



Monthly Theme:
"He will give the rain for your seed"
Is. 30:23

October 2011

Date	Time	Speaker	Weekly Theme
2nd Oct 2011 Sunday (Communion service)	7.00 am (Tamil) 9.45 am (English)	Mr. Suresh Dinakar Pastor	The Coriander Seed
9th Oct 2011 Sunday	7.00 am (Tamil) 9.45 am (English)	Pastor Pastor	The Mustard Seed
16th Oct 2011 Sunday (Harvest festival)	7.00 am (Tamil) 9.45 am (English)	Pastor Pastor	The Barley Seed
23rd Oct 2011 Sunday	7.00 am (Tamil) 9.45 am (English)	Pastor Pastor	The Wheat Seed
30th Oct 2011 Sunday	7.00 am (Tamil) 9.45 am (English)	Rev.Ramesh Christopher Mr.R.Selvin	



Joy to the
World the Lord
has Come



Reach Out to your friends and
neighbours this X Mas season
through
Evangelistic X'Mas Program



When
10th, 16th, 17th & 18th
December

Watch out this space for more details

Answers to Quiz on Ezra:

1 - b, 2 - c, 3 - b, 4 - d, 5
- a, 6 - a, 7 - c, 8 - c, 9 - d,
10 - b.



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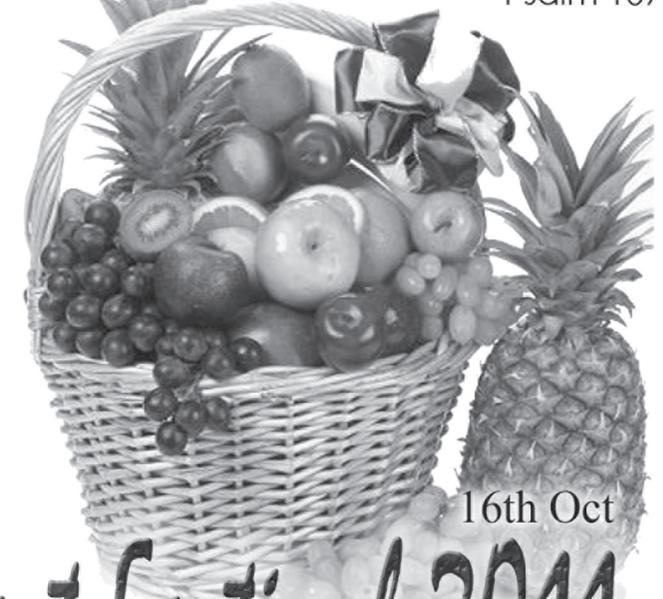


A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH KR PURAM



"Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good;
his love endures forever."

Psalm 107:1



16th Oct

Harvest Festival 2011

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Pastoral Letter

Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

We as a Church have a great responsibility to be continuously giving to the Lord and to others in need. Our God is a giving God and He has given us life, food, clothing, shelter and many other things. He has given us His only son Jesus Christ as our Saviour. How do we call this? "Good Luck" or "God's Grace?"

All blessings come from the Lord and we receive them and enjoy because of His grace upon us. When we forget to be reminded of "all His benefits" (Ps.103:2) upon us, we tend to call it "Good Luck" instead of praising and glorifying Him for His 'goodness'. Don't wait for a crisis to strike to remind you that your life is at stake without God's everyday keeping of you. Be thankful for the moment you live now and do it more by counting each little blessing. Be reminded of God's promises to keep you watchful in His sovereign hands if you have to pass through tunnels and furnace. A thankful heart is fixed on God and serene, nothing disturbs it. The Joy of the Lord is its strength.

We are going to observe the Harvest Festival this month which is a celebration of thankfulness to God for our resources and supplies of life all through the year. In the Scripture we learn that God supplies our everyday needs and has appointed a day to come before him with thanksgiving once a year. The form and order of observing it may differ from person to person and church to church but honoring God with gifts and offerings and entering in a joyful celebration before His throne is the constant which Scripture reminds us to keep.

I count it a grace and privilege to receive from the Lord the new ministry we have begun in Whitefield and the supporting ministry at the Berigai IEM field. Let us keep our spirits glowing in reaching out to the needy people and sharing with them the life-giving power of Christ. May we envision those days, through these ministries, when many people will be delivered from the evil hands of Satan and receive the forgiveness and eternal joy that comes through Christ. Jesus died on the Cross for everyone in this world and rose again to life showing his power over death and the devil. He is loving and gracious to share his powers with everyone who would ask for the same. He said, "freely you received, freely give." This is the reason we go forward extending the Lord's ministry in another area of needy people.

Let us set apart this month to acknowledge God's goodness in our lives and sincerely thank Him for them.

Grace be with you always.

David Livingston
Pastor, BMC



போதகர் மடல்

கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் அன்பானவர்களே

ஆண்டவர் இயேசுவின் இனிய நாமத்தில் வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

ஆண்டவர் நமது வாழ்வின் தேவைகளை அனுதினமும் வழங்கி வருகிறாரே, இதை 'நமது யோசம்' என்று சொல்வோமா அல்லது 'கிருபை' என்று கூறுவோமா?

தேவன் நம் மேல் பொழிந்துவரும் ஆசிர அனைத்தையும் நாம் பெறுவதும் அனுபவிப்பதும் அவர் கிருபையே தவிர வேறொன்றுமில்லை. அவர் செய்த சகல உபகாரங்களையும் மறக்கத்தொடங்கும்போதுதான், நம்மிடம் உள்ள நல்லாசிகளுக்கு 'யோசம்' என்று பெயர்கூட்டப்படுகிறது. ஆகையால்தான் ஆண்டவரின் அருட்கொடைகளை அனுதினமும் நினைத்துப்பார்க்க நேரமெடுத்து ஸ்தோத்திரம் சொல்லிவிடுவது நல்லது! சிலர் கஷ்டம் வரும்போது ஸ்தோத்திரம் சொல்லி ஜெபிக்கப் பழகிக்கொள்கிறேன் என்று சொல்லி கஷ்டத்தை நோக்கிக் காத்திருக்கிறார்கள். நன்றியுள்ள இதயமுள்ளவர்களோ எப்போதும் ஸ்தோத்தரிக்கிறார்கள். அவர் கிருபையினால் வரும் பெலனை அனுதினமும் பெற்றுக்கொள்ளப் பாத்திரவான்களாய்த் திகழ்கிறார்கள்.

இம்மாதம் மூன்றாம் ஞாயிறன்று ஆங்கில ஆராதனை அங்கத்தினர்கள் அறுவடைப் பண்டிகை ஆசரிக்க ஆயத்தமாகி வருகிறார்கள். தமிழ் அங்கத்தினர்கள் அடுத்த மாதம் முதல் ஞாயிறன்று அப்பண்டிகையை ஆசரிக்க ஆயத்தமாக வேண்டும். வேதத்தை கடைப்பிடிக்க விரும்புகிறவர்கள் இவ்வருடாந்திர பண்டிகை ஆசரிப்பை கருத்தோடு ஆசரித்து நமது விளைபொருளால் கர்த்தரை கணப்படுத்த விழைய வேண்டும்.

மேலும், நமக்கு கிருபையாய் அருளிய கூடுதல் ஊழியங்களை நினைத்து தேவனுக்கு நன்றி கூறுவோம். செப்டம்பர் 10, 2011 ,அருட்பணி ஞாயிறன்று ஓயிட்ஃபீல்ட் பகுதியில் திருவாச அவர்கள் இல்லத்தில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட தமிழ் ஆராதனையும், ஓசூர் பகுதியிலுள்ள IEM இருளா அருட்பணி மையத்தின் உதவி ஊழியத்தையும் அர்ப்பணிப்போடு இடைவிடாமல் செய்வோமாக! தேவகிருபை நம் அனைவரோடும் இருப்பதாக

"என் ஆத்துமாவே கர்த்தரை ஸ்தோத்தரி! அவர் செய்த சகல உபகாரங்களையும் மறவாதே! சங். 103:2



கட்டிய வீடும் கன்மலையில் தண்ணீரும்

- தொடர் சாட்சி

ஆறு மாதாத்திற்கு மேல் அவனுக்கு லீவ் இல்லை. தார்வாடில் வேலையில் சேரவேண்டும். இல்லையெனில் வேலை நீக்கம் செய்யப்படும் என்று நோட்டீஸ் வந்தது. விருப்பமில்லாத அவன் வேலைக்கு புறப்பட்டான். என் வேலை மாற்றம் மறுபடியும் பெங்களூருக்கு கிடைக்க ஜெபி என்று சொல்லி கடந்து சென்றான். அவளும் போராடி ஜெபித்தாள். கர்த்தர் இம்முறை மௌனமாய் இருந்தார். அவன் விசுவாசத்தில் தளர்ந்தான். எவ்வளக்களவு அவனை தேவனிடம் திருப்ப அவன் முயற்சித்தாளோ அவ்வளக்களவு போராட்டம். திருமணமாகி பத்து வருடம் இணைபிரியாத இருவரும் இப்போது பிரிந்துஇருந்தனர். ஜெபம் பலனக்கவில்லை

அவர்களுக்கு இரண்டு வருடங்களுக்கு முன் (1995ல்) இருபத்தைந்தாயிரம் கொடுத்தாலும் கிடைக்காது என்று விலை பேசிய ஒரு நிலம் திடீரென்று பதினைந்தாயிரம் ரூபாய்க்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. இது தேவன் தந்த மிகப் பெரிய ஈவு. 1998 ம் ஆண்டு கோடை விடுமுறை 2 மாதம் 24 மணி நேரங்கள் என்ன் செய்வது?. நேரம் எப்படி போகும்? தார்வாட் வருகிறேன் என்றான் அவள். தங்க வீடு இல்லை என்றான் அவன். அப்போ நான் வீடு கட்டப்போகிறேன் என்றான் அவள். ஆம் 1995ல் தேவன் ஈவாக கொடுத்த இடம் ஞாபகத்தில் வர டைம் பாஸுக்காக வீடு கட்டப்போகிறேன் என்றான் அவள். தகுந்த நேரத்தில் சகலமும் நன்மைக்கே என்பதுபோல இவர்களுக்கு நிலம் வாங்கி தந்த நெருங்கிய நண்பர் சகோ. ரூடால்ப் ரைஸ் - உடைய உதவியுடன் கட்டுமானப்பணித் தொடங்கியது. நிலம் இருந்த இடம் ஒரு காடு. நோ கரண்ட், நோ வாட்டர். ஜெபத்தோடு அடிக்கல் நாட்டப்பட்டது. தண்ணீருக்காக கிணறு தோண்டப்பட்டது. ஐந்து அடி தோண்டிய கிணற்றில் திடீரென்று ஒரு பெரிய பாறை. பாறையை நிக்கினால் தண்ணீர் என்றான் அந்த 'தண்ணி அடிச்ச' கிணறு தோண்டியவன். வெடி மருந்து வைத்து கற்பாறையை நீக்க முயற்சித்தனர். ஆனானும் முடியவில்லை. கிணறு தோண்டியே ஆகவேண்டும், இல்லையெனில் தண்ணீர் இல்லை, ஜெபித்தாள் அவள். அவளுடைய ஆலய போதகரும், ஜெபக்குழுவும் ஊக்கமாக ஜெபித்தனர். அவள் "அவர் கன்மலையைத் தண்ணீர்த்தடாகமாகவும், கற்பாறையை நீருற்றுக்ளாகவும் மாற்றுகிறார். சங்கீதம்114:8 என்ற வசனத்தை பிடித்து ஜெபித்தாள். எங்கள் கிணற்றின் கற்பாறையை நீருற்றாக மாற்றும் ஆண்டவரே என்று மன்றாடினாள். அப்பாடா! வெடி மருந்து உதவியால்,

, ஓரளவுக்கு 10 அடி பாறை நீக்கப்பட்டது. தினமும் 15 குடம் தண்ணீர் ஊற ஆரம்பித்தது. வெடி மருந்துக்கு அதிகமான பணம் செலவழித்து சோர்ந்து போன அவள், "இனி கிணற்று வேலையை நிறுத்திவிடுங்கள், இந்த 15 குடம் தண்ணீர் எங்களுக்கு போதுமானதாக இருக்க நான் ஜெபித்து உபயோகித்துக்கொள்கிறேன் என்றாள். கிணறு தோண்டியோ, "மேடம், இன்னும் ஒரே ஒரு வெடி என்னிடத்தில் உண்டு, அதற்கான செலவை மட்டும் தாருங்கள், அதோடு நிறுத்திவிடுகிறேன் என்றான். சரி என்று சம்மதித்த அவள் உருக்கமாய் ஜெபித்தாள். இயேசுப்பா "வனாந்திரத்தில் வழியையும், அவாந்திரத்தில் ஆறுகளையும் உருவாக்கினிரே, இந்த கற்பாறையில் நீருற்றுக்களைத் தாரும் ஐயா" என்றான். எத்தனை அதிசயம்! ஏறக்குறைய 90 வெடி மருந்தில் வெடிக்காத அந்த பெரிய பாறை, அந்த கடைசி வெடியில் பிளந்தது. அடியில் அழகிய மணல் நீருற்றுகள் பொங்கின. அற்புதம், அன்று வனாந்திரத்தில் நடந்த அற்புதம் இன்று பெங்களூரில் நடந்தது. கர்த்தருக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். வாட்டர் கிடைத்தது. பட் கரண்ட், 25 ஆயிரம் கட்டினால் ஆறு மாதத்தில் கரண்ட் கிடைக்கும் என்றார் மின்சார அதிகாரி. அடிக்கல் நாட்டிய போதகர் ஆல்பர்ட் சுதர்ஷன் அவர்கள் குடும்பமாக வந்து, இருட்டு வீட்டில் ஜெபத்தோடு பால்காய்த்து "தேவரீர் என் விளக்கை ஏற்றுவிர் என் தேவனாகிய கர்த்தர் இருளை வெளிச்சமாக்குவார். சங்கீதம் 18:28 என்ற வசனத்தை வீட்டில் ஒட்டிச்சென்றனர். இந்த வசனத்தை வைத்தே அவளும் அவளுடைய ஜெபக்குழுவும் ஜெபித்தனர். ரூ 25000 கேட்ட அதிகாரி 25 பைசா கூட வாங்காமல் ஆறு மாதம் என்று சொன்ன அதே ஆள் 6 மணி நேரத்திற்குள் கரண்ட் கணக்கின் கொடுக்க கர்த்தர் கிருபை புரிந்தார். அடுக்கடுக்காக அற்புதத்தை பெற்ற அந்த வீட்டின் பெயர் " Blessed Home "

- தொடரும்

பிறந்த நாட்கள் - தமிழ் சபையினர்

திரு. ரூபன் காந்தி - 7 அக்.
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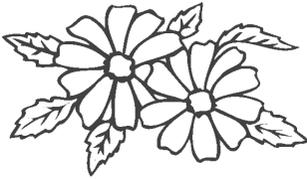
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- ராஜு பால், தேவசந்திரா

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- ஜோனத்தான், ஹுடி



Missionary Profile:

Rev. Ragland – First English missionary to India



Thomas Gajetan Ragland was born in Gibraltar on 26th April 1815, six months after his father's death. As he was bereft of his mother within a few years, he was brought up by his uncle Charles Birch in England. At Shropshire, through his childhood, he worked hard at school on the classics, obsessed with literature. At 15, he left schooling and worked in his uncle's business for 5 years. But in June 1837, he moved to Corpus Christi College with a meager aim of B.A degree but brilliantly ended up as fourth Wrangler

(rank) in the mathematical tripos (subject) at Cambridge and was absorbed as a Fellow. Shortly after being elected Fellow, he was ordained in 1841 and became curate at Barnwell. At 30, he accepted God's call to work abroad, and was received in Madras, India in 1846.

The first 6 months were spent in language study and getting to know people. As Church Missionary Society (CMS), London considered him to be the resident secretary at Madras, he was required to travel down south to get acquainted with the missionaries there. He travelled in a bullock cart to visit Dohnavur and the province of Travancore and mingled with them for the next 6 months. Despite his useful work in Madras for 5 years, the inner craving to do direct mission work by communicating the gospel led him to propose a itinerating mission concept, whereby the missionary would have close interaction with souls, and without a penny of support from mission. By then, he had comprehended the general need of the Tinnevely (Tirunelveli) and Travancore mission stations. But then, as per the norms of his college, he had to either do a Bachelor's degree in Divinity or lose the fellowship. Despite his willingness to lose fellowship, the missions preferred him to do B.D, and hence he was called back to England in 1852.

After completing B.D, and a brief time for restoring his health, he sailed back to India in 1853. After arriving at Madras, he set out to the Tirunelveli mission along with few native missionaries. His passion for gospel work is evident from his record of having preached daily, en route. He remained as an itinerant preacher, in the northern Tirunelveli covering towns like Srivilliputhur, Sattur and Sivakasi. Their missionary work had always begun, continued and ended in prayer. Till the rainy season of the year, they were merely accommodated in Canvas and the missionary camp was at Sivakasi. As Ragland's end drew near, God's providence seemed to have prepared well for him. During the winter of 1857, his health degraded considerably. Even at end times, his passion for mission did not subside, as evident from one of his last letters to a friend in England, to pay a part of his fellowship towards Sarah Tucker Training School in Tirunelveli. At this time, he was a senior fellow of his college and had the option of living in the gift of the society, which he renounced for the cause of work in India. On 22nd October 1858, his life came to rest at the young age of 43. He was laid to rest in the compound where he lived in Sivakasi. One Englishman (Fenn) and a few Indian brothers stood together amazed in tears at his funeral. It is worthwhile to remind a statement of Rev. Ragland – **“Of all plans for ensuring success, the most certain is Christ's own - becoming a corn of wheat, falling into the ground and dying”.**

By Wilfred

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Book Review

Every believer struggles in the area of aligning his/her thoughts in line with God's word which is an absolute necessity. This book deals with this all-important subject. It is written in clear and simple language. The chapters are brief and every point made is well explained with scriptures.

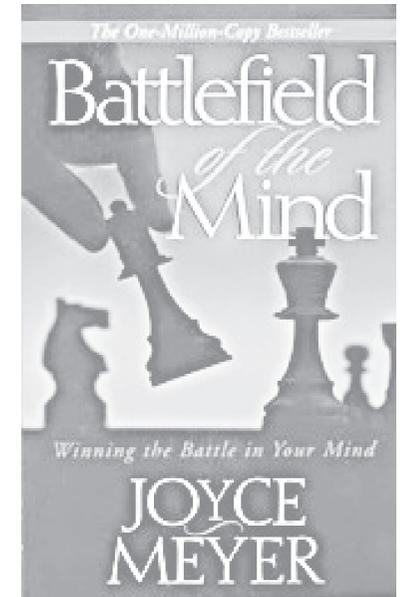
Joyce Meyer explains that the mind is the battlefield and it is on this ground of the mind that we, believers will either win or lose the war that Satan has launched. She analyses the various conditions of the mind with the help of scriptures. This helps us to identify the mindsets that need attention and correction and the strongholds that need to be pulled down. She goes on to explain the wilderness mentalities which keep us from enjoying our present journey.

Joyce Meyer emphasizes that right thinking is vital to victorious Christian living and we need to study and work regularly in the areas of thoughts and words. Quoting practical examples from her life, she drives home the message that thinking about what we're thinking about is very critical for every believer.

Joyce Meyer presents the solution from the scripture - *the renewal of our mind*. She points out that we need to consciously cooperate with God to allow Him to reprogram our mind to have the mind of Christ. She asserts that disciplining ourselves to spend quality time with Him in prayer, studying the Word and meditating on His Word is a must for us to expect any change in the first place.

I would say, this book is a must read for every believer.

By Mrs. Iris Irwin



PRAYER POINTS

“Call to me and I will answer you...”

Jeremiah 33:3



Thoughts on Prayer

- God works when His children pray.
- Remember when you pray, you become partners with God.
- One of the secrets of prayer is prayer in secret.
- True payer does not need eloquence but earnestness
- Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?
- God's soldiers fight best on their knees

I have so much to do that I spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.

— John Wesley

Monday: Our Church

- Pastor & Family
- Bishop
- Church Building project
- Sunday School
- Bethel Shaalae
- Missions & Evangelism dept
- Teens, Youth & young adult Bible studies
- WSCS
- Music Team
- All area fellowships
- Whitefield outreach worship
- Membership & Records team
- Oneness & prayerfulness in BMC
- Congregations – Tamil and English
- Harvest festivals & youth outreach
- Christmas outreach programs at various apartments(5 places)

Tuesday: Missionary Organization: IEM

- Total Number of Missionaries and Staff - 580
- Number of states - 16
- Field Missionaries:
- Couples - 84
- Singles - 22
- Local Evangelists - 89
- Church Buildings - 91
- Worship Groups - 157
- Tribal Hostel Projects - 11
- Number of Tribal Children in Hostels - 351
- Bible Translation (Number of Languages)-9
- Pray for the children of the missionaries (education and good upbringing)
- Pray for the health & financial needs of the missionaries

Source:<http://www.iemoutreach.org/ministries.html>

Wednesday: Our Nation & State - India, Karnataka

There are 25 million Christians in India which is just below 3% of the total population of the country. There are parts of India as heavily Christian as any part of Europe or America, e.g., Kerala, Goa, Mizoram. Kerala has the largest number of Christians among the states. However, in North India, the Church is represented only by small and scattered communities.

Karnataka had a relatively high number of anti-Christian attacks in 2009. More than 20 churches have been devastated. In 2008, Karnataka had more than 100 anti-Christian attacks.

Children's ministry in Karnataka

Bangalore not to be influenced by western cultural festivals – like La Tomatina, Oktoberfest
Leaders of our nation – to support a corruption free nation, to work for the upliftment of the rural, to create a sustainable infrastructure for the urban

Thursday: Other Nations – Indonesia

Christianity in Indonesia is the country's second-largest religion, after Islam. About 5.85% of the population of Indonesia are Protestants and about 3% are Catholics, as against roughly 85% Muslims.

Praise God for the sustained growth of the Church over the last 50 years. Great people movements to Christ have occurred among three of the eight Java sub-groups and among Indonesians of Chinese descent.

Pray for the government to act with righteousness in honouring all peoples and communities; Indonesia's history, especially recently, is characterized by discrimination, exploitation and favouritism. Pray for Sumatra, Indonesia's largest island, the largest unevangelised island in the world. More than 25 million people there have never heard about Jesus. The cities of Jakarta and Surabaya are key cities in reaching the rest of Indonesia. The capital of Jakarta has at least 1,000 churches and thousands of cell groups. Pray that the lives of Christians in these cities will be able to spiritually impact their whole country.

Pray that churches and key Christian agencies will be able to provide solutions for post-tsunami issues and the widespread poverty.

Friday: Sick, Poor & Needy, Prisoners

People admitted in hospitals and fighting for life
People suffering from various organ diseases like liver, heart, pancreas, kidney etc...

People suffering from terminal illnesses

People suffering due to lost privileges

People who are below poverty line

People who live in slums without even basic hygienic living conditions

People for whom even the basic medical help is not available

Life changing experience of prisoners

Children of prisoners

Home helpers

Children who are forced into labour by parents

Children who are ill-treated by their parents/masters

Saturday: Family and Our extended family members & neighbors, colleagues, teachers

- Parents
- Brothers & Sisters
- Grandparents
- Nieces & Nephews
- Uncles & Aunts
- Cousins
- Health, education and protection against evil of all above

That we will find opportunities (and that we will use them) to share the love of God with colleagues and neighbours

Sunday: World

Leaders (city, district, state, country, world)

Peace

Violence against women

Terrorists and terrorism

Fair distribution of natural resources

Wrong principalities

People affected by natural calamities

People for whom benefits do not reach

(Please use this prayer bulletin in all the BMC prayer meetings, area fellowships, family & personal prayers. Thanks!)

Compiled by Clement & Giftlin



Nithya and Ashok report on Bethel Shaale ...



Bethel Shaale is a social concern program run by BMC for children of construction workers in and around the Church. Contact sessions are held every Saturday between 4:00pm to 5:00pm at church premises. We have 2 members of BMC (Mrs. Sudha Peter & Mrs. Sasikala George) who volunteer to conduct these sessions for the kids.

The objective of this program is to impart Value education and Kannada/English literature education to the kids along with Christian education/spiritual growth. The session starts with Prayer, moving into a time of Singing Songs, Story-telling and activities based on the story and ends with prayer & snacks distribution. On an average 20 children attend this program regularly. Only around 60% of these kids go to school; rest are toddlers and kids who have not attended any school.

(Nithya and Ashok have taken responsibility as a family to give leadership to this important work).

Atheejoe reports on Mission Programs...

Missions Sunday: We thank God for the Missions Sunday on 18th September 2011. We had missionaries from IEM involved in Media, Church Development and promotional work as the resource people for the day.

The Missionaries preached in both the Tamil and English services post which we had a mission seminar. We had about 40 people attending the seminar. The congregation was introduced to different kinds of mission work happening in India. The mission seminar ended with a challenging thought from Rev. Rajasingh who inspired the congregation involved in secular jobs to involve in the building of the Kingdom of God.

We also met as a committee to discuss with the IEM missionaries on different ways to partner with IEM for mission work. IEM suggested us that

we could have a monthly program for the children in one of the Irula fields and also discussed with us on the need to establish a day care center for the children. The committee decided to work on this and take it forward.

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation".

The day also added a milestone in the ministry of The Bethel Methodist Church. God enabled us to start a fellowship at Whitefield at Mr. Vasu's residence. They have been conducting Sunday school in Kannada for about 2 years now and on the 18th September we have started a fellowship for the elders. We pray that God would bless this fellowship and it would grow into a full-fledged church. We request you to pray and participate in this ministry.

Sanjay briefs on Harvest Festival...

Harvest festival for the year is planned to be celebrated on the third Sunday of this month, October 16th. We encourage each and everyone to be a part of this festival of thanksgiving to God. There will be a time of fellowship and fun with lots of food and games after the church service. We encourage you to bring gifts for auctioning and to take part in all the activities. Lunch will be provided, you can book your biriyani packets with Sanjay (9980905507) who is coordinating all the activities. Do encourage your friends and relatives who can attend to be a part of this. All the proceeds of the festival will go towards meeting the needs of our church construction project.

Rajkumar reports on Closed Book Quiz...

We had the closed book quiz on the books of Daniel, Revelation and Matthew chapters 24 & 25 (all related to the theme of the Second Coming of our Lord as beautifully taught by our pastor in his sermons during the past 2 months). The quiz was well conducted by Shibu and Annie who even made us memorize some scripture! Marathahalli team retained the cup with a very close contest with both the Bethel Nagar and Whitefield teams. Just a reminder: Please prepare the books of Ezra and Nehemiah for the next closed book quiz on Saturday November 19th 2011 which will be conducted by Jabez and Merjula.

Brief from Pastor....

1. Kindly pray for and participate in the All India WSCS convention to be held in Bangalore on the dates October 6 - 10, 2011 in Bangalore under the leadership of our Bishop amma Mrs. Padma Sagar (President, Deaconess Conference of the SIRC).
2. There will be Baptism Service in the Church premises on October 2, 2011 at 8.45 am for the candidates Mrs. Suseela and Mrs. Rukmani. Kindly uphold them in your prayers.
3. Congratulations to Mr. Sudhakar and Mrs. Mahalakshmi who are blessed with a boy baby. Mrs. Mahalakshmi is the second daughter of Mr. Ravi and Mrs. Jeya Ravi, Kodigehalli.
4. Kindly join the Christmas Choir practice conducted in the Church on Saturday evenings at 7.15 pm. Contact Mr. Isaac Peterson.
5. The Schedule of the Sunday Services at Whitefield outreach : 4 PM - Sunday School & 5 PM - Worship Service. Contact Mr. Clement Selvaraj, Mr. Franklin DC and Mr. Atheejo Nargunam for details.

Bernard reports on Sunday morning Prayer....

A few of us meet on the 1st floor of the church building at 9:15 a.m every Sunday for a time of prayer to focus on the two services and other needs of the church and its members. We enjoy this fellowship and it is our prayer that everything that is done is meaningful in God 's sight and brings glory to Him and that nothing will be done merely as a routine. Those who are available are warmly welcomed to join us for this time of prayer.

Selvin reports on Friends Prayer Fellowship for Young Adults....

Some of us meet twice a month after the English service for a time of Bible Study. The study title is Christian Character. It is encouraging to know the thirst that many have to learn God's Word. If you are between the ages of 25 to 35 and are interested, please do join us.

Clement and Giftlin report on Teens Fellowship....

This has been newly started for the benefit of those who are just out of Sunday School. The topics for Bible Study have been chosen by the teens themselves and the sessions are quite interactive. We pray that this will help to mentor our young teens in Christ.

Inspirational

Kids Section



In 1883, a creative engineer named John Roebling was inspired by an idea to build a spectacular bridge connecting New York with the Long Island. However bridge building experts throughout the world thought that this was an impossible feat and told Roebling to forget the idea. Roebling could not ignore the vision he had in his mind. After much discussion and persuasion he managed to convince his son Washington, an upcoming engineer, that the bridge in fact could be built.

Working together for the first time, the father and son developed concepts of how it could be accomplished. With great excitement and inspiration, they hired their crew and began to build their dream bridge. The project started well, but when it was only a few months underway, a tragic accident on the site took the life of John Roebling. Washington was injured and left with some brain damage, which resulted in him not being able to walk or talk or even move. Everyone felt that the project should be scrapped. In spite of his handicap Washington was never discouraged and still had a burning desire to complete the bridge and his mind was still as sharp as ever.

He tried to pass on his enthusiasm to some of his friends, but they were too daunted by the task. Suddenly an idea hit him. All he could do was move one finger and he decided to make the best use of it. By moving this, he slowly developed a code of communication with his wife. He touched his wife's arm with that finger, indicating to her that he wanted her to call the engineers again. Then he used the same method of tapping her arm to tell the engineers what to do. It seemed foolish but the project was under way again. For 13 years Washington tapped out his instructions with his finger, until the bridge was finally completed. Today the spectacular Brooklyn Bridge stands in all its glory as a tribute to the triumph of one man's indomitable spirit and his determination not to be defeated by circumstances.

Children, when we face obstacles in our daily life, we shouldn't be bogged down by circumstances but be determined to overcome the hurdles by relying on God and persevering till the end. God's word says 'Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life'.

Wilfred



Read your Bible

Quiz on the book of EZRA

(There are 10 questions in all, each corresponding to its chapter e.g. question no. 1 from chapter 1, q no. 2 from chapter 2 and so on. Easy. Please try and finish as a preparation for our closed book quiz in November but more importantly to spend time with God's Word. Note: NIV Bible is used).

1. Who counted out the gold and silver articles belonging to the temple of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem?
a. Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah c. Cyrus king of Persia
b. Mithredath the treasurer d. The family heads of Judah
2. Some people were excluded from the priesthood as unclean because _____
a. they had eaten the most sacred food.
b. they had married foreign women.
c. they could not find their family records.
d. they had given no freewill offerings.
3. _____ were appointed to supervise the building of the house of the LORD.
a. Levites 30 years of age and older
b. Levites 20 years of age and older
c. Levites who were married
d. All Levite men
4. Some evil men who plotted to stop the rebuilding of Jerusalem wrote a letter to Artaxerxes king of Persia. In which script and language was the letter written?
a. Persian c. Greek
b. Hebrew d. Aramaic

5. Who said this, "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, one that a great king of Israel built and finished."
a. Zerubbabel and Jeshua c. Zerubbabel and Shealtiel
b. Shealtiel and Jozadak d. Jeshua and Jozadak
6. The temple was completed on the third day of the month _____, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.
a. Adar c. Nisan
b. Elul d. Shevat
7. _____ had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.
a. Azariah c. Ezra
b. Eleazar d. Nehemiah
8. Ezra and the men with him fasted and petitioned God and He answered their prayer. What did they pray for?
a. Unhindered rebuilding of the temple
b. The favour of King Cyrus of Persia
c. Safe journey for them and their children
d. Gold and silver articles for the temple
9. The people of Israel including some priests and Levites had intermarried with the neighbouring peoples and had not obeyed God's law. One of these people groups in NOT mentioned in Chapter 9 in this context. Which one is it?
a. Canaanites c. Hittites
b. Jebusites d. Gibeonites
10. While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, with a large crowd of Israelites around him, who first came forward openly to support him?
a. Jehiel c. Elam
b. Shecaniah d. Eliashib

(Answers on Page No. 24)

Compiled by Mrs. Hannah Selvin

Learn about a Country

SOMALIA (AFRICA): Area : 637000 Sq.Km (about 1/5th of India);
Population : ~1.4 crore. **Economy:** Camel and cattle herding; Agriculture.
Economy in ruins and controlled by warlords trading in narcotics, arms and food aids. **Politics:** Got independence in 1960 from Britain and Italy. Country slid into Clan warfare with warlords vying for power especially over the agricultural area which led to terrible famine.. **Religion:** Islam: 99.95%. Christians approximately 5000 people in all.

Challenges for Prayer:

1. Pray that a stable national govt is formed and future rulers govern the nation for the good of its people, respect human rights and religious freedom. Over 3 lakh people died of famine. 25% of children under 5 years perished. Pray for wise administration of aid, protection of the aid workers (majority are Christians) and the refugees in Kenya, Ethiopia and Yemen.
2. The churches have been driven underground. Work of missions has been limited and almost ceased now. Pray for the Christians, for their protection, growth in faith and boldness to witness when opportunities arise.
3. Ministries: **Bible translation:** Bible printed in one of their languages and mainly distributed in refugees camps. Translation in Somali and distribution inside country is a need. **Radio ministries:** Somali Voice of new life, FEBA and TWR. Pray for expansion of their services. **Bible correspondence courses** by CNC which is now severely hampered due to collapse of Somalia postal services.

Contributed by Mr. Jabez

(Source: Operation world – 21st century edition)

1. God has given to man a short time here upon earth, and yet upon this short time eternity depends. – *Jeremy Taylor*
2. Prosperity knits a man to world. He feels that is 'finding his place in it' while really it is finding its place in him. – *C.S. Lewis*

Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

English Congregation - Birthdays

Carolyn	- 2 Oct
Mrs. Angelin Isaac	- 2 Oct
Mr. Clement	- 8 Oct
Mrs. Suprima Mohanty	- 16 Oct
Mrs. Sharon	- 18 Oct
Mrs. Kamila Prabhu	- 19 Oct
Christopher David	- 20 Oct
Melwin Timothy	- 23 Oct
Mr. Sanjay Joel	- 25 Oct
Mrs. Vijitha Sheldon	- 25 Oct
Mr. Publius Paul Durai	- 30 Oct



English Congregation - Wedding Anniversaries

Mr.& Mrs. Jayant Mohanty	- 3 Oct
Mr.& Mrs. Prabhu	- 4 Oct
Mr.& Mrs. Shibu	- 17 Oct

Testimony

On August 21st, my sister and I had a serious allergic reaction called anaphylaxis to topical application of a local anaesthetic. Praise God that we could get immediate medical care and by His grace have a second lease of life. We literally experienced the fact that each breath we take is purely God's grace and mercy. For me personally, the period of ill health that followed was a time to repent and draw closer to God, to renew my commitment, to experience the joy of family relationships, to realise that no aspiration in life without God in it is ever really worth it, and to remember that we live in a very needy land where so many thousands do not enjoy the benefits and privileges we have and that as Christians we have a direct responsibility to serve our fellow countrymen. God help us live our life worthy of His calling - our possessions, our thoughts, and our every breath in surrender to His will.

– *Hannah Selvin*

BMC Yearly program calendar: Jan 2012 ~ May 2012

Month	Date	Program	Department
Jan-2012	13 th Jan. Fri-15th Sun	Family camp(Tamil) at Tamil nadu	CE dept
	26th Jan. Thu	Pray for India & seminar	CE dept
	26th Jan. Thu	Old age home visit	Sunday school
Feb-2012	4th Feb. Sat 7 am - 5 pm	Field Visit	Missions
	18th Feb. Sat 6.00 pm	Closed book quiz	CE dept
	19th Sun (1 st & 2 nd Service)	WSCS Sunday	WSCS
	22nd Feb. Wed 7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Pastor
	3rd Mar. Sat 10am - 3 pm	VBS teachers trng. (Eng. & Kan.)	Sunday school
Apr-2012	1st Apr. Sun	Palm Sunday	Pastor
	4th Apr. Wed-8th Sun	Passion week-Special Evening Mtgs	CE dept
	5th Apr. Thu 7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday service	Pastor
	6th Apr. Fri 8 am	Good Friday service (Tamil)	Pastor
	6 th Apr. Fri 11 am	Good Friday service (English)	Pastor
	8th Apr. Sun	Easter service	Pastor
	13th Apr. Fri - 22nd Sunday	VBS(English)	Sunday school
	23rd Apr. Mon - 29th Sun	VBS(Kannada)	Sunday school
May-2012	1st May Tue	Youth Retreat	MYF
	4th - 6th May	VBS - Irula Field	Missions
	27th May Sun 1.00 pm	New PC orientation program	Pastor

Bible studies - Oct 2011:

	Date	Study Topic	Study leader	Venue
Youth fellowship(MYF) Mentor: Atheeje & Jenita Atheeje	2 nd Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Time of Sharing and Prayer	Atheeje	BMC (Dept: MYF)
	9 th Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Recap-Mountain Teachings of Jesus	Jenitta	
	23 rd Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Time of Sharing and Prayer	Anul	
	30 th Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Character Study - Joseph	Atheeje	
Teens fellowship Mentor: Clement & Giftlin Clement	2 nd Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Growing by obeying God's word	Rajkumar	BMC (Dept.: CE)
	9 th Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Temptation	Isaac	
	23 rd Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Value systems of the world pitched against Christian values	Clement	
	30 th Oct Sun 8.45-9.30am	Anger Management	Giftlin	
Friends prayer fellowship (Young adults) Mentor: Selvin	9 th Oct Sun 11.30-12.15pm	Temptation (Gen. 39)	Selvin	BMC (Dept.: CE)
	23 rd Oct Sun 11.30-12.15pm	Faith (Gen 22: 1-19)	Selvin	
	9 th Oct Sun 11.30 - 12.15pm	Fruit of the spirit - Peace	Jeya Livingston	
WSCS (Sweetlin Frank) KR puram (co. ord.: Atheeje) Bethel nagar (Co ord: Publius) Whitefield (co. ord.: Irwin) Hoodi (co. ord.: Joyce Arun) Marathahalli (co. ord.: Selvin)	8 th Oct Sat 7.00 pm	Making yr heart Christ-Study room	Atheeje	Joe's house
	22 nd Oct Sat 7.00 pm	Making yr heart Christ-Dining room	Atheeje	Ashok's house
	8 th Oct Sat 5.00 pm	Introduction to Ezra	Pastor	Bernat's house
	22 nd Oct Sat 5.00 pm	Introduction to Nehemiah	Rajkumar	Kalyan's house
	9 th Oct Sun 5.00 pm	Study on Romans	Jabez yesudas	John's house
	23 rd Oct Sun 5.00 pm	Study on Romans	John manoah	Jabez house
	8 th Oct Sat 5.00 pm	Study on John 21	Shibu	Shibu's house
	22 nd Oct Sat 5.00 pm	Study on Joshua	Angelin isaac	Arun's house
	8 th Oct Sat 5.00 pm	Time to grow up- Book of James	Wilfred	Sundar's house
	22 nd Oct Sat 5.00 pm	Turning trials in to triumphs-James	Selvin	Sathiya's house

Prayer meetings ~ Oct. 2011 (Overall co ord.: Giftlin, Prayer dept.)

	Prayer meet name	Date`	Co ordinator	Venue
	Monthly fasting prayer (1 st Fri.)	7 th Oct Fri 7.30-9.30pm	Giftlin Clement	BMC
	Hour of power (Third Sat.)	15 th Oct Sat 6am-8.00 am	Selvin	Mr. Isaac's house
	Sunday morning prayer	All Sundays 9.15 am - 9.30 am	Bernat	BMC
	Hoodi -East	Once a month	Selina Ronald	Mahaveer apt.
	A ECS layout	Once a month	Nithya ashok	Shikaram apt.
	Bethel Nagar	Once a month	Rita Publius	Rita's house
	Hoodi -west	Once a month	Rachel Tony	Golden star apt.
	Whitefield	Once a month	Jachin Joel	Jachin's house
	SEA college area	Once a month	Sharon	Sharon's house
	KR puram area	Once a month	Suprima Jayanth	Suprima's house
Prayer cells				
Ladies area				

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Sunday Schools ~ Oct 2011

	Name	Date`	In charge	Venue
BMC	BMC Sunday school	All Sundays 8.45 -9.40 am	Anina David	BMC
	Hoodi Sunday school(Kannada)	All Sundays 11.00-1.00 pm	Gracy	Hoodi
	Marathahalli Sunday School	All Saturdays 2-3 pm	Hannah	Selvin's house
	Kundanahalli Sunday school	All Sundays 4.30-5.00pm	Giftlin	Clement's house
	Whitefield Sunday School	All Sundays 4.00 - 5.00 pm	Mala	Mala's house

Regular programs & Special programs (Oct., Nov., Dec. 2011)

	Program	Date	In charge	Venue	Department
Prayer Routine	Dawn Service	1 st Oct Sat 6 am - 6.45 am	Pastor	BMC	Pastor
	Bethel Shaale	All Saturdays 4.00 - 5.00 pm	Nithya Ashok	BMC	Social concerns
	Kids Choir Practice	1 st & 3 rd Sun 11.30-12.15pm	Sathiya	BMC	Music
	Main Choir practice	All Sat. 7.15-8.45 pm	Isaac	BMC	Music
	PC meeting	23 rd Sun 12.00 noon	Pastor	BMC	Pastor
	White field Outreach	All Sundays at 5.00-6.00pm	Joe, Franklin, Clement	Whitefield	Missions
	Harvest festival (Eng.)	16 th Oct Sun 11.30am	Sanjay	BMC	Lay activities
	Harvest festival(Tamil)	6 th Nov Sun 11.30am	Arul	BMC	Lay activities
	Closed book quiz by Jabez & Merjula	19 th Nov Sat 6.30 pm	Rajkumar	BMC	CE dept. (Ezra & Nehemiah)
	Youth Sunday	20 th Nov Sun (Both services)	Atheejoe	BMC	MYF
Youth outreach	27 th Nov Sun 12.00 noon	Atheejoe	BMC	MYF	
Christmas outreach-Apt 1	10 th Dec Sat 6pm-7.30pm	Pastor	BMC	Missions & Music	
BMC 4th anniversary	11 th Dec Sun 9.30am	Isaac	BMC	Pastor	
Candle light service (Carols & S,School pgm.)	11 th Dec Sun 6pm		BMC	Music & S. School dept	
Carol rounds	12 th Mon - 13 th Wed & 19 th Mon - 20 th Tue (Dec)	Sathiya	BMC	Music dept	
Christmas outreach-Apt 2	16 th Dec Fri 6 pm-7.30 pm			Missions & Music	
Bethel Shaale X'mas pgm	17 th Dec Sat 4pm-5pm	Nithya Ashok	BMC	Social concerns	
Christmas outreach-Apt 3	17 th Dec Sat 6 pm-7.30 pm			Missions & Music	
Christmas outreach-Apt 4	18 th Dec Sun 4.30 - 6.00 pm			Missions & Music	
Christmas outreach-Apt 5	18 th Dec Sun 7 - 8.30 pm			Missions & Music	
Christmas Service	25 th Dec Sun	Pastor	BMC	Pastor	
New year service	31 st Dec Sat at 10.30pm	Pastor	BMC	Pastor	
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