



# Interact

A Monthly Bulletin of the  
Indiranagar Methodist Church  
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## The Christ of Christmas

*“for today in the city of  
David there has been born for  
you a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.”*

Luke 2:11



*We the Pastoral team wish you all a  
Blessed Christmas and  
Christ-Centered New Year 2022*

## **Special Christmas & New Year Communion Services**

**Friday, Dec 24**

**Christmas Eve Service**

**Rev. Paul Royappa – 10.30pm**

**Saturday, Dec 25**

**Christmas Service**

**Rev. Calvin Ambler- 9.30am**

**Friday, Dec 31**

**New Year's Eve**

**Rev. Paul Royappa- 10.30pm**

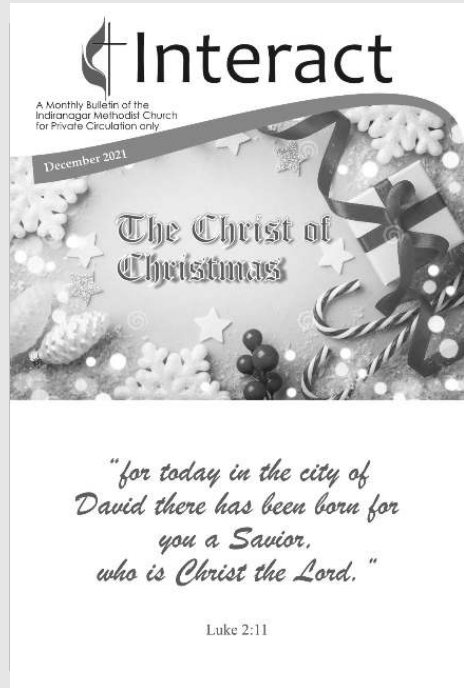
**Saturday, Jan 1'22**

**New Year Service**

**Rev. Mohan Kumar- 9.30am**

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# Pastoral Letter



**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Loving greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible says in Deuteronomy 31:8, ***'The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you'. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*** Let our hearts overflow with gratitude to the Lord who has safely and wonderfully brought us to the last month of this year 2021. Yes, there is a growing concern about a new variant of Coronavirus. We are to be cautious. Our God is sovereign and in control. Let us continue to look to our Almighty God for protection and favour. Let us not fear the future because of the current situation. Instead, let us move ahead confidently focusing our full attention on God, who has promised never to leave us.

We the Pastoral team thank and praise God for all of you for your prayers and constant support. We too assure you all of our prayers. Thank and praise God for the ministry of our Sunday school, MYF, WSCS, MMF, Poor Fund and other committees every month. A special word of thanks to our Worship teams, Choir and Audio/Visual team for their dedicated ministry every Sunday.

Last month we focused on '**CULTIVATING A LIFE OF THANKSGIVING**'. We have entered into the most exciting and long awaited month of the year - the Christmas month. It is easy to get caught up in the preparations and festivities during this season that we forget the real meaning of Christmas. The theme for this month is '**THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS**'.

We have a saying, "Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season." That's partly true; "We too are the reason for the season". Jesus came for you and me. We read in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". He came, because His love for us compelled him to come. Christmas means that God sent his only Son Jesus so that we could believe in him and have eternal life. Christmas is nothing but Jesus. And if Jesus is not in Christmas, then Christmas is nothing at all!"

The miracle of Christmas is that God chose to come to be with us in Jesus Christ. The Christmas message is often lost in the secular world of consumerism, commercialism and materialism. The message of Christmas is simple yet profound. The Gospel tells us about the Christmas message.

**First, the message of Christmas is a message of 'Fear not':** This message came to Mary when she was told in **Luke 1:30**, 'Fear not, for you have found favor with God.' In **Luke 2:10**, the angel said to the Shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people". Over the last 2 years, due to COVID-19 pandemic, fear has become chronic and burdensome. Though our lives are slowly getting back to normal, we are still living in fear and we celebrate Christmas amidst unusual concerns due to COVID-19. Those who lost their dear ones or their jobs this year may have a very quiet Christmas surrounded by many concerns. Christmas for Joseph and Mary was a time of concern. When Joseph was afraid, the angel said to him in **Matthew 1:20**, Joseph son of David, "Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." God who cared, comforted and counselled Joseph is ready to do the same to us if we too are overwhelmed by many concerns of life.

No matter what fear we are facing right now, let us make a commitment to seek Christ first and trust in His Power and deliverance. DO NOT BE AFRAID... The same Words of hope that God gave to Joseph, Mary and Shepherds is giving you no matter what your fear is. Never forget the message of Christmas, '**FEAR NOT**'.

**Secondly, the message of Christmas is a message of Peace.** We read in **Luke 2:13-14**, Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying, "*Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth **Peace** to those on whom his favour rests*". Peace is not a state of mind. It is a condition of the heart. It is a fruit of the Spirit. A gift from God. Real Peace consists not in the absence of trouble but in the presence of God. We read in Eph 2:14 that '**Jesus is our peace**'. He is not only our peace, He is our '**Prince of Peace**'. Our peace with God comes as a result of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. The moment we confess and repent of our sins and ask God for forgiveness, we have peace with God. Do we have peace with God? If not, it is time to confess our sins to God and repent.

The Bible says in **Philippians 4:6-7**- "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God, and the **peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" This is the peace that God gives when we face dark times, when life is hard and when we go through a storm in life. Christ alone can give this peace. Are you anxious about anything? Pray with thanksgiving in every situation. You will experience the peace of God.

**Romans 12:18** - '*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone*'. **Heb 12:14**- '*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord*'.

Many relational problems in families and outside would be quickly

resolved if we would follow Paul's simple guidelines. Go to the other person in a spirit of gentleness and humility, seeking to restore the relationship. Our goal in any relational conflict is not to win or to put the other person in his/her place. Our goal is to honour Christ by growing in maturity and humility. Are we sharing God's peace with one another in our family, workplace and the church? Jesus said in **Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.** The way we treat one another reflects our relationship with God. We can always work toward peace and reconciliation. Peace is a wonderful fruit that God wants us to possess. It is a fruit that the Holy Spirit grows in us as we allow Christ, our Prince of Peace to rule our lives. As we celebrate Christmas, let us make sure that we have peace with God, peace of God in us and peace with others through JESUS CHRIST.

SHALOM!

**Rev. Paul Royappa**  
Senior Pastor



# Greetings

Happy  
Birthday

HAPPY  
Anniversary

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

# News Announcements



## **OUR GRATITUDE:**

Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Percis Peters who preached the Word of God to us on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 during the 9:30 am service. Congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

## **PASTORATE COMMITTEE:**

PC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7:00 p.m at the Multi-Purpose Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), IMC Annexe.

## **DEATH:**

We deeply regret the passing away of the following members:

1. Mr. N. Sivaram on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021
2. Mr. Henry George Katary on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and
3. Ms. Valentina B.S. BasumataryD/o.  
Dr.HeekenBasumatary on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Please pray for the bereaved family members.

## **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:**

It is with great joy that the IMC family offers congratulations to the newly weds: Joshua Isaac and SaronRoja K.T, on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at our church.

**RECEIPTS:** We want to express our sincere thanks to you for your financial support towards the ministry of our Church through Tithes and contributions. Kindly collect your receipts from the pigeon holes which is at the entrance of the church.

## **HOW TO INTERACT?**

You can send your short write-ups, testimonies & articles for the Interact (Preferably softcopies). Hand written articles, poems, may be handed over to the Office Secretary during the church office hours for typing. In order to avoid mistakes, you should proof read the texts that you produce. Because of the limitation of space in the magazine, the articles are selected on "First come First serve basis" and the Pastoral teams' decision is final. Articles and essays are to be limited to a maximum of 2 A4 size papers. The last date for submitting these articles is before 20th of every month. [Imcinteract@gmail.com](mailto:Imcinteract@gmail.com)



## *Memorize the Bible*

### **5th December 2021**

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

### **12th December 2021**

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Matthew 1:23

### **19th December 2021**

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

### **26th December 2021**

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

John 1:9-10





All Young People are invited  
(Age group: Above 16 yrs to below 25 yrs)

# MYF Christmas Get-together!

An evening of Praise & Worship, fellowship and food

Praise and Exhortation led by

**Mr. Ebenezer Premkumar**

**Theme: The Reason for the Season**

Fri 17 Dec  
at 7pm

Join us offline @ IMC

For any queries contact MYF  
President, Sudheer at 9902543319



INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

COME JOIN US FOR



*Online*  
**COUPLES MEET**



(Organized by MMF & WSCS)

**FRIDAY, 10TH DEC' 2021**

**7PM - 8PM**

**Topic: 'From Surviving to Thriving'**

**(Practical Biblical Guidelines to deal with**

**Marital and family issues)**

*An informal session*

**WITH**

**REV. PAUL K. ROYAPPA | MRS. RACHEL PAUL**

**Open to all Married Couples!**



IMC Poor Fund Committee - members, Distributed Provisions for 50 slum people from Kogilur and Bhogalur on 21/11/2021



IMC Poor fund committee - Help to the poor children for their school fees on 6.11.2021



Pastorate Committee Retreat on 04.11.2021

# CONFIRMATION



# SUNDAY - 31.10.2021



# WSCS CORNER

WORD FOR THE MONTH DECEMBER 2021



Thanks be to GOD for His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9: 15

 **THE DISTRICT WSCS**   
**IS ORGANISING A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.**

DATE: 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

TIME: 10-AM TO 1-PM.

GUEST SPEAKER: MRS MABEL DAVID.

 Venue: Wilson Garden Methodist Church. 

**All Women are Welcome!!!**

SCRIPTURE WRITING TOPIC FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021

**“GOD’S LOVE FOR US”**



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

*Christmas gives us a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with those around us.*



*WSCS will be making small Christmas hampers  
and distributing to sales personnel working in the shops near our church.*



**WE REQUEST EVERYONE TO PRAY FOR THIS**

**PLEASE DO JOIN US**

**ON SATURDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 3 PM AT IMC**

**TO DISTRIBUTE THESE HAMPERS.**

**WE NEED CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE THESE HAMPERS,  
WHICH WILL CONSIST OF PLUM CAKE, CHOCOLATES, BISCUIT,**

**GIDEON BIBLE, TRACTS AND PROMISE CARDS (IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES)**



*Breakup of the hamper cost :*

*Rich plum cake - 120/- (250 gms), Chocolates - 25/-, Oreo biscuit - 10/-, Plate - 25/-*

*Promise card n Colour paper to wrap - 10/- approx*

*Total - 190/- per hamper.*

**The number of hampers will depend on the contributions we get(our target is 500 hampers).**

**Let us all put our hands and hearts together to share the love of Christ with our neighbors!**

**BANK DETAILS :**

**ACCT HOLDER-WSCS INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH**

**BANK - UNION BANK OF INDIA**

**A/C NO. 520101075750151**

**IFSC -- UBIN0903981**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**



*Please contact the WSCS Committee for further details.*





# Take it to the Lord

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 November 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 December 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.



# WSCS REPORT NOVEMBER 2021

We praise and thank God for leading us through the month

- ❖ **Praise & Worship: Speaker: Mr. Ebenezer Prem Kumar. 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**
- ❖ **Scripture writing: This initiative encouraged many to meditate on the scripture and pen their thoughts through writing. "The attribute of Jesus," was the chosen topic.**
- ❖ **WSCS took active part in the Thanksgiving Services and also in its arrangements.**
- ❖ **Through "Care and share initiative" WSCS continued to distribute grocery this month too.**

Do continue to uphold us and our ministry in your prayers. Blessings!



## ONLINE TRANSFER

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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

## *Eagle's Flight*

**I** was watching an eagle in flight when for no apparent reason it began spiralling upwards with its powerful wings the great bird soared ever higher dissolved into a tiny dot and then disappeared. Its flight reminded me of Isaiah's uplifting words. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength they shall mount up with wings like eagles" -Isaiah 40:30, 31.

Life's heartbreaks and tragedies can put an end to our resilience, our endurance our nerve and bring us to our knees. But if we put our hope in the Lord and rely on Him, He renews our strength. The key to our endurance lies in the exchange of our limited resources for God's limitless strength. And it is ours for the asking with God's strength we can "run and not be weary" even when days become hectic and demanding with His strength we can "walk and not faint", even though tedious dull routine makes the way seem dreary and long. "God's infinite strength for our finite weakness". If you are helpless in life's fray, God's mighty power will be your stay, you failing strength He will renew, for He's a God who cares for you. "god gives strength in proportion to their strain".

- Mrs. Elsie Peter

**For Pastoral visit,  
home communion, counselling  
and prayer, kindly contact the pastors.**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

The IMC Sunday school children invite you to their online Christmas program on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2021, 5.00-6.30 P.M.

This program has been specially prepared for you.

So please join, sit back, enjoy and be blessed by the message of Christmas.

The focus will be on "Jesus, the reason for this season" and "sharing our plenty with those who have less or none."

The details of the zoom meeting will be posted on the Church WA groups.

Sunday school will remain closed after the Christmas program and will re-open on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

## Altar Flowers

November 2021

Mrs. Suchitra & Mr. Banja	For the Lord's leading over the past 34 years.	7th
Mr. Manoj Moses & Mr. Sunil Moses & family	In memory of late Mr. Moses David, on his <sup>2</sup> death anniversary.	21st
Mrs. Dulcy & children	Thanking God for all His blessings, goodness and faithfulness on Mr. Immanuel B. Samuel on his 50 <sup>th</sup> birthday on 20 <sup>th</sup> of November.	21st
IMC friends	Wishing Prabha Nelson a very happy birthday and God's continued blessings on her in the coming year	21st



# MMF RETREAT

(Praise & worship and Interactive sessions)

*Theme: Be a man after God's own heart*

**14th to 16th January, 2022 at Goa**

**Speaker: Rev. Paul Royappa**

*God said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, he will do everything I want him to do' - Acts 13:22*

Open to all Men

For more information please contact  
MMF President - Anbu 9739201411



## WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Here is an opportunity to express our love and concern for the rural preachers of the Methodist Church who serve the Lord in villages of Karnataka and other places. How can we express? By bringing a special Christmas offering and this earmarked offering will be dispersed as Christmas gift to them. Please use separate printed envelopes which are to be collected during the service on Sunday, Dec 12.

## FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 @ 6 pm**

Invite you all to join us for this Family carol service in the vernacular. Those who like to sing carols as a family, kindly contact your respective area fellowship coordinator.

INDIRANAGAR  
METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

# PRAISE & PRAYER TIME

WILL BE LED BY MYF

FRI  
3RD  
DEC 2021  
7PM-8PM

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.  
Psalm 145:18

ALL ARE INVITED

*Congratulations!*



Dr. Ajay Chaitanya Raju S/o. Mr. I. A. K. Raju, member of our church receiving the Dr. Emmanuel Sunder Raj Memorial award at Christian Medical College, Vellore on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This award is given to a surgeon who has given his services to mission work.



Nishitha Nixon won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Book of Acts Quiz conducted by FMPB youth wing on Sep 26, 2021 across all denomination Churches in Karnataka.

## CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Our Church Choir cordially invites you to the annual Christmas candlelight service on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 6 pm. Come and join with us as they present 'Be Born in Me'. Do join us as we look at the Christmas story, the love that reaches out for us, and restores the broken. There will be a lot of music and singing. You can sing along to traditional carols also sing Silent Night by candle light. We are looking forward to your presence and participation with your friends and families to make it a memorable and meaningful Christmas celebration.



MYF SUNDAY - 24.10.2021



# INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Pulpit Calendar : **December 2021**

Theme : **“The Christ of Christmas”**

Sunday Services : **7.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm**

**Date**

**Sermon Title / Speaker**

**December 05**

\*7.00 am

\*9.30 am

\*6.00 pm

**“The Light of the World”**

– Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

– Rev. Paul Royappa

– Rev. Mohan Kumar

**December 12 ‘The Joy to the World’ – White Gift Sunday**

7.00 am

9.30 am

6.00 pm

– Rev. Mohan Kumar

– Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

– Rev. Paul Royappa – **Candle Light Service**

**December 19**

7.00 am

9.30 am

6.00 pm

**“The Saviour of the World”**

– Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

– Rev. Paul Royappa

– Rev. Mohan Kumar – **Family Carol Service**

**December 26**

7.00 am

9.30 am

6.00 pm

**“The Hope of the World”**

– Rev. Paul Royappa

– Rev. Mohan Kumar

– Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

**\* Holy Communion**

Note : There will be no Dawn Communion Service on 1st January 2022