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**Build Your Life  
on the  
Unshakable God's Word**



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## Pastoral Team

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Dear Members,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

As we enter this new month of October we as pastoral team prayerfully have decided to meditate upon the theme - **Build your life on the unshakable God's word.**

Once upon a time there lived a very godly man named Michael who was married but without children yet committed and faithful. God seeing their devotion and faith blessed them with a child but soon the child died due to chronic illness. This tragedy devastated their lives and as a result they lost all hope and felt void than ever and began to live a life of rebellion, vengeance, anger, frustration, and disappointment. The family once who were committed believer had become Atheist and enemies to God. So seeing this frustration of her husband his wife took him to the Church, where the clergy advised the person to pick up his favourite verse and put his own name in, see if that helps. So he picked up the Bible and turned to Isaiah 53, he did exactly what the pastor has suggested and read, "He was wounded for (Michael's) transgressions, He was buried for (Michael's) iniquities, the chastisement of (Michael) is healed – Isaiah 53:5. Then the man understood that he is still in the plan of God.

As we live in the midst of pandemic our lives have become unpredictable, people have lost their Jobs, businesses, loved ones and have witnessed numerous challenges, one among them is the "crisis of faith". Crisis of faith in other words, people have lost their faith in God, the promises of the scripture doesn't make any sense to them anymore, and there is no place for the word of God in their lives. Their faith is shaken in fact they are shaken physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally just like the person in the above story.

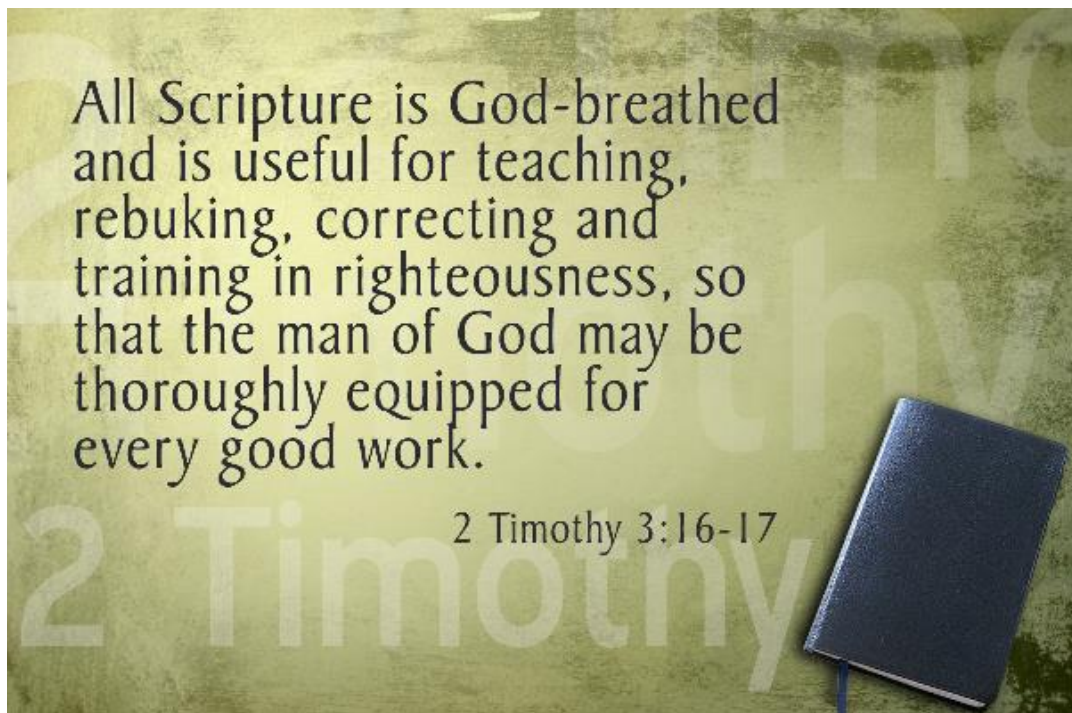
But thanks to God almighty who sent His word & healed us and saved us from all the destruction. Indeed Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour He is our "Logos", so as we enter this month let us build our lives, family, church, society, nation upon this solid rock and be victorious.

Friends, every word that we read in the bible it is God's breathed word to be His personal message to you and me. The Word In 2 Timothy 3:16 says, *All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

So let us not lose hope, let us not be shaken by the temptations and challenges that arises, instead let us stand firm on the promises of God and continue meditating upon God's word day and night and pray until we find ourselves in His divine plan. As we begin the month of October we as a pastoral team pray that you receive the Word afresh, daily into your life and may you be transformed to the image of God, may you be empowered from within to become the man and woman you desire to be with a renewed sense of God's loving children and become the men and women of prayer.

Finally I want to encourage you to keep your eyes always on the Lord and you will not be shaken. As the scripture says in 2 Timothy 1:7, for God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore, let us not be afraid of anything that comes on our way but rather let us be bold and be courageous by knowing and understanding that the Word of God is with us as our rock and shield. **Amen.**

Yours in Christ's Service,  
**Rev. Mohan Kumar**  
**Associate Pastor**



**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 September 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.
- The various activities & Pulpit ministry in October 2021.
- Our Hon'ble Bishop N.L. Karkare and Madam Kamal Karkare, Rev. Sebastian Ravi Kumar, District Superintendent-Bangalore, MCI; and all the Pastors and leaders.
- The ministry and families of our IMC Pastors - Rev. Paul K. Royappa, 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 and Praise and Worship Team.
- Missionaries and missionary organizations in our country.
- Those who are poor and in need.
- Our children and young people that they will grow in the Lord.
- God's protection and healing upon those individuals and families of our church affected by Covid-19.
- The grieving families, who lost their loved ones.
- Those who have suffered financial and job losses during this pandemic season that God would restore and satisfy them.

### **OUR GRATITUDE:**

Congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

### **PASTORATE COMMITTEE:**

PC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:00 p.m at the Multi-Purpose Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), IMC Annexe.

### **IN MEMORIAM:**

**Mrs. Leah Symonds**, aged 87 years, (youngest sister of late Mrs. Eva Russell), passed away on Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> September 2021. She was one of our senior members. This family played a key role in the ministry of our church during the beginning days of IMC.

### **WEDDING:**

**Mr. Paul Rahul Chandran** S/o. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chandran wed **Miss Alpha Deepika Sequeira** D/o. Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Sequeira on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 at Hyderabad.

### **IMMERSION BAPTISM:**

**Rhea Konala** D/o. Mr. Daniel Sathavahan Konala and Mrs. Mary Jyothsna Sathavahan Konala was baptized on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Sanjay Kumar** S/o. Mrs. Saritha Sathesh and was baptized on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Nishant Niranjana Paul** S/o. Mr. Niranjana Paul and Mrs. Pallavi Paul was baptized on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**I.S. Rebekah** D/o. Mrs. Vanishree Samuel was baptized on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Hannah Nitika** D/o. Mr. Satish Rajkumar and Mrs. Sheba Satish was baptized on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

**The below mentioned families were received into the membership of our church on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**

**Mr. Damian Viegas & Mrs. Lisa Shavina Viegas** were received as Affiliate members and **Mr. Binesh Ross Samuel Raj & Mrs. Gracelyn Vinolia Binesh** were received as Full members

### **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY:**

**This** will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm through online. Those interested to join can, please contact Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler for online details.

### **GIVING:**

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

<b>THEME 2021: THE PARABLES OF JESUS</b>					
<b>ONLINE AREA WISE BIBLE STUDY GROUP</b>					
<b>THEME FOR OCTOBER 2021:</b> <b>THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD</b> <b>(Matthew 20:1-16)</b>					
Day	Date	Time	Area Leader	Area Leader Mobile No.	Area
Sat	09/10	8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Josey V. George	9980159310	Cambridge Layout
Sat	16/10	7:00 PM	Mr. Anuj Gupta	9742522249	Sarjapur Road
Fri	22/10	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Manoj .S	9945226623	Murugeshpalya
Sat	23/10	7:00 PM	Mrs. Bharathi Moses	9880800773	Jagadish Nagar
Fri	29/10	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Christopher	9945593463	Kasturi Nagar

Members coming under following groups are requested to contact their respective Area Leader for the time/date/place of meeting:			
Sl. No.	Area Leader	Area Leader Mobile No.	Area
1	Mr. Ravi George	9740468360	C.V. Raman Nagar
3	Mr. & Mrs. Abhishek Das	9243104074	Marthahalli/Whitefield

**ONLINE PASTORAL VISITS**



Pastors would like to visit all of you in person, but due to this pandemic situation they are unable to visit. However, those who are interested to have online Pastoral Visits please contact the church office or the pastors.



**ONLINE TRANSFER**

**NAME OF ACCOUNT** : Indiranagar Methodist Church  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER** : 0399053000014868  
**TYPE OF ACCOUNT** : Savings  
**NAME OF BANK** : South Indian Bank  
**BRANCH** : Indiranagar  
**IFSCODE** : SIBL0000399

Kindly email the details of transfer to [finance.imcblrmci@gmail.com](mailto:finance.imcblrmci@gmail.com) for accounting purpose

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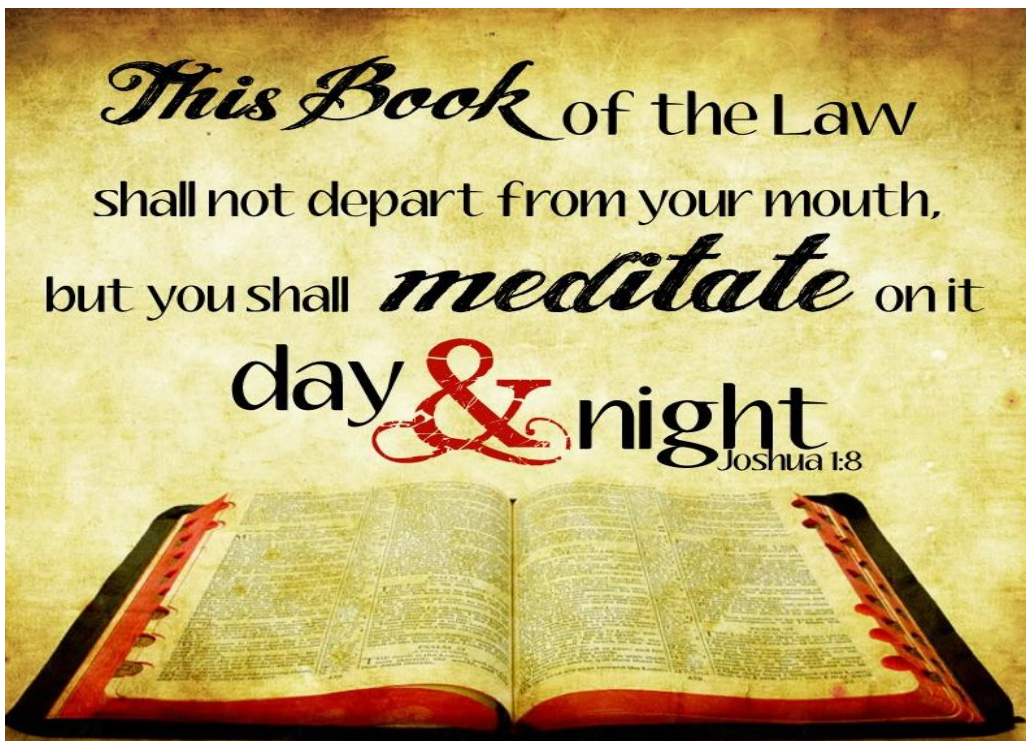


### GREETINGS: *Birthday & Wedding Anniversary*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our brothers and sisters celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month of **OCTOBER**. 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

Invites all youths to attend

# METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Friday, 1-Oct-2021 @ 7pm



Topic : **How to overcome temptations?**

Friday, 15-Oct-2021 @ 7pm

Topic : **How to deal with fear and anxiety?**

We request all parents with children in the age group of above 18 years and below 25 years, to encourage them to be part of this fellowship

**Speaker :** Rev. Paul K. Royappa

*For details contact MYF President, Mr. Sudheer at 99025 43319*



Indiranagar Methodist Church



Love  
NEVER  
fails

1 Corinthians 13:8



## IMC COUPLES MEET

Organized by WSCS and MMF

**Date: Friday, October 8, 2021**

**Time: 6pm to 7pm**

Open to all Married Couples!

An informal session with

**Rev. Paul Royappa & Mrs. Rachel Paul**

During this informal session we will discuss how to overcome some barriers and make your relationship a top priority.

Don't miss this opportunity!

**Zoom Meeting ID: 875 0677 3939**

**Passcode: CM2021**

*(The Couples meet will be bimonthly, for marital counselling you may contact Rev. Paul Royappa & Mrs. Rachel Paul)*

# TESTIMONY

BEHOLD I HAVE ENGRAVED YOU ON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS: YOUR WALLS ARE CONTINUALLY BEFORE ME - ISAIAH 49:16

When nothing seems to be working just remember that there is an invisible hand always holding you and working on your life.

Since the time I have accepted the living lord in my life, each day feels like a miracle. I believe all of this is not an easy process. It takes us continuous prayers and an absolute unbreakable connection with the lord Jesus himself. Let me tell you a small testimony today.

We all know that 2020 has been a really rough phase for the whole world. Right from hearing about the covid-19 virus being at its peak to hearing and witnessing thousands of deaths, life has taught us how to value the things around us. Speaking about myself, I felt emotionally unstable. I reached a point where I could find no ray of hope. I felt I was surrounded with darkness and loneliness. Everything seemed blur and dull. It became difficult for me to even face people around me. There have been days when I had to cry myself to sleep just trying to figure out what could give me the real happiness. One night my father was scrolling through Facebook and he came across a song which started ringing in my ears. The song said “uthte hue uffano mai tuhi meri chattan”, which means with the rising storms the lord Is my ROCK. There has never been a time when I have felt this connected to a song. Every time I heard this song, I was in tears. It was then that I invited the lord to take hold of my life. One day I heard a soft voice speaking to me telling me to do something to encourage people. Strange right? Over here I was breaking apart thinking how to fix myself, instead I hear a voice that tells me to encourage other people around me. I did not spend much time thinking about it so I immediately started shooting some short encouraging bible videos and I put it up on every social platform. Little did I know that following one step coming from the lord could change my life upside down. With this whole process of trying to encourage people, my life began to change. I started feeling the real happiness from deep within. I started receiving personal messages from people about how my short videos are impacting their lives. Do You see how God works? He not only started blessing me but also helped me share that blessing with other lives. Since then, I have been witnessing tiny miracles happening every day.

God Jesus started opening unimaginable doors for me. I take one step and I see him taking 10 more to help me out and lead me through. It had been my dream to pursue my masters in the United Kingdom. I didn't believe it would be possible for me to even leave my house and lead an independent life. I just kneeled down and prayed to God asking him what he has in store for me. Miraculously, I am living my dream today. In short, I can say God kept

opening one door to another. Right from providing my parents with the exact financial requirements needed for admission to helping me receive all the necessary documents for my travel, God has been really merciful towards me and my family. God's miracles haven't stopped there, even after reaching this place I can feel his presence in everything. I can see his hands working in every part of my life. Nothing seems to be giving me the real happiness except for the presence of God in my life. The more I am connected to him, the more joy he fills me with. He has been taking care of every little thing in and around me. Thank you, Jesus!

I feel really blessed to be able to share my testimony with you all today. Holding on-to the lord has been a blessing in my life. I pray the lord god provides each one of you with good health and strength. I also pray that each one of you must witness the working hands of the living lord in your lives.

THANK YOU!

Somnita Samal

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## How to Study and meditate on God's Word?

*I will meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.*

*I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. Psalm 119:15–16*

There are a number of ways we can study the Bible and meditate. There is nothing more powerful than God and His Word. Remember that the Bible is God's Word and Voice.

### One of the simple and effective ways:

**No.1 - Make a commitment and choose a place and pray before you open your bible. Start with 15 minutes. Remember that it is your time with God who is holy and loving.**

**No.2 - Read and observe what does the bible portion say about God and you?**

**No.3 - Understand (Interpret) what does the bible portion mean in that context.**

**No.4 - Apply- This is the most important aspect. How you are going to apply the bible portion to your life and situation. Strive hard to practice what you read with the Power of the Holy Spirit. You will be victorious no matter what.**

Start from Genesis or Matthew. Read the passage twice or thrice. Pray and begin with one chapter a day. Then slowly think about each word and what it conveys about God, his character, his plan, and his work in your life. Anything to avoid. Any sin to confess. Any command to obey. Any promise to hold on. Be determined to read and meditate, otherwise it will not be possible. Meditating on God's Word requires determination and consistency.

Whether you meditate upon an individual verse or a passage or a chapter remember that meditation requires time and focused attention. As much as possible, get away from distractions. Turn off your computer and put aside your phone to give God and his words your undivided attention. It is better to read and meditate on God's Word early in the morning every day when our mind is fresh.

# WSCS Report - September 2021

*LORD, you establish peace for us;  
all that we have accomplished you  
have done for us - ISAIAH 26:12*

We praise God for the month of September 2021.

WSCS Theme:

**"MY FAMILY - GOD'S DESIGN"**

Two webinars were arranged by us on below mentioned topics related to Family:

**PURITY IN MARRIAGE:**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Speakers:

Dr. P.C. Mathew & Mrs. Ciby Mathew.

**FAMILY ALTAR & GODLY OFFSPRING:**

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Speakers:

Rev. Paul K.Royappa & Mrs. Rachel Royappa.

By God's grace we continued our support for the hospital ministry.

We have supported bills for the needy and paid Rs.2,25,333/- from the month of April 2021 till September end.

These programs were made possible only by God's grace and leading and we thank God for His provisions.

***Do continue to uphold us in your prayers. Blessings!***

## PROMISE WORD FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021

**I WILL GO BEFORE YOU  
AND MAKE THE *CROOKED* PLACES  
STRAIGHT. Isaiah 45:2**

### **PRAISE AND PRAYER TIME**

**" I call on the LORD in my distress,  
and HE answers me " PSALMS 120:1**

**TIME: 7 AM - 8 AM**

**DATE: SATURDAY , 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**ZOOM ID: 89276860410**

**PASSCODE: WSCS2021**



### ***"BEAUTY for ASHES"***

*To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. ISAIAH 61: 3*

**SPEAKER : DR. NEETU P CHAUDHURY**

**DATE: SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 @ 6:30 - PM - 8 PM**

**A Seminar is organised by the WSCS . OPEN TO ALL!**



### **SCRIPTURE WRITING TOPIC FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021**

#### **"TO PRAY OVER THE CHILDREN IN OUR LIVES"**

A WSCS initiative to encourage everyone to internalize the Word of God by writing just one verse a day, reflecting on it, memorizing it and personalizing it!

**— Bible references will be provided —**



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





# SCRIPTURE TO PRAY OVER THE CHILDREN IN OUR LIVES

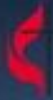
Deuteronomy 17:18 - It shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites

## Scripture Writing Portion - October 2021

1. Isaiah 54:13
2. 3 John 1:4
3. Psalm 128:3b
4. Psalm 144:11-12
5. Psalm 112:1-2
6. Psalm 102:28
7. Isaiah 59:21
8. Isaiah 8:18
9. Isaiah 44:3-5
10. Psalm 103:17
11. Proverbs 12:26
12. 1 Peter 2:9
13. Proverbs 3:3-4
14. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
15. Romans 13:14
16. Psalm 27:11
17. Matthew 5:8
18. Psalm 119:37
19. Proverbs 21:23
20. Psalm 19:14
21. 2 Timothy 1:7
22. Isaiah 41:10
23. Psalm 34:4
24. John 8:36
25. Deuteronomy 30:19
26. James 1:12
27. 1 Corinthians 6:18
28. Proverbs 3:5-6
29. Isaiah 53:5
30. Malachi 4:2
31. Colossians 3:20

Scripture writing enhances our ability to pause, concentrate, remember, and comprehend His Word. So, why wait? Grab a scripture writing notebook, copy the verse for the day verbatim and let God's Word speak to you!

**Organised By**  
**Indiranagar Methodist Church (WSCS)**



Indiranagar Methodist Church  
MMF Presents



*Be Strong and  
courageous*

*Deuteronomy 31:6*

**Speaker: Dr. Rajasingh (IEM)**



**Date: 23-Oct-2021**



**Time: 7.30 am to 8.45 am**



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## **The Apple Tree**

A long time ago there was a huge apple tree. A little boy loved to come and play around it every day. He climbed to the tree top ate the apples and took a nap under the shadow. He loved the tree and the tree loved to play with him. As the time went by the little boy grew up and he now no longer played around the tree every day. One day the boy looking sad, came back to the tree. Come and play with me, the tree asked the boy. I am no longer a kid, I do not play around trees anymore the boy replied. I want toys. I need money to buy them. Sorry I don't have money but you can pick all my apples and sell them. The boy was so excited. He grabbed all the apples on the tree and left happily. The boy never came back after he picked the apples. The tree was sad, one day the boy who now turned into a man returned and the tree was excited. Come and play with me the tree said. I do not have time to play. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter can you help me? Sorry, but I don't have a house. However, you can chop off my branches to build your house. So the man cut all the branches of the tree and left happily. The tree was glad to see him happy but when the man never came back the tree once again was lonely and sad. One hot summer day the man returned and the tree was delighted. Come and play with me, the tree said. I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself. Can you give me a boat, said the man. Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy. So the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat. He went sailing and never showed up for a long time. Finally the man returned after many years. Sorry my boy, but I do not have anything for you anymore. No more apples for you, the tree said. No problem I do not have any teeth to bite the man replied. No more trunk for you to climb on. I am too old for that now the man said. "I really can't give you anything the only thing left is my dying roots the tree said with tears. I do not need much now just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years, the man replied." Good, old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest, come sit down with me and rest. The man sat down and the tree was glad and smiled with tears. This is the story of everyone. The tree is like our parents. When we were young we enjoy playing and spending time with them. When we grow up, we leave them only come to them when we need something or when we are in trouble. No matter how you treat them, parents will always be there and will give everything they can just to make you happy.

**Moral:** Treat your parents with loving care. For you will know their value, when you see their empty chair. We never know the love our parents have for us, till we have become parents.

- Mrs. Elsie Peter

# POOR FUND – SEPTEMBER 2021

We as a Poor fund Committee Want to Praise and Thank God for all that He has given us . In Spite of this pandemic, God has enabled us to distribute Provisions and School Fees for Poor Children . We want to thank all the Congregation members for their Support to Poor and needy

## Poor & Needy Fund Sunday pictures 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021



**Theme**

**BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE UNSHAKABLE  
GOD'S WORD**

**OCT 03**

**The Immeasurable Value of God's Word**

\*07:00 AM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

\*09:30 AM - Rev. Paul K. Royappa

\*06:00 PM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

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**OCT 10**

**How to receive the Word of God?**

07:00 AM - Rev. Paul K. Royappa

09:30 AM - Bishop N.L. Karkare - **Confirmation**

06:00 PM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

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**OCT 17**

**The Uniqueness of God's Word**

07:00 AM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

09:30 AM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

\*06:00 PM - Rev. Paul K. Royappa

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**OCT 24**

**The Power of God's Word**

07:00 AM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

09:30 AM - Rev. Paul K. Royappa - **Youth (MYF) Sunday**

06:00 PM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

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**OCT 31**

**The Benefits of God's Word**

07:00 AM - Rev. Paul K. Royappa

09:30 AM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

06:00 PM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

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Dawn Communion Service will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 a.m

\* Holy Communion Service