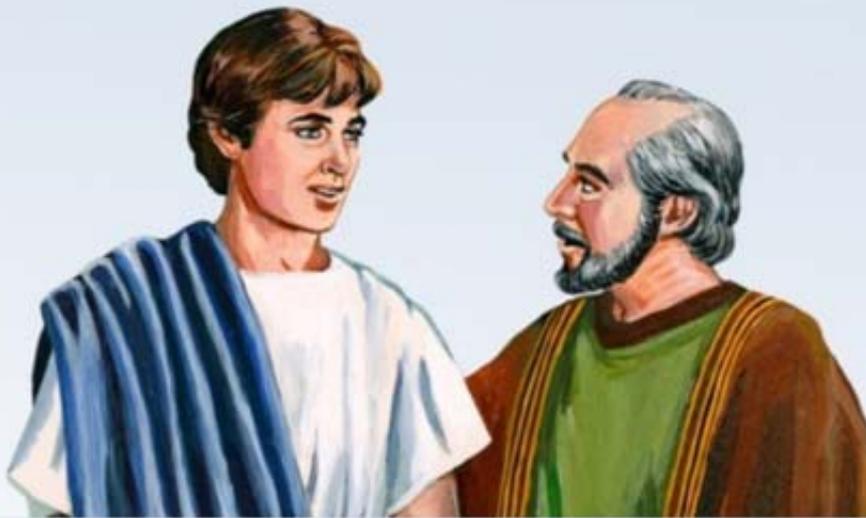


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Youth Sunday
Paul passing on the baton to Timothy - 1 Tim.4:12

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Cover: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the
believers, in word in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity"
1 Timothy 4:12

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Word from the Pastor

TAKE MY HAND, LEAD ME ON

*Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand
(Psalm 73:23)*

"Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home."

"Precious Lord" was written in Chicago in 1932 following the death of Thomas Dorsey's wife Nettie and infant son during childbirth.

Dorsey changed from being a secular song-writer to being a follower of Jesus Christ in 1928. He became active in Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago. Beginning in 1932, he served as the church's choir director for forty years.

In the words of Dorsey, "Back in 1932 I was 32 years old and a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's Southside. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis, where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go. Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. In the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED.

"When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him anymore or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially a friend, Professor Frye,

who seemed to know what I needed. On the following Saturday evening he took me up to Malone's Poro College, a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows. I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys."

Dorsey remembered an old pentatonic (five-note) melody from his Sunday School days, MAITLAND (The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 424) by George Allen (1812-1877), paired with the text "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Arranging this tune and adding his own words, "Precious Lord" became the most famous of his many gospel songs. He gave the song to Frye who introduced it to the choir at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church the next Sunday, an event that, Dorsey later remarked, "tore up the church." Martin Luther King, Sr. was the pastor of Ebenezer at this time, beginning his ministry there in 1931.

The three stanzas capture the grief not only of Dorsey, but also of any who have suffered significant loss. The opening line of stanza one, "Precious Lord, take my hand. . . ." indicates a suffering soul that is reaching out. The singer acknowledges that they are at the end of their rope: "I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn." Perhaps Dorsey was referring to Matthew 28:23-27, the narrative where Christ stills the storm, when he penned, "Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light." Each stanza concludes effectively with the refrain, "Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home".

There are many whose life journeys have been fraught with great pain. Asking why doesn't ease the pain. But there is an assurance from the Good Shepherd. 'Lo, I am with you always'. May be you can sing the song that Thomas Dorsey wrote remembering that the Lord of all comfort and peace will *take your hand and lead you on*.

Praying for all of you

Rev. Isaac Johnson



A Treasure Trove of Wisdom

The Purpose and Theme of Proverbs (Proverbs 1:1-7)

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
for gaining wisdom and instruction;
for understanding words of insight;
for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,
doing what is right and just and fair;
for giving prudence to those who are simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young—
let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—
for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The book of Proverbs is a treasure trove of wisdom; it is God's handbook of instruction for living a life of worth and effectiveness. It is essential to study the book of Proverbs, if one wants to gain wisdom and understanding and to apply the teachings of the Bible to practical everyday life. As you read, where you find yourself doubting or disagreeing, dig deeper, for surely there is more to it than meets the eye. Look up the references, use a dictionary and thesaurus and the Holy Spirit will give new insights even to familiar verses and passages. God's Word is NEVER wrong, so seek understanding and don't rest until you get to the real meaning behind the proverbs.

Solomon, son of King David is the author of much of the book of Proverbs, but there are some chapters by other wise men that have been included. The purpose of this book is to help us attain wisdom

and lead a disciplined life. It helps us give thought to the future, while acting in the present – to be aware of the consequences of our actions and to do what is right, just and fair. Those who lack good sense will learn from Proverbs to think and act in better ways. Children and young people will learn to be careful and have good judgment. There is wisdom here to handle life. Those who are already wise will learn more that will be useful in making good decisions. Those who are already discerning will get good guidance from studying Proverbs and will understand the sayings of the wise, even things that are unclear.

The most important factor in gaining knowledge, acquiring wisdom and discipline is a reverent “fear of the Lord” – an unwillingness to do anything that will displease God. People who fear the Lord always want to do what is good and right in His eyes, because they love, value and revere Him and are afraid of hurting, grieving or displeasing Him. But “fools” ignore wisdom and are not bothered to do the right thing - they disregard it as unimportant. They don’t want to be held to rules that restrict their freedom to do what they want and they reject God’s ways by simply ignoring them.

Therefore, since Proverbs is a book that is aimed at giving us wisdom, it is foolish to neglect it. By doing so, you may bring harm and disaster upon yourself and others. Be wise; study the Proverbs and try to understand and apply them to your life.

by Abha Appasamy



GOD OF SALVATION

God led the people of Israel out of Egypt as Pharaoh King of Egypt pursued after the children of Israel. When Israel saw the mighty army they were greatly afraid.

Moses said unto the people, Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. "The Lord shall fight for you and you shall hold your peace" (Exodus 14:14). God destroyed the Egyptian army in the sea.

Fifty years ago on May 22, 1967 Egyptian President Abdel Nasser addressing his pilots said, "The Jews are threatening war, we say to them you are welcome." War clouds were gathering over the West Asian skies. Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia joined together under Nasser's leadership to fight Israel. Nasser declared that he will wipe out the state of Israel from the map of the World as it is written in Ps. 83:4, "They have said Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance".

On June 5th, 1967, Israel launched a surprise attack on Egypt, totally destroying the Egyptian Air Force in one day.

King Hussein of Jordan entered the war; his troops had to withdraw to the eastern part of the kingdom in the wake of Israeli advances. Syrians attacked Israel from its northern border, but faced the same fate as the Jordanians.

On the Sixth day of the war on June 10th, Israel had captured the entire Sinai and Gaza strip from Egypt, the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem from Jordan; and the Golan Heights from Syria. The war ended in six days, it broke the myth of Arab unity. The war reinforced Israel's military might.

General Moshe Dayan, Defence Minister of Israel announced standing in front of the Western wall in the old city after the war, "We have returned to our holy places, and we shall never leave them".

The Lord had again fought for Israel.

June 5, 2017 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the "Six Day War".

Jacob Sumithran



Medical Corner

GLAUCOMA! THIEF OF SIGHT !!

“Doctor treats but Jesus heals”

Glaucoma is now emerging as the most, common worldwide cause of blindness, next only to cataract. Yet 88% of the cases could have been cured by early detection.

WHAT IS GLAUCOMA?

A Clear transparent liquid called the aqueous humor flows through the eye continuously. This liquid is different from the tears which flow out when we cry. If the drainage system of the eye gets blocked, the fluid pressure within the eye is increased and causes damage to the optic nerve, which in turn destroys side vision or field of vision.

WHO CAN HAVE GLAUCOMA?

Glaucoma can occur in children and adults. When glaucoma is present from birth it is called congenital glaucoma. Glaucoma occurring in adults is usually an open angle glaucoma. The other type of Glaucoma is closed angle glaucoma.

DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS

Early diagnosis of glaucoma, can be made by the eye doctor (ophthalmologist) during the course of a periodic eye examination.

1. Fundus examination :The image of an object is carried from the retina to the brain by the nerve of sight (the optic nerve). Using an instrument called an Ophthalmoscope, the eye doctor will examine the back of the eye to see if the optic nerve is healthy and that no damage is occurring. The optic nerve is damaged in glaucoma resulting in field defects. Patients seldom notice these blind areas in their field of vision (Side vision) until considerable damage has occurred to the optic nerve. Finally the side vision constricts to a great extent, resulting in “Tube Vision”. This means only the central vision is present and no

side vision. Finally patients become totally blind. Fortunately this rarely occurs if the glaucoma is diagnosed early and treated .

2. Computerised Visual field analysis- :The side vision must be tested for shrinkage or blind areas. Precise and standardized information is obtained on the Automated perimeter.

3. Tonometry :The eye pressure must be checked with an applanation tonometer which gives a precise value of the pressure within the eye.

4. Gonioscopy : During this procedure, a lens is placed on the eye to obtain a view of the angle of filtration in the eye (drainage apparatus of the eye). Gonioscopy helps in differentiating an angle closure glaucoma from an open angle glaucoma. Every patient must undergo a comprehensive glaucoma evaluation. The whole procedure is digitized and stored in the computer and the patient is given a print out. It is important to consider risk factors which may lead to glaucoma.

5. OCT : This test is done to find out the retinal nerve fibre layer thickness, which will reveal the extent of damage.

WHAT ARE THE RISK FACTORS OF GLAUCOMA ?

A history of glaucoma in the family, or general health problems such as diabetes, hypertension or myopia are some examples of risk factors.

HOW IS GLAUCOMA TREATED ?

The treatment of a glaucoma patient is based upon the findings obtained from the 6 parameters, namely, 1. Tonometry, 2. Fields, 3. Optic, Disc changes, 4. Angle study, 5. OCT, 6. Central Corneal thickness.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

Glaucoma is usually controlled with eye drops instilled in the eyes or by pills given in various combinations. These medications act to decrease eye pressure either by assisting flow of fluid out of the eye or by decreasing the amount of fluid secreted by the eye. To be effective these medications must be taken regularly and continuously.

As a rule, damage caused by glaucoma cannot be reversed. Eye drops, pills and surgery are used to prevent further damage from occurring, and to preserve existing vision.

Dr. Rajinikantha



Purpose of life – Part 2

Life is a “Routine”

Life runs like a routine cycle. We are born, get educated, strive for a job, get employed, get married and beget children. We then educate them, help them find a job, get them married and later look after our grand children. And what do our children and grand children do? The very things that we did!

Is this the “Purpose of Life”?

All creations have a purpose

Nothing in heaven and on earth is without purpose. Sun gives light and heat. Moon gives light and produces tide to sustain life, stars and planets mark seasons and time. On earth, all the living and non living beings too have their purposes; Each of our body organs has a specific purpose like eyes for seeing, ears for hearing, heart for pumping blood that sustains life and kidneys for purifying blood, brain for overall system management and storing of memory! But when it comes to man as a whole, what purpose does he serve?

Different views

King Solomon (Ruled 970 – 931 BCE) - One person who had youth money, peace and health was King Solomon.

Yet his findings on the ‘purpose of Life’ are dismal as reflected in the book of *Ecclesiastics 2:4-8*

4. I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. 5. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. 6. I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. 7. I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than

anyone in Jerusalem before me. 8. I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired men and women singers and a harem as well-the delights of the heart of man.

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "**Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.**" Eccl 1:1-2

Socrates (470 – 390 BCE) - Was a classical Greek (Athenian) philosopher credited as one of the founders of Western Philosophy. He said: '**As for me all I know is, that I know nothing**'

Blaise Pascal (1623 – 1662) - Was a French mathematician, physicist and religious philosopher, who laid the foundation for the modern theory of probabilities.

He observed "*When I consider the short duration of my life, swallowed up in the eternity before and after, the little space I fill, and even can see, engulfed in the immensity of space of which I am ignorant, which knows me not, I am frightened, and am astonished at being here than there, now rather than then.*" Like Pascal we too can ask, "**What is my purpose here and now?**"

Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955) - The physicist widely regarded as one of the most influential scientists of all time could not throw more light. His views on life are:

"Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short period of time – a visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose."

How do we perceive "The Purpose of Life"?

Even the 'wisest king' who ever lived on this earth, the greatest of philosophers, the most brilliant of scientists this world so far knew, could not fathom the true purpose of life. But let us endeavour to understand this from the words of the Bible and the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To continue
By M.M. Narendranath

Rejected but not Dejected yet Ejected to Glory



Have you faced unjust accusations, undeserving wrongs, unexpected criticisms, unwanted hate, unwanted taunting? Yes, hatred & rejection are common phenomena faced by every individual and child. At any point of time, young or old, each will definitely be rejected by someone known or a dear one. Jesus was rejected like you and me and is facing rejection by the world today as well. Here we need to remember that irrespective of rejection – Jesus was focussed on completing the work God the Father had assigned to him and so never was dejected. In fact the death on the cross is an outcome of rejection by the Jews but it led to the fulfillment/accomplishment of the divine purpose of salvation for all mankind and finally he was raised out of the grave on the third day to glory. We learn **three lessons** about Rejection in the scriptures:

Rejection leads to Elevation- Have you been dejected or frustrated that you have done so much good for someone and finally you have been dumped or used for their selfish reasons? The Bible says in Matthew 5:11-12 that “blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake because your reward is in heaven.” Jesus was rejected but finally was elevated to sit on the right hand of God. Daniel was rejected and targeted to be killed – but God elevated him to the highest position of the Governor of the land. Psalms 75:6 states that elevation comes from the Lord only. The promotion of demotion clearly states that the demotion faced by any Christian in his job is actually a promotion in the sight of God because – God allows demotion (seen to be failure by the world) to be chosen for God’s purpose for a different responsibility or to teach us to be dependent on Him. Jesus’ death was viewed as doom and gloom because of the worst form of death Jesus faced but for ALL MANKIND IT IS a boon for all believers as they can escape SIN, HELL AND DEATH because – Jesus’ death on Good Friday established the ONLY WAY to Heaven.

Rejection leads to Embodiment – Jesus did face rejection again and again – and was a perfect embodiment of God's supreme purpose on earth. Because Jesus embodied God, Jesus humbled Himself unto death on the cross (Philippians 2:6-8). Paul & Silas are also examples of embodiment of God's purpose engraved in their hearts because in spite of facing rejection and jail they were singing praises determined to continue their ministry. Another example is Stephen who when stoned to death saw God the Father & Jesus welcoming him into heaven.

Rejection leads to Empowerment – The Bible states that the world will hate us (John 15:18), who are believers and hence we need to be always ready to face rejection when we proclaim Jesus as Lord. We need to be ready for the coming rejection and losing our life for Jesus in extreme circumstances (John 16:2). Another example of a great man of God is Graham Staines who lost his life for the Lord. All of us are empowered by God to face rejection. As the healed blind man in John 9 faced rejection by the Jews for his testimony of healing, God empowered him to proclaim Jesus as a prophet (John 9:17) and finally to worship Him. The Bible says in John 15:26-27 that Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit for guidance and empowerment to testify to the gospel and live by the scriptures - in fact the boldness to share about Christ (Acts 4:31). John 14:26 also states that the Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance all things which He has said to face every day's challenges and issues.

In conclusion, I would like to state that as a believer, I need to be ready to face hatred and rejection wherever I am because I need to please God rather than man. In this Lenten season, as we celebrate Easter & remember Jesus's death on Good Friday we need to remember that Jesus expressed HIS GRACE on the cross which is UNLIMITED, UNCONDITIONAL, UNCHANGING, UNDESERVED for each individual. He fulfilled God's purpose come what may – be it approval, opposition, hatred or rejection. So are we willing to follow Jesus' footsteps? When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him Proverbs 16:7.

Dr. Samip Baruah

John's Corner

Yours Obediently

(Read Mat 28 : 20)

July 9th is Evangelism and Missions Movement Sunday

Ah, Lord! how can I deny You
The best I've got to give,
When You Your very life offered,
That I with joy might live?

But I'm a shameful sinner, Lord,
Filthy, worthless and vile,
And nothing at Your feet can I
Lay down that is worthwhile.

This I will do, with heart and soul,
Each day witness for Thee,
And sinking sinners draw to You,
As You commissioned me.

John H. Bala Singh

Answers to Bible Quiz No. 78 (June 2017)

Based on the book of 1 Samuel (King James Version)

The answers are :

1. 31:13
2. Samuel -- 7 : 15
3. The yearly sacrifice -- 1:21
4. Keilah -- 23 : 7
5. The Lord to Samuel -- 3 : 11
6. 'c' seven -- 6 : 1
7. True -- 4 : 11
8. 'a' Agag -- 15 : 8
9. 'b' an evil spirit -- 16 : 14
10. Obey -- 15 : 22

The winners are:

1. **Mrs. Aruna Asir**
2. **Mrs. Indira Rajanayakam**
3. **Mrs. Minnie Devadoss**
4. **Peace Rani Sudhakar**
5. **Dr. Rachel Chacko**
6. **Mrs. Suguna Joseph**
7. **Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Sujatha Prasad**
8. **Mrs. Victoria Basker**
9. **Mrs. Gladys Wilson**

Hearty congratulations!

Usha George



Bible Quiz No. 79 - July, 2017

Based on the Second book of Samuel (King James Version)

Give only 1 reference.

1. At whose grave did David cry loudly?
2. "He maketh my feet like hind's feet". Whose?
3. How many years did David rule?
4. The first born of David?
5. What was the name that Nathan called Solomon because the Lord loved him?
6. "They are faster than eagles and more fierce than lions." Who is mentioned by David?
7. Who put ashes on her head, tore her robe, laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly?
8. "You are equal to 10,000 people among us." Who said this?
9. Who was praised for his beauty in all Israel?
10. "For thou did'st it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." Who said to whom?

Kindly send your answers to the church office by 16th July 2017.

Usha George

There Shall be Showers of 'Blessing'

There was definitely a time 'In the Beginning' when 'The Lord God' had not sent rain on the Earth and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the Earth and watered the whole surface on the ground! And sure enough as 'time' ticks on, suddenly 'as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the 'Son of Man'!! As we diligently watch and wait for CHRIST'S second coming which is evidently not going to be in secret, His covenant of peace remains. Being refreshed by His showers of blessing while we're surrounded by His Word portraying continually, beauty, safety and security.

Let us not forget the Word of God that came to Elijah after almost three and a half years of severe famine – this Word demanded a really drastic action. He was told, 'Go and present yourself to Ahab and I will send rain on the land'. The 'no dew or rain' decree of the Lord God was still in force but Elijah not only went to present himself before 'Ahab' the King but also summoned him for the encounter at Mount Carmel. His drastic challenge was direct. His call to fill four large jars with water thrice and to pour it on the offering along with the wood not only gives us the picture of the water overflowing into the trenches, but also brings to light the one 'just like us' who foresaw the Lord's answer by fire. Oh! Yes, eventually from the pinnacle Elijah not only heard about a cloud that was as small as a man's hand but also outran Ahab as the power of the Lord came upon him. Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose and a heavy rain lashed the land. How about making a drastic decision today? We may not face Ahabs everyday but can we decisively cut off the deadly tentacles of compromise – 'SIN'? 'Pressing on to acknowledge Him' we are bound not only to hear but also to be found in the healing 'rain'!

There was something equally dramatic as the Apostle Paul reached the island of Malta after the shipwreck. The ship was lost no doubt

but no life was lost. The islanders built a fire and welcomed them because it was raining and cold. Paul gathered some wood and put it on the fire but a deadly viper fastened on to his hand. The initial reaction from the islanders was quite natural as they said to each other, 'This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live'. But the Apostle just shook off the snake into the fire and when nothing untoward happened, the verdict was completely different. The weather at the beginning might have been raining and cold, but by the by, the sick on the island were cured and the restoration was complete. Every now and then we sing 'mercy drops round us are falling' and plead for the showers of blessing! The weather may not be promising at the beginning, but in each 'clouded' situation doesn't the Lord Almighty know the 'ending' from the beginning!

Then and there, many a drastic and dramatic experience would come by, but the Lord God's directive to obey 'His Word' is simple. The disobedient covet and 'they are clouds without rain blown along by the wind. Jude 1:12b, while the obedient repent and are caught up in the Almighty's reign of love! "As surely as the sun rises 'He' will appear: He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the Earth"! Oh! What a pleasant surprise!!

Dr. Christina Ambrose



Kirk News

David writes in Psalms 16:1: "Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust." (KJV). God continues to preserve and provide us security and provisions at all times. Let us continue to sustain our trust in Lord Jesus this month too.

Guest Speakers

- 4th June 6 pm Dr (Mrs.) Christine Ambrose spoke on the topic "HOPE' that never disappoints!" from Rom 4:18-5:5.
- 11th June 7am / 9am Mr LT Jeyachandran, spoke on the topic "The Glory of the Trinity, the Cross and the Church" from Ephesians 4:1-16.
- 25th June 7 a.m. Mr Rajkumar Ramachandran, spoke on the topic "Holy Fear" from Exodus 20:18-21, Matthew 6:25-34, Hebrews 11:7.
- 9 a.m. Mr. Rajkumar Ramachandran, spoke on the topic "Knowing and Fulfilling God's will" from Isaiah 48:17-18, Ephesians 5:17, Colossians 1:9-14 at the Youth Sunday service.

District Meeting

District 5 met on 4th June 2017 for a time of Bible Study and Fellowship in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Arul Chittaranjan Durairaj.

House Church Meetings

During the month of June, the meetings were held on **16th June** in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jebasingh Jothi, On **23rd June** at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Solomon J. Wilson & on **30th June** in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Prasad Oommen. We thank one and all for opening their homes in Christian love and fellowship.

Village Project Sunday was held on 11th June 2017. We thank people for the contributions made to the Project. Please continue to pray for the project.

Friday Prayer was held on **16th June, on 23rd June** and on **30th June** in the SACCE hall. Pastor led the study of Proverbs.

Sunday School re-opened on **11th June 2017** at 9AM. Pre KG to class 1 continues to meet at the Manse, Classes 2-12 meet at SACCE hall.

Eco Sunday was held on 18th June 2017. A Vivid report was presented on the way the trees are nurtured and taken care of the Church garden Church. People are welcome to contribute to the Garden & Landscaping project

Monday Bible Study resumed on 12th June 2017 and continued on 19th June & 26th June. The study of St. Luke's Gospel continued. Please do join for study of God's word.

Monthly Night Prayer was held on **Friday 30th June 2017** at the SACCE hall. The topic of discussion was "Power of Anointing" and the speaker was Mr. Rajkumar Roberts.

Kirk Women's Fellowship met on **11th June 2017** after the 9AM service in the SACCE hall.

Kirk's Men's Fellowship met on **18th June 2017** after the 9 am service and visited Karanoday Church on **25th June 2017** for a time of fellowship / prayer and testimony sharing in Hindi Meeting.

Evangelism and Missions Movement's Fasting and Prayer resumed on **15th of June and was held on 22nd & 29th of June.** Please pray and uphold our Evangelists, Missionaries and for the life and activities of our Church and about our concerns for the present situations of our nation and the world. We invite you to please join the group in the future meetings.

Confirmation Classes 2017 started on **11th June 2017** after the 9AM service. The classes continued also to **Sunday, 25th June** after the 9 am service.

Kirk Youth Sunday was held on 25th June 2017. **Kirk Youth Fellowship** on 11th June 2017 visited Thirupalaivanam for outreach and another group visited Gypsy Colony, Pallavaram, to teach in Sunday school. Please continue to pray for the Youth members that they are rooted in God's word and led by their spirit.

KYF Camp'17: The annual Youth camp will be held at Kodaikanal between the 13th and 15th of August. Please block these dates and register your names for the camp to have a time of worship and coming closer to the Lord.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Mary Varughese née John, mother of our member, Mrs. Anna Siromoney, passed away on Friday 16th June in Delhi, aged 89. Our condolence to the family.

Dr. Samip Baruah



Youth Sunday on 25th June

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