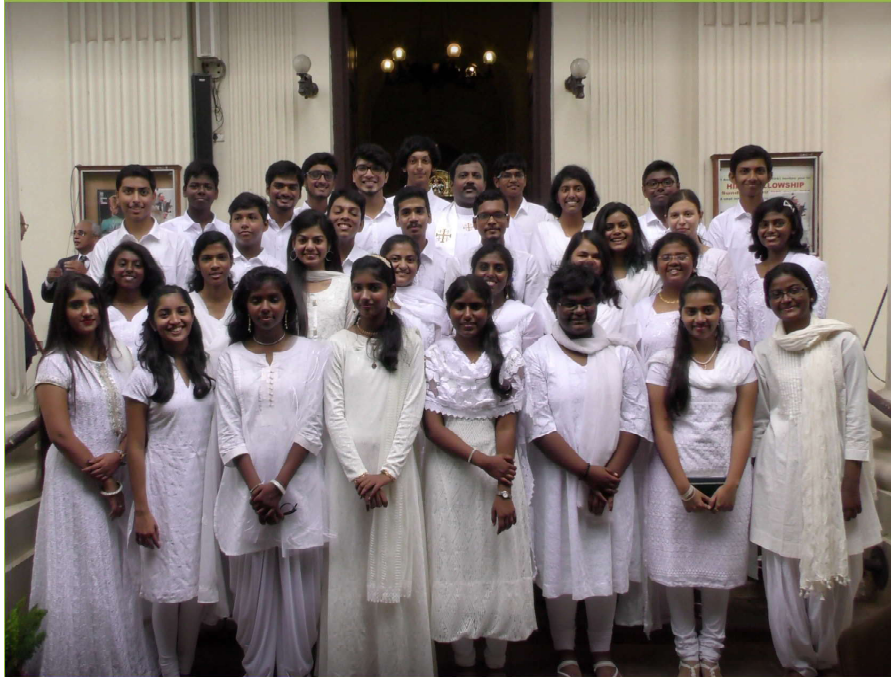


Kirkspire



The Confirmed Youth with Pastor Rev. John Isaac after Confirmation Service on 15th October

NOVEMBER 2017

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WORD FROM THE PASTOR

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." - Isaiah 43:1

October 15, 2017 was an important day in the life of the church especially for 32 children who were confirmed in our church. One common response from everyone who attended the service was that the presence of the Lord was very evident in the service. That was my prayer as I prepared for the service both in terms of the confirmation part of it and also for the message that God had put in my heart for all of us. I was very clear as to the priority of the day, which should be about glorifying God more than the event of the Confirmation. That is exactly what happened. All honour and praise be to our awesome God for blessing us on that day. It was wonderful to see the response of the entire congregation as to 'who are God's disciples' and the whole church stood up. This is the greatest part of the confirmation that we are clear as to who we are and what we should be doing in response to our confirmation. This brings me to three lessons I want to share with all of us as we move forward.

Lesson 1 - Do not fear. Now that the family of St. Andrews has openly admitted that we are disciples of Jesus Christ, then we should live as disciples. One of the most important aspects of being disciples of Christ is to 'not fear'. No weapon formed against you will prosper. He who is with you is greater than he that is in the world. We will not and should not be swayed by 'compromising Christians' and complacent Christians in these last days. We need not fear the events that are happening in the world because the Bible says that these things will happen. What is the opposite of fear - it is faith. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and the perfecter of our faith.

Lesson 2 - I have redeemed you. One question that I asked every one of the children who were confirmed was if he or she had the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. I made it very clear that the mere external actions of child baptism and confirmation do not and will not take us to heaven. One must be born again. No one can earn it, it is not by answering some questions and it is not by acquiring of knowledge. It is to give your heart to Jesus. I had similar conversations with the parents as well. I asked everyone of them, 'are you born again?' It is a confirmation given by the Holy Spirit that we are His and He is mine. It is a gift from God lest anyone should boast.

Lesson 3 - You are mine. Irreversible, Eternal and Inexplicable. When a sinner turns to Jesus, these are the words that God says that no man can imitate. Paul writes in Romans 8:38-39, For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[k] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. When we read Isaiah 43:1, does it give us goose bumps to know that God Almighty says 'you are Mine'. Does this assuring relationship redefine our human relationships? Does it deter us from wilful stubborn sinful ways? Does it make us want to please Him and obey Him immediately and whole- heartedly?

We are indeed living in the last days when much of the world is oblivious to God and His loving invitation to a relationship with Him. On the other hand, there are many who go to churches and hear the truth, yet are unwilling to fully be disciples of Christ. There are the very few who don't look at faith as a religion but a relationship that is based on loving God and letting God transform their daily living. Where are you today? Do you have a vibrant daily relationship with Jesus Christ? He is calling you today to rededicate your heart, mind and body to Him.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Rev. Isaac Johnson



The Power of Community

One of the major areas of extensive research in microbiology in the last few decades has been in the formation of "biofilms". A biofilm is a community of microbes embedded in an organic polymer matrix, adhering to a surface. This formation of biofilms by the microbes affects a wide spectrum of industries like potable water distribution, paper making, ships, steel pipes, food processing, and printing and even the health industry.

Most biofilms in natural habitats consist of an assemblage of different micro-organisms that are heterogeneous in both structure and chemical composition. Once they come together, they secrete slimy Extra Cellular Polymeric Substance called EPS. It is because of this the biofilm has a shiny, sticky outer layer. The formation of this biofilm gives the microbes tremendous advantage. They give the microbes a stable environment. Biofilms physically protect the bacteria from harsh external factors like U.V. light, heat and sudden change in pH. Entrapment of water in the biofilms lowers the risk of dehydration. Biofilms also protect the microbes from invasion of other harmful viruses and predatory bacteria.

The biofilm teaches us the great power of living in a community. As believers in the Lord, we are all so different and unique. Each one of us comes from a different background, culture and is blessed with different talents. Despite our differences, God calls us to live in a community called the Church. It is in this we have protection and nurturing. We read this in the book of Acts 4:32-35 that the early church lived in a community. We also read about this in the book of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, the dangers of being alone and separated from fellowship. In these last days the enemy wants to isolate us and separate us from being a part of this community so that he can easily entrap us. Let us watch out for this and learn this valuable lesson by looking at these biofilms the power of living in a community.

May the Lord Bless You !

Antony Basil
(A regular Worshipper)



God's Word for Good Health?

Proverbs 4: 20-22

My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.
Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;
for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.

Here, a father is instructing his son and telling him to take his words seriously, to remember them and refer to them all through his waking hours to ensure that all he thinks, says and does is in agreement with his teachings. As he did in Proverbs 3:8, he promises him good physical health if he practises them. What an amazing promise! God's word guaranteeing us a healthy body!

But what is the reality we see around us even in the faithful followers of the Lord? Do we see every Christian free of sickness and enjoying good health? No, we don't. So is the promise not true, or is there something we are missing? Since God's Word must be reliable and true, it must be the latter. So it bears some digging to get to the bottom of why Christians are just as unhealthy in body as anyone else around us.

When God led the Israelites out of Egypt through the desert, he made them a promise. He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you"(Exodus 15:26). As long as the Israelites were obedient and followed the Lord as he led them through the wilderness, they remained healthy and strong. But every now and then they rebelled and disobeyed, or became careless about diligently fulfilling God's commands and then the Lord sent plagues upon them to punish them. When this happened, only the intercession of Moses on their behalf could persuade God to forgive them and lift the plague.

Today, instead of Moses we have Jesus, who took upon himself all our sicknesses and diseases on the cross. He intercedes on our behalf when we sin and come to God for forgiveness in his name. We also have the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to love God and obey His Word. (We can, however, choose to disobey the promptings of the Holy Spirit and silence him and grieve him). We have the Gospels with the commands of Jesus and the letters of the Apostles, which tell us how to put them into practice.

Most of the diseases that are prevalent in our day are what we call "lifestyle diseases". We suffer from these because we do not exercise wisdom, prudence and discretion in the ways we eat, sleep, exercise and spend our money, and what we allow to fill our minds. We hold on to negative emotions, attitudes and habits that create stress - anger, frustration, bitterness, guilt, fear, worry, hurry, inadequate sleep, financial problems and relationship problems. These lead to diseases like hypertension, back and neck pain, ulcers, diabetes, obesity, coronary heart diseases, strokes and more.

All these diseases can be prevented if we obey some of the basic commands in the Bible, like following the Golden Rule, forgiving those who hurt us, making efforts to live in peace with the people around us, honouring our parents, loving our spouses and children, teaching our children to be obedient, using our time wisely so that important things are not neglected, getting adequate sleep and exercise, observing one day a week of rest and refreshment in the presence of the Lord and fellowship of his people, living within our means, investing wisely for the future, not running up huge credit card bills, tithing regularly, giving generously and so on. And so all these "lifestyle diseases" come as a result of not paying attention to God's voice and neglecting to keep his commands in our hearts.

So what do we do when we have already damaged our health because of not obeying God's commands? Fortunately, there is good news, because the Bible offers a solution. In Jeremiah 15:19, God says: "If you repent, I will restore you, that you may serve me." Let us be clear about this: Jesus Christ did not suffer and die for us so that we could spend the rest of our lives happily in selfish pursuits! He died so that we might live for Him and serve his cause on this earth in our generation. And so the primary purpose of every saved Christian is to find out God's will and do it; i.e., to serve God. In Acts 3:19 Peter tells the Israelites who witnessed the healing of a man who was lame

from birth: "Repent...and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the Lord..."

Now, there are many Christians who believe in and pray for divine healing. They stress on "having faith" in God's healing power. But they do not repent or encourage others to repent of the habits and lifestyle that brought on the sickness in the first place! They fast and pray, ask many for prayer support and much spiritual energy is wasted because they do not change the way they live. When the sickness continues, the sick person's "faith" is questioned. Ultimately, there is discouragement and confusion and often self-blame because God did not heal.

John the Baptist told the Israelites who came to be baptized at the Jordan: "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance! And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'." Today, just claiming, "Jesus is my Saviour" is not enough. He must also be your Lord, which means you must obey his commands. God is not an indulgent parent to show favouritism and overlook our sins and bless us anyway. If we expect God to heal us from diseases that came from a wrong lifestyle and wrong habits, we must first acknowledge our sin in following that lifestyle and accept that God is justified in allowing us to bear its consequences. Then we must ask for his mercy in forgiving us, and grace for us to change, as breaking longstanding habits is very difficult and we cannot do it without his help. And when we fail, as we shall certainly do, we confess and repent, confess and repent as many times as necessary, until we overcome.

However, not all sicknesses and health issues are due to our own disobedience. We can catch an infection, have a freak accident, or be born with a condition due to no fault of our own. Certainly, we can turn to God and look to him for healing. It is a good practice, however, to examine ourselves from time to time and ask God where he wants us to change, and then obey the promptings of the Spirit.

Jesus called us to follow him, but he never told us it would be easy. In fact, he warned us that in this world we will have trouble. But he promised us his presence and his overcoming power through his Spirit. And he promised us eternal rewards if we remain faithful to him.

Abha Appasamy

Medical Corner



EYE INJURIES

“Doctors treat, but Jesus heals”

Eye injuries are vision threatening and therefore must be prevented. Three types of injuries are common; Blunt, penetrating and perforating. It is very common to see children play with small rubber balls, tennis balls and cricket balls. Parents must counsel their children and keep watch when they play. Badminton (shuttle cork) injuries are dangerous when the cork portion of the shuttle hits the eye. Bleeding inside the eye, tearing of important structures of the eye are possible. The eye pressure can also shoot up. Children sometimes play with compass, divider, pen and sharp pencils at school. These sharp objects can accidentally hit and injure the eye ball. Children also play with bow and arrows, toy guns with pellets and crackers during festivals like deepavali. Penetrating injury and burn injuries to the face and eyes are common.

Chemicals like acids and alkalis can accidentally get into the eye in the school labs. Industries which deal with chemicals must provide protective masks to their workers to prevent harmful chemicals/fumes entering and causing chemical injury to the eyes and face. While washing vessels and rest rooms, care should be taken that chemicals like phenyl, acids, detergents and bleaching powder does not splash into the eye. Washing the eyes immediately for minimum 20- 30 minutes with clean water can reduce damage to the eye.

Gardeners must be careful while pruning and cutting plants, shrubs and trees. Thorns and sharp sticks can penetrate the eye and cause fungal infections which are very challenging to treat.

Please rush to the nearest eye specialist for emergency treatment. Penetrating injuries will be sutured to restore the eye ball. To prevent infection, antibiotics will be prescribed. Management of these injuries is extremely challenging and complex surgical intervention may become necessary. Prevention is better than cure. Parents must lovingly counsel their children not to play dangerous games and must keep them occupied with useful hobbies.

Dr. (Mrs) Rajini Kantha

Purpose of Life – Part 5

Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1

In the Beginning

When we are around a place at the time of a project implementation we would know how they came into being. I vividly remember the way Anna flyover was constructed and how the different supporting columns came up. Today we are seeing the Chennai Metro Project implementation. Our future generations may not know how they came into existence. However when they see various project construction pictures, they would understand how they came into being. Unfortunately humans were not there when the heavens and the earth were created. Hence, God Himself has given us an account of creation in the book of Genesis. Through science we only try to understand to a certain extent God's creation and its secrets over a period.

Earlier Scientific Views

Some portions of the following are taken from the internet "The expanding universe and Hubble's Law"

Aristotle (384 BC – 322 BC) the most famous of the Greek philosophers, believed the universe had existed forever. Sir Isaac Newton (1642 – 1727 AD) an English mathematician, astronomer, and physicist who is widely recognized as one of the most influential scientists of all time and a key figure in the scientific revolution thought that the universe was in "static steady state". When Albert Einstein, the greatest scientist of recent times, was formulating his ground – breaking "theory of gravity" in the early 20th century, like Sir Isaac Newton two hundred years before him, assumed an infinite, "static" or "steady state" universe with its stars suspended essentially motionless in a vast void. However, when Einstein tried to apply his "General Theory of relativity" to the universe as a whole as early as 1917 realized that the equations of "general relativity" did not describe a static universe.

Recent Scientific Views

In 1925, the American astronomer Edwin Hubble discovered that there are many more galaxies than our Milky Way galaxy and in 1929, with the help of improved telescopes, noticed that the light coming from these galaxies was shifted towards the red end of the spectrum, known

as the "red shift" due to the Doppler effect (pitch of the sound/siren will increase as the Ambulance approaches and decrease as it recedes) which indicated that the galaxies were moving away from us as the red shift indicated. After a detailed analysis of the "red shifts", Hubble concluded that the galaxies are drifting away from each other at great speed, and that the universe was therefore definitely growing in size. The universe is not expanding "outwards" into pre – existing space; but space itself is expanding, defined by the relative separation of parts of the universe.

The old model of "static" universe, which has served since Sir Isaac Newton, has thus been proved false and Hubble's discovery proved more than just the universe was changing. If the galaxies were drifting apart, then clearly, at some earlier time, the universe should have been smaller than at present. Retracing back logically, like a movie played in the reverse direction, it must have had a beginning when it was very tiny and there should have been a sudden expansion. This theory is being termed as "Big Bang theory".

Cause and Effect

Like the ripples going away from each other, the universe is expanding. If ripples are formed, then there should have been a cause. A stone throw can be a **cause** and the ripples spreading out could be an **effect**. Similarly **divine initiation** could be the **cause** and the expanding universe could be the **effect**.

From the speed at which the ripples expand, one can arrive at the time of its starting. Dr Christopher D. Impley, distinguished professor, astronomy observatory, the University of Arizona has calculated and arrived at the time of creation as 13.7 billion years ago in his paper published on February 22nd 2011. It all started in a circumstance of incredible temperature and density, when all matter and radiation was contained in a region smaller than an atom. The "Big Bang" is now a mature theory with observational evidence supporting it.

Creation as revealed in the Scripture.

Thus the opening verse of the Bible "**In the beginning**" (Gen 1:1) has profound revelation and significance. It marks "creation" a starting point in space and time. There are numerous other references to the beginning of the creation in the Bible.

"from the foundation of the world" (Matt 13:35; 25:34; Luke 11:50)
"from the beginning" (Matt 19:4,8; John 8:44; 1 John 1:1)

"from the beginning of the creation" (Mark 10:6; 2 Peter 3:4)

As we proceed further, let us dwell on each of the opening verses of the bible and try to understand the grandeur of God's creation and its purpose.

To continue,

M M Narendranath

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Bible Quiz No. 83 - November, 2017

Based on the Book of Ezekiel (King James Version)

Give only 1 reference.

1. "In the fire of my jealousy have I spoken" said: (a) The Lord GOD, (b) Ezekiel, (c) Nebuchadnezzar, (d) Pharaoh
2. "So I prophesied as I was commanded" said Ezekiel "there was a noise, and behold, a shaking, and the bones ..." (a) danced, (b) rolled over the cliff's edge, (c) fought, (d) came together
3. "I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock" (a) Babylon, (b) Edom, (c) Moab, (d) Tyre
4. "Can thine heart endure, or thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee?" To whom did the Lord ask?
5. About whom is the proverb, "As is the mother, so is her daughter"?
6. How many animals in the likeness of man did Ezekiel see?
7. From which part of the temple came out water as seen by Ezekiel?
8. On seeing whose death did Ezekiel fall face down and cry out in a loud voice?
9. "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge". Where is this proverb recorded?
10. The land which made the kings of the earth rich because of her luxury goods and merchandise?

Kindly send your answers to the church office by 19th November 2017.

Usha George



Vertical & Horizontal Relationship

"Every opportunity to make contact with another human being is a blessing from God"

When a well-to-do gentleman was walking down the street was approached by a homeless man, he reacted by saying, "I've no loose change brother!" – What was the reaction of the homeless man? – He broke down because someone cared to call him brother affectionately.

Contrast this with LORD Jesus Christ. He says to his Father, "Here am I, and the brothers you have given me." Jesus says we are his brothers and so sons of the true and Living God.

Oh, what a privilege! How easily we forget that!

When a Rabbi was exiting a paid car parking he had two options – either pay money to a machine or a man at the other exit. He instructed his driver to choose the latter and made the statement which you read at the beginning of this article.

When we have the gift of loving we should not use it sparingly. God's love for us resulted in the sacrificing of his only son.

I can recollect the times when I was not in a mood to talk to anyone when someone was hurting, waiting for a shoulder to lean on (or) I simply made myself unavailable to those who needed my presence and support. When you are connected with Jesus Christ it shows up.

You can notice youngsters when they fall in love by a twinkle in their eyes and you can sense they are up to something. That is human love but we are talking of God's love for us.

In Galatians Apostle Paul says, "Now that you've known God or known by God".

You cannot keep your relationship with Jesus a secret i.e. your personal and inner life with God our father through our LORD Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "They looked at Jesus and their faces became radiant."

Let your religion be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum, it beats no gong, yet far over the waters, the friendly light is seen by the mariner.

As a Christian, I cannot, NOT care about environment, about homelessness and poverty, about racism and religious persecution, and about injustice an option.

Let our relationship with Jesus lead us in all our interactions with fellow human beings. This is what is said about a person living with Jesus. "There is something impressive about the manner in which he lived a life wholly of the Spirit." So let us be alive to the gentle and inner prompting of God. The cares and the lust of this world had made me indifferent at times but we are not called to be indifferent but to be the light of the world. Sometimes family commitments prevent us from living by the Spirit. He understands.

"Rend your heart not your clothes. Return to the LORD."

Let us live by love and where we stand will become Holy ground. Let us receive grace and forgiveness and give out the same. Let us forgive and heal ourselves. In doing so we will be contributing to the healing of this planet. Let us honour everything God has created and be thankful for that. The Bible says, "The righteous will be kind to animals." Let us keep our hearts open to receive love because love alone keeps our hearts beating and pumping the blood. Blocks happen when we hold back that love.

Today we can stand in the midst of the great illusions of this world and by our very presence dispel them. As we cross the bridge to a more loving orientation – as we learn the lessons of spiritual transformations and apply them in our personal lives – we will become agents of change on a tremendous scale.

The powers of darkness seem to be taunting us demanding, "So where's all that love you believe in now? "

The answer is that love is inside us, just waiting to be unleashed. The darkness is an invitation, calling forth the spirit in all of us.

The only real failure is the failure to grow from what we go through.

It is an article of faith that God always has a plan. No matter what craziness humanity has fallen into, He has always delivered us ultimately to the peace that lies behind.

It is time to die for whom we used to be and to become whom we are capable of being. That is the gift that awaits us now: the chance to become whom we ought to be.

That is the miracle: The gift of change.

It is love that makes the stars hang in the sky.

You are that "somebody" Jesus Christ is looking for. Your love and kindness will transform this world and the darkness awaits you, not to engulf you but to be transformed by your light.

"You are the light of the world"

V.G. Sundar

**Answers to Bible Quiz No. 82 (November 2017)
Based on the Book of Joel (King James Version)**

The answers are :

1. (b) Galleyworms - 1:4
2. (a) plowshares into swords, your pruninghooks into spears - 3:10
3. Zion - 2:1
4. Jehoshaphat – 3.2
5. Valley of Shittim – 3:18
6. Joel – 2:11
7. Joel – 2:13
8. Drunkards – 1:5
9. Israel – 1:8
10. Old men – 2:28

The winners are:

- 1. Mrs. Victoria Basker**
- 2. Mrs. Indira Rajanayakam**
- 3. Mrs. Peace Rani Sudhakar**
- 4. Dr. (Mrs.) Rachel Chacko**
- 5. Mrs. Snehalatha Bright**
- 6. Mr. Joseph M. Manoharan**

Hearty congratulations!

Usha George

Kirk News



Guest Speakers

1st Oct 6 p.m. Dr. Samip Baruah, spoke on the topic "The Amazing Healing of Touch" from Mark 5:28-34.

8th Oct 7 a.m. Dr.(Mrs.) Anita Chelliah, spoke on the topic "Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed" from Luke 18:35-43.

8th Oct 9 a.m. Dr. Sunil Thomas Chandy, spoke on the topic "Jesus the Medical Missionary" from Luke 5:17-26.

20th Oct 6 p.m. Ms. Andrea Nirmal, spoke on the topic "After God's own Heart" from Psalm 63:1-8.

House Church Meetings

During the month of Oct, the hosts of the meetings for **6th Oct** Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Paulraj, **13th Oct** Mr. & Mrs. G. Sither Singh, **20th Oct** Mr. & Mrs. Sunil David. We thank all of them for opening their home in Christian love and fellowship.

District 5 met on **1st Oct** for a time of Bible Study and Fellowship in the home of Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Thomas. We thank them for their open home.

District 5 members of the congregation and regular worshippers also met at their "Annual District Camp" at Tirupattur on **18th & 19th of Oct** exploring 2 Peter 1:3-11 along with our Pastors on what it means to have a "A RICH WELCOME".

Friday Prayer Cell met on **6th Oct, 13th Oct; 20th Oct**. Pastor led the study on Proverbs.

Friendship Club met on **3rd Oct** in the SACCE hall for praise & worship service. Please continue to pray for the club members.

Monday Bible Study will be held on **2nd Oct, 9th Oct, 16th Oct, 30th Oct** (Study of Ezekiel) at the SACCE hall. The study of Luke continued.

Confirmation Service was held on **15th Oct** when parents & children attended. There were 32 children who re-instated their faith personally in Lord Jesus Christ & promised to read God's word & pray everyday of their lives. Pastor encouraged all members to be Obedient Disciples of Christ & expounded on the topic "Where are the disciples?" from John 15:1-17.

Monthly Night Prayer was held on **27th Oct.** The topic of discussion was "Prayer of Repentance to receive every blessing kept on hold. It was a time of intercessory prayer for Revival in the family, the Church, the Nation and the world at large.

Kirk Youth Fellowship A group of the youth attended the service in Tirupalaivanamon **8th Oct** while another group will conduct the Sunday school in Gypsy Colony. Please continue to pray for the youth ministry.

Kirk Men's Fellowship met at the SACCE Hall on **21st Oct 2017** for a time of fellowship and prayer. There was an interesting presentation given by our member Sam Daniel, NDTV Journalist on the topic "**Integrating Christ's way into Journalism**". It was a wonderful session – where he revealed what goes into what the journalist speaks, keeping the Christian Truth in the background.

Evangelism and Missions Movement's Fasting and Prayer was held on **5th Oct, 12th Oct, 19th Oct.** Please continue to pray for our Evangelists, our Missionaries and the life and activities of our Church along with our concerns for the present situation of our nation, and of the world.

Witnessing Sunday The worship services of 7 am/ 9 am / 6 pm on **29th Oct** are Witnessing services. Witnessing gives each of us, as recipients of the Lord's bountiful mercies, the opportunity to publicly acknowledge His goodness to us, especially, during difficulties and trials.

The testimonies were great to hear and all the people were edified as they got strengthened by the stories of healing received. It was a testimony of Jesus's presence in all their trials. There were testimonies of healing of cancer and also of God sharing his vision to servants of God.

Bible Quiz Competition This year, the Quiz Competition features the **Book of 1 Samuel!** It will be held on **Sunday, 29th October after the 9AM service.**

The competition is in **2 categories:** School students (classes 1–12) can take the quiz on Chapters 1 to 16; College students and adults can take the quiz on the entire Book. Please enrol in the sign-up sheet in the church office. May the Most High God fill you with His Eternal Word and His promised blessings! (Matt.4:4, Psalm 119:129).

Kirk Women's Fellowship have conducted a one-day outing trip to Hudson Resort at Sriperumbudur on **the 14th Oct.** All the ladies of

different ages had a great time of fellowship and prayer. Apart from the interesting boat ride, rich cuisine and games, the morning devotion was on the topic 'Do you love God enough?' based on Philippians 1:9-11 by Mrs. RoselindJanakaraj. Interesting games like water ball games and skit followed and there was a Bible quiz on the Book of Ruth.

Ladies studied the life of Rebecca as a young maiden, wife and mother as expounded by Mrs.ChitraBennett and this was followed by a time of spirited discussion. During the prayer session, prayers were made by the various needs of women, their challenges, particularly for their safety and protection and also for deliverance from the bondages of sin.

We thank Mrs. Roselin Johnson & her team for their meticulous planning and organizing

Christian Counselling Ministry (CCM) is holding a workshop on **FAMILY ENRICHMENT on 21st Oct. Dr. Prasantham** (Christian Counseling Ministry, CMC, Vellore) gave a great training to participants attending the workshop.

JUNIOR PIANO RECITAL: The Junior Piano Recital for Children and Young Adults will be held on **Saturday, 25th November 2017 at 6.30 PM in our church.** The Recital is being organised with a view to encourage young musicians and appreciate musical talent that needs to be nurtured for use in God's kingdom. This announcement is being made early to enable the participants to practice for the Recital.

The Church Annual Camp 2018 has been planned for the **26th, 27th & 28th** of January 2018 at the C.S.I. Retreat Centre in Yelagiri. **Theme: "Are You Ready? – 'Prepare to meet your God'" Amos 4:12b.** **Speakers:** Mr. & Mrs. RampertRatnaiya, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George and Mike Collins & team (for children). Kindly block these dates in your calendar, pray and attend.

BIRTHS

Sam Lawrence and Benita Princy were blessed with a baby boy on 19th October. He is the grandson to our members Mr. & Mrs. S.B. Benjamin.

Mr.Timothy Deepak Paulraj and & Mrs. Amreetha Priscilla Timothy, our members, were blessed with a baby girl on 1st October, grand daughter of Mr.JoshuaPaulraj and Diana Joshua

OBITUARY

Dr. May Manuel, our member, passed away on Thursday, 5th October, aged 89 years. The body was cremated the same day.

Dr. (Mrs.) Sara Lukose, our member, passed away on Friday, 6th October, aged 87 years. The funeral was held in the church on Saturday, 7th October, followed by burial in Kilpauk cemetery. Mother of Mrs. MeeraNinan, our member.

Mr. D. Smiles Paramandam, our member, passed away on Friday, 13th October aged 78 years. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Dr Samip Baruah



John's Corner

One Simple Step

(For Children and their parents too!)

Read 1 Pet 5 : 7, Jer 17 : 7, 8

Nov. 14th is Children's Day

You ask what keeps me happy,
The answer's very plain,
I have a God who helps me,
And Jesus is His name.

Whatever be my trail,
However great my woe,
With faith I pray to Jesus,
And trust the way He'll show.

Friend, you too can be happy,
It's simple and it's true,
Just cast your cares on Jesus.
And He will uphold you.

John H. Bala Singh