



# Interact

A Monthly Bulletin of the  
Indiranagar Methodist Church  
for Private Circulation only

May 2023

## *Moments with the Master*



***Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"  
He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love  
you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."***

*John 21:16*



Join us for  
Indiranagar Methodist Church

May @ 7 pm

## Wednesday **Online Bible Study**

Study	Topic	Led by	Date
16	The Distinctive Qualities of the True Christians Philippians 3:1-3	Rev. Rajesh Anand	3 <sup>rd</sup> May -2023
17	Religious Credits That Don't Impress God Philippians 3: 4-7	Rev. Mohan Kumar	10 <sup>th</sup> May -2023
18	The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ Philippians 3: 8-11	Rev. Paul Royappa	17 <sup>th</sup> May -2023
19	Reaching for the Prize Philippians 3:12-16	Rev. Rajesh Anand	24 <sup>th</sup> May -2023
20	Following Godly Examples Philippians 3:17-21	Rev. Mohan Kumar	31 <sup>st</sup> May -2023



*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**

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

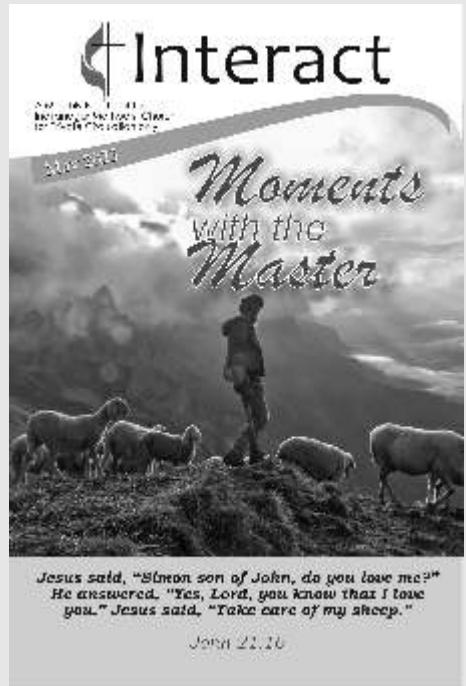
**Theme: 'Moments with the Master'**

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| *May 07 | - 'A Transforming Moment' | - Rev. Raejsh Anand  |
| May 14  | - 'A Touching Moment'     | - Rev. Persis Peters |
| May 21  | - 'A Teaching Moment'     | - Mr. Joseph         |
| May 28  | - 'A Loving Moment'       | - Rev. Mohan Kumar   |

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# Pastoral Letter

Dearly beloved in  
Christ,

Grace and peace from God our Father and  
from Jesus Christ - Our Saviour, King and LORD!

Praise be to our God who has preserved and protected us all through the past month. Praise and thank God for the overwhelming response for all the special and regular services we have had all through the month of April. All glory to God.

Thank God for the **VBS** that took place in our church from April 19-30 and Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre from April 25-30. Thank the VBS Director Mrs. Preethi Godwin, all teachers and volunteers who helped. Also thank all those who prayed and contributed generously towards our VBS. Pray that every child would continue to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and hold on to God. Pray for the Vernacular VBS which is starting from May 4-6.

The theme of this month is '**MOMENTS WITH THE MASTER**'. Jesus, our master is not a fairy tale person. He is God. The encounters that Jesus had with individuals are not just Sunday school stories. They are historical moments in which a real God who met real pain so we could answer the question, "Where is God when I hurt?"

How does Jesus respond to a person in the midst of a crisis? Read the story of the Samaritan woman, Nicodemus, the young rich ruler, Peter. How does Jesus react to brokenness, hopelessness and great desperation? Jesus who spoke still speaks. Jesus who performed miracles still performs miracles. He comes into our world to do what we can't.

When Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James & John to leave their nets and follow Him, he proclaimed that He would make these men "fishers of men". **IT WAS A LIFE CHANGING CALL!** From that moment when these men surrendered to Jesus' invitation to "Follow Him", they experienced some amazing moments with their Master and Savior. Though they did sacrifice some things, they were blessed beyond measure as a result. When you walk close to Jesus you will see things that others don't get to see. When you walk close to Jesus you will experience things that others don't get to experience.

We read in **Mark 1:31-32**, *Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever,*

*and they immediately told Jesus about her. So Jesus went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. Remember this: Just as no problem is too big for Jesus, no problem is too small for Jesus!*

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!*

The personal moments with the Master are very special. This account shows us that we can go to Jesus for all our needs and concerns. Also on behalf of our loved ones! It also shows us that He cares enough to listen and to move in a mighty way. The key in this story is Peter's personal relationship with the Master. If there had been no relationship, Jesus wouldn't have been in his home. When you walk close to Jesus, you will experience these personal moments where you can go to Him and see Him work in your life! What a blessing to experience "Personal Moments" with the Master.

Jesus wants to have a moment with all of us in this moment of time. All it takes is a moment for Him to make a difference, to change our life forever. As the song goes, You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes, You turn shame into glory, You turn graves into gardens, You're the only One who can, O there's nothing better than You, One moment, one encounter, that's all it takes. It can be the same for you. What is your need and concern? A moment with Jesus provides for all your needs.

Pray for the Bangalore Regional Conference which will be held in Goa from May 19-21, 2023. Thank you all for your constant support and prayers for the ministry of our Church. If you have any prayer concern, kindly share with the Pastoral team.

God bless you all.

Regards and prayers,

**The Pastoral Team- IMC**

# News

## Announcements

**Our Gratitude:** We welcome our guest speakers Rev. Dr. Steven Maxwell, Dr. Daniel Raj, Rev. Persis Peters, Rev. Dr. Vasant Renick and Rev. Vinley Peters this month. We thank Dr. P. C. Mathew and Dr. Stafford Cripps who brought God's word for us last month. Congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

**Pastorate Committee Meeting:** Will be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Room, IMC Annexe.

**Birth:** Congratulations to Mr. Vijay S.N. & Mrs. Rathnakumari on becoming grand-parents and parents of Mikaylah & Freyja.

© Melvin Nandamuri & Rochelle were blessed with a baby girl Mikaylah on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

© Jonathan Steffanoni & Krupa were blessed with a baby girl Freyja on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Wednesday Midweek Bible Study:** will continue to be held Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m Online. We will be continuing the Bible study series on the book of Philipians. The Pastoral team will conduct the Bible studies. The details will be posted on our church whatsapp groups. Invite you all to participate and be blessed.

**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:** Will meet 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 .K at 9886655321 or Mrs. Parin Paul at 9845046223.

**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](mailto:office@imc.church)

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



**INDIRANAGAR  
METHODIST CHURCH**

*wishes*

**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY**

**14TH MAY**

*Cast all your anxiety on Jesus because  
he cares for you - 1 Peter 5:7*



## *Memorize the Bible*

### **7-May-2023**

A man with leprosy[a] came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Mark 1:40-41

### **14-May-2023**

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." Mark 5:32-34

### **21-May-2023**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." John 3:1-2

### **28-May-2023**

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

John 21: 4-6



Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre - VBS  
25th - 30th April 2023



Palm Sunday - 2nd April 2023



Indiranagar Methodist Church VBS  
19th to 30th April 2023





Senior citizens sports day  
25th March 2023



# 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 April 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 May 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 that they will grow in the Lord.
- God's healing upon Mr. Michael Srinivasan, Mrs. Emily Paulson, Mr. Solomon Sukumar, Mrs. Evelyn, Rev. Malcolm and all sick people.

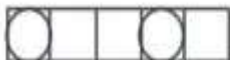
## God Gave Samson Strength Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circles and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

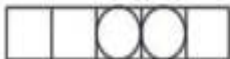
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God helps me

# QUESTION & ANSWER

Can Christians get Tattoos?

In today's modern world, having a tattoo is a style quotient among the youth. The desire to look "Cool" and "Stylish" has led many youngsters to have tattoos all over their bodies. Tattooing has become a symbol of style and affluence today!

But could a child of GOD A believing Christian Have tattoos on their bodies? Let us see what the Bible teaches about this topic!

The most important Bible verse on this subject is Leviticus 19:28, where GOD specifically instructs Israelites not to make any engravings or piercings on their bodies.

"Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord." Lev 19:28

Why did GOD say this? Because the signs often engraved on the bodies of the people were symbolic to worshipping pagan gods of their lands. The engraved symbols associated to evil practices or rituals. Even today the African tribes mark tattoos with various symbols on their bodies as a sign of protection against voodoo and witchcraft.

Now you may say well we just do it for style or even have only Christian tattoos!

But may I remind you that your Body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and not your own. You have been bought with a price(1 Cor 6:19-20, 1 Cor 3:16, Romans 6:13). We need to preserve/protect your body from associating it with any evil pagan practices and sexual immorality (Romans 12:1).

Further some may also ask Why should we obey something from Old Testament (Mosaic Law)? Are we not free from law through Jesus Christ? (Romans 10:4, Gal 2:16). Jesus Christ did not come to this world to destroy the law, but to fulfil it (Matt 5:17). He fulfilled it by His death upon the cross (Gal 3:13) and established a new covenant for us to fulfil it in the embodiment of love and grace (Matt 22:35-40). If we love GOD (which according to Jesus is the first commandment), we will not associate ourselves with any practices of pagan gods.

The other question to consider is “Does a tattoo bring glory to GOD!”. Is it not just a symbol of style even among the non-believing evil world? The Bible says we (believing Christians) are the “Salt” of the earth, and if the salt loses its savour, it is of no worth (Matt 5:13). To be the Salt, is to be set apart for GOD and away from the evil practices of the world. We should not try to mix up with the evil world in our style and lifestyle (We are in the world, but not of the world John 15:19). Further to mention, Tattoos are marks which cannot be erased in your lifetime (unless to undergo complex medical procedures). It is like putting on a makeup, which you can never wash away in your life!

So, we can conclude that it is not good for Christians to have any tattoos on their bodies. But if they already have them (ignorantly before knowing God), they need not make attempts to erase them (involving medical complexities). They can pray to GOD about it, convey their situation and live with them under grace!

*Christdas*

Indiranagar Methodist Church, Bangalore

April 2023

## Altar Flowers

Date	Contributors Name	Message
09-Apr-2023	Mr. Jacob Samuel and their children and grand-children	In thanksgiving to God on the occasion of Mrs. Ester Jacob's birthday.
09-Apr-2023	Mrs. Daisy Varghese	In Thanksgiving to God for her daughter Bindu Varghese's 50th birthday on 7 <sup>th</sup> April





# Rev. John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience (The Founder of Methodism) May 24, 1738

“In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine and saved me from the law of sin and death.” - Rev. John Wesley

It was 24 May 1738. Wesley was almost 35 years old and had been ordained for nearly 10 years. The 'society' he attended was a Moravian meeting in London. Wesley has first encountered the Moravian Church during a difficult two-year mission to Georgia in North America, from which he had returned just six months earlier. During the journey, their ship had been struck by a severe storm, and shipwreck and death seemed inevitable to most aboard. What Wesley noticed was the calm assurance of the Moravians: confident in God's love and their salvation, they did not appear to fear death. Wesley did not have that assurance. He was struggling at this point in his life, when it was far from certain that the beginnings of a religious revival would take hold and flourish. John Wesley's experience at the Aldersgate meeting transformed his belief and preaching, ultimately leading to the formation of the Methodist Church. Without Aldersgate, Methodism as we know it today may not have happened.

Wesley's experience that night was a conversion. He experienced a "conversion" in thinking and understanding about the nature of grace and salvation. That night Wesley realized that forgiveness of sins and acceptance by God (justification) is a free gift. Nothing we can do will ever make us worthy or acceptable. God did the work of atonement on the cross in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On May 24, 1738 Wesley's was awakened to the truth Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8, *'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.'*

But Aldersgate is not just about the past, or just about John Wesley. His experience, so memorably and vividly expressed in his journal, demonstrates the difference it makes knowing God for ourselves. When one least expects it, even when things haven't turned out the way we hoped or when we feel we've heard it all before, there can be change. Change happens when we share the story. Wesley experienced this when someone else read to him Martin Luther's Preface to Romans. Just as John Wesley felt his heart 'strangely warmed', we too can be refreshed and inspired by sharing our faith stories with each other.

*Rev. Paul Royappa*



## Bank & UPI Details For Tithes & Offerings



Account Name - Indiranagar Methodist Church  
Account Number - 0399053000014868  
Type of Account - Savings  
Bank Name - South Indian Bank  
Branch - Indiranagar  
IFSCode - SIBL0000399

## For Church Planting & Outreach



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

Kindly email the details of transfer such as transaction reference number, date of transfer and purpose of transfer along with your name and contact details to - [finance.imcblrmci@gmail.com](mailto:finance.imcblrmci@gmail.com) for accounting purpose

# WSCS CORNER

## “ LAMP & LIGHT ”



*Your Word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.*

PSALM 119:105



*Dear Church,  
A wonderful opportunity for us to refresh  
our hearts, minds & souls with God's word.*

*The portions chosen are  
Psalm 40, Isaiah 41 & Matthew 5:1-16  
to be handwritten during  
the months of April & May 2023  
& submit to WSCS Committee  
during the first week of June.*

A colorful illustration of seven diverse children of various ethnicities and ages, smiling and holding up a white sign. The children are drawn in a simple, cartoonish style with bright colors for their clothing and hair.

**JESUS, MY SUPER-POWER**

- My Favourite Bible Verse - Reference
- My Testimony – 300 words
- Name with initials and surname with contact no.
- To be mailed to [wscsinspirational34@gmail.com](mailto:wscsinspirational34@gmail.com)

Request all to submit by end of June 2023

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



# INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Pulpit Calendar: May 2023

Theme : **'Moments with the Master'**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sermon Title / Speaker</b>
<b>May 07</b>	<b>- 'A Transforming Moment'</b>
*7.00 am	- Rev. Mohan Kumar
*9.30 am	- Rev. Paul Royappa
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*6.00 pm	- Dr. Daniel Raj

**\*Holy Communion Service**  
**Dawn Communion Service will be held on**  
**Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 6.30am**