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"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." John 15:16

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Word from the Pastor

Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. (Psalm 119:54)

SEE!! What is there in this small little word? If you would ask Noah, he would show God the ark he was commissioned to build. If you would ask Moses, he would show the people of Israel he had brought to Mount Sinai from Egypt through the Red Sea. If you would ask JESUS, He would say the words written in John 17:6-8. There is something about

Knowing what I should live for

Doing what I was created for

Finishing well what I toiled for

Matthew 25:22-23 says, 'He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

The **Knowing** comes from meditating and submitting to the authority of God's word for the living of each day. Many read the Bible but do not treat God's word as the indisputable final word of God that we should obey. We try to cut corners, justify because of culture and circumstances and feel our freedom to choose gives us the liberty to choose to disobey with no serious consequences.

The **Doing** comes from daily yielding to God's will and making it a habit rather than a rare occasional deed. The Cross of Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of how Jesus looked at His earthly life, not for His will but for the will of the Father. Read the prayer of Jesus at

the Garden of Gethsemane – Father, not my will, let your will be done.

The **Finishing** comes from the perseverance till the very end. It is THEN that our actual joy, marvel and excitement begins when we will hear our Maker, Master and King say, 'Well done'. On that day of Judgement, every man will stand before God and will receive the reward (or punishment) for every deed done in this life.

THIS IS TRUE DISCIPLESHIP.

On February 25, 2021, we celebrated our Bicentennial Celebration service. It was a joyous, God-honouring, Spirit-filled service. We used it as a platform to declare the Goodness of God in the life of the church where He is the Architect and Shepherd of St. Andrew's church. We prayed much for the service and for the Commemorative book and the Film that were released on that day. We were personal witnesses to the grandeur of the evening where God alone was exalted.

We, the family of St. Andrew's Church march forward in this journey of Kingdom building and Gospel proclaiming. Our only goal in and through all that we do and plan, is for that glorious day when we will stand before our Lord and King and say, SEE!!

What will be His ANSWER...

Rev. Isaac Emmanuel Johnson

I believe in Christianity as I believe in the sun – not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C. S. Lewis

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the Book widens and deepens with our years.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



Bi-centennial Celebrations – A Thanksgiving service to Remember

25th of Feb 2021 dawned bright and sunny in Chennai. While it was yet another day in the lives of millions of people of the city, warily trying to put their lives in order after the disruption due to the pandemic, for the members of St. Andrew's Church, also called The Kirk, though, it was an exciting start of an historic and memorable day. It was a day of quiet gratitude, a heart filled with thankfulness in acknowledgement of God's goodness and grace.

For it was on this day, exactly 200 years ago, that The Kirk was dedicated to the glory of God for the worshippers from the East India Company and the Scottish community. While much has been written about the architectural marvel and awe-inspiring wonder that the Church is, of greater significance is the opportunity for worship of our almighty God with fellow believers and for the ministry and outreach for the congregations of this Church, over the two centuries that have gone by.

The plans and preparations for commemorating this bicentennial milestone event were long in the making – many months before rumblings of a pandemic from distant shores started making the news! A core committee, with experience and expertise in disciplines relevant to the occasion, was formed with Mr. Gabriel Sathianathan as the head. Ideas were developed and strategies floated on a broad scale, all of them with the express purpose of giving God the glory for His grace and bountiful provisions through the years past and for the legacy that we have been left with by those who have gone before us!

The progress was halted for a brief period of time during the initial phases of the pandemic and consequent lockdown, as the world grappled with the unseen and an hitherto unknown microbe. But with a sense of composure and reassurance that only a deep faith in Christ can offer, the committee quickly set about its task of regrouping, albeit virtually. While we did not know what the end design of our celebrations would be, it was with a quiet confidence that the team went about preparing for the event, all the while being certain that God's purpose would be accomplished as long as we operated within His sovereign will.

If there is one reason for accomplishing the gargantuan task of celebrating the day with a memorable Thanksgiving Service, it was the focus and importance given to prayer, committing the plans and purposes to our Lord's hands, and resting in the assurance that His will would be done through His servants! There were as many days of prayer by the Committee as days of planning, particularly over the last six months.

As late as during Christmas time, no one would have dared to predict that the service could be held in the manner that it was held! The grandeur and splendour were matched by the solemnity and serenity! And the outcome was that God was glorified! Not one who attended or watched the service would have doubted that this was a foretaste of His majesty and glory that we would all behold one day when we are face to face with Him in heaven!

The moving parts were many – the music, media, release of the anniversary book and the documentary film, order of service, crowd management, logistics and dinner arrangements for the day. We thank God that everything came together as a fine blend of the spectacular and the subtle!

'Celebrating God's Goodness' was the theme, and this thread was woven into the tapestry of our worship! The day commenced with a virtual Praise and Worship session by our talented music teams. This set the tone for the service in the evening.

The Thanksgiving Service itself was beautifully designed by our Presbyters. The organ music, anthems and songs were uplifting and enriching, reflecting the rich traditions of music that the Church has been endowed with over the decades. The message shared by Rev. Christian Benjamin on the day is a challenge for all of us remember, to look back, to learn while we strive forward to accomplish the task

set out for this Church. With their reminiscences and personal anecdotes that were informative and interesting, our honoured guests, Mr. V Shriram and Mr.M.M.Rajendran released the anniversary book and the film

As we continue to celebrate this milestone anniversary we are called to prepare and dedicate ourselves to carry the torch forward as stewards and ambassadors for Christ. In deference to His Great Commission, we have this unique opportunity to present Christ to the community in which we live and to reach out to those around us with the message of His love and redeeming grace.

It is our prayer that the mission of the Church aligns with the will of God and that our outreaches are more effectively the salt and light in our communities!

Dulip Thangasamy
Secretary, Kirk Session
St. Andrew's Church

Inspire us, heavenly Father, to make Thy will
our will not in sullen submission, but gladly
and gratefully.

Michael Guido

We Shall Overcome

The world in the early forties was quite different from the world we are in today. Over a period of years the rapid growth and development, especially in communication technology, has left people like me belonging to the older generation making frantic efforts to keep up. These thoughts filled my mind as I took the return flight to Chennai from New York after our annual visit. Spending three months with my Tech-savvy grand kids didn't help matters a bit! For them grandpa seemed to have come from a different planet rotating at a different pace! That incredulous look in their eyes reflected their sense of frustration in dealing with this old man. The fourteen hour non-stop flight from New York to Dubai gave me enough time to muse over such and other matters. At the end of it all I had decided that it would be a good idea if somehow we could find a magic formula for slowing down. Not in my wildest dreams did I expect my thoughts to become reality a month after I landed.

The culprit was this new virus represented in diagrams like a crown, representing regal authority and aptly named, "Corona." Like everything feudal, this new arrival sent the whole world into a tizzy! It seemed like it had taken total control of our lives. From the rich to the poor, invincible politicians to pathetic paupers, muscle men to scrawny thin blokes, it created panic all around. There was total lock down in every nook and corner of the globe. Escaping "Corona" was the buzz word. Scientists quickly got to work trying to find a remedy. A new vaccine seemed to be the magic mantra. The race to find one gathered pace in different countries.

I was apprehensive. This was not the kind of "Slow down" I had wished for. A couple of days into the lockdown and standing on my balcony I inhaled the fresh morning air. There was an eerie silence all around. What happened to all the noise from the traffic and the loudspeakers? Even our boisterous neighbours seemed to be talking in hushed tones. Naughty children, who normally created chaos were reined in and locked up at home. There was no entertainment anywhere, anymore. All of a sudden the world had turned into a

sober, dull place. There was latent concern, bordering on fear all around. What was one to do? I opened the Bible and turned to Palm 91—

“I will say to the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers and under His wings shalt thou trust.

His truth shalt be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand;

BUT IT SHALL NOT COME NIGH THEE NOR THY DWELLING.”

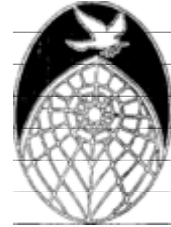
God’s promise of safety and protection is a comforting balm for any troubled mind. It comforted me and gave me confidence.

Well, amazingly the pace of life around the world did slow down. We did have time to breathe, interact, enjoy so much of what we had missed out on. It was also distressing that so many had to suffer both physically and mentally: tragic that many lives were lost. The slow recovery continues. Eventually life has to get back to “Normal”. I am sure that the future “Normal” will be quite different from the past one. With the help of God given gifts to our medical fraternity we seem to be on our way. Perhaps this was, as our news channels say “A break” in our relentless race towards new achievements. The reality that a tiny virus can hold the entire humanity to ransom has proved to be a startling revelation! If, in future, we ever come face to face with a similar crisis we know where to turn to for comfort and guidance.

“I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth” A promise you and I can rely on. We, therefore go ahead with the supreme confidence that with God’s help “We shall overcome”

Ranjit Silas

Strength in Weakness – A Personal Testimony



“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know”. Jeremiah 33:3

In an exposition of this verse, Rev. Selwyn Hughes of ‘Every Day with Jesus’ tells that many of the great prayer warriors of the past had mottos that reveal what they believed to be important in their lives.

Francis of Assisi’s motto: ‘MORE THAN I CAN’
Dr. Stanley Jones’ motto: ‘NOT ABLE – BUT ENABLED’
Pastor David Thomas’ motto: ‘EMPTIED – to be EMPOWERED’
Rev. Selwyn Hughes’ motto: ‘AT HOME IN GOD’

CALL TO ME

Along with Rev. Selwyn Hughes, I can say that from the bottom of my heart I have learnt to call. When we call unto Him, God adds a plus to our thinking, all our loving and all our acting. We lose ourselves and in losing, we find ourselves!

When I was reading this devotion, I was led to find my own motto in my Christian life. Here it is:

‘WEAKENED YET STRENGTHENED’

How appropriate it is! From my childhood I had never been physically strong. I was a weakling, alright! With so many health problems - anaemia which drained and made me faint in inappropriate places, embarrassing me!

Hospitalization ensued! Lost attendance in school and college due to that! I had to make-up lost lessons in a hurry. Looking back, God was always with me, strengthening me and helping me to excel in spite of all odds due to weakness!!

Even after I wed the one I loved most, this spell of weakness never ceased! By God's grace I had three normal deliveries. Despite several illnesses which followed, my Lord Jesus gave me the strength to raise up my three children and take care of my aged parents-in-law.

When my youngest daughter was just 5 years old, I had to battle for my life undergoing a major lung surgery for removal of a congenital cyst in the lung. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ saved me and gave me a lease of life, having heard the fervent prayers from my heart and from my husband, my family, friends and the church!

I was thin and seemed to be weak, but my inner strength was my Jesus! Even through two more major surgeries and a few minor surgeries, my Lord God heard my call and answered me! Doctors wondered about my resilience and speed of recovery! I too was amazed at the capacity of my endurance and the strength of my body. Yes, it was all His Grace and Power which were revealed through me!

Throughout all my trials my loving husband was my faithful moral support. He encouraged me, prayed with and for me, and comforted me in spite of his busy schedule as a successful Private Medical Practitioner, Government Doctor as well as a Mission Doctor later on! Yes, his presence with me always boosted my morale and gave me the courage to fight whatever disease or health issue that came my way!

I have completed 75 years and with the power of His strength, I am still running the race. A few months ago, I lost my soulmate and the gaping emptiness was filled by my dear Friend Jesus Christ, who still leads me on.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we all pass through valleys in life, darkness and light. My heartfelt cry is that though we are frail and weak, our Father in Heaven knows our every tear and weakness, if only we trust in His resource, His power to provide for our insufficiencies. Praise be to my Lord and Saviour Jesus.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weakness, so that the POWER OF CHRIST may rest upon me." II Corinthians 12:9

Nalini Surya Prakash



Mental and Emotional Health Addiction-II

Tobacco is a plant whose leaves are used chiefly in making cigarettes and Cigars. Other tobacco products include smoking tobacco for pipes, chewing tobacco, and snuff.

Tobacco contains small amount of nicotine a substance that acts as a stimulant on the heart and other organs. Nicotine also stimulates the nervous system, causing people to become addicted to it. Doctors believe these stimulating effects of nicotine help make smoking pleasurable. There have been numerous reports linking cigarette smoking to heart disease; lung disease; cancers of the lung, mouth, and other tissues; and other ailments. Cigar pipe smoking, beedi and hookah have been linked to cancers of the mouth.

In spite of the dangers, many people become smokers. Many young people begin smoking as an act of rebellion or independence. Most adults smoke to reduce their craving for nicotine. Such an addiction makes it hard for people to give up smoking. A typical cigarette contains about 1 milligram of nicotine. Nicotine raises the blood pressure, increases the heart rate, and contracts blood vessels near the skin. The efficiency of the lungs decreases with age much faster in smokers.

Family members of the smoker and co-workers of the smoker are subjected to "passive smoking". These people have higher rates of lung cancer and heart attacks than the non-smoking population. Also, infants under one year of age whose mothers smoke have twice as many lung infections as infants of nonsmoking mothers.

Smoking also has been associated with various complications during pregnancy. Pregnant women who smoke have a higher rate of miscarriage than do non-smoking mothers. Infants born to smoking

Baptisms in the Outreach in February 2021



*The practice of the
presence of God
Is to let rainbows into
your soul.
It is to find the sunbeams
And to dance in them
As silently as the motes.
It is the joyful encounter
Of Light in every place -
In Him is no darkness.*

- AL

*Based on a study of Philipians 2:12-15,
with inputs from Frank Laubach and
Brother Lawrence.

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Bi-Centennial Celebrations



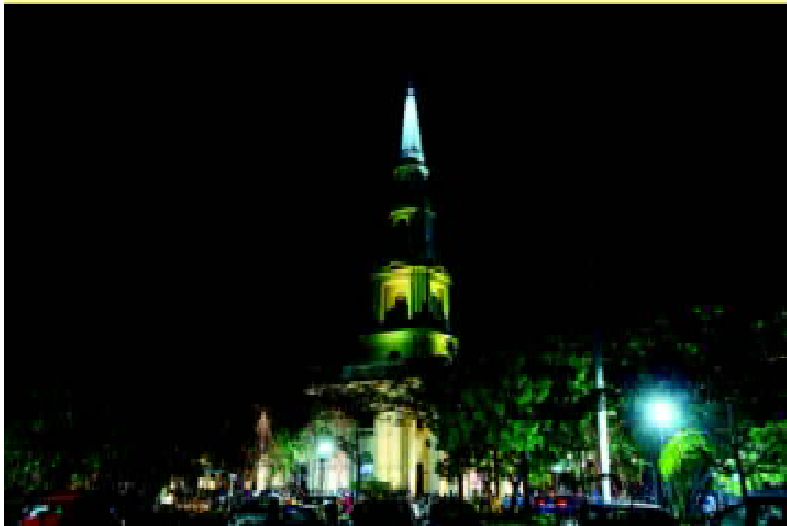


Bi-Centennial
Celebrations

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Celebrating
200
Years of
God's faithfulness







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mothers tend to have a lower-than-normal weight at birth, which is dangerous to their health.

Many smokers attend special clinics set up to help them overcome their addiction. At these clinics, smokers learn how to avoid situations that make them think about smoking and how to reduce feelings of stress without Smoking.

Many countries have introduced measures to discourage smoking, Some have passed laws that require cigarette advertising and packaging to carry a health warning; Some have banned cigarette advertisements from radio and television. In many countries, smoking is prohibited on public transport and in some public places, such as hospitals, schools, theatres, and cinemas. Many private companies regulate or prohibit smoking in the workplace as well.

Dr. Mrs. Rajinikantha Narendranath



Under Your Care



I talk tall, I act big
Think I am smart to even take a dig
At those around me, who are also very great;
Little discerning the furore, I create.
The things that I do, the angels wouldn't dare
But who am I Lord, without your care?

I gloat I've achieved – What? I cannot tell
I feel happy, why? I'm unable to spell
When I scrape a little inside of me
Oh, Lord I know, there's nothing to see.
If you turn fiery – Gee, I cannot bear
So please take me Lord, under your care.

I realize my Lord; I am a flower in the wild
Can stay fresh and pretty if the blowing wind is mild
Should a storm break and nature turn snare
I'll dart in Lord – right under your care.

A Poem by Dr. Liliyan Swarna Kalai

'Make Me A Captive Lord'

"Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;" Psalm 130:1

The deeply touching cry from the heart of George Matheson, the Scottish minister and hymn writer, resonates in many a human heart. His failing eyesight from his youth never deterred him from giving powerful sermons, prayers; he was most renowned for his stirring hymns, the title of the article being one. Each of them arose from the thorns and afflictions of his life.

The profound truth of the paradox 'Make me a captive, Lord. And then I shall be free;' is the truth embedded in each believer's life. Each one of us has experienced the pain of despair, failure, searing words, a measure of sadness, broken relationships, the severance of death seeming to have a living power, a disease diagnosed as terminal, the world looking bleak and without purpose ... the list is endless.

The paradox is embodied in the words of our Master *"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."* Luke 9:24. Our purses can be full and overflowing, our assets bountiful, our talents many, our minds brimming with ideas. What good, our Lord will ask, if we hold on tightly to it and not learn to share? Ideas, talents, wealth, suppressed and not used as words of encouragement and deeds of compassion, what good is that? Our Lord multiplied the boy's loaves and fish. The boy readily gave up his portion, and the Lord blessed the little with what marvelous results! John 6:1-14

We are broken believers and it is from our brokenness we can best shine to proclaim what the Lord has done. However much we may adorn ourselves and think we are doing the same with our souls and patting ourselves on our backs, we are but jars of clay. But we hold a God-given precious treasure within us. This is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, Love and Compassion and through our brokenness He glows, crackles and burns beautifully with His light.

'But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.' 2 Corinthians 4:7

The apostle Paul recognized the importance of this total surrender of our will to Christ Jesus. Only then all the ugly devilish temptation of self-love, pride, jealousy, self-indulgence, deaf ears, blind eyes and stony hearts will evaporate under His transforming power. We then can sing with George Matheson:

My will is not my own
Till Thou hast made it Thine;
If it would reach the monarch's throne
It must its crown resign;
It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife,
When on Thy bosom it has leant,
And found in Thee its life.

Usha George

Jesus promised His disciples three things: they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

G. K. Chesterton



Some people's religion reminds me of a rocking horse which has motion without progress.

Rowland Hill

Answers to Bible Quiz No. 113 – February 2021

A Genealogist's Quiz

1. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba
2. a) Haran & Terah b) Laban
3. Jemima, Kezia, Keren-Happuch. Job 42:14
4. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin and Dinah
5. They were brothers-in-law. David's wife Michal and Jonathan were children of King Saul
6. Solomon. 2 Chronicles 8:11
7. Terah : Abraham : Isaac : Jacob
8. Boaz : Obed : Jesse : David : Solomon
9. David's sisters or half-sisters. 1Chronicles 2:13-16
10. Grandson. Genesis 5:25-29

The winners are:

1. **Mrs. Victoria Basker**
2. **Ms. Rachel Magdalene Sadhana**
3. **Mrs. Indira Rajanayakam**

Hearty Congratulations!



A Little Fox

It kills.

I'm not sure where I picked up the idea but in my mind a classification of sin exists. White lies, envy, laziness are some of the minor ones and adultery, murder, idol worship belong to the big league. Unfortunately God does not see things this way. (For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. James 2:10) And neither should we. Envy being so prevalent is often brushed aside and not recognised for the evil it is.

The Anatomy of envy

Envy means discontented longing for someone else's advantages. Jealousy means unpleasant suspicion, or apprehension of rivalry. Envy is most often used to refer to a covetous feeling toward another person's attributes, possessions, or stature in life. (*Merriam Webster*).

The root of envy is discontentment. It starts with comparing what we have or who we are with others. Comparison being the death of joy, breeds unhappiness and bitterness.

'For he(Pilate) knew that the chief priests had handed Him(Jesus) over because of envy.' Mark 15:10. Envy led to the crucifixion.

'For wrath kills a foolish man, and envy slays a simple one.' Job 5:2. It kills love and destroys relationships.

'A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rotteness to the bones.' Proverbs 14:30. It has adverse health outcomes.

'For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there...for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving

like mere men?' James 3:16, I Corinthians 3:3. It's an indicator of our spiritual status.

'Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, but who is able to stand before jealousy?' Proverbs 27:4. It's a force to reckon with. Whatever you do, identify and deal with it.

Repentance, prayer, gratefulness and blessing the people you compare yourself with helps. However the one thing that has helped me the most was this. 'Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct.' (Galatians 6:4-5). I'm not sure if it's an Indian trait or a national problem but pathological inquisitiveness seems to be a part of us. We are so busy comparing ourselves with others and trying to figure out what everyone else is up to that we forget to live our own lives. No wonder Solomon exhorts us to 'be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds' (Proverbs 27:23). Paul reiterates the point- 'that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you' (I Thessalonians 4:11). So stop trying to be someone else. Live your own life. Be the best version of who God created you to be. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Frankly, when you do the above, there will be little time for anything else - least of all, envy. May the order in our lives declare the beauty of His peace. Amen.

Susan Rajkumari

Lord, take my lips, and speak through them; take my mind,
and think through it; take my heart and set it on fire.

William H. H. Aitken

Bible Quiz No. 114 – March 2021



A Lumberman's Quiz

1. What miracle resulted when one of the 'sons of the prophets' was felling a beam to build a new place of residence?
2. Which king helped Solomon provide the lumber for the new temple?
3. What kind of trees did he send?
4. From what famous place did most of the cedar come?
5. God gave a special command to the Israelites that they must not destroy certain trees in any city they were besieging. Why?
6. Job says there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down –that what will happen?
7. On what special occasion did the populace 'cut down branches from the trees, and straw them in the way'?
8. In John 15, to what did Jesus liken a) Himself b) His followers?
9. Of what wood were the boards of the tabernacle made?
10. Why was the olive tree not particularly good for building? Was it because it was knotty and gnarled / or / smooth?

Kindly send your answers to the church office or email admin@thekirk.in by 15th March 2021.

Usha George



John's Corner

Fruit of the Seed

(Read Gal. 6:7,8 Eph. 1:7)

Meditation for Lent

Don't dwell on evil thoughts lest they
Develop to what's vile within,
For wickedness is but the fruit
Of vicious seed that's sown in sin.

Temptations one cannot avoid,
There's none who can from them be free,
But to Christ when we surrender,
He'll bless us with His liberty.

Christ set us free from sin's bandage,
His blood was shed for you and me,
But that's no justifications
To sin and claim our liberty.

Come with contrite heart to Jesus,
Redeemed by Him in Him abide,
He'll protect you from the devil,
Make Him your refuge, friend and guide.

John H. Bala Singh

Celebrating KWF Month



What was supposed to be a deterrent to our fellowship turned out to be a different direction for Kirk Women's Fellowship. Before the Corona Pandemic that started about a year back, we used to meet regularly once a month in the church after the morning service. However, during the lockdown period and beyond, we have had active participation by many women through Zoom that has been of great encouragement for all of us. God is also enabling us to meet once a month for prayer gatherings on Zoom praying for the needs of our nation and also for those in need in our Congregation.

The Virtual setting has helped us to continue our bonding in fellowship, discussions and in prayer. When we started planning for the KWF month (which was in February), we began by prayer seeking God for guidance and innovative ideas that would glorify God in spite of the many limitations. Since our month coincided with the Bicentenary celebration of the church, we were struggling to put things together, balancing our ministry and the larger event on February 25.

As we continued to seek God's guidance, God gave me the thought to put together a book of testimonies from the lives of the women in our church and of women in history. Collecting testimonies of women missionaries along with women with different life experiences was a good way of sharing about the goodness of God in the lives of people. Funds were raised among the women of our church toward the printing of the book and many gladly contributed. The book titled, 'Kindred Women of Faith' (KWF) was released on the Women's Fellowship Sunday which was on February 14. We had Dr. Sandhya Ruban as the guest speaker on that day.

For the past few years, we have a tradition of singing songs of worship in different languages. This year was no exception. The languages chosen were based on members of our congregation who

could speak them. The audio recording and video recording for these songs went on in full swing and our Kirk women gladly participated and enjoyed and worshipping God. The songs were screened across the different weeks of February.

The first week of every month is only for Communion service. Therefore, on the 2nd Sunday of February, we showed the pre-recording of interviews of women stalwarts of our church and of how the KWF journeyed over the past years. On the 3rd Sunday, we presented about CCM. The Christian Counselling Ministry (CCM) is an important arm of the Women's Fellowship. During the Pandemic, through CCM, we reached out to many young people who had contemplated suicide and encouraged them to live a life of hope and joy. God has indeed used the members to be a blessing in these dark times. On the last Sunday of February, we celebrated with our senior Sunday school children as they danced for a Hindi song which was sung by members of the Women's fellowship. This opportunity to express themselves through dance was a beautiful experience and the children enjoyed every moment of it.

All glory be to God for enabling us to celebrate God's goodness in the ministry of the Kirk Women's Fellowship. We pray and submit ourselves as "Grow and Glow for Jesus" in the years to come.

Roselin Johnson
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Group Photos of KWF members



BTS (Behind the Scenes) of songs' video shoots

