

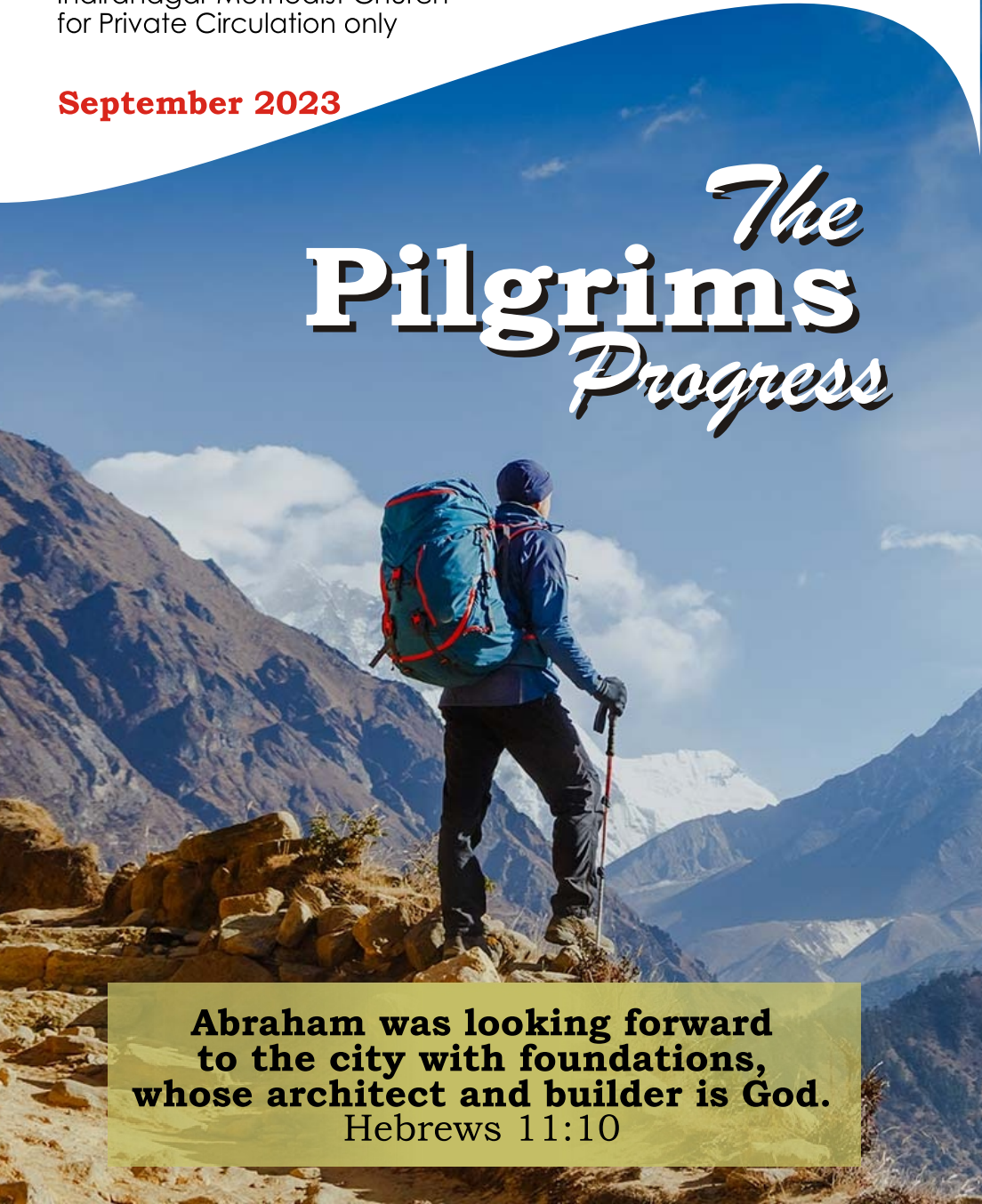


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A Monthly Bulletin of the
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The **Pilgrims** *Progress*



**Abraham was looking forward
to the city with foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.**
Hebrews 11:10



Join us for
Indiranagar Methodist Church

Wednesday Online Bible Study

September @ 7 pm

The Christian Witness

Study No.	Topic	Led by	Date
10	Be the Witness of Suffering 1 Peter 4:12-19	Rev. Paul Royappa	6 th Sept
11	Be the Example (Elders) 1 Peter 5:1-4	Rev. Alexander Augustine	13 th Sept
12	Be the Example (Young Adults) 1 Peter 5:5-10	Rev. John Shikamani	20 th Sept
13	Be the Encourager (Conclusion) 1 Peter 3:12-14	Rev. Paul Royappa	27 th Sept



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: **'The Pilgrims Progress'**

***September 03 - 'The Pilgrims Progress' - 'The Step of Faith'**

- Rev. Peter George

September 10 - 'Seeing with Pilgrim's eyes'

- Rev. John Shikamani

September 17 - 'What Pilgrims do when life gets hard?'

- Rev. Peter George

September 24 - 'Help for the hurting Pilgrim'

- Dr. Daniel Raj

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Indiranagar Methodist Church

OUR VISION

Our vision is to Preach and teach people to be Disciples of Christ. To see people saved, transformed, equipped, rooted in prayer & God's Word and grounded in unity and love to serve all people with humility and faithfulness. Engaging the next generation and reaching out to the unreached and care for the needy.

OUR MISSION

We CALL people to faith in Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Word and CELEBRATE God's presence through worship as one body under the Lordship of Christ. We strive to CONNECT people together in caring relationships as we grow together in the knowledge and love of God the Father, COMMISSIONING every member to serve in ministry by power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Core Values

Christ and Word-Centered
Fellowship & Unity in diversity
Holiness & Witness for Christ
Care and Reach out to every one
Developing Godly generation
Grow and serve as the Disciples of Christ

Pastoral Letter

Dear IMC family,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus. Let us praise God that He has wonderfully carried us all through the past eight months of this year and safely brought us to this ninth month. May His presence go before us, guide us, protect us, and save us from all harm and danger every second of this new month.

Praise and thank God for all the activities we had in our church all through the past month. Thank God for the half-night prayer which was organized by WSCS on Aug 4, the Independence Day celebration on Aug 15, organized by Lay Activity Committee, Christian Parenting Online Seminar organized by Christian Education and Nurture Committee and the Poor fund team's visit to 2 De-addictions centres on Aug 26 to distribute Rations to the Poor and Needy. We thank you all for your constant support and prayers for the ministry of our Church.

As you all know, we have mid-week online Wednesday Bible Study and online morning

prayer every Saturday. We invite you all to join us for this time of studying the Word of God and prayer and be spiritually strengthened and blessed.

We praise God for His blessings upon our **Sunday School Sunday** on Aug 27. God used our children to minister to us through songs, choreography and play on '**CHARGE YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERY WITH PRAYER**'. We thank Mrs. Pavani Thomas, Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Lalitha Abraham, and all Sunday School teachers for their commitment and support. It was indeed a blessed service followed by Taste-O-Pedia sale organized by our Methodist Youth Fellowship(MYF). A special word of thanks to our Audio Visual team for live-streaming our worship service every Sunday.

The theme for this month is '**THE PILGRIMS PROGRESS**'. John Bunyan, in his "Pilgrim's Progress", has made many people realized that Christianity is not just a religion. It's more than a religion, it's a way of life, it is our journey with God and to

God. Life is a journey. This world is not our permanent home. We are pilgrims and on a journey to the heavenly city. In order to have such a perspective we should have faith. As Christians, we need to remember that our true citizenship is in heaven. Our earthly existence should be seen as a pilgrimage where we are journeying in the footprints of Jesus.

Someone said the word Bible can be written out, using each letter, B-I-B-L-E, to mean '*Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth*'. First Peter is a guide for Christian pilgrims. This epistle was written about 65 AD just two years before Peter was executed upside down on a cross by the Roman Emperor Nero. In his first letter, he greets the believers as God's pilgrims scattered around what is today modern Turkey. Peter writes and tells us....

No.1- WE ARE THE PILGRIMS OF GOD: Peter addresses the believers by saying in 1 Peter 2:11, '*Dear friends I urge you as foreigners and exiles abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul*'. You and I are also, sojourners and pilgrims.

We are not yet home. We must be careful of thinking of this present world in which we live. Though we are in this world, we are not of the world. We need to know that this world is going to go down in flames someday. James strongly speaks to those who love this present age more than God in James 4:4. He says, 'whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.' We must remember that we are God's elect pilgrims. What does it mean to be elect? It means to be chosen by God. Who are these elect? You are, if you are a child a God. You belong to Him. You are His chosen. 1 Peter 2:9 says 'But you are a special people, a holy nation, priests and kings, a people given up completely to God, so that you may make clear the virtues of him who took you out of the dark into the light of heaven.' Hence, we are to live in this world as pilgrims of God.

No. 2- WE TRUST THE PROMISES OF GOD IN OUR JOURNEY: Life brings many situations where trust is the only logical response. What does it mean to trust the Lord? It means to open your life to the Lord and to place complete confidence in

him to help you through a particular situation. We can trust Him because He will keep His promises. Someone wisely said, 'You can't break God's promises by leaning on them!' The hope of God's people cannot be destroyed by circumstances. God's people always have a better day. Have you started the pilgrimage with God? Open your life to the Lord, surrender everything to HIM and lean on His promises. This is the meaning of trusting the promises of God. With faith we can be courageous in anything that comes along the journey of life. As we journey through this month, let us fix our eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

We, the Pastoral team assure you all of our prayers. If you have any concern or prayer request, kindly contact the Pastoral team.

God bless you all.

The Pastoral Team- IMC

BY FAITH ABRAHAM, WHEN CALLED
TO GO TO A PLACE HE WOULD
LATER RECEIVE AS HIS
INHERITANCE, OBEYED AND WENT,
WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE HE
WAS GOING.

- HEBREWS 11:8



News Announcements

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

Memoriam: We deeply regret the passing away of the following members:

☉ **Mrs. Ivy Priyadarsini**, aged 68 years, mother of Mrs. Esther Lavanya & Mr. Solomon Rakesh, member of our Church on Thursday 3rd August 2023.

☉ **Gp. Capt. Vimal Rao Banja**, one of our senior members who was very actively involved in our church, passed away on Thursday 24th August at Secunderabad. The family had moved to Secunderabad a year ago. Pastor Paul Royappa and IMC Care & Support team attended the funeral service in Secunderabad on Friday, 25th August.

Please pray for the members of the bereaved families.

Pastorate Committee Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at 7 pm in the Board Room, IMC Annexe. All the Pastorate Committee members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

Wedding Congratulations: It is with great joy the IMC family offers congratulations to the newly weds Mr. T. Monish and Mrs. Keren E. Thomas on

Monday, 21st August 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 1 Peter. 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, 23rd September 2023 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

Now is the day

There were two small girls Maggie and her sister Kate who wanted to play so they took several blankets to the backyard where they proceeded to build a blanket tent. They had been outside a while when their mother heard Maggie call her, "Mother come here quick" Maggie yelled. "I want to ask Jesus into my heart and I need your help, at that moment her need for Jesus became clear to her and she was ready to put her faith in Jesus. In 2 Cor. 6:2 says, "I tell you now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation," For all who have not yet trusted Jesus for forgiveness, to time to do so is now. Perhaps the Holy Spirit has alerted you to your need to put your trust in Jesus. Like Maggie, don't put it off. Run to Jesus Now is the day. I now understand my need to have my sins forgiven. I also realize that only Jesus , because of His sacrifice on the cross can forgive my sin. I put my faith and trust in Jesus today. Please forgive me and become the Lord of my life. There is no better day than today to enter into God's family.

- Mrs. Elsie Peter

THEME FOR 2023: 'What is God's Great Invitations to His people?'				
THEME FOR SEPTEMBER 2023				
The Invitation of Confidence - John 6:37- 40				
Day	Date	Time	Venue	Area Leader/ Mobile/ Area
Fri	15/09	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. John Arunkumar Kalaiselvan # C-102 Krishvi Wisteria, Sy # 69, Kundalahalli Village, Brookefield, Bangalore 560037	Mr. & Mrs. Abhishek Das 9243104074 Marathahalli/ Whitefield
Fri	22/09	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Durai Singh Sundar Cumins Genesis (B-619), 505/1, Hoamavu Kalkere Main Road, Horamavu Bangalore 560043	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Christopher 9945593463 Kasturi Nagar/Ramamurthy Nagar
Fri	22/09	7:00 PM	Mrs. & Mr. William Raj Kumar H/No 224, 3rd Main, Jagadishnagar, New Thippasandra P.O. Bangalore 560075 Mobile:+9198452 13750	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:

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2	Mr. & Mrs. Manoj .S	Murugeshpalya	9900169612/ 9945226623

Altar **Flower**

August 2023

Date	Contributors Name	Message
06/08/2023	Sarah, Samuel, Salome & Susanna	In remembrance of 1st death anniversary of Late Francis Sunderraj on 5th Aug.
13/08/2023	Mr. Kenneth Manohar & Mrs. Sumathi Manohar	In thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary.
13/08/2023	Mr. & Mrs. Avinash	In thanksgiving to God for the birthdays of Mrs. Usha Jones, Arnav Emmanuel & Arav Rian Das and Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Selvakumar
20/08/2023	Abhishek Das & family	In thanksgiving to God for His wonder- working power upon their son Arav Rian's life especially on the occasion of his 18th birthday.
27/08/2023	Mr. Aggrippa and family members	In memory of his father Mr. N. Prabhudas on his 4th death anniversary.



Memorise the **Bible**

03-Sep-2023

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going - Hebrews 11:8

10- Sep-2023

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict - Hebrews 11:23

17- Sep-2023

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

- Hebrews 12:1-2

24- Sep-2023

Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness -

Hebrews 12:9-10

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

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 the Bangalore Regional Conference that was held at Goa which went well.
- 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 August 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 September 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. John Shikamani and Rev. Alexander Augustine.
- 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 Mrs. Emily Paulson, Mr. Solomon Sukumar, Mrs. Evelyn, Rev. Malcolm, Mrs. Mary Anne George, Mrs. Constance Cedric and all sick people.



Kid's Corner

Bible Word Search: COUNTRIES OF THE BIBLE

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GALATIA

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MELITA

CANAAN

TOGARMAH

ACHAIA

ASIA MINOR

PHILISTIA

CRETE

EGYPT

BABYLON

TARSHISH

MACEDONIA

INDIA

SAMARIA

ETHIOPIA

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Christian Education and Nurture Committee, IMC



Indiranagar Methodist
Church

Family Fellowship Trip

Organized by
Methodist Men's Fellowship

Brooklands Christian
Guest House, Coonoor

30th Sep - 2nd Oct
(2 nights 3 days)

Bus will leave from IMC @ 10pm on 29th Sep

Registration Fees:

Above 11 yrs ₹7000/-

Children 5-10 yrs ₹5000/-

Children 4-5 yrs ₹4000

**(Price is for 2 Nights, 3 Days, Transportation, Stay, Food
and Local site seeing)**

**For registrations and more details please
contact Mr Anbu 9739201411.**

Independence Day - 15.08.2023



MYF Taste-O-Pedia - 27.08.2023





Sunday School Sunday 27.08.2023



Senior Citizens Fellowship 19.08.2023



IMC Poor Fund Committee visit to De-Addiction Centre,
TC Palya - 26.08.2023



IMC Poor Fund Committee visit to De-Addiction Centre,
Avalahalli - 26.08.2023



MYF Bible Quiz - 20.08.2023



WSCS FIRELESS COOKING



Missionary Biography: William Carey

"Shoemaker by trade, but scholar, linguist and missionary by God's training," William Carey was one of God's giants in the history of evangelism! One of his biographers, F. Dealville Walker, wrote of Carey: "He, with a few contemporaries, was almost singlehanded in conquering the prevailing indifference and hostility to missionary effort; Carey developed a plan for missions, and printed his amazing *Enquiry*; he influenced timid and hesitating men to take steps to the evangelizing of the world." Another wrote of him, "Taking his life as a whole, it is not too much to say that he was the greatest and most versatile Christian missionary sent out in modern times."

Carey was born in a small thatched cottage in Paulerspury, a typical Northamptonshire village in England, August 17, 1761, of a weaver's family. When about eighteen he left the Church of England to "follow Christ" and to "...go forth unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." At first he joined the Congregational church at Hackleton where he was an apprentice shoemaker. It was there he married in 1781. And it was in Hackleton he began

making five-mile walks to Olney in his quest for more spiritual truth. Olney was a stronghold of the Particular Baptists, the group that Carey cast his lot with after his baptism, October 5, 1783. Two years later he moved to Moulton to become a schoolmaster and a year later he became pastor of the small Baptist congregation there.

It was in Moulton that Carey heard the missionary call. In his own words he cried, "My attention to missions was first awakened after I was at Moulton, by reading the *Last Voyage of Captain Cook*." To many, Cook's *Journal* was a thrilling story of adventure, but to Carey it was a revelation of human need! He then began to read every book that had any bearing on the subject. (This, along with his language study for at twenty-one years of age Carey had mastered Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Italian, and was turning to Dutch and French. One well called his shoemaker's cottage "Carey's College," for as



he cobbled shoes along with his preaching he never sat at his bench without some kind of a book before him.)

The more he read and studied, the more convinced he was "the peoples of the world need Christ." He read, he made notes, he made a great leather globe of the world and, one day, in the quietness of his cobbler's shop not in some enthusiastic missionary conference Carey heard the call: "If it be the duty of all men to believe the Gospel ... then it be the duty of those who are entrusted with the Gospel to endeavor to make it known among all nations." And Carey sobbed out, "Here am I; send me!"

To surrender was one thing to get to the field was quite another problem. There were no missionary societies and there was no real missionary interest. When Carey propounded this subject for discussion at a ministers' meeting, "Whether the command given to the apostles to teach all nations was not obligatory on all succeeding ministers to the end of the world, seeing that the accompanying promise was of equal extent," Dr. Ryland shouted, "Young man, sit down: when God pleases to covert the heathen, He will do it without your aid or mine." Andrew Fuller added his

feelings as resembling the unbelieving captain of Israel, who said, "If the Lord should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be!"

But Carey persisted. he later said of his ministry, "I can plod!" And he was a man who "always resolutely determined never to give up on any point or particle of anything on which his mind was set until he had arrived at a clear knowledge of his subject."

Thus Carey wrote his famed *Enquiry Into the Obligations of the Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen*. In this masterpiece on missions Carey answered arguments, surveyed the history of missions from apostolic times, surveyed the entire known world as to countries, size, population and religions, and dealt with the practical application of how to reach the world for Christ!

And he prayed. And he pled. And he plodded. And he persisted. And he preached especially his epoch-producing message, "EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD. ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD." The result of that message preached at Nottingham, May 30, 1792 and all the other missionary ministries of Carey produced the particular Baptist

Missionary Society, formed that Fall at Kettering on October 2, 1792. A subscription was started and, ironically, Carey could not contribute any money toward it except the pledge of the profit from his book, *The Enquiry*.

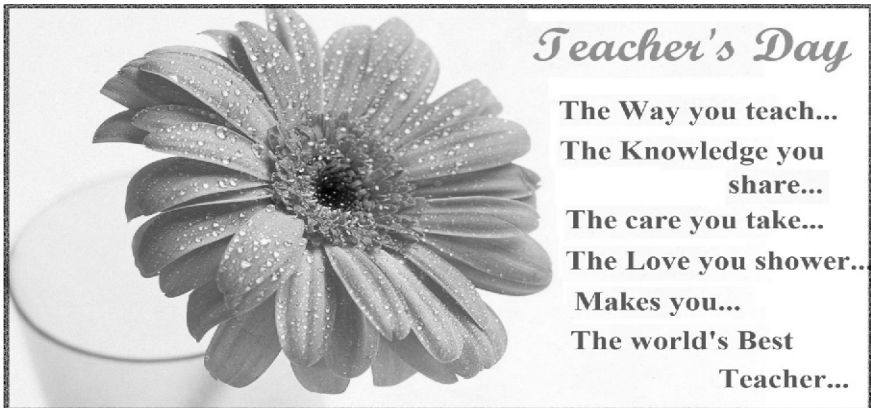
It was in 1793 that Carey went to India. At first his wife was reluctant to go so Carey set off to go nevertheless, but after two returns from the docks to persuade her again, Dorothy and his children accompanied him. They arrived with a Dr. Thomas at the mouth of the Hooghly in India in November, 1793. There were years of discouragement (no Indian convert for seven years), debt, disease, deterioration of his wife's mind, death, but by the grace of God and by the power of the Word Carey continued and conquered for Christ!

When he died at 73 (1834), he

had seen the Scriptures translated and printed into forty languages, he had been a college professor, and had founded a college at Serampore. He had seen India open its doors to missionaries, he had seen the edict passed prohibiting *sati* (burning widows on the funeral pyres of their dead husbands), and he had seen converts for Christ.

On his deathbed Carey called out to a missionary friend, "Dr. Duff! You have been speaking about Dr. Carey; when I am gone, say nothing about Dr. Carey speak about Dr. Carey's God." That charge was symbolic of Carey, considered by many to be a "unique figure, towering above both contemporaries and successors" in the ministry of missions.

By Christian Education and Nurture Committee, IMC



Question and Answer

Will Online Church replace the need for a local church and in-person attendance?

People often ask "I attend the online services of an International Mega Church and have been blessed by the teaching. Should I still find or attend any local church?"

The episode of COVID pandemic and need for human isolation, introduced us to many new ways of staying connected virtually especially through online channels. Though physically isolated, we all have been blessed by being able to attend the online church services either through social media streaming websites or online meeting platforms like zoom. This pandemic season ensured that all are educated of the available online resources for staying connected, whether they liked this approach in the past or not.

In this course of time, many have also registered themselves as online virtual members of some International Mega Churches and been viewing their online services. Now that the pandemic has ended, many still wonder if they really need to

find a local church? (Especially comparing the local churches to the online mega church) And/ Or the need to attend a church service physically?. In the rest of this article, we will try to find a Biblical answer to this trending modern question.

First of all we need to understand the correct meaning of the word "Church" based on the Bible definition. The "Church" is NOT a building or a meeting place or even a denomination It is the "Body of Christ" (Eph 4:11-13, Rom 12:4-5, 1 Cor 12:27) Meaning, the group of Believers of Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ himself is the Head of the Church (Eph 1:22, Eph 5:23, Col 1:18) The Bride Groom and the church being called His Bride! (Rev 19:7, 21:2). Hence the real essence of Church is "The group of believers" coming together in a place - United in the Spirit, Confessing Jesus Christ as the Lord and Fellowshiping with each other for Spiritual edification. This role model was set by the disciples / apostles in the early church as well when they met together in groups to

worship the Risen Lord and fellowship with each other (Acts 2: 40-47). Further The participation in the Lords Table (Holy Communion) is a sign of unity of the Church and the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 10: 16-17).

There is a great significance of "Christian Fellowship" as a Church (Group of Believers). We have been instructed to meet regularly to worship the Lord as a Church (In any Church Building) and also fellowship with each other as one family of believers caring for each other (Heb 10:24-25, 1 Thes 5:11, Col 3:16, Rom 14:19, 15:2). The Church is not just a place of Worship It is the Spiritual Family of Believers, where you will be cared for by your Pastor (The Shepherd) and fellow believers for your spiritual growth. You will be encouraged by Christian Fellowship and also have the opportunities to pray with others sharing your burdens (James 5:16).

Dearly beloved, do you not now realise that this important aspect of Christian Fellowship and nurture is seriously missed out if you don't physically attend a local church? Online church services are mainly for them n

who cannot attend the church physically due to some challenges Like sickness or isolation or travelling etc. But it is always wonderful to be a part of a local church in your vicinity and attend the Sunday services physically on a regular basis. This will give you an opportunity to meet fellow believers, discuss spiritual topics and be under care/guidance of a local Pastor which is very important for our Spiritual Growth. I want to testify personally that in all the countries (atleast 4) in which I lived as an expat in the last 10 years The Local Church in that town was my Spiritual Family. I have been blessed by the fellowship and pastoral care of the churches I have attended. I never felt alone with this Spiritual family and always felt at home in every country.

ONLY - Online Church Memberships Online Services Online Prayer Meetings are NOT the true meaning of attending a Church. Please pray and be actively involved in our church. This will be a great blessing for your spiritual growth and encouragement.

God Bless!

Christdas

Sunday School **Corner**

“Charge your spiritual battery with prayer”

Prayer is a beautiful connect we have with our heavenly Father. *To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.* - *Martin Luther*. This deep understanding of “*Prayer*” and its application was brought about by the children of IMC Sunday school during the Sunday school Sunday special service at 9:30 am on August 27, 2023.

God is ready to listen to us at anytime - the tiny tots shared idea this through the song, “*Whisper a Prayer*”. God always answers prayers. He answers with a “YES”, “WAIT”, or “NO”. This was brought out by stds 2 and 3 through their song “*God Answers Prayer* “. Living in difficult times, the best way to safeguard our children is to *pray for them from Head to toe*. Stds 4 & 5 recited scripture verses to demonstrate this idea.

Jesus taught us how to pray. Std 6 swayed to the syncopated rhythm of “*Our Father Who Art in Heaven*”. An element of surprise was an act by the SS teachers who

portrayed the experience of Manoah through a skit titled “*And God listened to the voice of Manoah*”. Std 7 & 8 did a beautiful choreography on the song “*Stand Strong*”, which is the position of every Christian who finds power and victory through prayer.

“*A child’s Prayer*” was sung melodiously by the students of Std 9 & 10 . In conclusion, the SS program was wrapped up by a beautiful skit put together on “*what it means to really pray*” by the students of Std 11 & 12.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, 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.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

Amen!!





Indiranagar Methodist Church

invites
all married couples for

Couple's Meet

THEME:

**Understanding and Communication in
Marriage and Home**

**Date: Sunday,
17 September 2023**

Time: 11.30 AM - 1.30 PM



SPEAKERS:

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

Registration & Lunch:

Rs 300 per couple | Rs 100 per child*

***Childcare will be provided**

**Join us for a refreshing time of learning,
understanding and fellowship**

(An initiative of IMC Christian Education and Nurture Committee)

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO CONSIDERS THE POOR

- Psalm 41:1

Yes indeed! This Bible verse is so true! It was a blessing for the IMC Poor Fund team as we visited two De-addiction Centers on Saturday, 26th August 2023 to distribute Rations to the Poor & Needy. Fifteen of us had a blessed time of meeting these hurting people and singing & sharing Jesus' love with them. We were blessed to have Pastor Alexander join us during the visits and share God's Word and His love for the hurting & rejected.

The first place we visited was Matha Foundation - a Convalescent Home as well as a Residential Half-Way Home for alcoholics and drug users located in Margondanahalli Village near T.C. Palya. It houses on an average 65-80 people at a time. We were shocked to see young boys aged 18-20 years being treated here. From their teens they have fallen prey to drugs, ganja, & alcohol. Medical facilities, Counselling & Encouragement are provided. The Founder of this Home was himself an alcoholic who had reached the lowest depths of depravity but today stands witness to the help provided by concerned people. Having been there, he was determined to help others and today this Center has a good success rate.

The second place we visited was Sree Nithi Trust located in Mandur Village, Virgonagar. Here around 25 men are being treated for alcoholism & drug related issues. Here too Medical facilities, Counselling & treatment is given for their addictions. The Center has a tie-up with Victoria Hospital to provide counselling, regular check-ups & medication. The Founder himself is a recovered alcoholic and is determined to help others. Pastor Alexander shared the Word of God here also and prayed for the inmates.

We provided Rations comprising of Rice, Rava, Sugar, Ragi, Cooking Oil, Pulses, Jaggery Powder, Wheat Flour, etc., to both the above places. We could do this only because of the generous contributions of IMC members who so caringly contribute towards the Poor Fund.

We also received a Birthday offering to the Poor Fund from a family. Cup Cakes were distributed to the inmates of Matha Foundation during our visit. We Thank the family for their love & concern for the Poor & Needy.

These visits could not have been possible without the support & guidance of our Senior Pastor Rev. Paul Royappa. Thank you Pastor!

God's Love is so wide & wonderful and we are happy & Blessed to share it. A Big Thank You to all the contributors, supporters & well-wishers of the IMC Poor Fund.

(Mrs. Sheila Muliyl, Chairperson IMC Poor Fund Committee)

A Noteworthy Thank You

An instructor, a guide, a support, a good listener, a mentor, an encourager, an inspirer, a leader

*For all you give,
for all you do,
For working hard,
for being you.
For being there,
day in, day out....
Thanks is what
The day is about.
To you Dear Teacher!*

The impact a teacher makes is immense, and Christian teachers have the privilege to influence lives for Christ. This particular prayer goes out to all the special people - teachers, who make this day memorable.

A Prayer:

Dear Lord
Enable me to teach with
Wisdom
For I help to shape the mind.

Equip me to teach with
Truth
For I help to shape the conscience.

Encouragement to teach with
Vision
For I help to shape the future.

Empower me to teach with
Love
For I help to shape the world.
Amen

Happy Teacher's Day

Nina Amritha



Bank & UPI Details For Tithes & Offerings



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WSCS CORNER

WORD FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

HE HEALS THE BROKEN HEARTED
AND
BINDS UP THEIR WOUNDS.

PSALM 147:3

“ OLD AGE HOME VISIT ”

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2ND, SATURDAY 2023

TIME : 4 PM - 5 PM

Departing from IMC at 3 PM



Let's come together to spend some time with the aged inmates of
Nightingales Center for Aging and Alzheimer's, Kasturi Nagar, Bangalore.

OPEN TO ALL!



“ Open Arms ”

DATE : September 8TH, Friday 2023

TIME : 9 PM - 11:30 PM

A time of prayer and worship to reach out to the unreached.

OPEN TO ALL!



For more information please contact
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INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Pulpit Calendar: September 2023

Theme : **'The Pilgrims Progress'**

Sunday Services : 7.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm

Date	Sermon Title / Speaker
Sep 03	- 'The Pilgrims Progress- The Step of Faith'
*7.00 am	- Rev. Alexander Augustine
*9.30 am	- Rev. Paul Royappa
*6.00 pm	- Rev. John Shikamani
Sep 10	- 'Seeing with Pilgrim's eyes'
7.00 am	- Rev. Paul Royappa
9.30 am	- Bro. Finney Premkumar Choir Sunday
6.00 pm	- Rev. Alexander Augustine
Sep 17	- 'What Pilgrims do when life gets hard?'
7.00 am	- Rev. Alexander Augustine
9.30 am	- Rev. John Shikamani
*6.00 pm	- Rev. Paul Royappa
Sep 24	- 'Help for the hurting Pilgrim'
7.00 am	- Rev. John Shikamani
9.30 am	- Rev. Paul Royappa Senior Citizen's Sunday
6.00 pm	- Rev. Alexander Augustine

*Holy Communion Service



INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Wishes all Teachers

Happy
TEACHERS'
Day

5th September 2023

