

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25-26



Kirkspire

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Word from the Pastor



EMPTY IS GOOD NEWS

..Death no longer has dominion over Him (Romans 6:9)

The word 'Empty' would not always augur well. For example, an empty bank account, an empty house or an empty mind but not so when it comes to the empty tomb. The wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is that it is irreversible, irrevocable and irreplaceable. The completion of the work of Jesus on the Cross was through His resurrection. Imagine the scenario wherein after all the horror of the death of Jesus on the Cross, declaring those historic statements that churches study every year on Good Friday and then, what if there was no resurrection. No resurrection will mean that Jesus is only human and that the sting of sin and the consequences of sin will be applicable to Jesus as well. NO. Jesus conquered death through death so that there is a living hope after death. Here are seven highlights of the Empty Tomb that teach us life lessons even today.

- A. God is Sovereign even at the tomb (Job 42:2)
- B. God is Powerful even to penetrate into the tomb (Psalm 139:8)
- C. God is Invisible yet fully present at the tomb (Psalm 77:19)
- D. God is Victorious beyond our wildest imagination (Deuteronomy 20:4)
- E. God's Will is Final no matter what satan tries (Romans 16:20)
- F. God's Rule is Unstoppable for all of eternity (2 Samuel 7:16)

While God the Father knew that His power will bring forth Jesus from the dead, here are some who had the greatest shock in human history. The adversary, the devil did not see this coming, the Chief Priests and religious leaders did not see this coming and certainly the Ro

man rulers would not have thought about this in their wildest imagination.

The Empty Tomb means the Throne of God will never be empty, the name above every other name – the name of Jesus, will be exalted and worshipped for all of eternity.

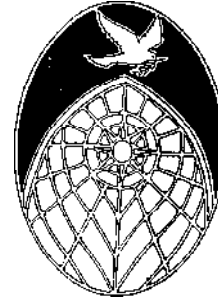
Anytime, you feel down, discouraged or disheartened, anytime you feel every road is closed and there is no way, remember the Empty Tomb.

Have a blessed month, celebrating Jesus who embraced sinners, became sin and conquered death.

Rev. Isaac Johnson

“Hurry, for the task is urgent.
Let His work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when He calleth –
Here am I: Send me, send me.”

'JESUS' met them saying Rejoice!



Then, it was the dawn of the first day of the week. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. But what a marvelous surprise! There was a great earthquake and a greater sight to behold. The Angel of the Lord who descended from Heaven rolled the stone away. It was definitely to allow those who stood outside the tomb to see what was inside. Even the graveclothes were folded – there was no disorder, no chaos and no darkness. Light has penetrated the empty tomb. At the brilliance of the angel's countenance the guards also shook and became like dead men.

Then to those who were seeking JESUS – the crucified, the angels spoke words that would dispel the darkness of fear and doubt. The empty tomb became a place of direction and the rendezvous with the redeemer was to be at Galilee. Oh! But what a spectacle, as JESUS met them and the declaration -'Rejoice'! led the women to the greatest dimension -'Worship'! Now, is the time to worship the Lord! 'Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing'! Let us be devoted – irrevocably given over to the Lord!

Then, it was the turn of the disciples who went into Galilee to the mountain which JESUS had appointed to worship 'Him', but some still doubted. Then and there, JESUS' authority over and in all became the sure signature of the heart of the Lord God! Now and forever His presence distinguishes us, as we make disciples of all nations. Rejoice and again I say Rejoice: let our gentleness be evident to all!

Dr. Christina Ambrose

Follow Jesus.....Like Sunflowers follow the Sunshine

Flowers have an expression of countenance so is it when our eye strikes on a field of sunflowers. Everyone loves the sunflower! What's so amazing is that sunflowers look like the sun! Even though they aren't the sun, they remind us of it because of the way they look.

That is one of the remarkable characteristics of sunflowers, although it grows in soil, it follows the sun ... no matter what. It starts each day facing east, and swings westward throughout the day as the sun moves across the sky.

Quite strange...but yet beautiful, right!

Yes, God has created some plants with a tendency to move in the direction of the sun. Ancient Greeks called this phenomenon 'Heliotropism'. Just like humans, plants have internal biological clock referred to a 'Circadian Rhythm', which helps plants to respond to changes in roughly 24 hour cycles.

So, this exclusive nature of sunflower is the work of its circadian rhythm...

Before the break of dawn, the sunflower faces east towards the direction of sunrise .. as the sun moves from east to west, the flower turns westward as well ... when the sun sets the flower reverts to its original position, facing the east, to begin the cycle afresh the next day.

When sunflower one of the nature's most specular artifacts need the presence of sunlight.....how much more do we humans, God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works ... need the presence of Savior.

Yes, like the young sunflower follows the sun, we who are created in the Likeness and Image of God have the ultimate responsibility of

following our Savior, the Son of God, who came down to earth to suffer and die for us.

In this season of lent, let us surrender ourselves completely to God and follow him no matter what so that we can have a flourishing spiritual life that gives us victory despite the many terrible circumstances that surround us in this world of complications.

As Christians, let us be like Sunflower..Follow Jesus as he is our Light and Life"

*'Like sunflower that follows....Every moment of the sun,
So I turn towards You, to follow You my Jesus"*

Guna Justin

"When Jesus said, 'Take My yoke upon you,' He was inviting us to come into partnership with Him."

"We do not receive tomorrow's strength for today."

John's Corner



HAPPY GOOD FRIDAY!

Read Jn 3:16, Jn 10:10, 1Tim 1:15

I have a friend, a gentleman,
Who with sincerity once said,
"All festivals are listed in
My calendar and marked in red:

"There's Pongal and Deepavalli,
And I observed Good Friday too;
Each special day I greet my friends,
What should I with Good Friday do?

"Shall I say, 'Happy Good Friday'?
I don't hear people greet this way."
His question left me thinking as
I pondered what I ought to say.

True Jesus died on Good Friday,
That life eternal we receive;
Beyond the remorse we should then,
Repent, rejoice and Christ believe.

John H. Bala Singh.

And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8



'Feed My Sheep'

John 21:15

This sterling and sublime command of our Master, 'Feed My Sheep' was given to His most impetuous and robust disciple Peter – the 'Big Fisherman'.

At a close breakfast fellowship on the shore of Galilee soon after our Master's appearance in the Upper Room, our Lord now means serious work. He pointedly asks Peter who would prove to be the most dynamic forerunner of discipleship "...do you love Me more than these?". Perhaps Jesus must have referred to the boat, fishing net and tackle. Peter is expected to make a life change. Not once, but three times, Peter is addressed with this question and Peter, hurt and baffled, replies firmly and passionately, "Yea Lord, You know that I love You".

The Lord speaks the same words to you and me. Words that resound through millenniums "Feed My Sheep!"

Jesus knew that the shepherd has to go in search of the sheep. The Ethiopian prince in Acts 8 did not go in search of Philip. Philip went hunting for him. The first practical step for this command of our Lord would be to step out and seek those who were ignorant of this heavenly gift of salvation. Let us delight in telling His story!

Jesus knew how much Peter loved Him but was reminding Peter, as He reminds all of us, that love brings responsibilities. It is certainly not enough if we merely feed on His Word, enjoying the treasures and beauty of His Word. With the flame of the Holy Spirit within us, we have to reach out in love and compassion to the sad, blind world groping in the dark.

My examples of this humble loving care are taken from the world around me. A lovely lady, after attending our morning service would step out and squat on the bare ground with a group of poverty-

stricken men and women, in close fellowship. She was totally oblivious to curious glances that would come her way! This was a beautiful reflection of the love of Christ for the destitute. I fondly remember another doctor lady of yesteryear, who so quietly dispensed her medical expertise, reaching out to market folk and daily wage earners, never hesitating to call out to a poor urchin boy across the street, limping around with a dirty bandage on a gaping wound. She personally cleaned and dressed the wound. These are but a few examples of luminous unknown saints in Christ's service.

While we believers lift our Lord's Name in exuberant praise, our love should also find expression in action. Jesus does not demand that we win. He simply asks that we go.

The disciples were not men of refined ideas and philosophies; they were men on fire and acted and obeyed. It is said that Christianity is best with its sleeves rolled up.

Let us use the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as a springboard – not just to believe but to do something about it.

“Feed My Sheep, Peter!”
“Out in the highway, and in the byway,
Out in the dark paths of sin,
Go forth, go forth, with a loving heart,
And gather the wanderers in!”

Usha George

“And our wise Father in heaven knows when we're going to need things too. Don't run out ahead of him.”

Corrie ten Boom

Something Sweet to Celebrate Easter

No, it's not the easter eggs. It's the sweet that refreshes our souls - the book of wisdom. Proverbs is a book that is hard to understand and may even seem to have contradictions to the careless and untrained eye. The book of wisdom says,

'My son, eat honey because it is good, And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste;' Proverbs 24:13

It also says, 'It is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not glory.' Proverbs 25:27

In context, it is pretty clear that seeking one's own glory is like eating too much honey which isn't good. It's safe to conclude that we should have honey but not too much of it. Is there more to this? Sure. The Bible is rich with the mention of honey, it's time to get a taste of it.

When Israelites were starving, they cried out and God provided them with Manna that tasted like a wafer made with honey. It was also called the bread of heaven. Israel, when full, complained against the bread of heaven, calling the food of angels "worthless bread." Jesus, the Bread of Life, who came from heaven was crucified by people not realising His infinite worth. How do we come to a place where we willingly crucify the very Bread of Life?

We all go through phases in our lives when the Bread of Life may seem distasteful. How is that even possible? The omniscient God is the answer - He is insatiable with His unending supply; we know this in our heads. Yet, in the particulars of life we don't see how He is what we need.

Again, Proverbs says,

"A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." Proverbs, 27:7 , , ,

The God-shaped vacuum of our souls can be satisfied only by God Himself, when He doesn't seem to, that's an alarm. An alarm that we have starved our souls, that we settle for the bitter and fill up on it to a point where the taste buds are dulled. We were created to praise Him, to do so we partake of Him, and lift it all to Him in praise. When it's about glorifying God, not us, it is always sweet.

It is also an alarm that we aren't flowing rivers, but stagnant ponds. We are satisfied to satisfy - as we are being satisfied with the fullness of Jesus, we are called to refresh others. We are created to be a stream of His goodness, when not, we can become toxic to ourselves and those around. Samson's riddle, "Out of the eater came something to eat, And out of the strong came something sweet." turns out to be the solution for the honey problem. From the tearing apart of the Lion of Judah, came honey that was shared with family. Let's eat this honey for it is good and let's share it because the supply is abundant. Now, that's the way to have honey and always enjoy it!

Angela Susan Bryner

"We want the young for Jesus,
On earth, when He was near,
With gentle, sweet affection
He drew the children near."

Riber Memorial Day Care Centre and Community Development Project: Report 2022 - 2023

Celebrating Fifty Years in His Service

'O make Your church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old.'

This church ministry was founded in the year 1973 and has a strength of fifty children drawn from the families of load bearers, auto drivers and domestic helpers living around the church. It functions at two places – the church campus and Balaramapuram.

The preschoolers of the Day Care Centre are aged 2-1/2 to 5 years and learn about the world around them and the love of Jesus through songs, stories, games and numerous creative activities.

Clean habits, basic discipline and values are imparted to them. A beautifully located, well equipped outdoor playground provides the children with important physical development.

The Centre provides the children with a well-balanced diet of milk, eggs, chicken garden fresh vegetables, fruits, legumes and pulses.

Spiritual and moral nurturing is given in the form of songs, prayers, Bible verses and stories.

The children are continuously assessed in their academic skills and an assessment report is given to parents. Each child is provided with a set of uniform and comfortable footwear.

The children happily participate in drills, colourful dances, talents and sports competitions on Independence Day, Christmas and Project

Day. Every year the children, parents and staff enjoy a picnic at a local attraction like Guindy park.

Other activities of our Ministry

- **Health Care :**

General health checkup, Eye camp and Dental camp were organized for RMDCC children and Night school children on 18th November 2022. We thank Dr. Rajinikantha and her team, Dr. Arjun Thomas, and Dr. Suman Mathew for volunteering their time and much-needed professional advice.

- Special meals: Children enjoy special meals like chicken briyani , kesari, payasam and cakes sponsored by well-wishers.

- Kitchen garden: Garden fresh vegetables and fruits from our kitchen garden are being provided for our children.

- Mothers Meetings: Mothers Meetings are conducted at both centres every week. This provides spiritual nourishment to many mothers.

- Mothers Retreat: A Mothers Retreat was organized by Mr. & Mrs. Siga on 29th August 2022. The topic "A Happy Family"was relevant and meaningful.

- **VBS** : VBS was conducted during April for RMDCC children and during May for Night school children. The children eagerly participated and enjoyed the various activities.

- **National and Christmas celebration:**

Independence Day was celebrated together with ASHA and AKCDC children on 15th August 2022. Mr. Shanthakumar hoisted our National flag and addressed the gathering.

- RMDCC Christmas: The Christmas celebration was held on 16th December 2022.

The Nativity play performed by the children was appreciated by everyone. Rev. Isaac Johnson shared the Christmas message. Chicken briyani was provided for every child and parent. It was a blessed day.



SACRIFICE Song by St Mark's Night School



Study Time



Enjoying the playground



Art Corner at the Carnival



Puppet Show at the Carnival

Bouncing Fun at the Carnival



Balaramapuram Night school and day care kids



I'm thankful for the things I have

Thanking God for His Goodness



Testimony by Angamma and family

- **RMDCC Carnival:** As a part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of RMDCC, a carnival was organized for RMDCC and Night school and ASHA children on 26th January 2023. This was a joyous event enjoyed by one and all.

Rev. Isaac Johnson said the opening prayer and Mrs. Usha George cut the ribbon and inaugurated the carnival. Col.E.G. Muthuraj unfurled our National flag.

Children enjoyed the story-telling session by Dr. Sandhya Reuban Hobday and Puppet Show and magic show by Mr. & Mrs. Barnabas.

The children loved the bouncing castle and also participated enthusiastically in games like Balloon shooting, bowling, hoopla, piñata, luck dip, drawing and the art corner and received attractive prizes and a cap commemorating the Golden Anniversary of RMDCC. Snacks, juice and lunch were provided. It was a fun filled day for everyone. We thank the Kirk youth for their great help.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Tailoring unit – Egmore: This year 19 trainees learnt the tailoring skill.

Tailoring unit – Balaramapuram: 4 mothers learnt tailoring and 2 learnt the Aari work,

Scholarship 2022 -2023: 11 eligible students received scholarship (6 school students ,

5 college students). The recipients expressed their gratitude for this help.

Jumble sale: Jumble sale for community was conducted on 17th October 2022.

Many parents bought the clothes and article with interest.

We thank our Pastors, Kirk Session, church staff and all our well-wishers and sponsors for their support during the past year. It was a blessed year for the project and together we rejoice for all that the Lord has done.

Ruth Ramji
Treasurer, RMDCC

Asha Project Sports Meet - February 2023

Under its green canopy the Church campus reverberated with loud cheers and laughter. The Asha Centre's "Special Annual Sports Meet" for the children and their families of the Egmore campus and the Thirupalaivanam centre was organised on 25th February 2023 after a gap of two years. The event was dedicated with a prayer by our Senior Pastor Rev Isaac Johnson and colourful balloons released upwards into the blue sky.



The torch of 'Hope and Goodwill' borne in a relay by children from the Asha Egmore campus and the Thirupalaivanam centres and the Riber Memorial Day Care Centre and culminating with our Kirk Session's Secretary Mr. Shanthakumar and his wife Mrs. Dolly lighting the Flame of Hope and Goodwill, marked the opening of the games.



Each event was planned according to the dexterity and ability of each 'special child'. Everyone on the campus, be it the children from Asha, RMDCC or the parents, the siblings, the well-wishers who had come to cheer, the staff of the Church, RMDCC, and Asha, all participated, and each one went home holding their trophy - a beautiful, colourful container victoriously!!

The uniqueness of the Asha Special Sports is that EVERYONE is a WINNER!!!

Nalini Manuel
Project Officer
ASHA Ministry

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

Peter Marshall

Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works.

Martin Luther

Hurry

He sins who hastens with his feet. Proverbs 19:2

These days everyone appears to be in a hurry.
This accelerated pace of living is ruthless.
Either you join the race or get left behind.
It's a destination-oriented expedition
that ignores the process.
So we sacrifice peace and rest
in the altar of reputation and success and
trade stillness for frenzied activity.
But Your terms of living are contradictory to the above
And Your timeline being vastly different from ours
leaves us angry and confused at times.

Father, often I feel like the dog I used to own.
He always wanted to go for a walk
but was never content to just stroll with me.
He either rushed ahead or
sat stubbornly on the road refusing to budge.
The more I tried to redirect him
the more he strained on the leash.
(Concepts like traffic and weather
were alien to him)

And now I am doing the same thing.
My small mind cannot comprehend
the unknown or dangers ahead.
Instead of submitting to Your pace and
choosing to enjoy life with You
I fight these hands which are holding me. Forgive me.
I forget that when I struggle against Your will
I am hurting myself more and breaking Your heart.
Willingness to follow is there
but the ability to trust is lacking, Lord.

"My child if
25 years of barrenness
foreshadowed the son of promise (Sarah) ;
13 years of slavery

preceded the fulfillment of a childhood dream (Joseph);
430 years of humiliation passed
before the Red sea parted (Israel in Egypt);
And if it took more than 2000 years from that
ancient prophecy made in the garden of Eden to the cross, it shows
My silence does not signify passivity.
I Am working all around you,
in and through you...little by little.
Change which is wrought deeply
is more lasting than a quick fix remedy.
Don't underestimate My judgement, My timing.
I know what, when, where, how.
Slow down. Relax. Live well.
Enjoy the walk with Me.
The ultimate destination is your home on high.
I Am in no hurry My child
So why are you?"

The works of His hands are verity and justice. Psalm 111:7

Dr. Susan Rajkumari

Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.

William Carey

The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish
Christian service.

Billy Graham



Bible Quiz No. 136–April 2023

Please give one reference.

A Grocer's Quiz

1. 'Ye are the _____ of the earth.'
2. 'Sweeter also than _____ and the _____.'
3. 'Do men gather _____ of thistles?'
4. 'Neither do men light a _____, and put it under a bushel.'
5. 'We remember the _____ and the _____.'
6. '(we remember) the _____, and the _____, and the _____.'
7. 'The foolish took no _____.'
8. 'Let them give us (Daniel and his friends) _____ to eat, and water to drink.'
9. 'The _____ seed, which, when it is grown, is the greatest of all _____.'
10. What most popular fruit in Palestine, is not mentioned by name in the Bible?

Taken from *A Bible Quiz Book* by *May C. Smith*

Kindly send your answers to the church office or email admin@thekirk.in by 23rd April 2023.

Usha George

Answers to Bible Quiz No. 135 – March 2023

A Miller's Quiz

1. No.
2. Ground between two flat millstones, in the homes, by the women.
3. Wheat / Corn / Barley / Millet / Spelt
4. By '*grinding and baking*'. Numbers 11:8
5. 'Meal'. Matthew 13:33
6. Barley chiefly : the rich used wheat.
7. It was put through a sieve. Amos 9:9
8. The Day of Judgement. Matthew 24:41
9. A woman struck him on the head with a piece of millstone. Judges 9:53
10. Elisha. 2 Kings 4:41

The winners are:

- 1. Mrs. Aruna Asir**
- 2. Mrs. Victoria Basker**
- 3. Mrs. Indra Rajanayakam**
- 4. Mrs. Sujata Elizabeth Prasad**
- 5. Mrs. Sabrina Siga**
- 6. Mrs. Suguna Joseph**
- 7. Mrs. Peace Rani Sudhakar**
- 8. Mrs. Patricia Patrick**
- 9. Mrs. Gladys Vedavimali**

Hearty Congratulations!

Children's Corner

Drawings by Nathan, Class 4 – Kirk Sunday School

Characters from the book of Esther



Nathan with a sketch of The KIRK



BIBLE EASTER WORD SEARCH



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Dolly Shanthakumar



ULCERS IN THE BODY – I

MOUTH ULCERS

“Doctors treat, but Jesus heals”

I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are your works, and that my soul knows very well (Ps 139:14 NKJV). Each one of us is a unique creation of God. When we have a disease, doctors treat but Jesus heals.

Deficiency of vitamin B2 (Riboflavin) mainly affects the tongue and lips and causes inflammation of the angles of the mouth. The richest source of riboflavin is milk and milk products. Oral tablets are also available.

Mouth ulcers (Apthous ulcers) are superficial and painful; they occur in any part of the mouth. Recurrence of ulcers, in spite of treatment is seen in 30% of the population. Topical corticosteroid or choline salicylate (8.7%) gel can effect healing. Symptomatic relief is achieved using local anaesthetic mouthwashes. A few patients have very severe, recurrent apthous ulcers and need oral steroids.

Mouth ulcers can also be due to Fungus (Candidiasis; oral thrush), Virus (Herpes simplex) and bacteria. Oral thrush can occur in babies, debilitated patients, patients receiving prolonged corticosteroid or antibiotic therapy. They are also seen in diabetics and immuno suppressed patients, especially those receiving cytotoxic therapy and patients with AIDS. Oral thrush is treated by anti fungal suspension or lozenges. A detailed history and investigation of the patient will identify the cause, which can be treated, appropriately.

Dr.(Mrs.) Rajini Kantha Narendranath

Kirk News



*Bright eyes gladden the heart;
Good news puts fat on the bones.
Proverbs 15:30*

Living Hope

The untold story, the unspoken pain behind every scar and tear, though others may not know, there's One who not only sympathises but went through it Himself and bore it all on our behalf. When we have lost our song, He hasn't, He will sing over us. Let our hearts see that there's a song for the broken, a dance for the weary and hope for the empty. For the Sunday that has defined Sundays ever since has come! He has made the broken beautiful much like kintsukuroi (the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with powdered gold and silver). Therefore, let our hearts sing:

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

Kirk Youth Fellowship

The Kirk Youth Fellowship had their home fellowship on the 4th of March. On the 19th of the month, the Kirk youths along with the youth of the Thirupalaivanam church enacted the life, sufferings, crucifixion and ascension of our Lord. The outreach program also included a street play enacted by the youth at Ponneri. Many were blessed through this. On the 26th, they had Mr. John Ravinder as their guest speaker for Catalyst this month.

Kirk Men's Fellowship

The Kirk Men's Fellowship met on the 19th at 11 a.m. in person at SACCE Hall to meditate on the theme, 'Stand Firm' from the video facilitation and discussion on the series 'Being Godly Men.'

Kirk Women's Fellowship

The Kirk Women's Fellowship had their Women's Monthly Meet on the 19th at 11 a.m. at DCC for a time of testimonies, discussion, and prayer.

RMDCC

The 12th of March was the RMDCC Sunday. Not just another RMDCC Sunday but one that celebrated God's goodness over the past 50 years. The Golden Anniversary Thanksgiving Service had a special video presentation by the RMDCC kids thanking God for all that He has done through RMDCC with songs, dance, memory verse recitation and a testimony of three generations of a family that has been blessed through the initiatives of RMDCC. After the report, there was an exhortation by Mrs. Usha George to be good and loving neighbours to those in need and suggestions of different ways of partnering with RMDCC. There was also the release of the commemorative book tracing God's faithfulness in and through this ministry through the five decades.

COCO

A Lenten Comfort Concert in aid of bereaved missionary families was brought by the Christian Comforting Ministries on the 18th of March at 6:30 p.m. The live musical evening was presented by the Helen Sathya family, Octet Cantabile and Quiet Time Melodies.

The Kirk's Medical, Gospel, and Counselling Outreach

The outreach program took place on the 19th of March at Kosappur from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Angela Susan Bryner

Editor's Note: There will be no Kirkspire in May. Have a blessed Summer!

I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked if I might help Him. I ended up by asking Him to do His work through me.

Hudson Taylor



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