Mrs & Mr Lloyd Devairakkam as full time missionaries, but today they have a multiple of 70 in 12 states of India and Burma. 30 different ministries are done by this mission. They toil for the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of opposition and difficult circumstances.

Goals and Desires

- To raise a band of people not given to worldly pleasures such as money, position, power and popularity but rather have committed their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ wholeheartedly.
- Their target is to raise 1000 missionaries to be placed in different parts of India. This is their great longing and they are striving hard towards achieving this.

Prayer Points:

- Praise God for the people who are a part of this ministry.
- Pray for their finances because the full time missionaries do not receive their salary regularly.
- Pray that the ministry would achieve its goals and targets for the glory of the Lord.
- Pray for their ministry among children and the gospel meetings.

Irula VBS 2014

- Mr Atheejoe Nargunam

We would like to thank and praise God for His blessings during VBS at the Irula Mission Field which was held between the 16th and 18th of May 2014. This year, we saw good transformation in the children when compared to that of last year.

The theme of the VBS was "You are special". Following were the focus for each day.

- Day 1: You are special, because you are different and you are a child of God - Story of Creation
- Day 2: You are Special and God cares for you - Story of Daniel in the lion's den
- Day 3: You are special and you are God's important friend - Story of David and Jonathan
- Day 4: You are special and God has a Purpose for you - Story of Joseph's exile

We had about 75 children the first two days and 110 children the last day. The children were divided into 4 classes and were taught many new songs, verses and we had puppet shows & skit. We also had good time of games.

We had a presentation by the children on the last day which ended with the love feast. We would like to thank each and every one of our church members who prayed for this program and supported us in various ways.

Special thanks to our Pastor, Rev. David Livingston, for His guidance and being a part of this ministry. Thanks to Mr. Jeyaseelan, Mr. John and Mr. Ramappa from IEM for being with the team and helping and guiding us in the entire ministry. We specially thank Mrs & Mr. Isaac, Mrs. & Mr. Clement, Mr. Selvin, Mr. Arun, Mercy Aunty, Ruth, Percy, Jeanne, Sandhya, Charlotte, Santosh, Shanno and Atheejoe for being a part of this ministry.

We would once again like to thank God for His wondrous ways during the program and we remain thankful to God for using us in this ministry. We pray that God would use our church in this ministry and see the community transformed.

Leadership Camp 2014

- Dr Rajkumar

Leadership camp was held in collaboration with Haggai Institute on 24th & 25th May 2014 (Saturday & Sunday) at Claret Nivas, Carmelaram. Totally 20 participants attended the camp. Key topics discussed included Biblical Leadership (Mr.Devendra Chowdary), Blessing Hindus (Mr.Devathan Raghunath), Stewardship (Mr.Ebenezer) and Goal Setting & Life Mission (Dr.Joseph Shields).

The camp started with a session on Biblical Leadership. After sharing the importance of leadership, the participants were taught about various competencies which are expected out of a leader including - visioning, ability to create and lead teams, conflict resolution, ability to assess situations quickly and ability to coach. Participants were also taught the importance of Change management and how one goes about bringing in wide impacting changes. Evangelizing the world is actually bringing in a wide-reaching change for the better on many lives!

The session on Blessing Hindus, started with sharing the basics of Hinduism, participants were taught how to share the gospel to them and how to pray before sharing. The lessons on what to focus while sharing the gospel with hindus, Christian responses to typical hindu beliefs and lot of practical experiences shared were very useful

On Stewardship, the participants were first introduced to the various areas of stewardship – time, treasure and talents. Thereafter few topics were dealt in detail. For example, Financial stewardship was looked at holistically – lifestyle, spending, giving etc. in detail substantiated with lot of supporting scriptures. This session ended with detailing of rules and responsibilities of good steward.

Session on Goal Setting & Life Mission, started with introducing participants to the Biblical perspective on setting goals. Participants were taught how to identify goals, break them into sub-tasks and track them on a timeline. Since one needs motivation to stay focused on the goal, intrinsic and extrinsic motivation was explained. Participants were also taught the concepts of Vision, Mission and they were encouraged to set one for themselves. The practical discussions around how to take the stakeholders alongwith was very useful. The entire session was peppered with several implementable tips and customized framework (for eg. Balanced Score card adopted for a Christian Leader) were shared. The example ‘Mission and Values statements of Mr.Pat P.Gelsingner (CEO, VMware)’ was quite impressive.

The participants found the sessions very useful and life transforming. However the intense, focused training created fatigue and it was seen much during the last session. The feedback from the participants were very encouraging and here are a few samples: The camp was useful to:

- Learn about inward potential within me and show the ways and means where I can be a leader and take part
- Revisit my own life; Biblical application was really helpful and organized, systematic study was also helpful
- Practical examples gave the confidence that similar people already walked through the way I am dreaming for
- Learnt to build rapport with my colleagues; develop myself as a person and the differences in the approach that is needed to share the gospel
- To use all opportunities and do evangelism; accountability on resources; goal setting and monitoring

Several participants felt that they could have brought their spouse as well and suggested the Church to continue this leadership camp every year, but to invite members as a family.

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Meekness and Rest

- Excerpts from the book 'The pursuit of God' by A W Tozer

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." The burden borne by mankind is a heavy and a crushing thing. The word Jesus used means a load carried or toil borne to the point of exhaustion. Rest is not something we do; it is what comes to us when we cease to do. His own meekness – that is our rest.

Let us examine our burdens. First, there is the *burden of pride*. The labor of self-love is a heavy one indeed. Think of yourself whether much of your sorrow has not arisen from someone speaking slightly of you. The heart's fierce effort to protect itself from every slight, to shield its touchy honour will never let the mind have rest. How then can you hope to have inward peace? Continue this fight through the years and the burden will become intolerable. Such a burden as this is not necessary to bear. Jesus calls us to His rest, and meekness is His method. The meek man cares not at all who is greater than he, for he has long ago decided that the esteem of the world is not worth the effort. He develops toward himself a kindly sense of humour and learns to say; "Oh, so you have been overlooked? They have placed someone else before you? They have whispered that you are pretty small stuff after all? And now you feel hurt because the world is saying about you the

very things you have been saying about yourself? Only yesterday you were telling God that you were nothing, a mere worm of the dust. Where is your consistency? Come on, humble yourself, and cease to care what men think."

The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God has declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. He knows well that the world will never see him as God sees him and he has stopped caring. He rests perfectly content to allow God to place his own values. In the meantime, he will have attained a place of soul rest. As he walks on in meekness, he will be happy to let God defend him. The old struggle to defend himself is over. He has found the peace which meekness brings.

Then, there is the *burden of pretense* by which, I mean the common human desire to put the best foot forward and hide from the world our real inward poverty. The fear of being found out gnaws like rodents within the heart. The man of culture is haunted by the fear of coming upon a man more cultured than himself, and the learned man fears to meet the man more learned than he. The burden of comparison is real and little by little it kills the victim of this evil and unnatural way of life. To all victims of this gnawing disease, Jesus says, "Ye must become as little children." For little children receive direct enjoyment from what they have without calculating their worldly value. Only as they get older and sin begins to stir within their hearts, do jealousy and envy appear. Then they are unable to enjoy what they have if someone else has something larger or better. This pitiable condition is a part of our sad heritage of sin. Books are sold, clothes and cosmetics are peddled, by playing continually upon the desire to appear what we are not. Artificiality is one curse that will drop away the moment we kneel at Jesus' feet and surrender ourselves to His meekness. Then we will not care what people think of us so long as God is pleased. Then *what we are* will be everything; *what we appear* will take its place far down the scale of interest for us. Apart from sin, we have nothing of which to be ashamed.

The heart of the world is breaking under this load of pride and pretense. The rest that Jesus offers is the rest of meekness, the blessed relief which comes when we accept ourselves for what we are and cease to pretend. It will take some courage at first, but the needed grace will come as we learn that we are sharing this new and easy yoke with the strong Son of God Himself. He calls it "my yoke," and He walks at one end while we walk the other. As we consistently learn to walk this way, we become simple and happy like a little child.

Bible Studies - June 2014

	Date	Study Topic	Study leader	Venue / Dept.
Area fellowships (Overall co ord. Selvin-944885-270)	Marathahalli (co. ord.: Selvin)	Gospel of Matthew series	Selvin	Selvin's house
	ITPL (9980014729) Co.ord.:Jabez Yesudas	Gospel of Matthew series	Selvin	Selvin's house
	Whitefield(9731944666) co. ord.: Irwin	Plan for the year 2014 - 2015	Group Discussion	Clement's house
	Bethel nagar (9632388 200) Co ord.: Publius	To be decided	Jabez	Jabez's house
	K.R. Puram (9886799785) (Co ord.: Jayanth)	Parenting from Bible – Part-1	Irwin	Rajan Abraham's house
	Hoodi(9845919468) (Co. ord.: Joyce Arun	Parenting from Bible – Part-2	Christopher Vasa	Irwin's house
	Devasandra Tamil AF (co.ord.: Kolliraj)	Faith and Action	Rajkumar	Anand's house
	Kodigehalli Tamil AF (Co. ord.: Sasikala)	Practical talk	Rajkumar	Rajkumar's house
	Priyankanagar Tamil AF (Co.ord.: Reuben Gandhi)	To be decided	Vivek	Atheejae's house
	Bethel Nagar Tamil AF (Co.ord.: Vijay)	To be decided	Pastor	Jothi Sugirtharaj's house
	Hoodi Tamil AF (Co. ord.: Mary Rosaline)	Self-esteem – Last chapter	Anina David	Arun's house
	White field Kannada AF (Co. ord.: Ashok Doddanna)	Discussion on one practical issue	Isaac	Isaac's house
	Telugu AF (co. ord.: Anand MK) Hindi AF (co. ord.: Himanshu)	TBD	Jothi Sugirtharaj	Ruth's house
	Monthly teaching session(Tamil) Monthly teaching session(English)	TBD	Jothi Sugirtharaj	Sekar's house
	Tamilarea fellowship (Co.ord.:Jothi & Kolliraj)	14th June Sun 6:00 pm	Prophecies and its fulfillment - 2	Wilfred
28th June Sat 6:00 pm		Study on small prophetic books	Jabez Yesudas	Sasikala's house
13th June Fri 7:45pm		Use your tongue wisely	Bernard	Inbaraj's house
27th June Fri 7:45 pm		Let your eye be holy	Bernard	Reuben Gandhi's house
13th June Fri 6:00 pm		Jesus healing a woman with a Hemorrhage	Mrs.Jeya David	Jonathans house
27th June Fri 6:00 pm		Feeding the 5000	Vijay	Juliet Joseph's house
14th June Sat 6:00 pm		Study from Psalm - 1	Anban	Mary Rita's house
28th June Sat 6:30 pm		Study from Psalm - 2	Anban	Mary Rita's house
14th June Sat 6:30 pm		The power of resurrection	Ashok Doddanna	Reena's house
28th June Sat 6:30 pm		The power of resurrection	Ashok Doddanna	Shalini's house
15th June Sun 6:00 pm		The power of the Holy Spirit	Sahitya Deep	Sangeeth's house
15th June Sun 6:00 pm		TBD	Himanshu	Mohan's house
15th June Sun 6:00 pm		Our body is God's Temple	Mrs. Jaya David	WSCS (Angelin Isaac)
15th June Sun 11:30 am		Our body is God's Temple	Mrs. Angelin Isaac	WSCS (Angelin Isaac)

Bible Studies - June 2014

	Date	Study Topic	Study leader	Venue / Dept.
Youth fellowship(Saturday/MYF) Mentor: Franklin Koilpillai & Jemimah Koilpillai	7 th June Sat 5:30pm	Study led by youth	Youth leader	BMC (Dept: MYF)
	14 th June Sat 5:30pm	Cult – Scientology	Franklin	
	21 st June Sat 5:30pm	Discipleship series	Bernard	
	28 th June Sat 5:30pm	Combined youth meeting – Other Religions	Pastor	
Youth fellowship(Sunday/MYF) Mentor: Franklin Koilpillai & Jemimah Koilpillai (Help: Selvin)	1 st June Sun 8:20-9:20am	Purpose of life	Franklin	BMC (Dept: MYF)
	8 th June Sun 8:20-9:20am	Study led by youth	Youth leader	
	15 th June Sun 8:20-9:20am	How to maintain purity in youth	Dr. Kumara Singh	
	22 nd June Sun 8:20-9:20am	Stumbling blocks for doing God's will	Ronald	
	28 th June Sat 5:30 pm	Combined youth meeting – Other Religions	Pastor	
Teens fellowship Mentor: Jabez Yesudas & Merjula Jabez	8 th June Sun 8:20-9:20am	GD - Topics for the year 2014-15	Jabez/Anina	BMC (Dept.: CE)
	15 th June Sun 8:20-9:20am	Character Study - Samson	Jabez	
	22 nd June Sun 8:20-9:20am	World view	Clement	
	29 th June Sun 8:20-9:20am	Teens activities - 1	Jabez	

Prayer Meetings - June 2014

	Area	Date & Time	Place	Co ordinator
Monthly fasting prayer	BMC monthly fasting prayer	6 th June Friday 7:30pm	BMC	Pastor
Ladies prayer meet (Co ord.: Anne Sangeeth) Dept: WSCS	Marathahalli	Thursdays 10:30 – 11:30am	Mrs. Suba Vadivel's house	Mrs Hannah Selvin
	Hoodi	TBD	TBD	Mrs Anina David
	ITPL	TBD	TBD	Mrs Angelin Anban
	Whitefield	June 7 th Sat 3:30 pm	Mrs. Iris Irwin's house	Mrs. Jachin Joel
	Bethel Nagar	June 7 th Sat 2:30 pm	BMC	Mrs. Kamila Prabhu
	KR puram	June 20 th Fri 5:00 pm	Mrs. Suprima Mohanty house	Mrs. Jenita Atheejoe
	WSCS(Tamil)	20 th June Friday 11 am	BMC	Mrs.Sasikala

Whitefield Outreach - June 2014

Date	Message by	Leading help	Venue
1st June Sun 5.00 - 6.00 pm	Ashok Doddanna	Franklin, AtheeJoe, Clement	Mr. Vasu and Mrs. Mala's house
8th June Sun 5.00 - 6.00 pm	Rev. David Livingstone		
15th June Sun 5.00 - 6.00 pm	AtheeJoe		
22nd June Sun 5.00 - 6.00 pm	Jothi Sugirtharaj		
29th June Sun 5:00 – 6:00 pm	DC Franklin		

Regular & Special Programs - June, July & August

	Program	Date	In charge	Department
- June 2014 Regular Programs	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	Isaac Peterson	Pastor / Music dept
	BMC Sunday School	All Sundays 8:15am-9:25 am	Giftlin Clement	Sunday School
	Hoodi Kannada Sunday school	All Sundays at 2.00 pm	Gracy	Sunday school
	Whitefield Kannada Sunday School	All Sundays at 5:00pm -6.00 pm	Giftlin Clement	Missions
	Monthly PC meeting	15 th June Sunday	Pastor	Pastor
	Sunday School starts	1st June Sun	Giftlin Clement	Sunday School
	Memory verse competition for Kids	15th June Sun	Giftlin Clement	Sunday School
	Quarterly quiz by Sangeeth & Anne on books: Jonah, James & Philemon	21st June Sat 6.00 pm	Rajkumar	CE dept
Special Programs July 2014 Aug 2014	BMC annual sports day by MYF	13th Jul Sun 12 noon	Franklin Koilpillai	MYF
	BMC annual camp (English) at ECC, White field	18th Jul Fri 6 pm to 20th Jul Sun 4pm	Wilfred	Christian Education
	Independence day flag hoisting at BMC	15th Aug Fri 7:30 am	Sathiya	Lay activities
	BMC prayer day	15th Aug Fri 9.00 am -4 pm	Solomon	Prayer dept
	Sunday School Sunday	31st Aug Sun (7 & 9.30am service)	Giftlin Clement	Sunday school dept

Leadership Camp



Annual Family Camp - 2014

Enjoy the presence of the Lord! Learn God's plan for you & your family

Date 18-July (Friday) 6:00 pm - 20-July (Sunday) 5 pm
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Speakers Mr Wilfred Davidar, IAS., & Mrs Shanthy Davidar

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Pulpit Calendar - June 2014

Theme: And again I say Rejoice, Philippians 4:4



Date	Time	Speaker	Topic
1-Jun-14	7:00 am (Tamil)	Rev. Dr. Shanthi Tilak	Rejoice as an Individual
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Rev. Dr. S. Tilak Samuel	
8-Jun-14	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Rejoice as a family
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Dr. Vivek Arunkumar	
15-Jun-14	7:00 am (Tamil)	Rev. Stanley Jeyaseelan	Rejoice as in-laws
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Pastor	
22-Jun-14	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Rejoice as Neighbours
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Mr Franklin Koilpillai	
29-Jun-14	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Rejoice as Friends
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
	6:30 pm (English)	Rev. Dr. Tilak Samuel	

Quotations

- Begin to rejoice in the Lord, and your bones will flourish like a herb, and your cheeks will glow with the bloom of health and freshness. Worry, fear, distrust, care-all are poisonous! Joy is balm and healing, and if you will but rejoice, God will give power.— AB Simpson
- If you have no joy, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere - Bill Sunday
- There is not one blade of grass, there is no colour in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.- John Calvin
- The Lord gives his people perpetual joy when they walk in obedience to him. - D.L Moody

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