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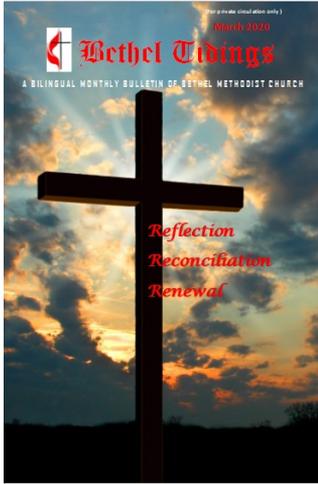
Reconciliation

Renewal

Missions Sunday - Feb 2020



"As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you"
When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like "foul a shephers." Matt. 9:36



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Pastoral Letter



Dear BMC and WMC families,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. We, both the pastors are happy to connect and confirm our sincere prayers to all of you that you may keep growing in the knowledge and wisdom of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Lent season gives us a time of reflection, reconciliation and renewal through worship and meditation.

Bible says that 'the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field (Genesis 3:1). People sometimes don't know that devil is real even when he holds them by the throat. He doesn't ask, 'Pardon me! May I have 20 minutes to destroy your life'. He appeals to our sinful desires (1 John 2:15, 16) – to desires of flesh, desires of the eyes and pride in the possession, all of which are not from the Father but from the world. The devil even disguises himself as the angel of light and appears as minister of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:14, 15). To resist temptation and detect Satan's deception, we must live in close fellowship with Christ (1 John 2:28). Then we will not be

fooled by Satan's devious. Obeying Christ can seem too hard but we must understand that all that he asks is for our good - to make our life full and free. Shall we pray "O Lord help us". Faith and love are vital for effective prayer. We will receive from what we ask (Mathew 7:7). But condition is that we must obey God and do whatever pleases him (1 John 3:22). If we don't meet God's condition, our prayer will be ineffective. To believe in the only begotten son Jesus and to love one another is what he expects from each one of us. Shall we reflect, reconcile and renew in this season.

Once a wolf decided to have a nice fat sheep for his dinner. He came up with a plan to catch a fat sheep by wearing a sheep's skin and to go into their field. He waited until it was night for the sheep to be taken into the fold. Then he put on the sheep's covering cloth, quietly entered, waiting until they were all asleep, so that he could pick up the fattest one. But a hunter became hungry and he decided to make a meal out of the fattest one he could find. Of course, the fattest one in the fold was the wolf disguised as the sheep. The wolf acted well to deceive but got punished. Our God gives life willingly for the sake of you and me, so that we can have life and life abundant.

In 1981, well-known Tele-evangelist Oral Roberts claimed that he had seen a vision of Jesus who appeared as a 900-foot high person standing over the Medical center of Oklahoma which had 60 story building. I think that is totally unbiblical. Resurrected Jesus was seen by his disciples as they saw him earlier. He ate with them, talked to them, especially to the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus and the Thomas when he doubted to check his wounds. They didn't see a 900-foot Jesus Christ. God created Adam and Eve in his likeness and in His image. We are His descendants – So Jesus came into this world like one among us. Revelation gives us the exact vision of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revelation 1:5,6 says that the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead and prince of the kings loved us and washed us from our sins. On the night before the crucifixion, He declared to his disciples "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends, you are my friends" John 15:13, 14. Moses' law said that a man should love his neighbor but Jesus died for others and said that 'Ye love one another. As I have loved you that ye also love one another' (John 13:34). God's standard of love is vertical and horizontal Christ-like love. Have you come across the wall poster that says 'I asked Jesus How much do you love me? And Jesus said to me 'This much' and he stretched out and spread His arms and died.

The primary purpose of Jesus coming was to deliver us from the power of sin and to grant spiritual healing. Then, secondarily to heal us physically. He fed 5000 physically before he preached spiritually healing them through

his word. Psalm 32:1 says 'Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered'. Salvation of soul is important which will live forever. Body is temporary one which will die and be resurrected with a transformation upon His arrival. Jesus has washed us from our sins through his own blood. This washing is an integral part of penalty and pollution of sin, so that the believer stands before God in a holy and cleansed position. He illustrated this insight when he washed the feet of disciples (John 13:10). Blood of Christ can wash away the vilest of man's sin, including the greatest sins of all (1 Corinthians 6: 9-11)

Jesus' first message was 'repent and believe in the Gospel' (Mark 1:15). When we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, confess and repent from our misdoings then the salvation of our soul is granted and we take part in the kingdom of God.

Thirdly, revelation is that which reveals Jesus as the king of kings and the prince of the kings, who has made us kings and priests. 1 Peter 2:9 assures that all believers are constituted as Royal priesthood. We have a wonderful privilege of going directly into the heavenly presence of God with our sacrifice of praise, worship and singing. In addition, we rule with Christ who has overcome all the authorities and principalities of the world and established his kingdom in the earth. He said 'My kingdom is in you'. Let it come in fullness in His second coming. That's why he taught us to pray 'Your kingdom come' Let us come to the throne of grace boldly, to worship him as king and priest through our praise and thanksgiving – because he is the creator, Redeemer and the Sustainer, who is, who was and who is also to come, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. He may grant us grace to feel and lament our share of evil which made it needful for him to suffer and die for our salvation. Through self-denial and prayer, let us prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better spiritual life. May the Lord give us true longing to be free from sin through his deliverance.

Yours in Christ

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Pastoral Team, BMC & WMC

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அனைவரையும் சபையின் சார்பாக வாழ்த்துகிறோம். கர்த்தர்
உங்களை ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக!**

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

போதகர் மடல்



கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் மிகவும் பிரியமான பெத்தேல் மற்றும் ஓயிட்பீல்டு திருச்சபை அங்கத்தினர்களே,

ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் நாமத்தில் வாழ்த்துக்கள். போதகர்ளாகிய நாங்கள் இருவரும் உங்களுடன் தொடர்புகொள்வதில் மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறோம். நமது ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவைப் பற்றிய அறிவில் நீங்கள் வளரும்படியாக நாங்கள் ஜெபிக்கிறோம். இந்த லெந்து என்னும் தபசு காலங்கள், கிறிஸ்துவை ஆராதித்து தியானம் செய்வதன் மூலம், நமது வாழ்க்கையை சீர்தூக்கிப்பார்க்கவும் (Reflection), கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் ஒப்புரவாகவும் (Reconciliation), நமது ஆவிக்குரிய வாழ்வைப் புதுப்பிக்கவும் (Renewal) ஒரு வாய்ப்பு கொடுக்கிறது.

‘சகல காட்டு ஜீவன்களைப் பார்க்கிலும் சர்ப்பமானது தந்திரமுள்ளதாய் இருந்தது’ (ஆதியாகமம் 3:1) என வேதம் கூறுகிறது. பலர் சாத்தானை உண்மையான ஆள்தத்துவமாக கருதுவதில்லை. அவன் நம்மிடம் அனுமதி பெற்று நமது வாழ்க்கையில் செயல்படுபவன் அல்ல! மாம்சத்தின் இச்சை, கண்களின் இச்சை, ஜீவனத்தின் பெருமை ஆகிய இவ்வுலக காரியங்களின் மூலம் அவன் நம்மில் செயல்படுகிறான். (1 யோவான் 2:15, 16). அவன் ஒளியின் தூதனுடைய வேஷத்தையும் நீதியின் ஊழியக்காரனுடைய வேஷத்தையும் தரித்துக்கொள்ளுவான் என வேதம் எச்சரிக்கிறது (2கொரிந்தியர் 11:14, 15). சோதனைகளை எதிர்த்து சாத்தானின் தந்திரங்களிலிருந்து விடுபட நாம் கிறிஸ்துவில் நிலைத்திருக்கவேண்டும். (1 யோவான் 2: 28) கிறிஸ்துவுக்குக் கீழ்ப்படிவது நமக்கு கடினமாக தோன்றலாம். ஆனால் நாம் முழுமையான விடுதலையுள்ள வாழ்க்கைப் பெறுவதற்காகவே அவர் அதனை விரும்புகிறார். ஆண்டவரே எனக்கு உதவி செய்யும் என நாம் ஜெபிப்போமா? விசுவாசமும் அன்பும் ஜெபத்திற்கு முக்கியமானது. கேட்டால் அதனைப் பெறுவோம் (மத்தேயு 7:7). இயேசுவின் மேல் விசுவாசம் கொண்டு, ஒருவரிலொருவர் அன்பாய் இருக்க வேண்டும் எனபதே அவர் கட்டளை (1 யோவான் 3:23) அந்த கட்டளைக்குக் கீழ்ப்படியாவிட்டால் நமது ஜெபம் வீணாகும். அவரது இந்த கட்டளைக்குக் கீழ்ப்படிந்து நம்மைப் புதுப்பித்துக்கொள்வோமாக.

ஓநாய் ஒன்று கொளுத்த ஆட்டுக்கிடாவை உணவாக கொள்ள எண்ணியதாம். அதனால் ஆட்டைப் போல் தோல் போர்த்திக்கொண்டு, இரவில் ஆட்டு மந்தைக்குள் அது நுழைந்தது. ஆடுகள் எல்லாம் தூங்கிய பின் மெதுவாக மந்தைக்குள் சென்று கொளுத்த கிடாவை கொல்ல திட்டம் தீட்டியது. ஆனால் அதே வேளையில், வேடன் ஒருவன் அந்த மந்தையில் உள்ள கொளுத்த கிடாவைப் பிடிக்க முயன்றான். அவனது பார்வையில் ஆட்டுத்தோல் போர்த்திய அந்த ஓநாய் பெரிதாக தெரிந்ததால் அதனைக் கொன்றான். தந்திரமாக செயல்பட்ட ஓநாய் கொல்லப்பட்டது. சாத்தானின் தந்திரமும் சிலுவையில் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது. இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவும் நம் அனைவருக்காகவும் நமது விடுதலை வாழ்விற்காகவும் தனது உயிரைக் கொடுத்தார்

அமெரிக்க நாட்டில் பிரபல பிரிசங்கியாராகிய ஓரல் ராபர்ட்ஸ் (Oral Roberts) 1981 இல், ஒரு தரிசனம் கண்டதாக கூறினார். அதில் அவர் 60-மாடி கட்டிடமான ஆக்ளஹோமா மருத்துவ மையத்தின் (Oklahoma Medical Centre) மேல் 900 அடி உயரமான இயேசுவைக் கண்டதாக கூறினார். இது வேதாகமத்திற்கு முரண்பட்டது. உயிர்த்தெழுந்த இயேசு, சிலுவை மரணத்திற்கு முன்னதாக எப்படிக் காணப்பட்டாரோ, அப்படியே அதன் பின்னரும் காணப்பட்டார். எம்மாலுருக்கு சென்ற சீஷர்களுக்கும் அவரை சந்தேகித்த தோமாவுக்கும் அவர் மனிதனாகவே வெளிப்பட்டார். 900 அடி உயரமான உருவமாக அல்ல. தேவன் ஆதாமையும் ஏவாளையும் தன்னுடைய சாயலாகவேப் படைத்தார். நாம் ஆதாமின் சந்ததி. இயேசு இவ்வுலகில் நம்மைப்போல் ஒருவராகவே வாழ்ந்தார்.

வெளிப்படுத்தின விசேஷம் இயேசுவின் வெளிப்பாட்டைத் தெளிவாகக் கூறுகிறது. வெளிப்படுத்தின விசேஷம் 1:5, 6 ஆம் வசனங்கள் இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவை 'உண்மையுள்ள சாட்சியாகவும், மரிதோரிலிருந்து முதற்பிறந்தவராகவும் பூமியின் ராஜாக்களுக்கு அதிபதியாகவும், நம்மிடத்தில் அன்பு கூர்ந்து, தமது இரத்தினாலே நம்முடைய பாவங்களைக் கழுவ வந்தவராகவும்' வெளிப்படுத்துகிறது. சிலுவையில் அறையப்படுவதற்கு முன்பு, இயேசு தான் சீஷர்களிடம் ' ஒருவன் தான் சிநேகிதருக்காகத் தன் ஜீவனைக் கொடுக்கிற அன்பிலும் அதிகமான அன்பு ஒருவரிடத்திலும் இல்லை (யோவான் 15:13, 14) எனக் கூறினார். மோசேயின் பிரமாணம் மனிதன் தன் அயலகத்தாரை நேசிக்க வேண்டும் என்றது. இயேசுவோ, எல்லா மனிதருக்காகவும் தன் ஜீவனைக் கொடுத்தார். 'நீங்கள் ஒருவரிலொருவர் அன்பாய் இருங்கள். நான் உங்களில் அன்பாயிருந்தது போல நீங்களும் ஒருவரிலொருவர் அன்பாயிருங்கள்' என இயேசு கூறினார் (யோவான் 13:34) . கிறிஸ்துவின் அன்பு உயரமும் உன்னதமுமானது. ஒரு சுவர் பலகையைக் கண்டிருப்பீர்கள்... அதில் "நான் இயேசுவிடத்தில் நீர் என் மேல் எவ்வளவு அன்பு நிறைந்தவர் என கேட்டேன், அதற்கு அவர் 'இவ்வளவு' என கூறி தனது கரங்களை விரித்து சிலுவையில் மரித்தார்" என குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கும்.

பாவத்திலிருந்து நமக்கு விடுதலை அளித்து, நமது ஆவிக்குரிய வாழ்க்கையை உயிர்ப்பிக்கிறதற்காகவே இயேசு வந்தார். பின்னர் நமது சரீர தேவைகளையும் சந்தித்தார். 5000 பேருக்கு உணவளித்தபோது, அவர் தமது வார்த்தையால் அவர்களது ஆத்துமாவிற்கும் உணவளித்தார். எவனுடைய மீறுதல் மன்னிக்கப்பட்டதோ, எவனுடைய பாவம் மூடப்பட்டதோ, அவன் பாக்கியவான் என சங்கீதம் 32:1 கூறுகிறது. நித்திய வாழ்வைப் பெற, ஆத்துமா இரட்சிக்கப்படவேண்டும். இந்த சரீரம் அநித்தியமானது. அவரது வருகையின் போது அது புது உருவம் பெறும். நம்முடைய பாவங்களை அவர் தமது சொந்த இரத்தத்தினால் கழுவினார். பாவத்தின் பரிகாரமாகவும் நம்மை பரிசுத்தமுள்ளவர்களாக தேவனுக்கு முன்பாக நிறுத்தவும் அவர் நம்மை கழுவினார். தமது சீஷர்களின் கால்களை அவர் கழுவிய போது, அவர் இதனைக் காண்பித்தார். (யோவான் 13:10). இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் இரத்தம் எந்த ஒரு பாவியையும் சுத்தமாக கழுவும். (1 கொரிந்தியர் 6:9-11). 'மனந்நிரும்பி சுவிசேஷத்தில் நம்பிக்கை வையுங்கள்'

என்பதே இயேசுவின் முதலாம் போதனை. (மாற்கு 1:15). இயேசுவின் மரணத்தையும் உயிர்த்தெழுதலையும் விசுவாசித்து, நமது பாவங்களை அறிக்கையிட்டு, மனந்திரும்பி, மன்னிப்பைப் பெற்று, நமது ஆத்துமா இரட்கிக்கப்படும்போது நாம் தேவனுடைய இராஜ்ஜியத்தில் பங்குள்ளவர்களாய் இருப்போம்.

மூன்றாவதாக, இயேசுவை இராஜாக்களுக்கு இராஜாவாகவும், நம்மை இராஜரீக ஆசாரியர்களாக அழைத்தவராகவும் காணவேண்டும். எல்லா விசுவாசிகளையும் அவர் இராஜரீக கூட்டமாக அழைத்தார் என 1 பேதுரு 2:9 இல் வாசிக்கிறோம். நமது துதி ஆராதனையின் மூலம் அவருடைய பரிசுத்த பிரசன்னத்திற்குள் நேரடியாக நுழைய அவர் பாக்கியம் கொடுத்துள்ளார். இன்னும் மேலாக, இவ்வுலகத்தின் சகல அதிகாரங்களையும் துரைத்தனங்களையும் மேற்கொண்ட கிறிஸ்துவுடன்கூட நாமும் ஆளுகை செய்யும்படியாக அவர் நம்மை அழைத்திருக்கிறார். 'தேவனுடைய இராஜ்ஜியம் உங்களில் உள்ளது' என அவர் கூறினார். அதனால்தான் 'உம்முடைய இராஜ்ஜியம் வருவதாக' என ஜெபிக்க அவர் கற்றுக் கொடுத்தார்.

ஆகையால் அவருடைய கிருபாசனத்து அண்டையில் தைரியமாய் நாம் சேருகிறோம் - அவரை இராஜாவாகவும், ஆசாரியராகவும் காண்கிறோம். ஏனெனில் அவர் நம்மை உருவாக்கி இரட்சித்து போஷித்து வருகிறவர். சதாகாலங்களிலும் மாறாதவராகவும், அல்பாவும் ஒமேகாவுமாய், ஆதியும் அந்தமுமாய் விளங்குபவர் அவர். நம்முடைய பாவத்தையும், அவருடைய கிருபையையும் உணர்ந்தவர்களாய் அவரைக் கிட்டிச் சேர்வோம். சுய வெறுப்புடனும் ஜெபத்துடனும், நமது இருதயத்தையும் வாழ்க்கையையும், ஆவிக்குரிய முன்னேற்றத்துக்கேற்றபடி நடத்துவோமாக. தேவன் தாமே, அவர்மூலம் பாவத்திலிருந்து விடுதலை பெற்று வாழும் வாஞ்சையை நமக்கு அளிப்பாராக. ஆமென்.

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Prayer

- No man is greater than his prayer life. - Leonard Ravenhill
- Prayers outlive those who uttered them, outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world. - E M Bounds
- It is possible to move men, through God, by Prayer alone - Hudson Taylor
- Work, Work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer. - Martin Luther
- Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God. - Oswald Chambers
- Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; Not the definition of Helplessness, but the feeling of it; Not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul. - Hannah More
- To pray well is the better half of study. - Martin Luther

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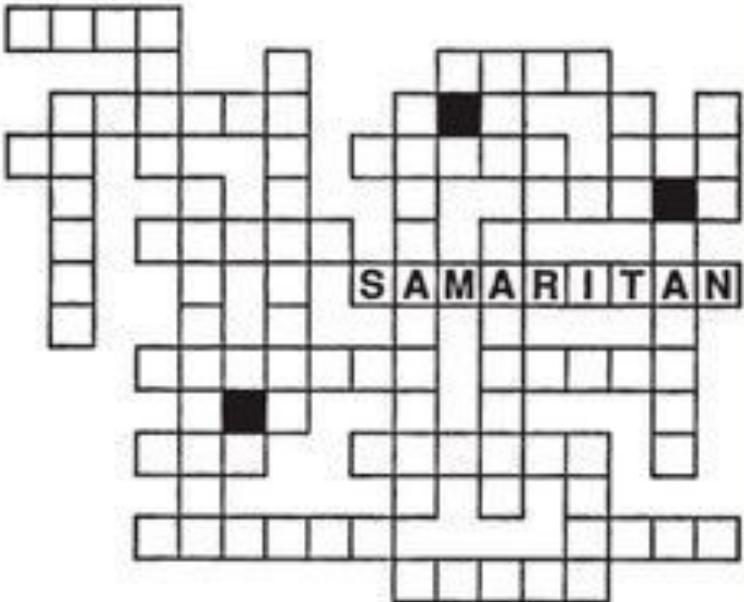
The Good Samaritan

Read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. The following words are taken from that passage. Fit the words into the crossword puzzle.

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LAWYER

PRIEST
LEVITE
WOUNDS
LOOKED
THIEVES
RAIMENT
JERUSALEM
NEIGHBOUR
COMPASSION



@40, When I didn't see the way, still I knew, He would lay the road

- Mr. Jabez Yesudas

"the race is not to the swift, not the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. Eccl 9:11"

Working for 15 years in the present company, all through the initial 12 years of several successes, promotions and accolades, I slowly began to realize the meaning of the above verses, as I started going through a subsequent lull and troublesome three years in my career. My job had become devoid of any significant challenges, opportunities to perform, learn and grow, while I noted other moving past the mark.

All my attempts of a breakthrough and job change seemed futile. But as we read in Psalms 119:71 ***"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."***, my struggles brought our family much closer to God. The session on prayer in BMC, changed our way of prayer - we start fasting and praying for our needs.

My dad often sends words of promises, which I have always treasured. One of those days while I was attempting multiple interviews for job change, he sent one verse ***"Do you see a man skilled (or excels) in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men – Proverbs 22:29"***. But in the subsequent interviews I attempted, I found many people (about 8) of seemingly of lower understanding, threw derogatory remarks on the concepts I had presented, without being able to appreciate the novelty involved. Even the job profile that I was offered to me was lower than my current profile. I was dejected, I brought this to Lord on my knees and I asked him "Lord, why do you let me to stand before such people? Is it that I am not skilled in my work?"

But true to the words of *Isaiah 55:11* that says ***"my word that goes out from my mouth, will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it"***, there came in another opportunity, wherein I just had 2 interactions - one with director and another with senior director. And HR mentioned to me that they are offering the job without any further interviews. The grade was also matching my expectations. We see no hurdles nor anything short of a blessing in the way Lord had opened up this opportunity. I fathomed the mightiness of his word ***"Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings"***. Further, the concept which some interview panels couldn't appreciate, God helped me to demonstrate it to the chief engineers and enabling it to be filed as a patent. I acknowledge how unworthy I am.

All I could summarize is this, ***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him"- Romans 8:28"***. I am sure, most of us in 35 to 45 years have similar struggle or even more intense in their careers. Please do not loose heart, but hold onto his promise, humbling in fasting and praying. The answer may be delayed (I had 3 years of uncertainties), but let us learn to be still and know his ways. Pray for me and my family too, to be a useful vessel for God.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Mathew 9:36 -38, Jesus saw the crowds, he had **compassion for them**, because **they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd**. Then he said to his disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”** **We see two things in this passage.** One is a positive thing and another one is a negative thing. **“The harvest is plentiful”** is a very good news and it is a positive thing. **“the laborers are few”** is a very sad news and it is a negative thing. To solve the negative thing, Jesus suggested a solution to his disciples immediately.

- What is the solution? - **Pray earnestly**
- To whom they need to pray? - **To the Lord of the harvest**

Yes, our God is the Lord of the harvest; that is the reason Jesus wants us to pray to the Lord of the harvest.

- What they need to pray for? – **To send out laborers into his harvest**

To remove the negative thing of “the laborers are few” we need to pray earnestly so that Lord of harvest will send out more laborers. The negative thing will be turned into a positive thing (instead of few, we will have more laborers).

On 22nd & 23rd Feb 2020, we conducted BMC mission Sunday. **“Going to needy countries as a missionary”** is the theme we had selected for this year. Mrs. Selina Mohandass helped us to find the suitable speakers. Rev. Victor Sither, Dr. Adeline Sither and Mr. Tijin were our resource persons.

In 1980’s Rev. Victor Sither and his wife went to Papua New Guinea and worked there as missionary teachers for 6 years. They helped the local churches and mission agencies to reach out to the unreached people groups in Papua New Guinea. Dr. Adeline was born in Papua New Guinea and completed her medical studies in India. She went back to Papua New Guinea and she started working in a mission hospital there. She learned local languages and helped to establish and strengthen a 60-seats medical hospital.

In the Tamil service on Sunday, 23rd Feb, Rev. Victor Sither shared the need among unreached people groups all over the world. He motivated congregation members to go and work towards reaching out to unreached people groups. Dr. Adeline Sither shared the word of God in Saturday Area Fellowship meeting and on Sunday English service. She motivated the congregation members as to how, in different ways church can send out their members as missionaries to unreached areas. She mentioned that people with different skills such as accountant, electrical engineer, aeronautical

engineer and communication engineer can help in mission fields and help mission organizations to reach out to people groups.

Mr. Tijin who currently works in Ghana, shared his testimony in Area fellowship meeting and in Sunday worship services. By this testimony, the way God selected him for the mission work and the vision God had given to him to reach out to African nations inspired the congregation members. He mentioned that we need to be available for His service. He shared as to how he and his wife reached out to the local community in South North Ghana - through different strategies like playing games, cooking African food, helping local people in their farm works and visiting their workplaces.

Mr. Anies and Mr. Shibu prepared and presented about Irula field mission work. Mr. Vijay Santhaseelan and Mr. Irwin presented Sadaramangala field work and motivated the members to join hands with the BMC mission team.

I thank God for giving us wonderful opportunities to do ministry in local areas and faraway places as well. I thank our pastors for their continuous support and help in the mission work. I thank Mrs. Selina Mohandass for arranging excellent resource persons for us. I thank all the mission team members for their continuous support in prayers. I thank the prayer department members for continuously remembering us in their prayers. Let God's name be glorified. Amen



IF...

(Excerpts from the devotional classic 'IF' by Amy Carmichael)

Each brief but profound meditation encapsulates a separate aspect of Calvary love, that self-denying love which Jesus displayed and which he demands of each of his followers

If I can write an unkind letter, speak an unkind word, think an unkind thought without grief and shame, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I can enjoy a joke at the expense of another; if I can in any way slight another in conversation, or even in thought, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I belittle those whom I am called to serve, talk of their weak points in contrast perhaps with what I think of as my strong points; if I adopt a superior attitude, forgetting 'Who made thee to differ? and what hast thou that thou hast not received?' then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I do not feel far more for the grieved Saviour than for my worried self when troublesome things occur, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If, when an answer I did not expect comes to a prayer which I believed I truly meant, I shrink back from it; if from the burden my Lord asks me to bear, I

fret and do not welcome His will, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I avoid being ‘ploughed under,’ with all that such ploughing entails of rough handling, isolation, uncongenial situations, strange tests, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I wonder why something trying is allowed, and press for prayer that it may be removed; if I cannot be trusted with any disappointment, and cannot go on in peace under any mystery, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I slip into the place that can be filled by Christ alone, making myself the first necessity to a soul instead of leading it to fasten upon Him, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I refuse to allow one who is dear to me to suffer for the sake of Christ, if I do not see such suffering as the greatest honour that can be offered to any follower of the Crucified, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If something I am asked to do for another feels burdensome; if, yielding to an inward unwillingness, I avoid doing it, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If monotony tries me and I cannot stand drudgery; if people who are slow fret me and little ruffles set me on edge; if I make much of the trifles of life, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I feel bitterly towards those who condemn me, as it seems to me, unjustly, forgetting that if they knew me as I know myself they would condemn me much more, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I say, “Yes, I forgive, but I cannot forget,” as though the God who twice a day washes all the sands on all the shores of all the world could not wash such memories from my mind, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I take offence easily, if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary love

If I do not give a friend ‘the benefit of doubt’ but put the worst construction instead of the best on what is said or done, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I cannot in honest happiness take the second place (or the twentieth); if I cannot take the first without making a fuss about my unworthiness, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I have not the patience of my Saviour with souls who grow slowly; if I know little of travail (a sharp and painful thing) till Christ be fully formed in them, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I cast up a confessed, repented and forsaken sin against another, and allow my remembrance of that sin to colour my thinking and feed my suspicions, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

Prayer Diary

Compiled by Mr. Selvin

MONDAY

I. Pray for current issues in the world:

- Global issues: Artificial intelligence arms race, Global catastrophic risk, Need of disarmament, Global warming, Human impact on the environment, Nuclear proliferation, Weapons of mass destruction.
- Pray for stable economy ; that there will not be recession leading to job cut; The world's population is ageing; Care for the aged; Hunger and malnutrition are in fact the number one risk to health worldwide
- About 795 million people in the world were undernourished. That means one in nine people do not get enough food to be healthy and lead an active life.
- Every child has the right to health, education and protection, and every society has a stake in expanding children's opportunities in life. Yet, around the world, millions of children are denied a fair chance for no reason other than the country, gender or circumstances into which they are born.
- Pray for God's intervention on spread of coronavirus. Pray for China administration as they cope up with this.

II. Pray for BMC:

- **Devasandra Tamil Area fellowship & its members**(co ord:Ruby): Families of Anandaraj, Koilraj, Ruth, Shekar, Suman, Thomas, John, Anandan, Prince , Suresh & Wilson
- **KR Puram Area English Fellowship & its members**(Co ord: Johnson): Families of Ashok Doddanna, Jayant, Arun, Johnson, Dev Sundar Raj, Thangadurai Samuel, Pinto, Rev.Selvan Jeyaraj , Suresh
- **BMC key focus:** Would be God centered, Word centered, Prayer centered, Fellowship centered and Mission centered; would be salt & light for the area in and around Bethel nagar and other parts of Bangalore, Karnataka, India and other countries.
- **Pastor's family:**

i. Sr Pastor Rev. John Wesley & family ii. Associate Pastor Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj & fly

ii. For their ministry, God's wisdom & guidance, travel safety, good health, for meeting all needs.

iii. Family of Late Rev. Immanuel Manasseh, for God's leading and comfort.

TUESDAY

I. Pray for a country: Myanmar

Many religions are practised in Myanmar. A large majority of the population practices Buddhism (80% to 89%). Other religions are practised largely without obstruction, with the notable exception of some religious minorities such as the Rohingya Muslims and Christians in Chin State. A tiny Jewish community in Rangoon had a synagogue but no resident rabbi to conduct services.

The Christian (7%) and Muslim (4%) populations face religious persecution and it is hard, if not impossible, for non-Buddhists to join the army or get government jobs, the main route to success in the country. Such persecution and targeting of civilians is particularly notable in Eastern Myanmar, where over 3000 villages have been destroyed in the past ten years forcing many Christians to flee the country. A long-standing ban on the free entry of missionaries and religious materials has persisted since independence in 1948, which is hostile to Christianity. The burning of Christian churches is reported in South Eastern Myanmar.

- Pray that hurdles in the path of spreading the gospel are removed.

- Pray that Win Myint, President of Myanmar and other people in power will know our Lord.

- Pray for children from Christian families, who face constant disadvantages in education.

- Pray that the minority Christian groups will be kept safe from violence and ravages of war.

II. Pray for BMC:

- **Bethel Nagar Tamil AF & its members**(Co ord: Stalin): Jonathan, Joseph, Paul Durai, Jefferson, Joshua Srikanth, Stalin Jose, Vijay Santhaseelan, Manickaraj, Sam and Stephen
- **Bethel Nagar Area English Fellowship & its members** : Families of Rev. John Wesley, Marcus, Rajkumar, Danish, Suchit Muni, Sharon, Timothy, Publius, Suresh, Nithya Aunty.
- **BMC future Focus:**

- i. Whitefield – More members, permanent place for worship.
- ii. would encourage every fellowship group to support a mission & involve in an outreach inside & outside BMC; effective ministry around BMC; BMC weekday ministries;
- iii. Effective monthly prayer meetings; area fellowship wise Prayer cells for Women & Men
- iv. High focus for children, teen, youth ministries . Evening Service at BMC
- v. Effective, meaningful, well attended Sunday Services;

- **For BMC depts.:** Sunday School, Youth dept (MYF), Women's fellowship (WSCS), Treasurer, Secretary

WEDNESDAY

I. Pray for India

- Pray for the government , its ministers and Prime minister Mr. Narendra Modi for wisdom and direction to run the country
- For peace to return to Delhi; Pray for the issue regarding CAA, NRC that God will guide the leaders of the country in the right direction.
- Pray for the new govt at Delhi . Pray for the situation in Kashmir that normalcy would soon return.
- Pray that the government at center would be committed to the secular values in India. Pray for a strong and healthy opposition party
- Pray for the job opportunities for the youth, farmers in distress, economic situation.
- Pray for all democratic institutions in the country that they will discharge their duties impartially.
- Pray for a stable and people centered administration in Karnataka

II. Pray for BMC:

- **Kodigehalli Tamil AF& its members**(Co ord: Suresh): Families of George, Ravi Kumar, Mealkey, Meashack, Latha Meena, Shanmugam, Vadivel, Vinod, Jeya, Padma, Chennamma, Saraswati, Ratna and Anusuya. Pray for Suresh & Vijaya family as they co ordinate.

● For BMC last month events:

Praise God for the Tamil camp along with Hindi, Kannada, Youth, Pree teens, Kids camps

● For BMC upcoming events:

Pray for the WSCS Sunday, BMC annual planning , Lenten services, VBS preparation

- **For BMC depts.:** Missions dept, Property, Membership, Social concerns, Lay activities.

THURSDAY

I. Pray for a state in India: Kerala

A multitude of ministries and denominations are based in or operate in this state, which comfortably has more Christians than any other state in India. The longstanding investment of Christians into the educational system has rendered Kerala the most literate and well-educated state in India as well as the most favourable for the status of women. Protestants include mainline, Brethren and Pentecostal groups, as well as burgeoning numbers of fast-growing Independent groups, usually from a charismatic background. There is notable tension between traditional mainline groups and emerging groups; theology, style of worship, caste-related issues and style of evangelism are all areas of significant differences. Pray for unity and sensitivity among churches, their shared commitment to have a good testimony to society and for God's Kingdom to be placed ahead of their own interests.

II. Pray for BMC

- **Priyanka nagar Tamil AF & its members**(Co ord: Rueben Gandhi): Families of Inbaraj, Karunamurthy, Nithya, Rueben Gandhi, Swamidas, Suresh, Ellayaraja. Pray for Kamala Shree as she takes the Study and mentors.
- **ITPL English Area Fellowship & its members**(Co ord: Selina): Families of Anban, Darwin, Jabez, Ronald, Andrew, Princely Sam, Finny, Henry
- **BMC outreaches:** Priyanka nagar, Sadarmangala, Sitarampalya, Irula, Varthur, KR puram , Hoodi, Whitefield Hindi
- **For BMC depts.:** Christian education, Teens fellowship, Finance, Prayer.

FRIDAY

I. Pray for a missionary organization: Kingdom Friends (www.kingdomfriends.net)

This ministry is about being passionate about kingdom life and mission. Few Core Beliefs are:

God's World : They believe that God has a definite plan and purpose for the world which is revealed in the Scripture.

Sin's Reign : There is absolutely no one (or thing) on this earth that has escaped the impact of sin and its miserable consequences (Rom.3:11-18, 8:22).

Redemption Story: The Scripture reveals that God detailed a grand scheme to redeem the world and stamp out Satan. This is the storyline of the Bible.

Redeemer's Co-Workers: God's carries out his work in the world through his people. Individuals and communities who respond to his call become his co-workers in the redemption drama staged on world history. We believe that only a life which is totally committed to the radical teachings of Jesus Christ is capable of carrying out God's desire for the lost world (Lk.9:23-28).

Grand Finale: We eagerly look forward to the completion of God's grand scheme.

One of the activities that this mission is involved in is publishing a magazine called 'Soul Connect'. This magazine is circulated to inspire its readers to live for Christ and His Kingdom.

The blog published by this mission helps various age groups of Christians in their walk with Christ. It has blogs related to youth, lifestyle, family, theology etc.

- Pray for Mr. Sam K John and his family as they involve in this mission for the LORD.
- Pray for the people who are a part of this mission that they may set an example
- Pray for all the needs of this ministry and that all their needs are supplied.

II. Pray for BMC:

- **Hoodi Tamil Area Fellowship & its members**(Co ord: Mrs.Mary Rita):Families of Mary Rita, Manjamma
- **Hoodi English Area fellowship & its members**(Co ord: Annie Shibu):Families of Vivek Bangera, Arun, Joshua Augustine, David Jabez, Isaac Peterson, Solomon, Shibu, Allwyn & Rajpal.
- Outreach Sunday Schools: Hoodi, Seetharampalya, Sadarmangala, KR puram, Priyankanagar
- For BMC depts.: IT dept, Music & Multimedia, Publication & literature, Ushers, Senior Worshippers fellowship, Nomination committee

SATURDAY

I. Pray for Churches, Missions & its leaders:

a. Pray for mainline churches like CSI, CNI, Baptist, Lutheran, Marthoma and other AG and independent churches.

b. For missionary organizations like IEM, FMPB, BYM, SU, ICGM, Campus Crusade, UESI, GEMS, Vishwa Vani, COME, MUT, CGMM, IMS, NMS, MVM, Mission to the Blind, Mukti Mission and others.

II. Pray for BMC:

- **Fellowship groups:** BMC Sunday School, Teens fellowship, Tamil & English Youth fellowship (MYF), Tamil & English Women's fellowship(WSCS), Senior worshippers fellowship, All area fellowships(English, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi).

- **For BMC administration:** PC members, PC meetings, Subcommittee meetings, effective functioning of sub committees, oneness & prayerfulness in PC & sub committees, that all depts will work towards their yearly & 3 yearly goals.
- **For worship services:** Sunday Tamil & English worships at both BMC & WMC, Evening worship service, Telugu Service, Dawn service.
- **Prayer meetings:** Monthly half night prayer meet, Women's area prayer cell, Hour of power area wise prayer by men,
- **Marathahalli English Area Fellowship & its members**(Co ord: Selvin): Yuvraj, families of Dinakar, Dilip, Selvin, Vijay Dhanasekar, Wilfred, Publius, Abhijit, Kingsley, Anies & Immanuel.

SUNDAY

I. Pray for Methodist churches in India: MCI, BRC (Bangalore Regional conference), Bishop Rt.Rev.NL Karkare and Bishop amma Mrs. Kamal Karkare, District Superintendent Rev. Ravi Sebastian, RTMC, KMC, our mother Church IMC, & other Methodist churches in Bangalore and Karnataka

II. Pray for BMC:

- BMC concern areas: BMC would be spending more time in prayer, Effective functioning of all fellowship groups, Area fellowships, Sub committees. All fellowship groups will be mission centered; Involvement of all members in church ministry; financial needs.
- Other points: Bethel Tidings, Worship leaders, Choir team, Music team.
- Missions we support: Raichur home, Vishwa Vani, DEAR ministry (Ministry among transgenders), COME, IEM.

III. Pray for WMC:

- For the growth in members in English service at Whitefield.For the Tamil congregation to grow deeper in the Lord as a family
- For the Lord to bless the services, Sunday schools, youth meeting, WSCS meeting and area fellowships
- Praise God for the bigger place to worship for now and pray for permanent building project in future.
- For the Lord to give us good unity and fellowship; For the Lord to help us identify resources who could help in music and other areas
- For the Lord to help us in building the Varthur outreach
- For the Lord to help us identify IT, ITES youngsters in Whitefield area and to start a ministry amongst them
- Praise the Lord for helping us to grow in all our ministries and for the regular cottage prayer meets/ Bible study meets
- For the WMC newsletter ' Echo', being brought out from Jan 2020 onwards.
- Praise God for many attended the one day retreat at ECC. Pray for the follow up.

Fasting

- By fasting, the body learns to obey the soul; by praying the soul learns to command the body. - *William Secker*
- Fasting helps express, deepens, confirms the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves, to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God. - *Andrew Murray*
- Fasting is abstaining from anything that hinders prayer. - *Andrew Bonar*

Few learnings from a doctor

- Dr Dilip John

During my collage days, almost opposite our University campus was a hospital for cancer patients. Seeing patients from there, especially children affected, hopefully had a sobering effect on my life. Recently, witnessing a different medical condition shook me a little. I was fortunate to be able to talk with a doctor (outside of my family circle and one younger than me) in a hospital a few times, on how to view it. What came out were many Christian principles that can be generalized to many situations.

Acknowledge the Need – At times we feel hard done by God when faced with problems and try to recount what all we have done for Him. This prevents us from acknowledging the problem at hand. A centurion's approach detailed by Luke (7:1-10) is one to emulate. He (i) did not waste time looking to his powerful Roman empire for help (ii) did not claim a quid pro quo because he loved the nation under captivity and built them a synagogue (this is something the elders of Jews voluntarily did without the knowledge of the centurion), but (iii) calls himself unworthy and (iv) beseeches Jesus just to say the word.

Believe in a Miracle – A nice realization came when the doctor, while mentioning how long the treatment for a particular case would normally last, mentioned that as Christians we should always believe that Christ can work a miracle. As Jairus and those who witnessed Jesus' miracle found out (Mark 5:22-24, 35-43), we should always continue to believe in a miracle as long it is His will. I personally witnessed one during that time.

Confidentiality – We can learn much from the Bible where, for both good and bad things, sometimes names are mentioned and sometimes not. The name of blind Bartimaeus is mentioned (Mark 10:46-52), but not the name of another blind man on whom an entire chapter (John 9) is written. The doctor whom i spoke to many times, while sharing several examples, not once mentioned a name, keeping confidentiality always.

Details – One way of treating is by just asking us to follow blindly. Another way is to help us understand how each step leads to the other. The doctor helped me understand the problem in a step-wise fashion. This is the way of the Bible too. For example, Paul in Romans 5 does not just say 'glory in tribulations' and 'hope'. He says glory in tribulation because (i) tribulation produces patience, (ii) patience produces character and (iii) character produces hope.

Expectation – While talking about caregivers and how they could feel burdened, the doctor gently reminded me of the verse, "...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." – Luke 12:48

Gentle but Firm – During certain times, we may feel we are the only ones giving in and therefore do the right thing, but grudgingly. Again in the context of caregivers, the doctor advised that such a one be gentle but firm. In the Bible, Mark captures Jesus’ conversation with the rich young ruler beautifully, where Jesus beholds the man, loves him, but made no bargaining or compromise in the condition the man needed to meet (Mark 10:21-23).

Hard Topics – How easy these are to avoid, but first hand I saw the doctor in a very mature way deal with hard topics. Even when well intentioned, we sometimes prefer not to focus on the bigger issue that ails us or could even be unaware of the same. It would have been easier for Christ to only heal the man with palsy, but while lovingly calling him ‘son’, He was bold to tackle the harder topic first (Mark 2:5).

Include the Young as well – I myself was a visitor and on a few occasions my daughter accompanied me to the doctor. Amidst the very busy schedule though, following Jesus’ example (Matthew 19:14,15), the doctor spent time talking to both of us, making us feeling welcomed.

Listen and Observe - Jesus, being God Himself, did not just keep preaching, but enquired and listened to what people had to say (Mark 827-29) and closely observed what people did (Mark 12:41-44). Similarly, the doctor too patiently listened to my questions and addressed them.

Pointed Questions – The same way hard topics were handled by the doctor, i was surprised at the use of very direct questions in a polite, friendly way, for patients to realize the truth and understand contradictions in their statements. Many of Jesus’ questions recorded in the Bible are compiled in a few places like mondaysmorningreview.wordpress.com/2010/05/14/137questionsjesusasked/. May the good Lord help us to not always reply with an answer but also through questions or just silence (Proverbs 26:4).

Same Right – One of my biggest realizations was when the doctor said ‘all parts of the body have the right to go sick’. If for BP or sugar tablets, we do not generally stigmatize, why do we pass judgment quickly when there is trouble in some part of the body? From Christ’s example we see how He could change the view of a person in whom there was no guile (John 1:46-50) to healing and using powerfully a person in the other extreme (Mark 5:2-5, 20).

Known and Unknown- Another commendable quality i relearned was from the honest mention of the doctor on how far research has developed, how much is well known and how the treatment is based on these. This reminded me of what my headmaster in one of the schools I studied taught our class from Deuteronomy 29:29, where while not knowing all things God knows, we

should faithfully obey all the laws He has mentioned in His Word.

Jovial with Wit and Verve: In the midst of difficult treatments for patients with different types of need, it was a nice learning to witness the sense of humour and joy of life the doctor displayed. Like Christ too, may we know when to weep over an entire city (Luke 19:41) and when to partake in a celebration (John 2:2).

“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” – Proverbs 23:23



Disciplines of a Godly Man

- D.C. Franklin and Noel Thomas

Recap:

About an year back in Feb 2019 we started a series on ‘*disciplines of a Godly Man*’ in our monthly magazine. In this series we have seen two disciplines namely

- Intake of Gods Word
- Prayer

The next discipline we will look at is ‘Worship’. Before we start on this discipline we thought it would be of value to refresh our memory and look at the subject again.

What is spiritual discipline?

Why is this important in our walk with Christ?

What is the scriptural basis for this subject?

In this day and age and even throughout history physical exercise has been valued and appreciated. Most of us are familiar with various kinds of exercises.

But what are the “barbells” and “push-ups” that build spiritual strength as God intended when he made man in His image. (image of the Trinity – **Gen 1:26** ***“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness,....”***)

I Timothy 4: 7, 8 – *“Train yourself to be godly. For physical training has some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”*

Whether or not we have disciplined ourselves will make a huge difference in this life and the life to come. We are all members of one another, and we are each either elevated or depressed by the inner lives of one another. Some of us affect others like a joyous tide, lifting them upward, but some of us are like undertows to the Body of Christ. If you are married, the presence or lack of spiritual discipline can serve to sanctify or damn your children and grandchildren.

Spiritual discipline builds enduring character on the foundation of Christ to be more Christlike. (Rom 8:28, 29) – which will survive the fires of judgement and he will receive his reward. (I Corinthians 3: 10 – 15)

It is important to remember that the spiritual disciplines are means to an end and not an end in themselves which would otherwise result in the great error of the Pharisees. The goal is godliness which is experiencing God, intimacy with Christ and conformity to Christ. They are God given means that we are to use in the spirit filled pursuit of Godliness.

Do we have the desire to sweat it out? Will we enter God’s gym of divine disciplines? Will we strip away the things that hold us back? Will we discipline ourselves through the power of the Holy Spirit?

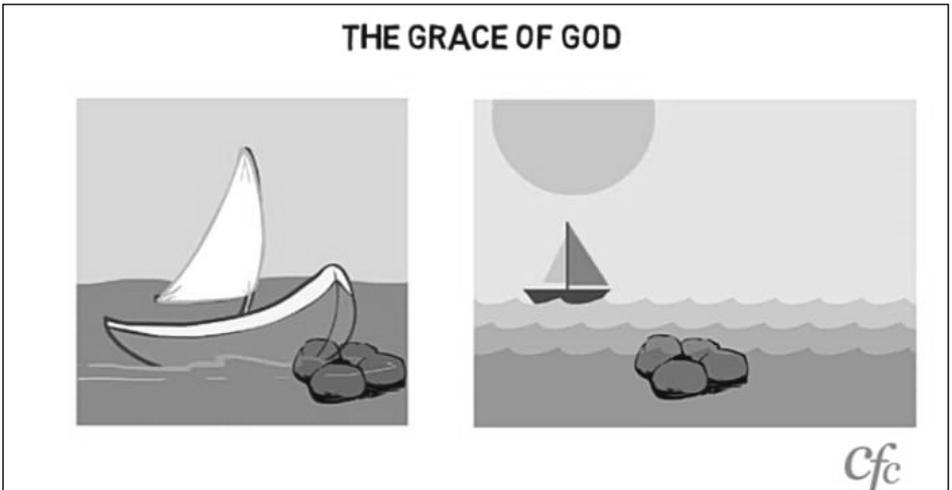
You are called to be holy and set apart for God. Holy people are disciplined people. Also, we cannot be Disciples of Christ without discipline.

As Paul says in Philippians 3: 13, 14 “. . . But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ” shall we take steps to discipline our ways now?”

In the next issue we will see: **The Discipline of Worship**



TRUST AND OBEY



God may not remove the rock-like problem you are facing everyday but the Grace of God can overflow and make you an overcomer

- Bro. Zac Poonen, CFC

Good Friday Services (10 April 2020)
Schedule & Speaker details (7 Words on the Cross)

| Word | Tamil Service 8:00 am - 11:00 am | English Service 11:30 am - 2:30 pm |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1 | Dr Solomon | Mr Selvin |
| 2 | Mr Isaac Peterson | Mrs Angelin Isaac |
| 3 | Mrs Sheela Dhinakar | Mr Wilfred |
| 4 | Mr DC Franklin | Mrs Selina Mohandass |
| 5 | Mr Rajan Abraham | Dr Rajkumar Gell |
| 6 | Mrs Kamalashree | Mrs Jane Jeyaraj |
| 7 | Mr Vijay Shanthaseelan | Mr. Atheejoe |

Holy Week Meetings (Bilingual) (6-10 April 2020)

| Date | Time & Day | Speaker |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| 6-Apr-20 | 7 pm, Monday | Rev. Panneer Williams |
| 7-Apr-20 | 7 pm, Tuesday | Rev. Panneer Williams |
| 8-Apr-20 | 7 pm, Wednesday | Rev. Vasudevan |
| 9-Apr-20 | 7 pm, Maundy Thursday [Holy Communion] | Rev. Vasudevan |

WMC Pulpit Calendar - March 2020

| Date | Time | Speaker |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1-Mar-20 Holy Communion | 8:00 am (Tamil) | Mr DC Franklin |
| | 10:00 am (English) | Rev John Wesley |
| 8-Mar-20 | 8:00 am (Tamil) | Mr DC Franklin |
| | 10:00 am (English) | Dr Kumara Raja Singh |
| 15-Mar-20 | 8:00 am (Tamil) | Mr DC Franklin |
| | 10:00 am (English) | Rev John Wesley |
| 22-Mar-20 | 8:00 am (Tamil) | Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj |
| | 10:00 am (English) | Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj |
| 29-Mar-20 | 8:00 am (Tamil) | Mr DC Franklin |
| | 10:00 am (English) | Mr Atheejoe |

Bible Studies - March 2020: Area Fellowships

| | | Date | Study Topic | Study leader | Venue | |
|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Area fellowship (Over all co ord.: Selvin-944852570) | English area fellowship | Marathahalli (9448852570) (co. ord.: Selvin) | 14 th March, Sat, 6pm | Knowing God | Wilfred | Kingsley's house |
| | | ITPL (9945800222) | 28 th March, Sat, 6pm | Study- Jonah Ch 3,4 | Samuel Selvin | Dinakar's house |
| | | (co. ord.: Selina Ronald) | 13 th March, Fri, 8:30 pm | Study on David | Jasmine Sam | Ronald's Home |
| | English area fellowship | KR Puram (9591257143) | 27 th March, Fri, 8:30 pm | Study on David | Angelin Anban | Ronald's Home |
| | | (Co ord.: Johnson) | 14 th March, Sat, 7:30 pm | Book of Philemon | Sam Selvin | TBD |
| | | Hoodi (9448756670) | 28 th March, Sat, 7:30pm | Contentment | Ashok | Daniel Brother house |
| | | Co. ord.: Annie Shibu | 13 th March, Fri, 7:30 pm | Judges | Solomon | Solomon's house |
| | | Kodigehalli (9900111006) | 28 th March, Sat, 6:30 pm | Judges | Kamal | Alwyn's house |
| | | Co ord.: Vijay Prakash | 14 th March, Sat, 6:30pm | TBD | Anand | Prabhu's house |
| | Tamil area fellowship | Devasandra (8123351487) | 28 th March, Sat, 6:30pm | TBD | Kalyan | Rajkumar's house |
| | | (co ord.: Ruby Anandaraj) | 1 st March, Sun, 6:30 pm | Believers Responsibilities | Sheila & Dhinakar | Shekhar Brother house |
| | | Kodigehalli (7709009817) | 15 th March, Sun, 6:30 pm | Believers Responsibilities | Sheila & Dhinakar | TBD |
| (Co ord.: Suresh) | | 7 th March, Sat, 7 pm | Women of the bible - Rebekah | Susanna | Sasikala Sister house | |
| Priyankanagar (8754027687) | | 21 st March, Sat, 7 pm | TBD | Rev. Dr. Shanthi Tilak | Sasikala Sister house | |
| (Co ord.: Kamala Shree) | | 8 th March, Sun, 5 pm | Understanding God's love | Kamala Shree | Reuben Gandhi's house | |
| Tamil area fellowship | Bethel Nagar (8123828816) | 29 th March, Sun, 5 pm | How to love God? | Kamala Shree | Reuben Gandhi's house | |
| | (Co ord.: Stalin) | 1 st March, Sun 4:30 pm | TBD | Solomon | Srikanth Joshua house | |
| | Hoodi Tamil AF (8105800443) | 8 th March, Sun, 4:30 pm | TBD | Joshua | Jefferson house | |
| | (Co. ord.: Anban) | 8 th March, Sun, 6 pm | Psalms | Anban | Mrs. Mary's House | |
| Telugu | Telugu AF | 29 th March, Sun, 6 pm | Psalms | Anban | Mrs. Mary's House | |
| | (co. ord.: Madhavi) | 7 th March, Sat, 6:30 pm | The End times - Part 3 | Anand M K | Bro. Vijay Babu's House | |

Bible Studies - March 2020 : Youth, Teens & Women's Fellowship

| | Date | Study Topic | Study leader | Venue / Dept. |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Youth fellowship (English MYF) Youth Leader: Yuvaraj Mentors: Isaac & Angelin Isaac | 01-Mar-2020 11 A.M onwards | Relationships | Angeline | |
| | 08-Mar-2020 11 A.M onwards | WSCS Sunday | - | |
| | 15-Mar-2020 11 A.M onwards | TBD | Isaac | |
| | 22-Mar-2020 11 A.M onwards | Follow what you know | Yuvaraj | |
| | 29-Mar-2020 11 A.M onwards | Kingdom of God | Ashish | |
| WSCS monthly fellowship (Tamil)- Sasikala | 08-Mar-2020 | WSCS Sunday | Mrs.Meera Boopathi | WSCS |
| WSCS monthly fellowship (English)- (Co ord.: Veena Devasundar) | 08-Mar-2020 | WSCS Sunday | Mrs.Meera Boopathi | WSCS |
| Senior Worshipers Fellowship (Co ord.: Selina Ronald) | 15th March | The Lord who keeps His promises | Rev. Shanthi Thilak | Pastor's office 8.45am |
| Senior worshipper's prayer fellowship (Co ord.: Selina Ronald) | 27th March | Prayer time | - | BMC 10-12 noon |

Outreach Ministries – March 2020 (Over all co ordination: Solomon, Missions dept)

| | Date & Time | In Charge | Co working |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Priyankanagar outreach | All Sundays 5.30pm- 7pm | Solomon | COME team, Vadivel & Family |
| Sadarmangala outreach | All Sundays 5pm | Irwin | Selina Mohandas, Vijay Santhaseelan, COME team |
| Seetharampalaya outreach | Saturday, 4-6pm | Mrs. Nithiya, Anban, Solomon | COME team |
| Irula outreach | All 2nd Sundays | Shibu | Anies & Percy Anies |

Outreach Sunday Schools – March 2020 (Over all co ordination: Merjula & Preethi Vijay, Missions dept)

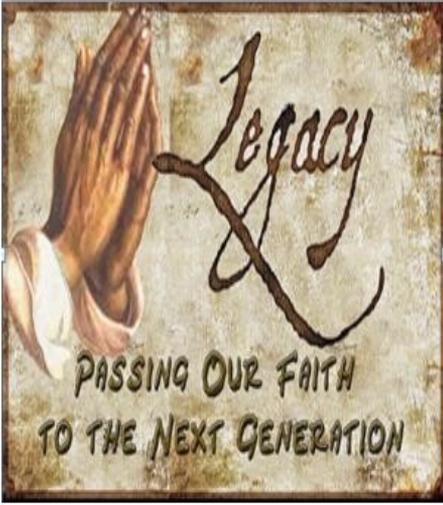
| | Date & Time | In Charge | Co working/ Support |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| Priyankanagar | All Sundays 4 pm | Sharon & Joshua | Bethel Nagar Tamil AF |
| Sadarmangala | All Sundays 4 pm | Kamila Prabhu | Rajkumar, Santhi Rajkumar, Kodigehalli English AF |
| Seetharampalaya | Sunday, 4 pm | Mrs. Nithiya, | ITPL English AF |
| IKR Puram | Sunday 4pm | Sharon | KR Puram English AF |
| Hoodi | Sunday 4 pm | Grace Timothy | Hoodi English AF |

Prayer Meetings - March 2020

| | Area | Date & Time | Place | Coordinator |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Forty- Forty prayer | BMC | Daily, 6:30 - 7:10 am | BMC | Vijay Santhaseelan |
| Half night Prayer | BMC | 13-Mar, Friday, 9 pm | BMC | Angelin e Wilfred |
| Ladies prayer meet (English) | KR Puram | Wednesdays | Uma Johnsons House | Uma Johnson |
| (Co ord.: Angelin Wilfred) | Marathahalli | Fridays,10:30 am | Annie John's House | Preethi |
| Dept.: WSCS | Kodigehalli | Wednesdays,12:00 pm | Aruna's House | Aruna |
| Ladies prayer meet (Tamil) | Kodigehalli | Tuesdays | Sasikala's House | Sasikala |
| (Co ord.: Sasikala) | Sadaraman-gala | Wednesdays 10.30am | Malar's House | Malar |
| Dept.: WSCS | Bethel nagar | Tuesdays, 11:00 am | Priya's House | Priya Jefferson |

Regular & Special programs – March, April & May 2020

| Regular Programs – Feb 2020 | | Program | Date | In charge | Department |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mar 2020 | Regular Programs – 2020, May 2020) | Morning worship service (Tamil) | All Sundays 7 am | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Morning worship service (English) | All Sundays 9.30am | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Contemporary Worship Service (English) | All Sundays 6:30pm-7:30 pm | Pastor & MYF | Pastor & MYF |
| | | Telugu Service | All Sundays 4pm – 5.30 pm | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Sunday School- English | All Sundays 8.15am – 9.30am | Joyce Arun | Sunday School |
| | | WSCS Sunday | 8th Mar Sun (7 & 9.30 service) | Veena Devasundar | WSCS |
| | | BMC Yearly Planning (2020-21) meet by PC | 21st Mar Sat 8.00 am to 5 pm | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Musical Evening- Lenten season | 4th April Sat 6pm | Isaac | Music & Media |
| | | Palms Sunday | 5th April Sun 7am & 9.30 am service | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Maundy Thursday service (Tamil) | 9th April Thu 6.30 pm | Pastor | Pastor |
| Apr 2020 | Special Programs for next 3 months (Mar 2020, Apr 2020, May 2020) | Maundy Thursday service (English) | 9th April Thu 7.30 pm | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Good Friday service (Tamil) | 10th April Fri 8:00 am | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Good Friday service (English) | 10th April Fri 11:30 noon | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | Easter service (Bilingual) | 12th April Sun 8 am | Pastor | Pastor |
| | | VBS (English)-BMC | 13th April Mon - 18th April Sat | Angelin Wilfred | Sunday school dept |
| | | VBS (Kannada)-BMC | 20 April Mon - 25th April Sat | Sharon | Sunday school dept |
| | | VBS (Kannada)-WMC | 14th April Mon - 18th April Sat | Atheejeo | WMC core group |
| | | VBS(Tamil)- Iruula | 24th April Fri 9 am - 26th April Sun 5 pm | Shibu | Missions dept |
| | | Missions trip | 26th Apr Fri- 1st May Wed | Arun & Anban | Missions dept |
| | | Release of yearly program 2020-21 | 31st May Sun | Secretary | Secretary |
| May 2020 | Special Programs for next 3 months (Mar 2020, Apr 2020, May 2020) | Release of BMC yearly handbook 2020-21 | 31st May Sun | Pastor & Secretary (help: Lit. dept) | Pastor & Secretary (help: Lit. dept) |
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Guest Speaker
Mrs. Mira Bhupathi
(Tamil & English Service)



WSCS SUNDAY on 8th March, 2020

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BMC Pulpit Calendar - March 2020



Theme: Reflect, Reconcile, Renew

| Date | Time | Speaker |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Mar-20 [Holy Communion] | 7:00 am (Tamil) | Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj |
| | 9:30 am (English) | Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj |
| | 4:00 pm (Telugu) | Rev. John Wesley |
| | 6:30 pm (English) | Mr. Sam & Youth |
| 8-Mar-20 WSCS Sunday | 7:00 am (Tamil) | Mrs Meera Bupathi |
| | 9:30 am (English) | Mrs Meera Bupathi |
| | 4:00 pm (Telugu) | Rev. John Wesley |
| | 6:30 pm (English) | Mr. Sam & Youth |
| 15-Mar-20 | 7:00 am (Tamil) | Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj |
| | 9:30 am (English) | Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj |
| | 4:00 pm (Telugu) | Rev. John Wesley |
| | 6:30 pm (English) | Mr. Sam & Youth |
| 22-Mar-20 | 7:00 am (Tamil) | Mr Wilfred |
| | 9:30 am (English) | Dr Rajkumar Gell |
| | 4:00 pm (Telugu) | Rev John Wesley |
| | 6:30 pm (English) | Mr. Sam & Youth |
| 29-Mar-20 | 7:00 am (Tamil) | Rev. Selvan Jeyaraj |
| | 9:30 am (English) | Rev. John Wesley |
| | 4:00 pm (Telugu) | Rev. John Wesley |
| | 6:30 pm (English) | Mr. Sam & Youth |

Lent Special Services

Theme: Return to God

| Date & Day | Time | Speaker |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 4-Mar-20, Wednesday | 7:00pm Tamil | Rev. Shanthi Tilak |
| 6-Mar-20, Friday | 7:00pm English | Mr. Sam |
| 11-Mar-20, Wednesday | 7:00pm Tamil | Mr. Vijay |
| 13-Mar-20, Friday | 7:00pm English | Mr. Ronald |
| 18-Mar-20, Wednesday | 7:00pm Tamil | Mrs. Susanna Suresh |
| 20-Mar-20, Friday | 7:00pm English | Mr. Wilfred |
| 25-Mar-20, Wednesday | 7:00pm Tamil | Mr. D.C. Franklin |
| 27-Mar-20, Friday | 7:00pm English | Dr. Kumara Raja Singh |

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