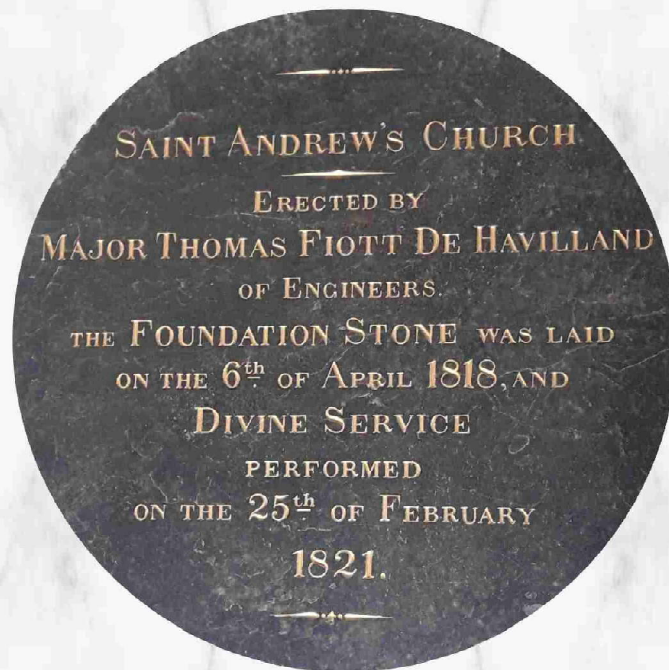


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Word From the Pastor



Philippians 2:4 - Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Francesco de Pietro Bernadone was the fun-loving son of a wealthy merchant in Assisi. One day, as he was riding his horse, he encountered a dying leper. He was repulsed by the leper's open sores, but suddenly he saw a picture of himself as Jesus saw him. He jumped off his horse, put all his money into the leper's hand, and gently kissed the leper's hand. It was a profound spiritual experience as he died to self and set a foundation in his life to become Francis of Assisi.

I liked this short story for one important reason that Francis was not only being good but also reflecting the love of Jesus Christ. There is no greater example of selflessness than Christ on the Cross. He had nothing to gain for Himself and much to lose in terms of pain and suffering. Yet He chose US over HIMSELF.

Three reasons to worship our Selfless Saviour. All of them are drawn from Philippians 2:8.

1. He humbled - The Creator came for His creation. Quoting C.S. Lewis, 'The Son of God became the son of man so that the sons of men will become the sons of God'.

2. He obeyed - Jesus life on earth would have become like any other philosopher if not for the Cross of Calvary. He did not merely talk about it but DID IT.

3. He sacrificed - Jesus' death had greater significance than His life and enhanced all His teachings and claims about Himself. In all His ministry, He kept reminding that death is not a bad news but a step before everlasting glory.

There are different levels of being selfless. Helping someone in need, donating blood and so much more. But nothing is greater than laying one's life for another. If you have never expressed selfless love in life, you will not understand the Cross or the Christ.

Let the mind of Christ Jesus be in you add well. (Philippians 2:5).
Have a blessed month.

Rev. Isaac Johnson

EGO SUM PASTOR BONUS



Before you begin reading this article, my dear reader, I would like you to Google Translate the title of this article, (Hint: The phrase is in Latin). Once you're done, keep the meaning in mind as you read on (The meaning is provided at the end of this article).

This article is about a certain group of people who appear and are referred to throughout the Bible, right from Genesis to Revelation. However, they are often underrated from the other heroes of the Bible.

To begin, I would request you to go to Genesis 4:2 in your Bibles. There are two characters mentioned - Cain and Abel. Let us take Abel. In the short time he was mentioned in the Bible, make a list of the characteristics of his nature. Was he faithful, brave, honest?

Next let us move on to Exodus 3:1 where we find Moses. Think about his life and list down the characteristics of his nature.

Let's now go to 1 Samuel 17:34 to 37, where we find David, the future king of Israel. List down his characteristics that you see from the verses and any other that you can think of his nature.

Look at Abel, Moses and David. Do you see a trait that they all share? If your answer is that they were all shepherds, then you are right. Abel was the first shepherd recorded in the Bible; Moses tended to Jethro's flocks when he was in exile and David was a brave lion-defeating shepherd before he became king. You will also notice that many people in the Bible like Abraham, Jacob, Obadiah to name a few were all shepherds.

The term shepherd is found in many references in the Bible. Even at the birth of Jesus, our Heavenly Father commanded the angels to appear to a band of shepherds on a hillock. So this begs the question - Why did the most important announcement ever, happen to this particular group of people?

To understand this, let us go back to the list of the characteristics of Abel, Moses and David. Circle the characteristics that are the same for all of them. I am sure you will notice a lot of the same characteristics: Courage, Faithful, Diligence, Honesty, etc.

Now let us look at the life of a shepherd in the olden days of Israel - Throughout the year, a shepherd travels with his flock of sometimes 100+ sheep and goats to in search of greener pastures and still waters.

In the spring, the shepherd lets the flock to graze on fresh and succulent pastures near-by his home. As summer comes around, the shepherd leads his flock to the hillocks in search of cooler pastures. Autumn sets in; the weather becomes dryer and the shepherd and his flock move on to coastal regions or the valleys. Before winter and the rainy season sets in, he will bring the flock home and care for them in his own home.

From this description, we can see that the three major traits of a shepherd are: Humility, Dependability, diligence and courage.

Humility: A shepherd may not take care of only his own flock but that of others like farmers, merchants and soldiers, those who would not have the time to let their sheep and goats graze. He would accept the job at the risk to his own life.

Dependability and Diligence: The shepherd makes sure that the sheep in his care return safely to their masters. He makes sure they are well fed and protected from the elements. The shepherd knows each and every sheep and goat in his flock by name. He knows what to say to reassure the flock whenever they get startled.

Courage: Imagine the shepherd as he travels from season to season, finding shelter for himself and his flock in caves, braving the elements and keeping them safe from wolves, hyenas, bears and other predators. Jesus uses this analogy in the parable of the good shepherd because a shepherd is prepared to give his life to protect even one member of the flock from danger.

Looking at these traits, isn't it any wonder that Jesus calls Himself – The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)?

God never does anything without a reason. His commanding of the angels to appear to the shepherds was a demonstration of His love to everyone of us, irrespective of our standing in life. When Jesus began His ministry, He did not choose scholars, priests and other educated men to become his disciples and help Him with His mission. He chose fishermen, tax collectors, who just like the shepherds were in those days, (and maybe even today), looked down by people and considered as social outcasts.

Due to the nature of sin, we were once branded as outcasts, however our belief in the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has made us God's children and heirs to His Kingdom (1 John 3:1).

As we go through each day emulating Christ in our lives, let us ask Our Heavenly Father to help us remember the example of the Good Shepherd and the Holy Spirit to aid us in our mission to lead others who are still lost, back to Him. For the glory of God. Amen.

("Pastor Sum Ego Bonus" = "I am the Good Shepherd" – John 10:11)

*Borve Kharsyntiew
KYF*



Bible Quiz No. 90 - July, 2018

A Ornithologist's Quiz



Fill in the blanks with the correct names of the Bible birds mentioned in these verses.

Give only 1 reference.

1. "They shall mount up with wings as _____."
2. "I have commanded the _____ to feed thee."
3. "Yea, the _____ hath found a house, and the _____ a nest for herself."
4. "Doth the _____ fly by the wisdom?"
5. "There is a path which no _____ knoweth, and which the _____'s eye hath not seen."
6. "I am like a _____ of the wilderness; I am like an _____ of the desert."
7. "Yea, the _____ in the heaven knoweth her appointed time."
8. "Guest thou the goodly wings into the _____? or wings and feather unto the _____?"
9. "Both the _____ and the _____ shall lodge in the upper lintels of it."
10. "Like a _____ or a _____ so did I chatter: I did mourn as a _____."

Kindly send your answers to the church office by 15th July 2018.

Usha George

JOURNEYING WITH JOY

"For the love of Christ controls us" 2 Corinthians 5:14

With a sense of adventure, ready for surprises and a happy time of family fellowship, we took time off from mundane tasks, busy schedules and examinations to enjoy a five day holiday in the Andaman Islands. This place was also known as "Kalapani or Infamous Water". The islands were a scene of constant shipwrecks and the ferocious aborigines guarded their islands with relentless fatal arrows. The scene is now changed. We were soon enchanted by the oceanic splendour, the hauntingly beautiful sunsets, the gentle breezes along with the sunlight making the waters dance and shimmer like sapphires of every hue. The jungles were in abundance with thick green foliage. The terrain is high and low. Outstanding as a memorial is the National Cellular Jail embodying the aspirations, struggles and sacrifices of our firebrand freedom fighters.

To journey with joy is not all about fun, entertainment and relaxation though it is good to have one. But this is not considered as a very significant part of Christian life. We welcome and enjoy this freedom from our daily routine and stress, but have we deeply thought what it is to enjoy the bliss of spiritual freedom from sin, guilt and shame?

Our Creator has lavished on us immeasurable marvels of Nature, so surpassingly stunning but we can never ever find spiritual help and succour by worshipping Nature. Our relationship with our Father God alone can give us comfort and joy through life's rugged roads. This relationship with our Saviour is the most sacred and fulfilling experience for our soul.

"The pleasures lost of sadly mourned,
But never wept for Thee,
Till grace the sightless eyes received
Thy loveliness to see."

We have not been promised that life was going to be a bed of roses. The path of a Christian is not always blissful and bright. But our Lord has promised to be with us when we walk through the valley of death. It was this blessed assurance that bonded the beloved hymn writer to his Maker, when he reached the depths of grief and pain and yet could write the triumphant song, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."

The Holy Spirit is the only One who can change our lives and empower us to transcend frustrations, grief and despair in this broken world. "Quench not the Spirit" 1 Thes.5:19. The life-giving waters of the Spirit can refresh, renew and save. We are dead without the Spirit even when we are in perfect physical health.

Following our Lord in our journey of life is stepping into uncharted waters. When the dark treacherous currents threaten to overwhelm us His everlasting arms hold us up. Let us rise from our comfort zone as the Lord needs our voice, our eyes, our feet beautiful on the mountains. If our Lord is to shine in this murky dark world He has to do so through you and me. "Be a letter of Christ...known and read by all."

We are pilgrims in progress and He has told us to be of 'Good cheer.' He has paid the price of our weapon of joy by His precious blood. So having secured the most treasured prize let us journey with joy.

Our lamp of faith may be tiny, trembling and faint but let us carry it over the wild mountains and tempestuous seas till we reach with joy our Maker and our flickering light fuses with the blaze of His radiant Presence.

Usha George



John's Corner

Teach your Children

(Read Luke 18:1, John 5:39, Mark 6:46, 1 Thes 5:17)

'It is a nuisance', he replied,
When I asked him the reason why
He did not pray or read God's Word.
Perturbed, a tear fell from my eye.

'It saves my soul, I'm told', he said,
'But for that now I'm in no haste.
There's so much that I have to do,
I don't have time enough to waste.'

It grieved me to think how much time,
Christ spent with God in communion,
Yet our desire to look to God
Is passing into oblivion.
Teach your children to read God's Word,

Train them to pray without ceasing;
Tell them Christ spent much time with God,
And like Him we should be doing.

John H. Bala singh



Purpose of life part 11

Consequences of not asking questions.

In our earlier write-ups we saw that our GOD would have known the future and without a plan he would not have created what He created **including the tree of knowledge of good and evil** as revealed in the following Scripture passage:

*I make known the **end from the beginning**, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: **My purpose will stand**, and I will do all that I please. Isa 46:10*

We also know that no plan of His can be thwarted.

*I know that you can do all things; **no plan of yours can be thwarted**. Job 42:2*

Thus we can be certain that our God would not err in His plans and we have to fathom His great plan behind creation by seeking Him, reaching for Him and finding Him.

*From one man he made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that **men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him**, though he is not far from each one of us. Acts 17:26-28*

In our earlier Part 10 we pondered on some of the questions. **But not asking questions** and seeking for divine revelations could leave us ignorant of God's ultimate plan and purpose for creating Man and all other creations and **miss out on the very purpose of life**.

To understand the importance of asking questions let us see what had happened when US authorities **did not ask questions** while laying the rail road in their country.

RAILROAD TRACKS (as received through mail)

1. Railroad tracks.

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did 'they' use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

2. Wagon

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

3. Ruts in the road

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (including England) for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

And how the ruts in the roads formed? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels.

4. "Horse chariot"

Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses!

5. Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah.

The Engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of two horse backs.

Thus, for over two thousand years from Roman era, people were blindly following instructions without applying reason or logic or asking questions that keep affecting designs even today.

Purpose of Life

In the same way we too have not been applying God given reason or logic and not asking questions for these two thousand years as to why should God keep the tree of knowledge of good and evil, in the Garden of Eden, knowing very well that Adam and Eve would one day eventually use their God given freedom of choice and eat it's fruit.

It cannot be for mere **testing** of mankind but to **teach and train** them to develop **divine character** so that they **reflect their maker and become His disciples**. How God goes about achieving it is progressively revealed in the scriptures and we shall try to understand as we proceed further.

To continue

MM Narendranath

Medical Corner

BENEFITS OF REGULAR EXERCISE— 3

“Doctors treat, but Jesus heals”

It Can Help Your Brain Health and Memory

Exercise can improve brain function and protect memory and thinking skills. To begin with, it increases your heart rate, which promotes the flow of blood and oxygen to your brain. It can also stimulate the production of hormones that can enhance the growth of brain cells. Moreover, the ability of exercise to prevent chronic disease can translate into benefits for your brain, since its function can be affected by these diseases. Regular physical activity is especially important in older adults since aging — combined with oxidative stress and inflammation — promotes changes in brain structure and function. Exercise has been shown to cause the hippocampus, a part of the brain that's vital for memory and learning, to grow in size. This serves to increase mental function in older adults. Lastly, exercise has been shown to reduce changes in the brain that can cause Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia.

It Can Help With Relaxation and Sleep Quality

Regular exercise can help you relax and sleep better. In regards to sleep quality, the energy depletion that occurs during exercise stimulates recuperative processes during sleep.

Moreover, the increase in body temperature that occurs during exercise is thought to improve sleep quality by helping it drop during sleep. Many studies on the effects of exercise on sleep have reached similar conclusions. One study found that 150 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous activity per week can provide up to a 65% improvement in sleep quality.

Another showed that 16 weeks of physical activity increased sleep quality and helped 17 people with insomnia sleep longer and more deeply than the control group. It also helped them feel more energized during the day. What's more, engaging in regular exercise seems to be beneficial for the elderly, who tend to be affected by sleep disorders. You can be flexible with the kind of exercise you choose. It appears that either aerobic exercise alone or aerobic exercise combined with resistance training can equally help sleep quality.

It Can Reduce Pain

Chronic pain can be debilitating, but exercise can actually help reduce it. In fact, for many years, the recommendation for treating chronic

pain was rest and inactivity. However, recent studies show that exercise helps relieve chronic pain. A review of several studies indicates that exercise helps participants with chronic pain reduce their pain and improve their quality of life. Several studies show that exercise can help control pain that's associated with various health conditions, including chronic low back pain, fibromyalgia and chronic soft tissue shoulder disorder, to name a few. Additionally, physical activity can also raise pain tolerance and decrease pain perception.

Dr. Rajinikantha



SHINING FOR JESUS

The month of April was a joyous and celebratory time in the life of the church. As the church worshipped and praised God in different models, it showed that the one true purpose of the church is to honour God. It has been a great joy to walk and work with the children in praising God. The children cooperated very well having to balance their school work and their Sunday school participation.

Our children are gifted with many God-given talents and Sunday school is a great opportunity for the children to express and develop these talents. Be it playing musical instruments or singing in parts, our children have always surprised everyone as to how they can rise, excel and shine brightly for the glory of God. When the events of April 2018 were discussed and presented to the children, all of them with one accord were very excited and looked forward to the special Sunday. Children were eager to be part of the church worship experience and they put in their best efforts to prepare for the service. Psalm 8:2 says, "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."

Even during my initial discussion with our Choirmaster, we were of the same mind that the children would not consider this as a performance but as a genuine and heartfelt worship of our Living God. The congregation supported and encouraged the children when they led in worship and the children saw at first hand as to how 'We are one family of believers in Christ'. I also want to make mention about the encouragement given by the parents in preparing for this special Sunday worship. Looking forward to more of the same where the children are able to actively participate in our Sunday worship. Let us all always shine for Jesus.

Mrs. Roselin Johnson

LIFE'S ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

By (Late) Bro. T. Samuel Kanagaraj

Introduction :

"Finding the right question is as crucial as finding the right answer" says Roman Catholic writer Henn Noelman.

"Which would you prefer : to have all your questions answered and be bereft of God's presence. or to have God's presence and none of your questions answered" St. Augustine.

Some frequently asked questions : 'Lord, what if I lose my job 'What if my child isn't healed? 'What if my husband's health does not improve? 'What if my son's marriage is not a happy one? and so on and so forth.

In Job 38:3 we read, 'The Lord answered Job out of the storm. He said 'Brace yourself like a man; I will question you and you shall answer me.'

Let us look at some of the questions :

1.0 Question 1 : 'Where are you ?' A Theological. Question

It is a question which probes our relationship with God. In Gen 3:9 we read the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" One can hear a tinge of sadness in the question "Where are you, in your relationship with me?; 'Where are you spiritually? 'Have you disobeyed me?'; 'Why are you making me wait to have fellowship with you ?'; 'Where are you?' Come to me, Come Home' to your loving God who has given you everything

We are all familiar with the story of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32) and how he repents and gets up out of the filth, defeat, depths of depression, sadness, desolation deception, forsakenness, loneliness, etc. 'So he got up and went to his father.' And our loving God the Father is like the father of the prodigal repentant son, 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him: he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.' Lk 15:20 God longs for us to 'Come Home' to the loving relationship with Him.

We are commanded to 'Come Home' to God.

2.0 Question 2 : "Who told you ?" Ideological Question :
The Great Truth Question :

God is walking in the garden looking for Adam & Eve (this is before the great fall) and asks them 'Where are you?' and Adam answers 'I heard you in the garden. and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid,' And God asked him 'Who told you that you were naked ?' Gen 3:11

In our lives too, when we move away from our relationship with God and His presence, some of the questions: 'Where did your ideas come from ? "Who influenced you to think like that ?; 'What outside forces have conditioned you to hold and entertain such thoughts ?'

We are commanded to 'Come Clear with God and, get back to our relationship with God.

3.0 Question 3 : 'What have you done?' A Moral and Ethical Question:

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" Gen 3: 13 : We are made in the 'Image and Likeness' of God ('Then God said, Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, '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); so human beings are 'Responsible Beings' and cannot shirk their responsibilities.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in His blood....' Rom 3:22-25.

The root of sin is not only rebellion or disobedience but, a lack of truth.

We are commanded to 'Come Clean' to God.

4.0 Question 4: 'Why are you angry? The Psychological Question
'Why are you angry ? God asks Cain 'Why is your face downcast? Gen 4:1-6. 'What God is concerned about is. that

we listen to our emotions - emotions: whether they be anger, guilt, shame, emptiness or despair, sorrow, self-pity, jealousy, — and hear what they are telling us, about God.

Jonah 4:4 : 'But the Lord replied , 'Have you any right to be angry?'

Here, we observe the elder brother of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32 ('The older brother became angry and refused to go in.' Lk 15 : 28).

We are commanded to 'Come Open' with God.

5 0 Question 5 - Where is our brother.....? The Social and Relational question :

Charlie Brown in the Cartoon 'Peanuts' says : "I love mankind, it is the people I can't stand."

'Where is your brother Abel God asked ; (Cain replied) 'I don't know, Am I my brother's keeper ?' Gen:4:9.

God asks Cain 'Where is your brother' (not that God doesn't know that Cain has murdered Abel.) It is a relational question, that God asks Cain about the evil he has done to his brother Abel. And Cain immediately defends his action and himself by asking God 'Am I my brother's keeper ?'.

God is not only concerned with what we do with Him and to Him, (the vertical dimension of the Cross) but, He is also much concerned with what we do with our brother and to our brother (the horizontal dimension of the Cross). Therefore, we cannot love God without loving our neighbours.

We are commanded to 'Come to ether' thus fulfillin the horizontal dimension of the Cross.

A Roman Catholic priest in Dublin, Ireland, shocked his congregation when he told them : "There are some of you here who would be greatly upset if God announced that He had done away with hell. And the reason you would be upset is because you have more interest in people's judgement than their forgiveness".

Jesus said: 'what you do for the least one of these brethren that you do unto me.'.

5.0 Conclusion

'Come Home'. 'Come Clear', 'Come Clean', 'Come Open and 'Come Together'. These are the ultimate issues of life. They call us to be responsible men and women. open to God and open to one another.

But we stay Responsible only as we stay Responsive to God. We provide the Willingness; God will provide the Power.



Answers to Bible Quiz No. 89 (May & June 2018)

The answers are :

1. The disciples after Pentecost — Acts 2 : 13
2. It should not be put in old bottles — Matthew 9 : 17
3. Solomon — Proverbs 20 : 1
4. 'Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake — 1 Timothy 5 : 23
5. The Nazarites — Numbers 6 : 3
6. Of John the Baptist, by Jesus — Luke 7 : 33
7. At cana in Galilee — John 2 : 1-11
8. Judah — Genesis 49 : 11
9. The song of Solomon — 1 : 2
10. Daniel — Daniel 1 : 8

The winners are:

**Mrs. Minnie Devadoss
Mrs. Peace Rani Sudhakar
Ms. A. Rishitha Srivatsava
Mrs. Indira Rajanayakam
Dr. (Mrs.) Sujatha Elizabeth Prasad
Mrs. Snehalatha Bright
Mrs. Victoria Basker**

Hearty congratulations!

Usha George

Kirk News



Guest Speakers

3 June, 6pm Dr. (Mrs.) Sujatha Elizabeth Prasad, Elder, spoke on "Be patient, the Lord is at hand" from James 5: 7-11 at the healing service.

Monday Bible Study resumed on 11th June and Rev. Isaac continued with the study of Ezekiel.

Friendship Club for elderly brothers and sisters met on Tuesday 5th June. Please pray for comfort and strength for them.

Evangelism and Missions Movement's Fasting and Prayer resumed on 14th June with prayers for the church and her concerns, evangelists, outreach areas and national issues. Please join us between 10.30am and 1.30pm on Thursdays.

Friday Prayer resumed on 15th June with Rev. Isaac continuing the study of Proverbs.

House Church resumed on 15th June, hosted by Mr. & Mrs. S.B. Benjamin. It was hosted on 22nd June by Mr. & Mrs. Selwin E. Prabakar. House church on 29th June was held in the SACCE hall by Anna and Arul Siromoney in memory of Mrs Mary Varughese and Ms Mary (Ramani) Varughese.

District Meeting District 5 met on 3rd June in the SACCE hall for a time of Bible Study and Fellowship. The Fellowship meeting of District 1 was held on 24th June in the SACCE hall.

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

Sunday school reopened on 10th June. Please pray.

Kirk Youth Fellowship followed the monthly schedule: Meeting for prayer, fellowship and discussion on 3rd June; conducting the service at Tirupalaivanam on the 10th; Bible study on the Theme: "Great is Thy Faithfulness – Living in Christ", a study on 1 Thessalonians on the 17th, and CATALYST youth worship on the 24th June. Thank God for His times of refreshing! (Contact: Suman – 9840326078, Judith – 9884555573)

The Kirk Men's Fellowship met on 17th June with a time of prayer, praise, worship, message, games and sharing. Israel Abraham, our member who works with Campus Crusade brought the message and shared about his work to extend God's kingdom.

The Kirk Women's Fellowship also met on 17th June after the service.

Monthly Night Prayer was held in the manse on Friday, 29th June, based on 2 Cor.10:4.

Special Sundays June 10th, 9am service celebrated as Village Project Sunday with Tamil song by project staff, testimony by tuition centre student and video testimonies by patients attending the clinic, followed by annual report.

June 24th was celebrated as Eco-Sunday, highlighting the blessing of the flora in our Church campus and God's creation, and the improvements introduced over the past year.

Projects Carnival this year will be held next Sunday (8th July) to benefit the projects run by the Church. All are welcome to participate in this time of fellowship and fun. There will be food courts, stalls for clothing, footwear, novelties, lots of music, fun for children etc. Feel free to sponsor a stall and use the various avenues to serve and spend the morning at the event with your family! Contact the Church office for more details.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Aureen Douyere, our member, passed away on 10th June. The funeral was held in the Kirk on 14th June, followed by burial in Kasimedu cemetery. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.



The Chapel and Clinic at Tirupalaivanam

