

# Interact

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

**May 2024**



## ‘Values of a True Christian’

**Jesus said, 'I have set you an example that  
you should do as I have done for you.'**

**John 13: 15**

Online **Bible Study**  
on the Epistle of James  
May 2024

Study No.	Topic	Led by	Date
09	The Necessity of a Living Faith Producing Good Works (James 2:14-20)	Rev. Alexander Augustine	1 <sup>st</sup> May
10	Examples of Works that Demonstrated a Living Faith (James 2:21-26)	Rev. Paul Royappa	8 <sup>th</sup> May
11	Wisdom and Speech (James 3:1-12)	Rev. Mohan Kumar	15 <sup>th</sup> May
12	Godly Wisdom Produces Godly Conduct (James 3: 13-18)	Rev. Alexander Augustine	22 <sup>nd</sup> May
13	The Problem of Worldliness (James 4:1-5)	Rev. Mohan Kumar	29 <sup>th</sup> May



*Come and be blessed!*

**Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre**  
(An extension of the Indiranagar Methodist Church)  
May 2024

**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: **"Values of a True Christian"**

\*May 5 - Worship - First Things First

- Rev. Alexander Augustine

May 12 - Edification - The Importance of Growing

- Rev. Robert

May 19 - Service - Using the Towel and Basin

- Rev. Robert

May 26 - Evangelism - Taking the Good News to the World

- Rev. Robert

For details, kindly contact Rev. Robert @9972796711  
Mr. Anuj Gupta @ 9742522249

# Contents

Pastoral Letter	02
News / Announcements	05
Vernacular VBS Report	06
MYF Schedule	07
Altar Flowers	07
Expression of our gratitude	08
Take it to the Lord	10
IMC VBS 2024 Report	11
Missionary Biography	15
Kid's Corner	17
Sermon Notes...	18
Bank and UPI Details	20

# Our Pastors

**Rev. Paul Royappa**

Senior Pastor - 8861154624

**Rev. Alexander Augustine**

Associate Pastor - 7406834683

**Rev. Mohan Kumar**

Associate Pastor - 8308958766

# Contact

Indiranagar Methodist Church

13th Main, 100 Feet Road

HAL II Stage, Indiranagar

Bangalore - 560 008

Church Office :

080 25268863 / 41255628

Email: office@imc.church

website: www.imc.church

# Pray for our Parliament Elections



# Pastoral Letter

**Dear IMC Family,**

Greetings to you in the most precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We praise God for the way He led us all through the past month. Thank God for the blessed and fruitful VBS, both our church VBS and Vernacular VBS we had. Thank the VBS director Mrs. Usha Jones, Teachers, Volunteers and all those who supported through prayers and finance. We also thank the Staff from Scripture Union and COME ministry for their contribution towards the Vernacular VBS. Many Children have committed their lives to God and made decision to live for Jesus. Pray that they will be steadfast in their commitment and faith.

We thank God for the way He helped us to complete the construction of our third Parsonage. Thank our **Bishop N L Karkare** and District Superintendent **Rev. Sebastian Ravi Kumar** for their support. The Dedication of the Parsonage is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2024 by our Bishop. Thank the TAWAKKAL constructions for their dedicated service. Thank you all for your constant support and prayers for the ministry of our Church.

is month, we will be focusing on

the theme “**Values of A True Christian.**” The values taught in the Bible are often the opposite of worldly values: Worldly values include wealth, power, pleasure, revenge, fame, vanity, and status. These are the most important things to people who perceive no power or purpose beyond themselves. Worldly values promote jealousies, resentments, and conflicts among people in accordance with the purposes of Satan.

A Christian is someone whose behaviour and heart reflects Jesus Christ. That is what it means to be a Christian. And applying Christian values is to be the intention of every follower of Jesus Christ. kindness and respect for all people instead of power; humility instead of status; honesty and generosity instead of wealth; self-control instead of self-indulgence; forgiveness instead of revenge. Christian values promote peace and good will among people in accordance with the purposes of God. We will never achieve perfection in this life, but those people who strive to obey God often find a sense of joy and peace that no worldly rewards can match.

As we read God's Word, we know God better and understand His purpose for us

in the world. We learn the values He holds and we grow to love those values too. The Holy Spirit works through us to spread God's love through good works, leading others to eternal life through Jesus Christ. The true Christian values are the principles and moral standards that guide the beliefs and actions of individuals who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

**Understanding Values in Christian Churches:** Values are the fundamental principles and beliefs guiding individuals and communities in their actions, decisions, and worldviews. Within the context of Christian churches, values play a crucial role in shaping the beliefs and behaviours of their members. The teachings of Jesus Christ, as found in the Bible, form the root of Christian values derived from core Christian doctrines. These values encompass many virtues, such as love, compassion, forgiveness, humility, integrity, justice, worship, mission, and ministry. They serve as a moral compass for believers, providing us with a framework for living a righteous and purposeful life.

**COMPASSION:** We teach our children that their attitudes and actions must reflect kindness and compassion. Compassion is much stronger than sympathy; if you have compassion you step into someone's shoes, share

their experiences and sufferings, and want to support them or act on their behalf. It is not just feeling sorry for someone but actually doing something about making their life or situation better. Paul says in Eph 4:32, 'Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'

**T H A N K F U L N E S S :** Thankfulness has always been at the centre of the life and worship of Christians. 'Songs of thankfulness and praise...' are at the heart of Christian worship. Jesus gave thanks to God (Matthew 11.25) and although the word 'thankfulness' is not common in the Gospels, recognition of his dependence on the Father infuses the whole life of Jesus. Thankfulness is a wholehearted response. It stems from a consciousness of God's gifts and blessings. Paul frequently encourages us to 'be thankful' (Colossians 3:15), to 'give thanks in all circumstances' (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and says that our lives should 'overflow with thankfulness' (Colossians 2:7). For Christians the greatest of all acts of worship is simply called 'thanksgiving.'

**WORSHIP:** First, every true believer has a lifestyle of personal and corporate worship. When we worship God, we are using our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:37-38) to

glorify, emphasize, and value God for who he is and what he has done. Appropriately worshiping God must be our first focus because everything else in the Christian life hinges on it. In fact, because we were created to worship, a failure to worship God fully and rightly results in all kinds of sin and the unravelling of our humanity (Romans 1).

**MINISTRY/SERVICE:** Every believer needs to be serving others in ministry. Many people think that “ministry” is the job of a pastor. However, ministry is actually the privilege of every Christian, while pastors and elders have the specific calling and responsibility of equipping “the saints” to do the work of the “ministry” (Ephesians 4:12). Using our time, energy, abilities, and resources to serve others is a practical way for us to follow Jesus' command to “love your neighbour as yourself” (Matthew 22:38) as well as Paul's imperative to “...serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13). Doing ministry is a big part of the kind of faithful stewardship that our “Master” Jesus Christ expects from us and is pleased with.

**MISSION/EVANGELISM:** Lastly, every true believer's life should also be characterized by mission. This is clearly seen in Jesus' final command to his

disciples when he told them to do the hard work to: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). When our life is characterized by God's mission, we will use what we have and so what we can do to move from where we are and go to wherever we can to reach other people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no higher calling. In fact, the transmission of the Good News of the gospel always involves God's people being on mission.

Dear Friends we sincerely pray that, may you all understand the theme “**Values of A True Christian.**” that will transform your life and destiny beyond recognition in Jesus' Name. Consider how God is at work in your life. Pay close attention to how He may be using your circumstances to mature you. Think about the people in your life and consider how He may be using those people to bless you or to teach you a lesson. God is constantly at work in all our lives. We simply need to become aware of His presence in Our Daily Lives.

God bless you all.

**The Pastoral Team- IMC**

# News Announcements

**Our Gratitude:** We thank Mr. Jeyapaul Sittler for ministering to us last month. The congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

**Memoriam:** We deeply regret the passing away of the following people:

1. Mrs. V. Mercy, aged 78, Mother of Mr. Daniel Manukumara Varagunasingh passed away on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

2. Mr. John Kurian, aged 90, member of our church, passed away on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Please pray for the members of the bereaved families.

**Pastorate Committee Meeting:** Will be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7 pm in the Board Room, IMC Annexe. All the Pastorate Committee members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

**Wednesday Midweek Bible Study:** Will be held every Wednesday at 7 pm Online. We will be continuing the Bible study series on the book of James. 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 not be there this month. 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 -

# Vernacular VBS 2024 Report

Vernacular VBS 2024 was held in our Church premises bustling with

an ensemble of activities from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. The teachers came together for a time of orientation on Monday, 22 April 2024. Our senior pastor Rev Paul Royappa shared from the Word and cautioned us that unless we remain in the vine, we cannot see fruit in the ministry among the vernacular children. Resource people from Scripture Union (SU), enlightened us with methods of teaching children from such weaker sections of the society as our vernacular participants.

On Tuesday, 23 April 2024, 30 teachers and around 35 volunteers came together to take the gospel to these children. The teachers' devotion started at 8.30 am. Mr Deepak, from SU, led us in a time of meditation and exhorted us that only if we were Holy, we would see the hand of God in our ministry. Over 230 children came from different colonies. We started with a general assembly of all the children. The resource team introduced the theme of God's Love through a play. After a time of soulful singing, the children were divided into 30 groups and were assigned their respective teachers. The lesson was on God's love to us through the creation story. Children were given pictures to colour, crafts to make and/or work sheets according to their ages. The day ended with a closing session by the resource team. The children were served healthy snacks and nutritious meal at 11 am and 12 noon respectively. Juniors and seniors had separate concluding sessions before lunch.

On Wednesday, 24 April 2024, the attendance went up by 50 and the schedule of the day was very similar to Day 1. The opening general assembly was a magic show by Mr. Praveen. He enthralled the children with magic tricks and concluded the session by saying that only Jesus can do the impossible. 'Sin and its Consequences' was the theme and the Bible Lesson was on 'The prodigal Son'. The Boys and Girls had separate sessions to address issues connected to their lives. Children were convicted by the Holy Spirit, broke down and gave their lives to Christ. 'Salvation' was the theme of Day 3. The seniors had a commitment time led by our senior pastor and juniors by Mr. Benjamine by a magic show and Mr. Bharath from COME ministry through a puppet show.

There were around 10 mothers who were a part of the VBS. Ms Mercy Kaul ministered to them faithfully on all the days. Apart from



classroom learning through in-house resources, there were 40 English Bibles and 15 Kannada Bibles and two audio Bibles were given to the children and mothers as a follow up.

On the last day of VBS, each students was given a small gift. We thank our Church members for their generous donations with which the team could minister to over 300 children. We thank our pastors for being very supportive.

TEAM VERNACULAR VBS 2024.

<b>MYF Schedule - May 2024</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>
05-May	11:30 AM	Mr. Paul Franklin
12-May	11:30 AM	Rev. Paul Royappa - "Godly Behaviour"
19-May	11:30 AM	Bible Games
	6:30 PM	Youth to lead singing - Mr. Frangline Jose
26-May	11:30 AM	Mr. Frangline Jose

<b>Altar Flower</b>		
17 March & April 2024		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Contributors Name</b>	<b>Message</b>
17-Mar-2024	Mrs. Daisy Varghese	In Thanksgiving to God on the occasion of her grandson, Jack's birthday which is on the 19 <sup>th</sup> of March
17-Mar-2024	Likith Elisha	In thanksgiving to God on the occasion of his mother, Kavitha's birthday on 21 <sup>st</sup> March. And for showering all God's blessings upon her all these years.
7-Apr-2024	Mrs. Daisy Varghese	In thanksgiving to God on the birthday of her daughter, Bindu Varghese for all the blessings that have been showered upon her
7-Apr-2024	Daughter, Nicola, Son-in-law Alex and Grandsons Kia and Koa	Wishing Sharmila Rao "A Blessed Birthday" on 11 <sup>th</sup> April.
14-Apr-2024	Banja's family	In loving memory of Gp Capt Vimal Rao Banja, who went to be with the lord on 24th August 2023. A soldier and a servant of the Lord.
21-Apr-2024	Snehalata, Meghana and Joyce	In gratitude for God's blessings and His healing grace bestowed upon Devendra Naidu

# Expression of our Gratitude



**S**unday Schedule of **Mr. I. Thomas**, our Chairperson for Ushers Committee is being shared here to first to thank him for his dedicated service and also to explain and motivate other members at IMC to take on his great work. Mr. I. Thomas apart from having a secular job with a senior position in one of the top Banking & Financial Services Company is always there serving God every Sunday, one of the down to earth individual seen ushering all the new comers to our church.

Mr. Thomas' Sunday schedule is incredibly detailed and earmarked with service to the IMC church community. From serving breakfast for pastors to ushering and hospitality for visitors and members, he ensures a warm and worshipful atmosphere. His involvement in handling offertory and financial matters demonstrates his trustworthiness and responsibility. Returning home briefly before the evening service shows his commitment to rest and recharge; yet he's back again to serve in the evening, ensuring that all aspects of the church's operations run smoothly.

Let's delve deep into a typical Thomas' Sunday schedule:

## **For 7 AM Service:**

**6:00 AM:** Thomas leaves home for church, starting his day bright and early to prepare for the day's activities.

**6:58 AM:** Rings the church bell, signalling the start of the church activities.

**7:00 AM onwards:** As the Head Usher, he welcomes both visitors and members of the congregation. This includes distributing offertory bags to members, contributing to the financial support of the church's mission and activities.

**After ushering:** Thomas takes on additional responsibilities, such as giving out cards for special days in the lives of the members and visitors alike, showing thoughtfulness and care for the church community. Arranges breakfast for pastors, ensuring they are

nourished and ready for their duties

**Following the service:** He coordinates with some committee members to count and deposit the offertory cash in the safety locker, ensuring transparency and accountability in financial matters.

### **For 9 AM Service**

**9:28 AM:** Rings the church bell, signalling the start of the church activities.

**9:30 AM:** The routine repeats for the second service, demonstrating Thomas' consistency and dedication.

**1:30 PM:** Thomas takes a break and returns home briefly, for some rest and personal and family time.

### **For 6 PM Service**

**5:45 PM:** He returns to church for the evening service, continuing his service and routine as in

the morning.

**8:30 PM:** After the evening service, Thomas once again participates in counting of offerings ensuring that all financial matters are handled appropriately before concluding his day.

This detailed schedule showcases **Mr. Thomas'** tireless dedication, servant leadership, and commitment to the Indiranagar Methodist Church community. He undertakes each task contributing to the smooth functioning and friendly atmosphere of the church, making him an invaluable member of the team. He is also the member of the Pastorate Committee where his contribution is invaluable. All this was possible because of God's grace and the support of his family with Mrs Vinni Thomas, Daniel, Karen and Monish. May the Lord bless Mr. Thomas and Mrs Vinni Thomas as they both have heard the Lord's call to serve in a Christian school in Pavoorchatram near Tenkasi down south of India. We in IMC would love to meet him and his family whenever they come to Bangalore. God bless them.

You can use this QR Code to view Mr. Thomas' Service here at IMC.

**Article by: Satish Rajkumar, Member IMC**



# 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 2024.
- 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 2024.
- 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. Alexander Augustine and Rev. Mohan Kumar.
- Our Pastorate Committee members and organizations: WSCS, MMF, MYF, MYAF, 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. Vijaya Kumar Samuel, Mr. Krishna Murthy, Mrs. Emily Paulson, Mr. Solomon Sukumar, Mrs. Evelyn and all sick people.

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



Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre VBS - April 15-20

Vernacular VBS - April 23-25





## IMC VBS - April 10-21







IMC Missions Sunday - April 28

Distribution of Mobile phones to the Needy Children by the Poor & Needy Committee



Senior Citizens Fellowship - April 6



# IMC VBS 2024 REPORT

Psalm 118: 23

*the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

VBS is an important facet of the children's ministry at IMC. It's a time where God's word is Creatively, intentionally and prayerfully incorporated into the VBS curriculum through lessons, fun and games so that every child understands who Jesus is and their need for a personal Savior.

To do this immense task of VBS that the Lord had entrusted to us. We asked the Holy Spirit to direct this VBS. God gave us the wisdom to form a Core team and divide the responsibilities.

**Core team leaders are as follows:** Rev Paul Royappa

Rev Alexander Augustine, Rev Mohan Kumar

Mrs Vinni Thomas - Coordinator

Mrs Saritha Sathesh - Coordinantor

Mrs Sheba Satish - food

Mrs Jacintha Jebakumar - finance

Mrs Sheba Arul - Praise and Worship

Mrs Pavani - Prayer

Mrs Sharon Nikhil - Decoration,Sports

Mrs Reena Ebenezer - VBS Office

Mrs Vidya Manna - Registrations

Mr Asif - for Discipline

Dr Preethi - Medical team

To the glory of God we had 233 students, 34 teachers, and 102 volunteers.

The curriculum we used was the VBS Ministries Curriculum.

The theme: Under His Wings. Taken from Psalm 91:4

## **Our Pastors:**

Rev.Paul Royappa, Rev.Alexander Augustine and Rev. Mohan Kumar have been a great support and were also fully involved in this year's VBS.

Rev Royappa did special sessions for the young children, led in the commitment time for older children, and was always available for all the special activities planned. He prayed for the sessions , interacted with the guests and children

Rev Mohan and Rev Alexander were involved in the teaching of classes 7 and class 8 respectively.

## **Coordinators:**

Saritha and Vinni helped in the meticulous planning and execution of the daily program. Planning the teachers and volunteers for each class. Allocation of class rooms, planning each day's schedule of activities and

teachers devotion. Special guests for the closing session, etc.

**Teachers and volunteers.**

All the class teachers and volunteers worked with such dedication that is so appreciated. Innovative ideas, models, charts, absolutely dedicated teaching of lessons, memory verses. Special commitment time in each class. We could see the Holy Spirit work in the lives of children in each class . Special activities were planned for each day. Games to liven the classes. Spending time with the children, talking and praying with them . The charts each class put up reflects the hard work of each class teacher and volunteer .

**The Core team head for Prayer is Mrs Pavani Thomas**

We had prayer online before the VBS started , we had prayer cards distributed to parents to pray for the VBS ( Prayer cards designed by Mr Jebakumar) and each day a dedicated team sat in the Church - Sanctuary, all through the VBS days, and prayed with a list for each class, students, teachers, volunteers and other requests. *This is the heart and the success behind this year VBS.*

**The Core Team head for Registrations is Mrs Vidya Manna.**

Registering the students, teachers, and volunteers started right after VBS announcements. Putting up updated lists, Helping with the check in and Check out of students, each day of VBS.

**The Core team head for Finance is Mrs Jacintha Jebakumar.**

Meticulously managed the income that came in for the VBS. All the donations that came in were routed through the Church. Praising God for the miracle we experienced in terms of the finances for the VBS.

**The Core team head for Praise and Worship is Mrs Sheeba Arul**

The Worship team, led by Jonty, started practice nearly a month before VBS. Songs and actions for the songs were carefully chosen. Keeping the children entertained, excited and learning songs of praise, worship was done with absolute dedication.

**The Core team head for Snacks and Juice : Mrs Sheba Satish.**

A lot of planning went into the planning for the snacks for each day. Separate snacks were planned for the little ones and different for the older ones. Serving snacks always started with prayer. So good to see them all in their aprons ,serving snacks every day.

**The Core team head for Decoration is Mrs Sharon Nikhil**

The decorations team led by Mrs.Sharon have done a fantastic job in decorating the MPH for VBS. The decorations brought life into the worship space and excitement. So much of time and hard work was done in detailing every part of decorations for the VBS. Each piece of decoration was a piece of art. There was a Photo Booth as well.

Planning the **logo**. Printing on the **T-shirts**, our **name tags** printing, **Posters** for VBS were all done by Mrs Sharon Nikhil.

### **The Core team head for VBS Office Mrs Reena Ebenezer**

Reena and Sunita Viswanathan handled the stores. Purchasing of items, listing them, keeping stock. Each class had to give in their requirements in advance and all the items requested were bought and supplied to each class.

**Medical team of - Dr Preethi Johnson, Dr. Franklin, Mrs Joyce were also present and Hands on for any medical help.**

**Media Team video and photos** - Allen, Nishant, Sandeep and Marina. Taking photos of each class and daily activities. Also the class photos and Teachers and Volunteers photos.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the audio and video team. Mr Stanley Rajkumar took care of the Audio Visual arrangements. Mr Dayanidhi came in for sound, during rehearsal and for final day program.

Our IMC Media team helped in the live telecast of VBS Final day.

**The Core team for Discipline - Mr Asif** : Asif and his team helped in getting a system put to record each child entering VBS and leaving at the end of each day. Asif and team have worked hard to keep VBS premise a safe place. Asif helped us with the circulars that had to be sent to parents for the special activities , which included the timing when children had to be picked up after the classes. Check in and Check our students were monitored daily by a dedicated team.

**Each day's Schedule was as follows:**

1. 8.30 am - 9.00 am : Teachers devotion
2. 9 am - 9.55 am : General session for children.
3. 10 am to 11 am : First session
4. 11 am to 11.15 am : Break time for snacks.
5. 11.15 am to 12 pm : Second session
6. 12 to 12.30 pm : Special guests and special sessions.

As the theme for this year was Under His wings , the children were divided into 4 groups

- **Sparrow** - Know your worth - Luke 12:7
- **Doves**- Innocent like doves - Mathew 10:16
- **Eagles**- Soar like Eagles - Isaiah 40:31
- **Storks**- Know your appointed seasons - Jer 8:7

Points were given to each group as they brought friends to VBS, told memory verses, answered questions and on various other criteria, We had **colour codes** for each day (taken from a Christian website)

**Divine love - red**

**Divine deliverance - light green/green**

**Divine provision - purple**

**Divine Protection - White, black, silver**

**Divine forgiveness - rust, brown**

**Divine comfort - Royal blue/blue**  
**Divine healing - Maroon/vbs T-shirt**  
**Divine strength - Pink, Magenta**  
**Divine refuge - Yellow**  
**Divine joy - all colours**

**Daily Teachers review meeting held** at the end of each day.

**Opportunity for commitment and dedication were held through**

**Commitment time** for small children and older children.

### **SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS**

**1. Labour Day** collection of Rs. 46,457/- was given to Vernacular VBS

**2. Love feast**

**3. Inspection day**

4. We had a **sports day**, medals were given to all the participants . Separate games were organized for the little ones and for the older children.

5. We had a **special meeting with the parents and grandparents.**

Lunch was organised.

**6. Lunch** was provided for Teachers volunteers and their children and sometimes children waiting for parents joined too - Organised by Mrs Vinni Thomas.

**FINAL DAY PROGRAM:** A wonderful opportunity to present what the Lord has been doing through the VBS. On the final day, every class presented what they learned what it means to be under HIS wings over the last 10 days in VBS.

Special thanks to Dulcy and Deepa, who helped in getting the certificates ready before the final day.

A special note of thank you to all who helped, contributed financially, prayed and served at the VBS in various ways.

We thank the Office staff, the house keeping and the security for all the help provided during VBS. We thank the caterer who cooked all the meals served during VBS.

*VBS 2024 , we experienced how we as a Church came together to pray , to give and to serve Christ and our kids in this amazing way ,creating a spirit of oneness and unity .*

*This is all possible only through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thank you Lord Jesus for all that you have done.*

*Isaiah 26:12*

*Lord you establish peace for us:all that we have accomplished you have done for us.*

*All glory, Honour and Praise to our Lord Jesus alone.*

**Usha Jones**

**IMC VBS DIRECTOR - 2024**

Missionary Biography  
**William Tobias  
Ringeltaube,**  
Vicar of Scheidelwitz.



The  
p u l p i t  
theme for May 2024  
is “Values of a true Christian”  
and this missionary's biography  
has all the four facets we will be  
meditating on this month  
Worship, Edification, Service  
and Evangelism.

Born on August 8, 1770, in  
Silesia, Prussia (region  
consisting of modern day  
Poland, Germany, Czech  
Republic) William Tobias  
Ringeltaube was the first child of  
Gottlieb Ringeltaube, Vicar of  
Scheidelwitz. His father, a vicar,  
instilled in him the virtues of  
faith and service. As he grew, so  
did his desire to spread the light  
of the gospel far beyond the  
familiar hills of his homeland.

The year 1806 marked the  
beginning of an epic saga as  
Ringeltaube set sail for the  
distant shores of Travancore,  
South India. Ringeltaube arrived  
at the Aralvaimozhi Pass on  
April 25, 1806, following an  
invitation from Vedamanickam  
Maharasan of Mylaudy, a  
convert to Christianity. The land  
was lush, but the spiritual  
ground was hard and  
unyielding. Ringeltaube's heart  
ached for the people, and he  
knew his mission was to bring  
them hope.

He became the first Protestant  
missionary in the far south of  
India, dedicating much of his  
time to Travancore. He was  
instrumental in solving water  
scarcity issues by constructing a  
well and a pond near the church  
in Mylaudy. He also provided  
clothes to the poor, free medicine  
to the sick, and worked to abolish  
many oppressive taxes imposed  
on the people. He used his own  
funds to free many slaves,  
reflecting his commitment to  
social justice and human dignity.  
The Scott Christian College  
enjoys continuity with the school  
he founded in 1809 at Mylaudy.  
Ringeltaube is known for  
founding the London Mission  
Society in Travancore and  
supervising the construction of  
the CSI Home Church in  
Nagercoil, one of the largest and  
oldest churches in Asia. The  
churches in Mylaudy, South  
Thamaraikulam, Puthalam,  
Koilvilai (James town),  
Zionpuram, Perinbapuram, and  
Ananthanadarkudy are also  
credited to his missionary efforts.  
Opposition came in the form of

Diwan Veluthambi, who stood firm against the foreign missionary's plans. But providence intervened through Colin Macaulay, allowing Ringeltaube to lay the foundations of churches that would stand as testaments to his unwavering faith.

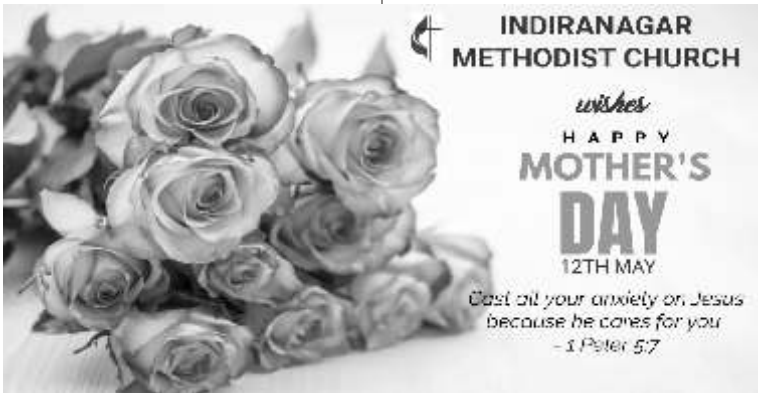
He walked the dusty paths with a simple straw hat, his attire as modest as his dwelling. His presence was a beacon of light in a land shadowed by struggle. He spoke of love and redemption, his voice rising above the cacophony of daily toil and the whispers of resistance.

Ringeltaube's life was a tapestry of sacrifice. His legacy was not in the structures he built, but in the hearts he touched and the minds he enlightened. As the sun set on his time in Travancore, Ringeltaube left behind a community transformed, a people

empowered, and a series of beacons churches that would light the way for generations to come. The exact circumstances of his death are unknown. The most common belief is that he died of liver failure on a voyage to South Africa and was buried at sea.

And now, as you reflect upon the life of this humble servant, let his story challenge you. In a world still rife with darkness, what light will you shine? How will you, like Ringeltaube, leave an indelible mark upon the earth? The challenge is yours to accept, the path is yours to walk. May you tread boldly, as he did, with a heart full of courage, a spirit willing to serve, under His divine guidance, providence and protection.

**-IMC-CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION AND  
NURTURE COMMITTEE**





# Kid's Corner

Christian Education and Nurture Committee

## Bible word search: Countries of the Bible

R Q M G A M H Q A S K S T L S  
Q M A D C B Q S A P U F U V C  
L H C D D N I M O R I O P L R  
W T E D P A A F P R H N A S E  
J O D O M R K Y D G S B I K T  
S Y O I I C C K S A I K A Y E  
B A N A I T S I L I H P H K L  
B O I I H J G A X E S O C G B  
R A A S A A I P G J R J A O X  
I V B A R P M Y A N A A N A C  
W N H Y O E P R L Y T H H R H  
Z M D I L T P R A M E L I T A  
S S H I O O X X T G H A D U J  
S T Z U A D N O I W O Q C N U  
E A S S Y R I A A U E T T G J

ASSYRIA

PERSIA

ROSH

PUT

GALATIA

CYPRUS

MELITA

CANAAN

TOGARMAH

ACHAIA

ASIA MINOR

PHILISTIA

CRETE

EGYPT

BABYLON

TARSHISH

MACEDONIA

INDIA

SAMARIA

ETHIOPIA

JUDAH

### Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

**Note** - This list was obtained by searching Wikipedia and other sites. The modern equivalents are: Assyria (Iraq); Canaan (Israel); Babylon (Iraq); Persia (Iran); Togarmah (Germany); Tarshish (Spain); Rosh (Russia); Achaia (Greece); Macedonia (Greece); Put (Libya); Asia Minor (Turkey); India (India: Esther 8:9); Galatia (Central Turkey); Philistia (Gaza Strip); Samaria (Golan Heights); Cyprus (Cyprus); Crete (Crete); Ethiopia (Ethiopia); Melita (Malta: Acts 28:1); Ezyot (Egypt); Judah (Israel).

**Sermon Notes: Please use this space for taking notes and reflection.**

May 05 - WORSHIP - First Things First

May 12- EDIFICATION - The Importance of Growing



**Sermon Notes: Please use this space for taking notes and reflection.**

May 19 - SERVICE - Using the Towel and Basin

May 26- EVANGELISM - Taking the Good News to the World



## 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.imcblmci@gmail.com](mailto:finance.imcblmci@gmail.com) for accounting purpose

# WSCS CORNER

## WORD FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you,  
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,  
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 CORINTHIANS - 15:58

Dear Church,  
Greetings in Jesus Name!

At the outset we would like to remind you of some of the activities of WSCS that go a long way in helping people in need, both within our congregation & otherwise.

### 1) Hospital Ministry:

We support the medical expenses as far as possible of members who are sick & are in need & also receive calls from one or two hospitals for settlement of bills of a few needy patients.

### 2) Care & Share:

This is a project that we started by the grace of God during the pandemic. Under this project we support about 12 needy people within the Church & outside with monthly basic provisions to the extent of Rs.1000/- per person.

To be able to fund our projects apart from the generous contributions that we receive from you, we organise breakfast sales after our 7am & 9.30am services.

How can you lend us a helping hand in reaching out to His people who are in need?

Come!!!

- Contribute towards the breakfast sales.
- Contribute towards the \*Hospital Ministry & Care & Share Project generously as the Lord lays on your hearts.
- As a member of the WSCS, request you to pay up your yearly subscription of Rs.100 per month/ Rs.1200 per annum.

**Our reward is with Him & in Him!...**

For your reference, Please find the below Bank Details of WSCS.

IMC WSCS

Ac No - 0399053000015271

IFSC Code: SIBL0000399

South Indian Bank. Indiranagar Branch

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



# INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Pulpit Calendar - May 2024

**Theme: 'Values of a True Christian'**

Sunday Services : 7.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm

**Date**

**Sermon Title / Speaker**

**May 05**

**- WORSHIP - First Things First**

\*7.00 am

- Rev. Mohan Kumar

\*9.30 am

- Rev. Paul Royappa

\*6.00 pm

- Bishop N. L. Karkare

(Parsonage Dedication after the service)

**May 12**

**- EDIFICATION - The Importance of Growing**

7.00 am

- Rev. Paul Royappa

9.30 am

- Rev. Alexander Augustine

6.00 pm

- Rev. Mohan Kumar

**May 19**

**- SERVICE - Using the Towel and Basin**

7.00 am

- Rev. Alexander Augustine

9.30 am

- Rev. Mohan Kumar

\*6.00 pm

- Rev. Paul Royappa

**May 26**

**- EVANGELISM - Taking the Good News to the World**

7.00 am

- Rev. Paul Royappa

9.30 am

- Rev. Ph. D. Henry Jeba Richard

6.00 pm

- Rev. Alexander Augustine

\* Holy Communion Service

Dawn Communion Service will be held  
on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 at 6:30 am