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Stepping into the Unknown – *Lessons from Joshua*

**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord
your God will be with you wherever you go.**

Joshua 1:9



Wish you all a
Christ Centred New Year 2025
The Pastoral Team - IMC



Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre

(An extension of the Indiranagar Methodist Church)

Worship Service at 9.30 am Every Sunday

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

Theme: 'Stepping into the Unknown'-Lessons from Joshua

*Jan 5 - **Walking with God's strength & Courage** - **Rev. Robert**

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- **Rev. Alexander Augustine**

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- **Rev. Robert**

Jan 26 - **It is time to Choose: Defining Moments** - **Rev. Robert**

*Holy Communion

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New Year's Resolutions - 2025

1. To know Christ More and grow Spiritually.
2. Read the entire Bible this year and do what the Bible says.
3. Spend time in prayer every morning.
4. Witness to one person at least once a month.
5. Come to Church on time every Sunday.
6. To spend time and pray with my family every day.
7. Tithe every month to express my love for God.
8. Put aside all bitterness and be forgiving.
9. Be an encourager and peacemaker.
10. Exercise regularly and walk for minimum 30 minutes.

Dear IMC Family,

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR 2025. May the Lord be with us every moment of this year, guard us, guide us and empower us by His Holy Spirit to live as His witness in this world.

We thank and praise God for the way, He led us wonderfully all through the past year. Yes, we all encountered Good times and difficult times in 2024, but through it all God has been faithful to us. As the Apostle Paul says in **Rom 8:28, we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.**

In our journey of faith, we often find ourselves facing moments of uncertainty and fear. We are called to take steps into places and situations that are unfamiliar, perhaps even daunting. Yet, it is in these moments that God's presence and His promises shine brightest. The theme that we have chosen for Jan 2025 is **"Stepping into the Unknown"**- Lessons from the Book of Joshua.

The book of Joshua offers us profound wisdom as we navigate our own "unknowns" in life.

1. God's Promise to Lead Us (Joshua - 1)

When Moses, the great leader of Israel, passed away, Joshua found himself stepping into a leadership role that was both an honour and a heavy responsibility. The future was uncertain. The people of Israel were about to face challenges they had never encountered before. Yet, in the midst of these uncertainties, God spoke directly to Joshua, saying: **"Be strong and courageous... I will be with you wherever you go"** (Joshua 1:9).

God's promise is clear: He will not leave us or forsake us. Stepping into the unknown is not about relying on our own strength, but trusting in God's unwavering presence. Just as God assured Joshua, He assures us as we begin this New Year. In our personal and collective journeys, we are never alone. When faced with the unknown, remember that God's presence is constant and His guidance is trustworthy. Step forward with courage, knowing He is leading you. Trust in God's instructions and act in

obedience, even when His path seems uncertain. He will make a way, just as He did for the Israelites.

2. God's Presence Goes Before Us (Joshua - 3)

Joshua instructed the people to follow the Ark of the Covenant, a tangible sign of God's presence, as it led the way into uncharted territory. When we face the unknown, we are reminded that God goes ahead of us, preparing the way. The Israelites were told to keep their eyes on the Ark and follow it closely.

In your own life, where do you need to fix your eyes on God and trust His leading? Seek His presence through prayer, Scripture, and worship as you take the next step. The priests carrying the Ark were commanded to step into the Jordan River before the waters parted. It was only when they obeyed and took that first step that God performed the miracle of stopping the river's flow.

Faith requires action. Sometimes, we must step forward in obedience, even when the outcome is unclear, trusting that God will intervene at the right moment. What is

God calling you to do today that requires faith, Are you willing to take that first step, trusting that He will provide? Before the crossing, Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." Preparation through spiritual cleansing and dedication was essential to witnessing God's power.

Stepping into the unknown isn't just about external action; it's also about preparing our hearts and living for God's work. Are there areas in your life that need spiritual renewal? How can you consecrate yourself to be ready for what God wants to do in and through you?

3. Victory through Faith and Obedience (Joshua - 6)

The fall of Jericho is one of the most dramatic victories in Scripture. The Israelites' success was not a result of their own strength or strategy but of their obedience to God's unconventional instructions. Marching around the city for seven days with trumpets may have seemed foolish to some, but it demonstrated unwavering trust in God's plan.

As we step into the unknown, let us be reminded that true victory comes not through our understanding but through faith and obedience to God's Word. There will be times when His instructions may not align with our logic, but His ways are always higher than ours.

4. Remember God's Faithfulness (Joshua - 24)

When stepping into unfamiliar territory, it's crucial to look back and remember how God has provided, protected, and guided us. Joshua reminds Israel that their victories were not their own but the result of God's hand at work. Similarly, we are called to trust in the God who has been faithful in our past to lead us into the future.

The unknown often brings a crossroad, where we must choose whom or what we will rely on. Joshua's bold declaration, "**As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord,**" is a call for unwavering commitment. When faced with uncertainty, let us reaffirm our trust in God's sovereignty and commit to walking in His ways. Joshua renews the

covenant between God and His people, emphasizing their responsibility to live in obedience and faithfulness. As we step into the unknown, it's a time to renew our dedication to God's Word and His promises, trusting that His plans for us are good (Jeremiah 29:11).

Joshua's leadership was a reflection of God's guidance. The same God who led Israel through uncharted territories leads us today. In moments of fear or hesitation, we can take courage knowing that the God who parted the Jordan River is with us, guiding each step. As we, like Israel, step forward into new seasons, let us do so with faith in God's promises. May we choose to serve Him wholeheartedly, remembering His faithfulness, and trusting in His plan.

We want to thank you all for supporting the ministry of our church through your generous giving and prayers all through the past year. Looking forward to your continued support and prayers this year. we assure you all of our prayers.

God bless you all.

The Pastoral Team - IMC

News **Announcements**

Our Gratitude: We thank Dr. Stafford and Dr. Tanmay Pramanik 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 Mrs. Mohini Sarkar, aged 82, on 18th December 2024. Kindly pray for her son Mr. Sushant, daughter Mrs. Sudha and all family members in this time of bereavement.

Pastorate Committee Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, 14th January 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 resume every Wednesday from 8th January at 7 pm Online. We will be continuing the Bible study series on the book of Romans. 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.

Sunday School: Welcome back to Sunday School!. Sunday school reopens on 5th January 2025.

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): Will meet every Sunday soon after the 9:30 am worship service in the MPH. 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.

Methodist Young Adults Fellowship (MYAF): Will meet every Third Sunday soon after the 9:30 am worship service. Age group 26-39 years are invited to attend. They also meet for online prayer every Thursday at 9:30 pm. For details kindly, contact Mr. Nikhil at 8522985588.

Young at Heart Fellowship (Senior Citizens): Will meet on 4th Saturday, 25th January 2025 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 soft copies. 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

Bible Study On the Epistle to the Romans

Online Wednesday

January 2025 @ 7 PM

Study No.	Topic	Led by	Date
18	Sanctification by the Spirit Romans 8:11	Rev. Alexander Augustine	8th Jan
19	Life in the Spirit Romans 8:12-27	Rev. Paul Royappa	15th Jan
20	Elect of God Romans 8:28-39	Rev. Mohan Kumar	22nd Jan
21	Israel's Unbelief Romans 9:1-18	Rev. Alexander Augustine	29th Jan

Areawise Bible Study Group

Topic for January 2025:

January 2025

Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho

Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Area Leader/ Mobile/ Area
Fri	10/01	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Josey V. George Ranka Heights, 242, 4th Main, 7th Cross, Domlur, Bangalore - 560071	Mr. & Mrs. Josey V. George 9980159310 Cambridge Layout
Fri	24/01	7:00 PM	Mrs. Bharathi Moses, Flat 201, Skylark Topaz Apartments, 5th Main, Jagadishnagar, New Thippasandra Bangalore -560075	Mrs. Ida Selvakumar 9448118143 Jagadish Nagar/ Malleshplaya

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

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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 December 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 January 2025.

- 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



Thanks Living Jar

Wanting to mature in her spiritual life and become more thankful. Ruth started what she called a Thanks-Living Jar. Each day she wrote on a small piece of paper one thing she thanked God for and dropped it in the jar. Some days she had many praises, other difficult days she struggled to find one. At the end of the year she emptied her jar and read through all of the notes. She found herself thanking God again for everything He has done. He had provided grace to handle a difficult situation or had answered her prayer. This reminded me of what the psalmist David says in Psalm 23, read “I’m going to make a Thanks-Living jar this year. May be you’d like to as well. I think we’ll see. We have many reasons to thank God. His gifts of friends and family and His provisions for our physical, spiritual and emotional needs. We’ll see that the goodness and love of God follows us all the days of our lives.

“Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.”
– Psalm 23:6

- Mrs. Elsie Peter

Thank you!

This Year the **IMC Calendar** has been put together by:

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Kid's Corner

Christian Education and Nurture Committee

My New Year

What I Want To Do For Jesus This Year

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read My Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Obey My Parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go To Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell my Friends about Jesus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |

Name or Signature

Date



Sadaramangala Renovated Prayer Hall Dedication Service - 30.11.2024



MYAF - Ramamurthy Nagar Christmas Celebration - 07.12.2024



Sadaramangala Christmas Program - 22.12.2024



MYAF - Marsandra Program - 07.12.2024



IMC MMF - Hubli Mission Trip - 22-24 Dec



IMC MMF Bidadi Mission Trip - 14.12.2024



Senior Citizens Christmas Program - 07.12.2024



Multi-Lingual Carol Service - 08.12.2024



Sunday School Christmas Program - 01.12.2024





Multi-Lingual Carol Service - 08.12.2024



Open Arms - 13.12.2024



Christmas Get-together & Fellowship Dinner - 14.12.2024



Candle Light Service - 15.12.2024



BIDADI CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

14th December 2024

On Saturday, 14th December 2024, MMF team visited Bidadi with a missionary couple Mr. and Mrs. Subba Gowda, to celebrate Christmas with believers there.

Highlight of our visit were:-

- 1) Visit to De-Addiction Centre at Ramanagare - we joined in singing few Christmas Songs, shared the good news, gave snacks to all the inmates and staff, about 40 members in total.
- 2) Visited Muthurayana village in Ramanagara district, had a blessed time of sharing the gospel, singing and also the children of the village sang a few Christmas songs. We shared snacks and distributed a few sarees to the believers of this village.



Finally we joined the believers of the 'Blessing Prayer Centre', Rushabavathipura village, Bidadi. the small hall was packed with 150 plus believers (all first generation Christians), as a IMC team we joined in singing and also shared the word and provided lunch and distributed 50 sarees.

As a MMF team we were so blessed to be part of this mission work that is happening in Bidadi through our missionary Bro. Subba Gowda and family.



Memorise the **Bible**

05-Jan-2025

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

- **Joshua 1:7**

12- Jan-2025

Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”

- **Joshua 3:5**

19-Jan-2025

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

- **Joshua 6:20**

26-Jan-2025

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

- **Joshua 24:15**

Charles Wesley



Charles Wesley, along with his older brother John Wesley, was a founder of Methodist societies as well as a Methodist hymn writer and preacher. His 6,500 hymns, seventeen years of itinerant preaching, and superintendence of the London societies make him a major figure in the creation of the Methodist movement. His love for the Church of England is largely responsible for the Anglican tradition within Methodism.

Early Life and Travels

Born in Epworth Rectory, Lincolnshire, England, on December 18, 1707, Wesley was the third surviving son and probably the eighteenth child of Susanna and Samuel Wesley. He was educated first by his mother and then at Westminster School and Christ Church College, Oxford. In 1729, while at Oxford, he initiated the Holy Club, whose members were nicknamed

Methodists. One of those who joined the club was the future evangelist George Whitefield, who was then studying at Oxford's Pembroke College. Wesley received an A.B. degree in 1730 and an M.A. degree in 1733.

Ordained a deacon and priest in 1735, Wesley accompanied his brother John, a missionary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to Georgia. Charles served as secretary to James Edward Oglethorpe, Georgia's founder, and as chaplain at Fort Frederica on St. Simons Island. The experience was not a positive one for Charles. His strictness in matters of religion caused difficulties, and he returned to England in 1736.

Charles's spirits were buoyed by John's return from Georgia in February 1738. Charles hoped to return to Georgia as a missionary, but ill health prevented it. He had been very impressed by the Moravians he had met in America, and in February 1738 he travelled to Oxford, where he met Peter Bohler, a Moravian missionary, and began teaching Bohler to speak English. His association with Bohler led to Wesley's conversion on Pentecost, May 21, 1738.

Ministry & Final Days

Entering the itinerant ministry in 1739, Wesley preached to huge crowds, appearing with both his brother John and Whitefield. His collection *Hymns and Sacred Poems* was published that same year. According to one early Methodist, "His preaching at his best was thunder and lightning." In 1749 Wesley married Sarah Gwynne. The couple had eight children, but only three of them survived to maturity. Wesley continued to travel until 1756, but his emotional preaching took a toll on his health, and he was frequently depressed.

In 1771 Wesley and his family moved from Bristol to London, where he served and superintended the Foundry and City Road Chapel. He continued to write hymns, and his two sons, Charles and Samuel, were considered musical prodigies. In 1780 Wesley's *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists* was first published. Other editions appeared in 1876 (with a supplement), 1904, and 1983. *Collection*, in which some hymns are attributed to both John and Charles Wesley, remains the standard Methodist hymnal. Wesley's commitment to God and man is expressed in such hymns as "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Love Divine," and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." His final hymn penned in his deathbed in 1788 in London was "In age and feebleness extreme, Who shall a helpless worm redeem? Jesus, my only hope Thou art, Strength of my failing flesh and heart:

O could I catch one smile from Thee, And drop into eternity!"

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & NURTURE COMMITTEE, IMC

Sermon Notes: Utilize this space for notetaking and contemplation.

JAN 05: Walking with God's Strength and Courage

JAN 12: Crossing your Jordan with Faith

Sermon Notes: Utilize this space for notetaking and contemplation.

JAN 19: It's time to bring down your walls

JAN 26: It is time to choose: Defining Moments



Bank & UPI Details For Tithes & Offerings



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Branch - Indiranagar
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WSCS CORNER

WORD FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

THANKSGIVING AND TESTIMONY

DATE: SATURDAY, 11TH JANUARY 2025

TIME : 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

A time of praise and worship
and testimonies of
God's love & Protection.

OPEN TO ALL

VISIT TO MARASANDRA OUTREACH VENUE

DATE: SATURDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2025

TIME : STARTING AT 3-PM @ IMC

OPEN TO ALL

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



INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Pulpit Calendar - January 2025

Theme: **'Stepping into the Unknown'**
- Lessons from Joshua

Sunday Services: 7.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm

Date	Sermon Title / Speaker
Jan 05	- Walking with God's Strength and Courage
*7.00 am	- Rev. Alexander Augustine
*9.30 am	- Rev. John Wesley
*6.00 pm	- Rev. Mohan Kumar
Jan 12	- Crossing your Jordan with Faith
7.00 am	- Rev. Mohan Kumar
9.30 am	- Rev. Paul Royappa
6.00 pm	- Rev. Alexander Augustine
Jan 19	- It's time to bring down your Walls
7.00 am	- Rev. Paul Royappa
9.30 am	- Rev. Alexander Augustine
*6.00 pm	- Rev. Mohan Kumar
Jan 26	- It is time to Choose: Defining Moments
7.00 am	- Rev. Mohan Kumar
9.30 am	- Rev. John Daniel
6.00 pm	- Rev. Alexander Augustine

***Holy Communion**

**Dawn Communion Service will be held
on Saturday, 1st February 2025 at 6.30 am**

***"...But as for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord."***

Joshua 24:15