

## Pulpit Calendar - July 2008

Theme for the month: 'Foundation of Christian living'

Date	Speaker	Theme
6th July 08	Mr.J.S.A.Julius	Studying the word - a way of life
13th July 08 Communion	Rev.Paul.K.Royappa	Prayer - a resource
20th July 08	Dr.Rabindra	Fellowship - a blessing
27th July 08	Mrs.Gladys Peter	Evangelism - a mandate

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the most wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



First of all I want to sincerely thank all of you for upholding us and the Church through prayers. I really thank God for having provided a team of committed people to cater to the needs of the Church. My special thanks are due to those who have taken up various responsibilities to enhance the progress of the Church.

I praise God for the warmth and love that we enjoy and experience in the Church. I do believe that God has a great plan for BMC. As the Church in Ephesus was instrumental in sounding forth the Good News throughout Asia (Acts 19:10), let us pray that God would use BMC as a lighthouse to bring many out of the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of light. God needs you and me to do His work and fulfill His plan. Let 'Prayer and Evangelism' be the top most priority in all our activities so that the Church can grow physically and spiritually.

I am glad that we have already started exploring some means such as prayer and area fellowship to strengthen our fellowship and also reach out to those who are outside the Church in and around Bethel Nagar. I would appreciate if you could share your ideas as to how we as a Church could be involved in bringing more souls to the church. We should never allow the temple of Yahweh to be stagnant at any point in time.

Let us prayerfully make a resolution to identify and bring at least one person a month to the Church.....Let us target non-Christians and those who are not attending any Church or searching for a Church in Bethel nagar area. When we bring people to Christ and the Church, there will be rejoicing in heaven and also in BMC! Let us determine to make a joyful noise to the Lord bringing new souls to God's house.

For Pastoral visit, prayer and family counseling, I kindly request to contact me at any time at 9945471443. Though I am not able to visit you every Sunday due to my ministry at IMC, I want you to know that Rachel and I are fervently praying for all of you. Let us pray and care for one another that our fellowship will be an aroma to God. May God bless you richly.

**Rev. Paul K. Royappa**  
Pastor

## Other Programs / Details - July 2008

Bethel Nagar Area Fellowship	05.07.08(Sat) At 6pm	At Mr.Navin's house Contact 9902010658 (Mr.Publius )
AECS Layout Area Fellowship	05.07.08(Sat) At 5.30pm	At Mr.Irwin's house Contact 9731944666 (Irwin)
Prayer meeting	12.07.08 (Sat) From. 4pm - 6 pm	At BMC
Women's Fellowship	13.07.08 (Sun) At 11.30am	After Sunday service Contact 9886426287 (Angelin)
Bethel Nagar Area Fellowship	19.07.08 (Sat) At 6pm	At Mr.Navin's house Contact 9902010658 (Mr.Publius )
AECS Layout Area Fellowship	19.07.08 (Sat) At 5.30pm	At Mr.Anban's house Contact 9886771163 (Irwin)
Sunday School (English)	8.30 am	Every Sunday. Contact Iris (41215655)
Tamil Service	7.00 am	Every Sunday
Sunday School (Kannada)	2.00 pm	Every Sunday Contact Kiruba (9342473900)
Choir Practice	11.30 am	After Sunday Service Isaac (9845232807)
Youth Meeting	08.30am	Every Sunday

- Pray for the pastor Rev.Paul Royappa, Mrs. Rachel Royappa and Allan.



- Praise God for the growing women's fellowship. Three women groups are meeting for prayer mid week every week. Sales organized by women's fellowship on 22nd June 08 after Sunday service was a big success.
- Praise God for the provision of guitar, stranger speakers, plants, stands and contribution for other needs like mixer unit and wooden rack. Please continue to pray for inverter, books for the library, fans, keyboard, second phase project.
- Pray for Sunday school ministry at Whitefield, Hoodi & Priyanka Nagar.
- Pray that God will put more thirst for fasting prayer and many will turn up for the monthly meetings.
- Pray for plan and finance of phase 2 project of the church.
- Pray for the followup of VBS participant children.
- Pray for innovative ideas led by the Holy Spirit ( Word of God) to reach out and bring in needy people around
- Pray for the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit in the month of July to reign God's people at church, at home, at work and at the market Place.
- Pray for the pastors and their families (Rev. Moses Mamdapur and Rev .Ramesh Christopher).
- Pray for the preachers who are on the calendar of this month. Pray for the pulpit ministry as it is planned to have monthly and weekly themes.
- Pray for effective mutual support between Tamil and English service.
- Pray for the outreach work at SEA college and Garden city college. Pray for the permission for the SEA college girls hostel students to attend the service.
- Pray for the BMC website which is scheduled to be launched by 13th July 08. Pray for Nirmal as he is developing and administrating the website.

## Missionary Story : Pandita Ramabai

"People must not only hear about the kingdom of God, but must see it in actual operation, on a small scale perhaps and in imperfect form, but a real demonstration nevertheless."

One of the greatest pioneering examples of this in India was the life of Pandita Ramabai, founder of the Mukti Mission in Pune. Pandita Ramabai, a poet, scholar, and champion of the rights of women, has been acclaimed as a "mother of modern India." In her own time she struggled hard, as a Christian convert, to define her own identity and spiritual path. Ramabai was born in Karnataka in 1858. She was the daughter of a wealthy Brahmin scholar who taught his wife and daughters to read Sanskrit classics (much against the practices of those days). Her knowledge of Sanskrit, the sacred language of Hinduism, eventually won her fame and honor. She was given the honorific title "Pandita," mistress of wisdom. Her parents died when she was only sixteen, and she travelled widely across India with her brother. She married at the age of twenty-two, but her husband died of cholera after only sixteen months, leaving her alone with an infant daughter, Manorama. The practice among higher castes of betrothing young girls to much older men (her own mother had been nine, her father over forty, at the time of their marriage) had contributed to the vast number of widows, women without status or protection. Ramabai set out to do something about this social problem, establishing centers for widows and orphans in Poona and later Bombay, where the women were given basic education and training in marketable skills. Soon Ramabai had become the leading advocate for the rights and welfare of women in India. Her work brought her into contact with Christian missionaries. In 1883 she accepted an invitation by a congregation of Anglican nuns to visit England. For some time Ramabai had felt a distance from her Hindu upbringing, both on spiritual grounds and on the basis of her perception of the status of women in India. While in England she undertook a serious study of the Bible and eventually asked to be baptized. The spirit of Christ as reflected in the Bible sufficed to satisfy her own religious questions. From that source she learned that the heart of true religion was the love of God and the love of one's neighbor as oneself. News of her conversion provoked angry public controversy in India. Ramabai herself wrestled with her strong aversion to the cultural imperialism of foreign missionaries in India.



She was determined that becoming a Christian should not be construed as a denial of her Indian culture and roots. The gospel of Christ represented for her the purest expression of her own spiritual intuitions, in particular her growing belief that to serve women and the poor was a religious and not simply a social work. She returned to India and continued her charitable work, among other things founding a center for unwed mothers, a program for famine relief, and a series of schools for poor girls. She worked tirelessly breaking the barriers of her times by her love and strong determination. She died on April 5, 1922, at the age of sixty-four.

A woman with an all-embracing heart is a gift to the whole world. Today more than ever we must be grateful to pioneers like Pandita Ramabai for breaking down prison walls of narrow-mindedness. Can we show our gratitude better than by following her example?

## The Invisible Account

God keeps an account and it is unlike any other account in this world, being unseen by any man and its rewards unannounced. No error can ever occur in this account and it is indestructible. You see, even a cup of water given is entered in this record and carries with it a sure reward. A friendly phone call, an unselfish visit, a thoughtful gift, a generous cheque, all find their way into this account.

Not many give this account much thought, being more preoccupied with the bank accounts and affairs of this world. After all, these things are 'solid' and right in front of our eyes and constantly demand our attention.

But times will change, dear reader, and what appears invincible now will one day pass away. But this infallible, indestructible, invisible account will stand out in black and white - maintained by God himself.

Reader, what is your choice ? Which would you be more mindful of - the world's accounts or God's own account.

## Children Bible Quiz

1. What did God guard (block) the Garden of Eden with?  
A) Angels B) Cherubim and flaming sword  
C) Soldiers D) Aliens
2. What was the name of Adam and Eve's third son?  
A) Cain B) Seth C) Abel D) Enoch
3. What were the names of Jacob's wives?  
A) Hagar and Sarah B) Leah and Rachel  
C) Sarah and Rebekah D) Rebekah and Rachel

4. What got Joseph out of jail?  
A) The Pharaoh said he'd been in jail long enough  
B) hard work C) His correct dream interpretations  
D) An angel
5. On his way to Haran, what did Jacob dream about?  
A) Him wrestling with a messenger of God  
B) A ladder with angels ascending and descending  
C) Him giving a son a colorful coat D) Sheep
6. Why did Abraham leave his hometown of Ur?  
A) God told him to B) He was banished C) He followed a cloud D) To preach to the people of Canaan
7. Where did God tell Abraham to take Isaac to sacrifice him?  
A) Mt. Moriah B) Mt. Sinai C) Hebron D) Mt. Ararat
8. What were the names of Isaac's sons?  
A) Joseph and Esau B) Jacob and Cain  
C) Jacob and Esau D) Abel and Esau
9. How did Isaac choose who to marry?  
A) It was an arranged marriage B) God chose for him through a servant C) He found someone beautiful  
D) He didn't marry
10. What kind of animal did Noah take on the ark with him?  
A) All types of animals B) Lions C) Monkeys D) Rabbits

Answers:

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

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