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Ash Wednesday Service

Indiranagar Methodist Church

* Feb 17th * 7:00 pm

All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. Fcclesiastes 3:20 Dear brothers & sisters,

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

This month as we will be focusing on the theme: "The Amazing Promises of God". Let us learn to trust in His Promises. The God whom we worship is God of Omnipotent, who turns our darkness into light. He will give you beauty for ashes, joy for mourning. Keep your heart pure, strive for excellence, and prepare yourselves because it's your time for God's goodness, favour and restoration. Your situation may look impossible, but don't ever rule out the favour of God.

Don't use your words to describe the situation. Use your words to describe the situation. Use your words to change the situation. When you release your faith in uncommon ways, you'll see God do uncommon things. Send your life to a whole new level.

All around you there are people who are hurting, people who need your love, people who need your encouragement. Let God use your gifts and talents to bless them. If you want your life to get better, sometimes the best thing you can do is to help improve somebody else's life Don't get down on yourself over everything you've done wrong. God knew you weren't going to be perfect, but He still loves you more than you now. Your future is bright! Quite questioning God and start trusting Him! Because God is well able to take care of us. He can prosper us even in the desert, if we'll just be bold enough to be his sons and daughters.

So as we enter this month let us claim all the promises of God in our lives & be victorious.

God bless you all.

Rev. Mohan Kumar Associate Pastor

LENTEN METINGS



Ash Wednesday @ 7pm: On 17th Feb

Lenten Service every Wednesday @ 7pm: 24th Feb 3rd Mar 10th Mar 17th Mar & 24th Mar

Passion Week Service @ 7pm: On 29th, 30th & 31st Mar

Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm: On 1st Apr

Good Friday Service: On 2nd Apr from 12 pm to 3 pm

> Easter Service: On 4th Apr @ 9:30 am

Embrace the Sacrifice

This is an Extract from the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Church in India

DIVISION THIRTEEN THE GENERAL RULES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN INDIA ¶191. The Nature, Design and General Rules of Our United Society.

In the latter end of the year 1739 eight or ten persons who appeared to be deeply convicted of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption, came to Mr. Wesley in London. They desired, as did two or three more the next day, that he would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their head. That he might have more time for this great work, he appointed a day when they might all come together, which from thenceforward they did every week, namely, on Thursday in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join with them (for their number increased daily), he gave those advices from time to time which he judged most needful for them, and they always concluded their meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities.

This was the rise of United Society, first in Europe, and then in America. Such a society is no other than "a company of men having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation."

That it may the more easily be discerned whether they are indeed working out their own salvation, each society is divided into smaller companies, called classes, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in a class, one of whom is styled the leader. It is his duty:

- 1. To see each person in his class once a week at least, in order:
 - i.To inquire how his soul prospers;
 - ii.To advise, reprove, comfort, or exhort, as occasion may require;
 - iii.To receive what he is willing to give toward the relief of the preachers, church, and poor.
- 2. To meet the ministers and the stewards of the society once a week, in order;
 - i. To inform the minister of any that are sick, or of any that walk disorderly and will not be reproved;
 - ii.To pay the stewards what he has received of his class in the week preceding.

There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these societies — "a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." But wherever this is really fixed in the soil it will be shown by its fruits.

It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practised, such as:

The taking of the name of God in vain.

The profaning of the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein or by buying or selling.

Drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them in cases of extreme necessity.

The buying or selling of men, women, and children with an intention to enslave them.

Fighting, quarrelling, brawling, brother going to law with bother; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing the using of many words in buying or selling.

The buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty.

The giving or taking of things on usury – that is, unlawful interest.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation; particularly speaking evil of magistrates or ministers.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.

Doing what we know is not for the glory of God, as:

The putting on of gold and costly apparel.

The taking of such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The singing of those songs, or reading those books, which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Softness and needless self-indulgence.

Laying up treasures upon earth.

Borrowing without a probability of paying; or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

It is expected of all who continue in these societies that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

Second: By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men.

To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison.

To their souls, by instructing, reproving, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine, that "we are not to do good unless our hearts be free to it."

By doing good, especially to them that are of the household of faith or greaning so to be; employing them preferably to others; buying one of another; helping each other in business; and so much the more because the world will love its own and them *only*.

By all possible diligence and frugality, that the gospel be not blamed.

By running with patience the race that is set before them, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world and looking that neb should say all manner of evil of them *falsely*, for the Lord's sake.

It is expected of all who desire to continue in these societies that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

Third: By attending upon all ordinances of God; such are:

The public worship of God.
The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded.
The Supper of the Lord.
Family and private prayer.
Searching the Scriptures.
Fasting or abstinence.

These are the General Rules of our societies; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written Word, which is the only rule and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observes them not, who habitually breaks any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways. We will bear with him for a season. But, if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

ONLINE PASTORAL VISITS

Those interested for the online pastoral visits via zoom can call the church office and we will be happy to schedule them.

INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH



NEW BANK DETAILS

South Indian Bank

Indiranagar Branch

A/c. No. 0399053000014868

IFSC: SIBL0000399

A/c. Name: Indiranagar Methodist Church

Please send transaction details to finance.imcblrmci@gmail.com

Kindly do not make any transfers to IMC's old bank (SBI) account

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

Praise God

- For His grace and strength that sustained us in the past month and all the things he has in store for us in this month.
- For protecting His people during this Covid-19 pandemic.
- For His work in and through the various activities of our church.
- For His blessings upon those who celebrated their birthdays and wedding anniversaries in January 2021.
- For His healing and restoring people in the church.
- For the ministry that God has enabled us to do in the church and in the city.
- For all the outreach programs and missionary work in and through our church.

Pray for

- The ministries of Methodist Church in India.
- Spiritual revival in all the churches in Bangalore & Karnataka.
- All those who are sick will be healed.
- The grieving families, who lost their loved ones.

TAKE IT TO THE LORD

Pray for

- The various activities & Pulpit ministry in February 2021.
- Our Hon'ble Bishop N.L. Karkare and Madam Kamal Karkare, Rev. Sebestian Ravi Kumar, District Superintendent-Bangalore, MCI; and all the Pastors and leaders.
- The ministry and families of our IMC Pastors Rev. Hosea Mathew,
 Rev. Mohan Kumar and Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler
- Our Pastorate Committee members and organizations: WSCS, MMF, MYF, Sunday School, and Senior Citizens fellowship.
- Our Choir & Praise & Worship Team.
- Missionaries & various missionary organizations in our country.
- The Poor and Needy families.
- Our Children and young people that they will grow in the Lord

Area Fellowship

Online Area Wise Bible Study Group - February 2021					
Day	Date	Time	Area Leader	Area Leader Mobile No.	Area
Sat	06-Feb	7:00 PM	Mr. Puneet Kumar	9980763784	Sarjapur Road
Fri	19-Feb	7:00 PM	Mrs.Bharathi Moses	9880800773	Jagadish Nagar

Members coming under following groups are requested to contact their respective Area Leader for the date & time of meeting: Area Leader Sl. No. Area Leader Area Mobile No. Mr. Ravi George 9740468360 C.V. Raman Nagar 1 Mr. & Mrs. Abhishek Das Marthahalli/ Whitefield 9243104074 3 Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Christopher 9945593463 Kasturi Nagar 4 Mr. & Mrs. Manoj .S 9945226623 Murugeshpalya 5 Mr. & Mrs. Josey V. George 9980159310 Cambridge Layout

WSCS CORNER

PROMISE WORD FOR THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2021

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

WSCS Retreat

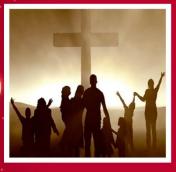
13th February 2021 Time: 10-am to 1-pm

TOPIC: POWER OF A PRAYING WOMAN

SPEAKER: Mrs. JESSIE HEBBAL

Zoom link will be shared





WSCS Sunday

14th February 2021 @ 9.30 am Service

SPEAKER: MRS. JESSIE HEBBAL

TOPIC: POWER OF A PRAYING FAMILY

THE POWER OF PRAYING

FOR OUR FINANCES

27th February 2021 @ 6 pm

Resource Person:

Mr. Philip Cherian

Zoom link will be shared

For more information please Contact WSCS President Mrs.Usha Jones on 9740394222

OUR GRATITUDE: Our heartfelt thanks to all those who preached the Word of God to us in the month of **JANUARY 2021** and built us in the Lord. We also welcome all our guest speakers this month. Congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

PASTORATE COMMITTEE: PC meeting will be held on 9th February 2021 at 6:30 p.m, MPH, IMC Annexe.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

It is with great joy that the IMC family offers congratulations to our newly married couple:

Mr. Mr. Vinod Prasad and Mrs. R. Malini on 1st February 2021

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF): meets every Sunday on SKYPE at 6:00 p.m. Age group: 17-25.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm through online. Those interested to join can, please contact Rev. Calvin Sushtith Ambler for online details. Please note that there will be NO Bible study during the lent.

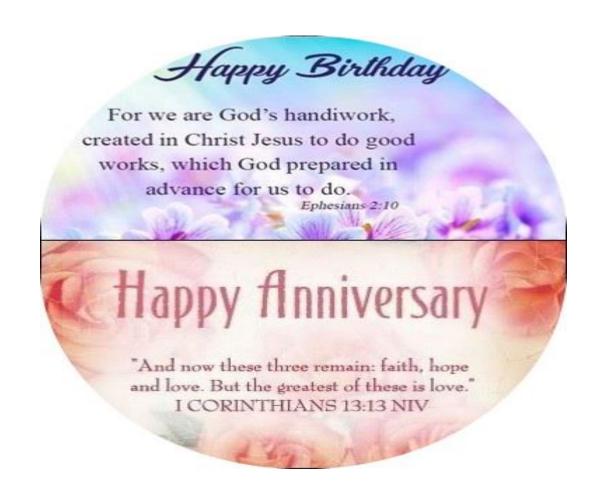
GIVING: We want to express our sincere thanks to you for your financial support towards the ministry of our Church through Tithes and contributions.

GREETINGS: *Birthday & Wedding Anniversary*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our brothers and sisters celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month of **FEBRUARY**. May our God bless them today and each day that follows. May they hear your voice, follow your footsteps, be comforted by your care and live in your grace now and forever. Amen.

"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life." – Proverbs 9:11

"But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love" – 1 Corinthians 13:13



INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH PULPIT CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2021 The Amazing Promises of God

Feb

Peace

*7:00 AM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

*9:30 AM - Rev. Hosea Mathew

*6:00 PM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

Feb

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Guidance

7:00 AM - Rev. Hosea Mathew

9:30 AM - Mrs. Jessie Hebbal (WSCS Sunday)

6:00 PM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

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Forgiveness

7:00 AM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

9:30 AM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

*6:00 PM - Rev. Hosea Mathew

Feb

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Victory through Promised Saviour

7:00 AM - Mr. Ashley Chris Vinil

9:30 AM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

6:00 PM - Mrs. Anuradha Chandran

Note: * Holy Communion

Dawn Communion Service - 1st March 2021 at 6:00 AM