

# *Kirkspire*



Worship the Lord  
in the beauty of  
holiness  
Psalm 29:2

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**Word from the Pastor - February 2018**

**OUR GOD IS A HOLY GOD**



Through the month of January, we studied on the quality of 'Courage' as exemplified in the life of Jesus. In the month of February, we will study on the 'Holiness of God', once again Jesus Christ being our perfect role model.

What does it mean to be holy – It is to be unique

The basic meaning of holy in the Bible is to cut away or to separate. R. C. Sproul suggests that this word conveys the same idea we express when we find a garment or a golf club or some piece of merchandise that is outstanding, that has superior excellence, and we might say that it is "a cut above the rest."

So when we say God is holy, we're not talking about one characteristic out of many about God; we're talking about the character of God Himself. Holiness, when applied to God, means that He is utterly unique, incomparable, matchless, without parallel and without peer. In Isaiah 40:25, God Himself issues the challenge: "Who will you compare Me to, or who is My equal?" asks the Holy One." And we must answer, "There is no comparison." This is who our Holy God is.

How does Holiness show forth – in the absence of sin

David's confidence in God was fortified by considering His holiness: "Lord, there is no one like You among the gods, and there are no works like Yours. All the nations You have made will come and bow down before You, Lord, and will honour Your name. For You are great and perform wonders; You alone are God." (Ps. 86:8-10). Holiness is being set apart from anything impure in order to be completely given over to what God says is pure. When you apply this meaning to God, His holiness points to what 1 John 1:5 says: "there is absolutely no darkness at all." James tells us that "God is not tempted by evil, and He Himself doesn't tempt anyone." (James 1:13). Habakkuk 1:13 adds that God's eyes "are too pure to look on evil, and He cannot tolerate wrongdoing." In a word, God is perfect, without sin, flawless.

So blazing is God's purity that the sinless seraphim who serve Him in heaven cover their faces with their wings (Is. 6:2). Stephen Charnock once said, "As there is no darkness in His understanding, so there is no spot in His will; as His mind is possessed with all truth, so there is no deviation in His will from it. He loves all truth and goodness; He hates all falsity and evil." "Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness - without it no one will see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14) Holy people see the holy God. Unholy people will never lay eyes on Him. "Your iniquities have built barriers between you and your God, and your sins have made Him hide [His] face from you so that He does not listen." (Isaiah 59:2).

Holiness is not only the absence of sin but the overflow of the presence of God in our lives. Have a blessed month walking in holiness before a Holy God.

*Rev. Isaac Johnson*



#### **John's Corner**

### **A New Creature**

(Read 2 Cor 5:17, Eze 36 : 26, 27)

Mediatation for Lent

I cannot stand, Lord, without Thee,  
Look on my human frailty;  
When mortal weakness makes me fall,  
In Thy great mercy uphold me.

I know my reckless life and sin  
Have brought me to this mess I'm in,  
But I know too a creature new  
I'll be when I let Jesus in.

The charms of Satan allure me  
And easily I yield to sin.  
Lord, for the battle equip me,  
Without You surely I can't win.

When my feet stray correct Thou me,  
You know I long to be like Thee.  
It's only when my steps You guide,  
I can from all temptations flee.

*John H. Bala Singh*

## Purpose of Life - Part 8

### Creation of Mankind



#### **Man in God's image**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Gen 1:26-27

#### **Why God created Mankind?**

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Gen 1:28

From the above passage we find that God created mankind to increase in number, fill the earth and rule over God's other creations. Thus earth can be considered as a place designated for creation of mankind and give them training for ruling over God's other creations. A hatchery and a school!

#### **How God created Adam?**

the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Gen 2:7

From the above passage we find that God created man from the dust of the ground and made him a living being by breathing into his nostrils the breath of life.

#### **Garden of Eden (Trees – Resource, Responsibility, Reward, Restriction)**

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. Gen 2:8-9

From the above passage we find that God planted a garden in Eden as an abode for Adam and Eve and made all kinds of trees that were pleasing to the eyes and good for food – a Resource for their sustenance.

### **Assignment for Adam**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Gen 2:15

From the above passage we find that God wanted Adam to work and take care of the Garden of Eden which he created as an abode for them – a Responsibility God had given Adam.

### **Special fruits in the middle of the Garden**

In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Gen 2:9

### **Tree of Life**

As the name implies the fruit from the tree of life could have given Adam and Eve eternal life. We find a reference to it in the book of revelation.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. Rev 2:7

God did not give any specific instruction to Adam and Eve regarding eating from the Tree of Life even though it seems to be of paramount importance for attaining eternal life! However, we find from the book of revelation that God is not giving access to all to eat from the tree of life but only to one who overcomes! – a Reward for overcoming.

### **Tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." Gen 2:15-17

From the above passage we find God giving Adam a choice. He is free to eat from any tree from the garden except from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If he eats the forbidden fruit, then there was a stern warning that he would surely die – a Restriction as a method of test.

### **Basic Questions**

Why should God keep the forbidden tree in the first place along with the other trees and then give Adam a choice? God did not prohibit any of His other creations with such restrictions. So, why should God make such a provision and then prohibit him from eating it? Without a reason or a purpose one will not create such a situation. So, what is the purpose?

To continue.

*M M Narendranath*

### **Answers to Bible Quiz No. 85 (Jan. 2018)**

#### **Based on II Corinthians (King James Version)**

The answers are :

1. 'c' despair — 1 : 8
2. 'b' 'upon their hearts' — 3 : 15
3. The Spirit — 1 : 22
4. Liberty — 3 : 17
5. Patience, signs, wonders and mighty deeds — 12 : 12
6. 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghose, be with you all. Amen' — 13 : 14
7. The God of this world — 4 : 4
8. 'd' fool — 11 : 23
9. 5 times — 11 : 24
10. Leaving all filthiness of the flesh and the spirit — 7 : 1

**The winners are:**

**Mrs. Victoria Basker  
Mrs. Suguna Joseph  
Mrs. Aruna Asir  
Dr. (Mrs.) Sujatha Elizabeth Prasad  
Ms. Jayanthi Suganthan  
Mrs. Indira Rajanayakam  
Mrs. Snehalatha Bright  
Mrs. Peace Rani Sudhakar  
Mrs. Gloria Jawahar  
Mr. Joseph M. Manoharan  
Hearty congratulations!**

*Usha George*

## THE ARMY WITHIN

We all know that the military of any country is made up of various different branches; each one specialized to perform a unique function to protect the country. They include the Army, Navy and the Air Force. Even within the Army we have various subdivisions like the infantry, tanks, missile launchers, snipers etc., Likewise the Air Force and the Navy has their own subdivisions. Apart from these we have the para military and also specialized forces like the Navy Seals and the Marines. There is also a completely separate branch called the intelligence and the espionage which give vital information about the enemy to the government and the military.

Did you know that there is a highly organized military within your body to defend and protect from any harmful agents that try to invade the body? Each one is highly specialized to perform a specific task to surround, neutralize and dispose off the dead germs. There is an entire branch of science that deals with the study of this defense system called Immunology. The first and the biggest line of defense is the skin that covers and protects us as a wall. Inside the body there are a whole slew of highly specialized cells like, Neutrophils, Leukocytes, Phagocytes, Lysosomes, Natural Killer (NK) cells, Lymphocytes (B & T), Killer T cells and Helper T Cells and many more enzymes. God has designed your immune system in such a way that it can defend against  $10^{18}$  (1 followed by 19 zeros) different kinds of germs that attack the human body.

In the same way, as believers, the Lord had blessed each one with giftings to perform a specific task in His kingdom. We read this in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 and 14 and also in Romans 12:4-8. We need this for the edification and the building up of the church. Just like the immune system, let us use the gifting and the talents God has given us to bless the local church. We are a part of the TEAM called the Kingdom of God and we need the participation of each and every one of us.

May the Lord Bless You !

*Antony Basil*



Medical Corner

## BENEFITS OF WALKING-2

“ Doctors treat but Jesus heals”



Long walks help us clear our head, pace our thoughts and calm us down, figuratively speaking. The benefits of walking seem so obvious that they're rarely discussed. We forget that it is a great exercise that also helps us tone our legs, shed the extra weight and does not need us to have an exclusive gym membership. It quickens our heart beat, circulating more blood and oxygen to our muscles and our organs, including the brain. Experts suggest that brisk walking for 30 minutes at a moderate speed can help us burn 150 to 200 calories. Walking isn't all sports shoes and parks. During the day, we can also get up from our desk every hour or so and walk around our office or block for two whole minutes. The benefits of intense exercise are undeniable, of course, but even a few steps daily can take us a long way.

It's obvious that regular walking helps us lose weight but we must also know that the speed at which we walk could make all the difference. Researchers found that women who did three shorter but fast-paced walks in a week lost five times more belly fat than those who strolled five times a week. And that's not all, high intensity exercise also helps us lose three times more visceral fat which is wrapped around our organs like liver and kidneys and has often been linked to heart disease and diabetes.

### **1. Less likely to suffer a stroke and other cardiovascular problems**

Walking for just 2.5 hours a week, which is 21 minutes a day can cut the risk of heart disease by 30%.

### **2. Prevent cancer**

A study published in the journal Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, and conducted by the American Cancer Society found that walking up to 7 hours a week reduces the risk of breast cancer

itself by 14%. The sample size of this group was a large 73,600 and was done over two decades, making the results of this study even more credible.

### **3. Exercise can boost our memory**

Exercise is good for the brain but walking in specific is good for boosting our memory. Regular brisk walks can slow down the shrinking of the brain and the faltering mental skills that old age often bring. Taking a short walk three times a week increased the size of that part of the brain linked to planning and memory.

### **4. Boosts our immunity**

A moderately-paced walk for about 30 to 45 minutes daily can increase the number of immune system cells in our body and over a period of time, it can have really remarkable effect on our body's ability to fight disease.

### **5. Good for old age**

Walking from an early age can help us stay mobile and independent during old age.

### **6. Curb stress eating**

Walking is one of the best ways to curb our stress eating habits. It doesn't work in isolation though. The ideal way to beat a stress eating disorder is to meditate, get good sleep and walk around 10,000 steps a day. Experts believe that stress eating is more often a symptom of an emotional or psychological problem. Walking releases endorphin into our system and reverses the cortisol levels in our body, helping to curb stress eating.

*Dr. Rajini Kantha*



## Wisdom will protect you from evil

### Proverbs 2:9-22

Then you will understand what is right and just  
and fair—every good path.

For wisdom will enter your heart,  
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.  
Discretion will protect you,  
and understanding will guard you.

Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men,  
from men whose words are perverse,  
who have left the straight paths  
to walk in dark ways,  
who delight in doing wrong  
and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,  
whose paths are crooked  
and who are devious in their ways.

Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman,  
from the wayward woman with her seductive words,  
who has left the partner of her youth  
and ignored the covenant she made before God.  
Surely her house leads down to death  
and her paths to the spirits of the dead.  
None who go to her return  
or attain the paths of life.

Thus you will walk in the ways of the good  
and keep to the paths of the righteous.  
For the upright will live in the land,  
and the blameless will remain in it;  
but the wicked will be cut off from the land,  
and the unfaithful will be torn from it.

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THEN (when you have inclined your ear to wisdom, applied your heart to understanding, eagerly desired to have insight, sought wisdom as a precious treasure and developed a fear of the Lord, that led you to walk uprightly – Proverbs 2:1-5) you will understand what is right and just and fair. You will know which is the good way to take. By then you will have wisdom in your inmost being and because of that your soul will enjoy knowledge. Your good judgment, cautious outlook and careful speech will keep you safe from harm and from going down the wrong path.

Wisdom will help you discern wickedness in the people around you and avoid being led astray by them. Because evil leads people away from what is right and natural and good to ways that are wrong – though those who follow those ways seem to enjoy them, advertise them as good and acceptable and encourage people to follow them. Their ways are dishonest, fraudulent and devious – there is nothing straightforward or transparent in their dealings. Wisdom will save you from joining such people and also from falling prey to them.

Wisdom will save you also from adulterous men and women, who have deserted their spouses and ignored their marriage vows. Don't have anything to do with them, because they will take you on a path to spiritual death – you will get trapped in bondage from which there is no recovery – you will not be able to get back on the path that leads to life in God.

If you are God fearing and follow the way of goodness, always doing what is right, you will be wise and be assured of a place in Heaven\* (the Promised Land), which is for the blameless and upright– the ungodly and unfaithful will be barred from entering it.

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N.B. –\* In the Old Testament days God credited righteousness to those who put their trust in him, believing his word. They were saved on the basis of the sacrifice of Jesus still future to them. God gave them wisdom as they looked to him. Today the Holy Spirit gives wisdom to those who put their trust in Jesus for salvation. Their blamelessness comes from Jesus's righteousness and therefore their place in heaven is assured.

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*Abha Appasamy*



**Bible Quiz No. 86 - February, 2018**

**Based on Hebrews 'Faith's Hall of Fame.'  
(King James Version)**

**Give only 1 reference.**

1. Fill in the blanks: "Now faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen."
2. Who did not see death?  
a) Barak b) Enoch c) Jephatha d) Pharaoh's daughter
3. Choose A or B : "The one who offered more excellent sacrifice was a) Abel b) Cain
4. Who built the city that Abraham looked for?
5. For God to keep His promise, what did Abraham think God would do after Abraham offered his son?
6. True or False : The parents of Moses hid him for three months because they were afraid of the King's command.
7. Fill in the blank : Moses chose to suffer "affliction with the people of God" rather than "to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin for a season."
8. Who are the women mentioned by name in 'faith's hall of fame' chapter in Hebrews?  
a) Rahab, Abigail and Jochebed b) Eve and Sarah  
c) Miriam d) Sarah and Rahab.
9. In speaking of the trials that the heroes of faith endured, what does the Hebrew writer say was not worthy of them?
10. What does the writer of Hebrews say about those who obtained a good report through faith?  
a) God provided something better for them.  
b) They received not the promise  
c) They will carry a mark of those who grieve and repent  
d) They will find sanctuary in the New Jerusalem.

Kindly send your answers to the church office by 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

*Usha George*

## He knows you by name

We have three daughters. My husband sometimes mixes up their names, calling one by the name of another. This amuses them, sometimes irks them and he gets an earful of how important it is to remember names. But we have a heavenly Father who would never mix up our names. He knows each one of us by name. In Isaiah 43:1, God says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine" Again in Isaiah 49:16 "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Your walls are ever before me". He created our innermost being and knit us together in our mother's womb. We are God's workmanship, unique and special, meant to have an unique and personal relationship with Him. His call for us is personal, the way He relates to each one of us is personal, His plan for us is personal.

The life changing encounters we have with our Lord are varied and distinctly personal. No two people have the same, identical salvation experience. The Bible gives us a fascinating array of encounters. For Andrew and Peter, the gentle invitation "Come follow me" was enough. They left everything to follow Him. Paul's salvation was dramatic involving a radical transformation of his personality. The Jailer was saved with his entire household. To the short tax collector perched on the branch of a sycamore tree Jesus calls out, "Zacchaeus: come down immediately, I must stay at your house today". Zacchaeus slithers down and welcomes Him gladly. The meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well is refreshing and invigorating as Jesus promises her the Living Waters!

Just as God's call to each of us is uniquely ours, the plans He has for us are also clearly delineated. It is so easy to miss them and get side tracked. Ephesians 2:8, projects it so clearly. "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". The well known verse, Jeremiah 29:11 says "I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future". In our enthusiasm and misguided zeal we sometimes get side tracked. Unless we take time to sit at His feet listening to Him, we may miss out on our true calling. Our own plans even if we mean well may not bear fruit. It is when we fulfill His plans and purposes for us that we find the utmost fulfillment and complete satisfaction.

Sometimes we may chafe and struggle in circumstances and environments that are not to our liking. But when we submit and surrender to Him, God's Grace and power changes our hearts and minds making us see things from a completely new perspective. We are to bloom where we are planted. For some it could mean global assignments while for others the field is much smaller, maybe confined to our own home or neighbourhood. Both are invaluable in His sight. All that He asks is for us to be faithful in what He has planned for us to do.

Quite often the troubles and problems that we encounter are tailor-made just for us. God knows us intimately and allows these mountains we confront and conflicts that frighten us to shape and mould us into His own likeness - to remove the dross, enabling us to grow spiritually - to grow in our knowledge and love of Him. He knows us so well that He will not stretch us beyond the breaking point. "Isaiah 42:3: A bruised reed He will not break and a smouldering wick He will not snuff out. Quite often when the going gets tough and becomes almost unbearable, light breaks through the darkness, making us revel and bask in the warmth of His love and favour.

As we enjoy and savour the knowledge of being known and accepted by our Saviour and Lord, our responses are also distinctly ours. We may sing our hearts out or fall down in abject surrender, pray silently or lead in worship before thousands. While one may worship Him in the corner of a room another may commune with Him in the course of day to day activities. Worshipping our great and wondrous God could be solemn and quiet or losing all inhibitions in joyous abandon, singing and dancing like David. "We are fearfully and wonderfully made! God knows every little detail of your life.. He knows the number of hairs on your head!!! As you experience the exhilarating security of being known by Him and held by His righteous right hand, your hearts open out to Him in ways that are distinct, ways that are unique, ways that only you and He can understand!!!!

*Chitra Bennett*

## **'Holy, Holy, Holy' - A Humble Reflection**

The above rousing hymn of worship is sung by congregations all over the world with ardour and adoration. Have we paused to ponder on the exalted state and concept of Holiness? No other virtue can ever compare with this embodiment of Purity. Human thought and tongue are totally inadequate to describe the Holiness of our Father God. In apostle Paul's intense search to understand the mind of God, he comes to the conclusion that the, judgements and ways of God are 'unsearchable' and 'inscrutable'.

In Man God made His masterpiece. He absolutely created and owned us. He bestowed on Man the unique gift of free will. Adam came into the world and with him entered sin which took a vice - like grip on human frailty. We tragically fell away from our Holy Creator as sin and purity can never go together.

Our Father whose love will never let us go worked out a salvation plan to bring us back to His bosom. Our Holy God, amazing as it is values us most, and unworthy as we are, paid the highest price to get us back and executed The Great Act of Redemption. We are 'ransomed' or 'redeemed' not by silver or gold but by the precious, priceless blood of our Saviour -- indeed a ghastly price for the ungrateful wretches that we are.

With the supreme sacrifice of His only Son Jesus Christ, God has a double claim on us. Can we understand that God has given of Himself, to save us? He is deeply grieved when we turn our faces away from Him to dally with the false gods of the world. Earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but the kingdom founded on the precious blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour will prevail for eternity.

Over time the Cross has transformed millions of ordinary folk. Simon the fisherman became the prince of Apostles. Saul the persecutor of Christians was transformed to Paul "the campaigner of Christ" to name only a few. There is a never ending roll call of honour of unknown martyrs and soldiers of the Cross whose lives and works will be written in letters of gold in Heaven's eternal records.



Let us shake ourselves free from the feverish race horse run after the false glittering goals. Arrest our wandering, idle steps and accept our Lord's holy invitation for a closer walk with Him. So we shall feel and bask in the warm glow of His holiness and love. We need Jesus desperately as God and Man to save us from falling into the abyss of eternal damnation.

Let us together in holy Christian Fellowship worship our God in the beauty of holiness, and majesty, along with the angels, cherubims, "lightning and thunders and voices" and sing of the holiness of our God in the past, in the present, in the future.

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is and is to come." Rev. 4 : 8

*Usha George*

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**"The Bible is the story of two gardens:**

Eden and Gethsemane. In the first, Adam took a fall. In the second, Jesus took a stand. In the first, God sought Adam. In the second, Jesus sought God. In Eden, Adam hid from God.

In Gethsemane, Jesus emerged from the tomb. In Eden, the serpent lured Adam to a tree that led to his death.

From Gethsemane, Jesus went to a tree that led to our life."

*Max Lucado*

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## Kirk News



The morning services on 7<sup>th</sup> January were Covenant services to remember the covenant we have with God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It was a time of rededicating our lives to the Lord in gratitude and joy.

### **Guest Speakers**

**28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 6pm** Mrs. Pranitha Timothy spoke at the Youth & Koinonia service on "Loving our neighbours" (Luke 7:36-50; 1 John 4:7-12.)

We thank the members for opening their homes in Christian love and fellowship.

**Monday Bible Study** resumed on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Rev. Isaac Johnson is continuing the study of the Book of Ezekiel.

**House Church** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Johnson and in the home of Mr. Prasad Oommen & Dr. (Mrs.) Sujatha Elizabeth Prasad on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**Friday Prayer** resumed on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Rev. Isaac Johnson resumed the study to the Proverbs.

**Evangelism and Missions Movement's Fasting and Prayer** resumed on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of January** with prayers to uphold our Evangelists, Missionaries and the life and activities of our Church and about our concerns for the present situations of our nation which are of great importance, and for the world. We welcome you to join the group at the **SACCE HALL on Thursdays between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM** to pray for these issues.

**Kirk Men's Fellowship** met on 14<sup>th</sup> January after the 9AM service for a time of prayer, testimony & fellowship. We would like to encourage all men to come and join us in the monthly Men's Fellowship meetings (usually held on the third Sunday of every month). The meetings includes prayers for the life and the ministries of the church as well as personal needs. Please connect with David (9884075784) for any queries.

**Kirk Women's Fellowship** met on 14<sup>th</sup> January after the 9AM service to plan for the year. All women are invited to participate in the monthly meetings of the Women's Fellowship which is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

**Kirk Youth Fellowship** met on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. for Bible study on the life of Jesus Christ. They visited Tirupalaivanam on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. and Gypsy Colony on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. to conduct the services there on these dates.

**Kirk Sunday school** resumed on 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**FLYHI '18 – Concert for Teens** was held on **Saturday, 6th January at 6PM** at the **Museum Theatre, Egmore, Chennai**. This was an exclusive **FUNDRAISER for ASHA Home for Special Children**, which is a part of our Church's outreach programmes. Please donate and support ASHA Home for Special Children.

**The Annual General Assembly** of the Church was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January after the 9:00 am service. Mr. Dulipsingh Thangasamy, Hon. Secretary, made a presentation on the life of our Church during the year 2017. Mr. Jebasingh Jothi, Hon. Treasurer, presented the Audited Statement of Accounts for the Year 2016–17.

**Church Annual Camp 2018** was held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January at the C.S.I. Retreat Centre in Yelagiri. The speakers Mr. & Mrs. Rampert Ratnaiya and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George taught on the theme "Are You Ready?" from Amos 4:12b, expounding on the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Mike Collins & his team ministered to the children. We thank the Lord for His Grace and insights and for the safe conduct of the camp this year.

Rev. Isaac Johnson initiated prayers for all states in India where believers in every state pray for every other state by praying for one state every day, beginning with the state they live in. This would cover all the states in India over 30 days. A website was created with the address [www.espes.in](http://www.espes.in) to help people to pray for the specific needs of each state.

**Doctors for Village Project** The Village Project needs the help of Eye and Skin Doctors who would be interested in attending to the patients who come to the clinics functioning under the project. If you would like to help, kindly contact Mr. Naveen at the Church office, Ph: 98419 30802, 2561 2608.

*Mahendra Kumar*



Christmas celebration at Gypsy Colony



Preparing for first ever carol rounds with mothers of Balaramapuram DCC.

