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Indiranagar Methodist Church
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March 2023

'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus'

*Jesus said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my
Disciples must deny themselves and take
up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23*

Pray and ParticipateAll are invited

IMC Lent Services on Wednesdays at 7pm

Topic: 'Reflecting the life of Christ'

- March 01 - Willing to sacrifice - Rev. Rajesh Anand
March 08 - Pray without ceasing - Rev. Mohan Kumar
March 15 - Supreme Humility - Rev. Paul Royappa
March 22 - Be obedient till the end - Rev. Rajesh Anand
March 29 - Doing the Father's Will - Rev. Mohan Kumar



Passion Week Revival Meetings

Monday, April 3 to Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7.00 pm

Speaker: Dr. P. C. Mathew

Good Friday Service on April 7 at 12 Noon



Come and be blessed!

Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre
(An extension of the Indiranagar Methodist Church)

Worship Service at 9.30am Every Sunday

Place of Worship

3rd Floor, Above Amma's Bakery, Niladri Road
Electronic City Phase -1

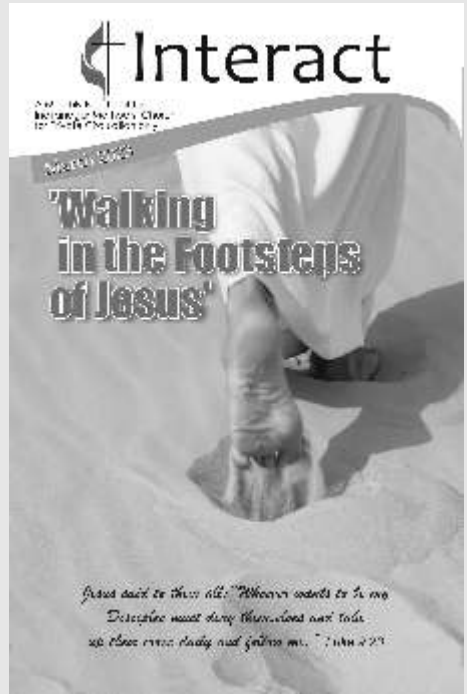
Theme: 'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus'

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Mar 12 - 'The Way of the Disciple' - Rev. Mohan Kumar
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Mar 26 - 'Your Sorrow will turn into Joy' - Mrs. Rachel Paul

Women's Sunday

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Pastoral Letter

Dear beloved IMC members,

Greetings in Christ's precious name.

We thank our gracious God for being so good & merciful to each one of us. As the month of February got over & March has begun, we all look forward to learn new things from new opportunities with God's help. Last month, the Lord has spoken to each one of us regarding Godly virtues. As we continue the Lenten season, we will focus on **'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus'** this month. When we read the bible, in each instance, God was looking for those who were willing to set aside their personal comforts and interests to follow him and share in his ministry. He wanted obedient, focused, and committed followers who would not only trust him but would submit to his authority and way of doing things, even when it wasn't comfortable or easy. The choice, however, was theirs. Abraham believed in God, and the Bible says, "it was credited to him as righteousness" (Gen 12:6). Jonah, on the other hand, ran from God's call to Nineveh, fearful of what might come of such a risky venture (Jonah 1).

Jesus warned his would-be disciples that following him wasn't for the faint of heart. "If anyone wishes to come after Me," he said, "he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matt 16:24-25). Authentic discipleship must be motivated by a deep, personal relationship with our Savior. As we begin to model our walk after the example of Christ, we will begin to see true heart-change in the people around us. What does it really mean to trace the footsteps of Jesus and walk the same path He walked? Most of us will likely never journey to the town of Bethlehem, the banks of the Jordan River, the cobblestone streets of Jerusalem, or walk the shores of Lake Galilee. But we can go there in faith. In fact, if we follow Jesus, we **MUST** go there by faith. The Apostle Peter said that we are called to walk in the footprints of the Lord Jesus Christ. But how? That's why this series *'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus'* will give us a big & a broader picture to understand, by meditating throughout the month of March 2023. So as we look

forward to study this topic for the month of March, *'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus'*, let's be open to God's power to operate in our lives, as we come every Sunday to His house seeking Him.

As a church, it is also our duty to be a praying church, so let's continue to pray for the Sunday Services, Wednesday Evening Lent Services, all activities of our church and the outreach ministry at the **Electronic City (The Methodist Worship Centre)** for the families who are regularly attending the morning church service every Sunday & Lent services on every Friday in the evening. Thank God we had the First Church anniversary service of Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre on Feb 5th. As you all know we have daily morning online prayer during Lent and around 25 people join us every day for this online prayer. We encourage all of you to join us for this prayer at 6.30am. Please continue to pray for all our Children who are writing their exams and the people who are under treatment due to various health issues, so that God's healing hand to be upon them. Also pray for the Pastoral team of IMC, our families & also the pastoral ministry in your personal prayers every day.

We had an overwhelming response for the 5K Run/Walk event organized by our MMF at Cubbon park on Feb 11th. And we had our WSCS Retreat and Sunday on Feb 18 & 19. Thank God that 16 young people are getting confirmed by our beloved **Bishop N L Karkare** on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Kindly pray that they will continue to grow in the Lord. Thank God for adding more members to our Church. Thank you all for your constant prayer and financial support through tithes and offering towards the ministry of our Church. We value your continued prayers and support. We too assure you all of our prayers.

In closing, we the Pastoral team, pray that God would be with all of us as we journey through the month of March 2023. May the good Lord help all of us to live a life of faith towards *'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus'*. Amen.

God bless you all.

The Pastoral Team - IMC

News Announcements

Our Gratitude: We welcome our guest speakers this month. Congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

Pastorate Committee Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, 14th March 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Room, IMC Annexe.

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: The Wednesday bible study will resume after the season of lent. Instead, we will have Lent Service every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m in the Church.

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): Will meet every Sunday soon after the 9:30 am worship service in the church. We invite all youths who are above 18 years and below 25 years, to attend and be blessed. The youth meets every Friday at 5pm for a time of prayer in the church. For details contact MYF President, Mr. Sudheer at 9902543319.

Senior Citizens Fellowship: Meets every 4th Saturday at 10 am in the church for a time of prayer, fellowship, hearing Gods word and bible based activities. If you are a senior citizen please consider joining us. For more details contact Mr. Manna (9886655321) or Mrs. Parin Paul (9845046223).

Sunday School: Will meet every Sunday from 8:00 am to 9:15 am in the church premises. For details contact Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Lalitha Abraham at 9740008587.

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

How to Interact? You can send your short write-ups, testimonies & articles for the Interact in softcopies. Because of the limitation of space in the magazine, the articles are selected on "First cum 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** to - office@imc.church



Memorize the Bible

5-Mar-2023

Then He said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. - Luke 9:23

12-Mar-2023

And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. - Luke 14:27

19-Mar-2023

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. - 1 Peter 2:21

26-Mar-2023

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. - John 16:20

Pray for IMC VBS 2023

Dates: April 19th to 30th

Timings: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Age Group: 4 Years to Std. 12

Director : Mrs. Preethi Devaputhra

For details contact the Church Office at 080-25268863/ 41255628

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 at all times.
- 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 February 2023.
- 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 works 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 March 2023.
- 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. Rajesh Anand and Rev. Mohan Kumar.
- 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 who are writing their exams.
- God's healing upon Rev. Michael Srinivasan, Mrs. Emily Paulson, Mr. Solomon Sukumar, Mrs. Evelyn, Rev. Malcolm and all sick people.

1st Church Anniversary of Electronic City
Methodist Worship Centre on 05.02.2023



Congratulations

Mr. D. Jeyasingh & Mrs. Jamuna Jeyasingh
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 21.02.2023



5K Run-Walk organized
by IMC-MMF at Cubbon Park on 11.02.2023





WSCS Retreat held on 18.02.2023



WSCS Sunday held on 19.02.2023



Area wise Bible Study Group

March 2023

Theme for March 2023
The Invitation to Cleansing - Isaiah 1:18

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Area Leader/ Mobile/ Area
Fri	10/03	7:00 PM	Mr. Collins Samuel & Mrs. Sheeba Collins F-23/133, Ground Floor, Phase 2, BDA MIG Flat, Domlur 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560071	Mr. & Mrs. Josey V. George 9980159310 Cambridge Layout
Fri	31/03	7:00 PM	Mrs. Prathibha Slim No 661, 5th A Main, HAL third stage, near Vishweshwariah BDA Park, Bangalore 560 075.	Mrs. Ida Selvakumar 9448118143 Jagadish Nagar

Members coming under following groups are requested to contact their respective Area co-ordinators for the time/date/place of meeting:

Area Co-ordinator	Mobile Number	Area
Mr. & Mrs. Abhishek Das	9243104074	Marathahalli/ Whitefield
Mr. Anuj Gupta	9742522249	Sarjapur Road
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Christopher	9945593463	Kasturi Nagar/Ramamurthy Nagar
Mr. & Mrs. Manoj .S	9900169612/ 9945226623	Murugeshpalya
Mr. Ravi George	9740468360	C.V. Raman Nagar

February 2023

Altar Flowers

Date	Contributors Name	Message
12/02/2023	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Samuel	On the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary. Thanking Lord Jesus for their good health and togetherness for all these years.
19/02/2023	Mrs Jamuna Jeyasingh and Mr Jeyasingh	On their 50th wedding anniversary from friends of IMC. We thank God for their role in the church and for being a blessing to the ministry of IMC. God has surely showered them with blessing and love. We wish them a Happy Wedding anniversary.
26/02/2023	Mr. Nelson Prem Sekar & Mrs. Prabha Nelson	In Thanksgiving to God for all the blessings and guidance Mr. Jonathan Adriel received all through the year.
26/02/2023	Mr. Jonathan Adriel Jonty	In Thanksgiving to God for the journey mercy and blessings Mr. Satish Rajkumar received through-out the year.
26/02/2023	Mrs. Shanthakumari	In memory of Mr. C. Narayan on the 10 th death anniversary.



Join us for
Indiranagar Methodist Church

Online Daily Morning Lent Prayer

All are invited

Early Morning Online Lent Meditation Services also will continue every day (except for Saturdays, Sundays & Dawn Service) from 6:30 am to 7 am.



Have you given up anything for Lent? Perhaps you have decided to follow a new diet or turned off social media. Lent is a reminder of the time that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted before entering into ministry. By giving up certain foods for example, we start to understand what it might have been like for Jesus to be tempted by Satan to turn stones into bread. The practice of Lent is to

encourage us to echo the life of our Saviour who suffered for us, who gave up all riches and power that we might be free and saved from the bondage of sin.

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human*! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death and the worst kind of death 'Crucifixion'.

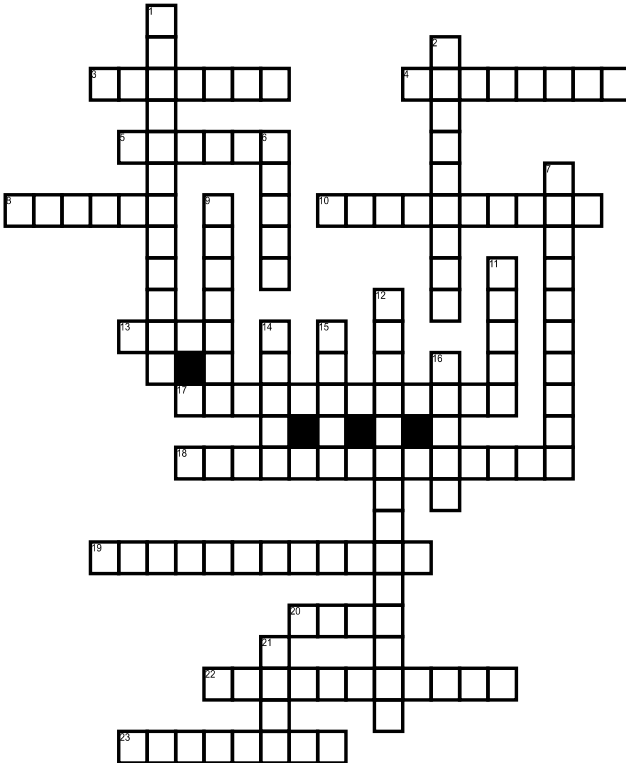
Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honoured him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth will bow in worship before Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that He is the Lord and Master of all, to the glorious honour of God the Father.' Philippians 2:5-11

However, you choose to prepare for Easter this year, whether you choose to fast from something, take something up, may each of us set aside time to walk closer to Jesus, that we might be changed and so transform those who we know and love with his beautiful grace.

Rev. Paul Royappa

Kid's Page

A Puzzle for Lent



Across

- 3. During Lent some people don't eat. This is called
- 4. What holy days were the Jews celebrating
- 5. Let's fold our hands and say a
- 8. What is the parament color at Easter
- 10. What is the day that follows Maundy Thursday
- 13. While on the cross, who did Jesus ask to take care of his mother
- 17. As Jesus rode in on a donkey what did the crowds wave

- 18. The day before Good Friday is called
- 19. What is the first day of Lent?
- 20. The Church's season we are in now
- 22. Action Jesus performed for his disciples that the lowest servant usually performed
- 23. The week preceding Easter Sunday is called

Down

- 1. On Easter we celebrate Jesus'
- 2. Jesus' action for you and me on the cross
- 6. Many people called Jesus teacher or

- 7. The Sunday before Easter is called
- 9. What did the crowds yell when Jesus rode into town
- 11. Who is our Lord and Savior
- 12. Who told the people of Jesus' coming
- 14. Who discovered the stone had been removed
- 15. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness
- 16. On what day did Jesus rise from the dead
- 21. There is faith and hope, but the greatest is

Quiz questions

from the Book of Acts Part I

Instructions:

1. There are 28 chapters in Acts, we recommend reading at least 2 chapters each day and find the answers within those 2 chapters covered in the day.
2. Please submit your answers (in person or by email) to IMC office on or before 31Mar2023. Email: office@imc.church
3. Please include the Bible version/translation used and the references for each answer provided.
4. Winners will be announced in April 2023.
5. Our hope is that every member of our IMC family would be encouraged in his or her relationship with Jesus Christ through the regular reading of God's precious Word.

I. Fill in the blanks

1. Through a vision God showed Peter that he should not call any man _____.
2. When David prophesied about Christ saying, 'His soul was not left in Hades', he spoke concerning the _____.
3. Since we are _____, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone.

II. Who said to whom?

1. '.... Who was I that I could withstand God?'
2. '.... after my departure savage wolves will come in among you'
3. '.... I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.'

III. Complete the parallels.

1. If Paul and Barnabas were apostles, Judas (Barsabas) and Silas were _____.
2. If Paul shook off the dust from his foot at Antioch, (in Pisidia), he shook his garments at _____.
3. If Felix had accurate knowledge of the Way, King Agrippa was an expert in _____.

IV. Whom / Which / What do the following refer to?

1. This man is the great power of God.
2. 'Why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples'?
3. The Jews (from Asia), accused Paul saying, 'He also brought Greeks into the temple and has defied this holy place.'
Whom/What were they referring to?

V. Give Reasons / Why?

1. The priests, captain of the temple and Sadducees were greatly disturbed at what Peter and John taught the people.
2. The commander at Jerusalem was afraid after he found out that Paul was Roman.
3. At Pentecost the multitude that came together were confused.

VI. One Word Answers.

1. Through whom did Jesus give commandments to the apostles, He had chosen?
2. He purchased a field with wages of iniquity.
3. He was numbered with the 11 apostles.
4. He helped Saul to be accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem, after his conversion.
5. During whose days did the great famine prophesied by Agabus take place.
6. A synagogue ruler, who believed with all his household.
7. He was an assistant to Saul and Barnabas.
8. He commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome.
9. He lived next door to the synagogue (At Corinth).
10. She confessed that Paul, and those with whom him proclaimed the way of salvation. Who is she?



Bank & UPI Details For Tithes & Offerings



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Account Number - 0399053000014868
Type of Account - Savings
Bank Name - South Indian Bank
Branch - Indiranagar
IFSCCode - SIBL0000399

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Account Name - Indiranagar Methodist Church-
Church Outreach Account
Account Number - 0399053000015301
Type of Account - Savings
Bank Name - South Indian Bank
Branch - Indiranagar
IFSCCode - SIBL0000399

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WSCS CORNER

WORD FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

"For GOD did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

JOHN 3:17

"FASTING PRAYER"

TOPIC : "STANDING IN THE GAP "

DATE : SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH 2023

TIME : 10 AM TO 12 NOON

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS WILL BE SHARED:

ALL ARE WELCOME!

"TESTIMONY TIME "

DATE : SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH 2023

TIME : 10 AM TO 12 NOON

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS WILL BE SHARED:

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SCRIPTURE WRITING TOPIC FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023



"OVERCOMING TEMPTATION"



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



INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Pulpit Calendar: March 2023

Theme : **'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus'**

Sunday Services : 7.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm

Date	Sermon Title / Speaker
March 05	- 'The Way of the Master'
*7.00 am	- Rev. Paul Royappa
*9.30 am	- Bishop N L Karkare - Confirmation Service
*6.00 pm	- Rev. Rajesh Anand
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*Holy Communion Service
Dawn Communion Service will be held
on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 6.30 am