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Parables of The Kingdom of GOD



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**Would you like to experience the joy of
interceding for others and
being interceded by others?**



Please come and join us

Prison Ministry Prayer Fellowship: Every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.

Half-night Prayer Meeting: Every third Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.

Women's Prayer: Every Thursday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Fasting and Prayer: Every second Saturday at 10.00 a.m.

Hour of Power: Every Saturday at 6.30 a.m.

Mid-Week
BIBLE STUDY

Conducted by
Rev. Paul Royappa

Every Wednesday

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On the Book of Daniel

Come and participate

A Word from the Pastor

Dearly beloved,

Greetings to you in the most precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I thank God for all his faithfulness in the last six months of this year. Let us look forward to his guidance in the coming days, months and years in our lives. May God bless us, help us and guide us in our spiritual journey.

Last month, our pulpit meditations were focused on the fear of the Lord and we have been blessed by him. This month, we shall focus on the theme 'The parables....the Kingdom of God'. Let me share a few thoughts about this in my pastoral letter. The parables Jesus shared in the gospels are very important for our spiritual growth. In his early ministry around Galilee, he preached about the Kingdom of God. The followers of Jesus were very simple people and were from the fishing community. They found it very hard to understand the laws of Moses and to follow them. When Jesus explained about God and his way of living, the disciples found this difficult to follow as well. Jesus used the surrounding beauty, grass, flowers, salt, light and other common things associated with their lives to explain the core

meaning of the parables. The synoptic gospel writers divided these parables in two basic ideas.

Firstly, they were simple yet beautiful lessons which delighted” Laos “- the common people who followed him wherever he went.

Secondly, these parables enshrined profound spirituality about the value of the Kingdom of God, which the disciples needed to know, so that when Jesus left they could effectively continue the mission of reconciliation and salvation which he brought for all the people.

The synoptic gospel writers have recorded nearly thirty parables in the gospel presentations.

These fall into three distinct groups.

a) The first seven he spoke about are by the lake shore near Capernaum and around it, may not be on the same day, but during his ministry around Galilee. These parables were mostly about the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven. In fact, he started his ministry with the Kingdom of God at hand. He shared fascinating parables of the sower and the seed, the wheat and tares, the mustard seed, leaven, the hidden treasures, the precious pearl and dragnet.

These 'Kingdom of God' parables are indicative of the incarnate God - the coming of the messiah, in the presence of the living Lord and Saviour – the present and the coming of the Lord for the judgment - the second coming. Let me also share the other two aspects of these parables.

b) Following the transfiguration of Jesus, the other group of parables included the fruitless fig tree, the great supper (banquet), the rich man and Lazarus, the Pharisee and the publican, the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son. These foreshadowed the rejection of the self-righteous Jews and the gathering of the true people of God.

c) Finally, as the last act at the Calvary was about to begin, Jesus

set forth his last prophetic parables, such as the wise and foolish virgins, the wicked husbandmen, and the sheep and goats separation. These parables are vital need of preparation to meet Jesus at his coming, the blessed reward of the righteous and the fearful fate of those who reject the gospel of God's grace.

I'm sure the meditation of the parables about the Kingdom of God this month will enable you to know Christ in a much more meaningful way. May God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. David Vijayakumar
Sr. Pastor, IMC.



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www.imcblr.org

For the website, we request all the committees and organizations of IMC to send their regular activities/reports/testimonies and prayer concerns to

webmaster@imcblr.org

IMC has also an online photo album
www.picasaweb.google.com/bangaloreimc
You can send your comments and queries to
bangaloreimc@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Mr. C.A. Cornelius passed away at the age of 97 on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Our sincere condolences go out to all family members.

Church News

Thank You

We welcome Rev. Moses Mamdapur, Dr. Kumardass, Dr. Rabindra, Dr. Julian Sundersingh and Mr. Victor Sither to the Pulpit ministry in June 2011

Welcome

We welcome Rev. Robin Paul, Dr. Ravi David, Mr. Julius, Mr. Victor Sither and Mr. Malcolm Athistam to the Pulpit ministry in July 2011

Pastorate Committee

PC meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, at 7pm at the Parish hall.

Second Offering

Second Offering will be received every First Sunday of the month towards the **Poor and needy Fund**. If you would like to get involved in this ministry among poor as a volunteer, kindly contact the Pastors or Mr. Jeyasingh, Chairperson, Poor & needy fund committee at 9845024908.

BROOKFIELD OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY

July 2011

at **Mr. P.M. Vijayakumar Samuel's House**, 68, First Main, R.J. Gardens, Outer Ring Road, MaratHalli, Bangalore. 560037. Phone: 25236938

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
3rd July 2011 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Dr. Rabindra
10th July 2011 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Mr. Vijayakumar
17th July 2011 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Prof. Kumardoss
24th July 2011 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Mr. Malcolm
31st July 2011 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Mr. Malcolm

Praise God

Praise & Pray

For His protection and grace throughout the past month.

For His work in and through the various activities of the church.

- For His blessings upon those who celebrated their birthdays and wedding anniversaries in June 2011.

Pray

For the various activities and Pulpit Ministry in the month of July 2011.

- For the ministry and family of Rev. David Vijayakumar and Rev. Paul K. Royappa.
- For our Bishop Dr. Taranath Sagar & Mrs. Padma Sagar, the District Superintendent Rev. Hosea Mathew and all the Methodist Pastors and Churches in Bangalore and SIRC. Also for the family, health and ministry of our retired Pastors.
- For the ministry of SAIACS students and faculty on July 10 and Pilgrims Choir on July 24.
- For God's healing touch upon Mrs. Nathan, Mr. T.J. Ramakrishna, Mr. Malaki, Mrs. Emily Paulson, Mrs. Joyce, Baby Jasmine and all the sick.
- For the active participation of our members in the spiritual activities of the Church such as prayer meetings, Bible Study and Area Fellowships.
- That the Lord will continue to lay his hand of protection and guidance upon our family members who are working or studying abroad.

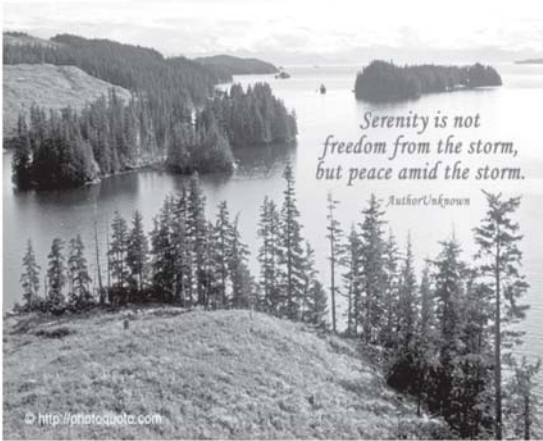


*For Pastoral Visit, Home Communion,
Counselling & Prayer, kindly contact the Pastors*

Women's Fellowship (WSCS)

When a Storm strikes, what is your Response?

Come & experience **"The Touch & Testimony"**



Theme : **"Peace amidst the Storm"**

GUEST SPEAKER : **MRS. CIBY MATHEW (URBAN INDIA MINISTRIES)**
&
"The Hand that Healed, Strengthened & Comforted."

TESTIMONY TO GOD'S GLORY : **MRS. EMILY PAULSON**

On Saturday, the 16th July 2011 at 4.30 pm.

Women of IMC meet for a time of Fellowship to get
Enlightened, Enriched & Empowered by His Word.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN.

"With Christ in the Vessel, we can Smile at the Storm."

Contact: Mrs. Usha Jones/ Mob # 9740394222



BIBLE QUIZ

For all below **18 years!**

How Good is Your Memory?

Memory verses for the month of June may be memorised and said on the last Sunday, 31 July 2011 after the 9.30 am service. You are welcome to participate in this contest even if you are above 18.

Just call/mail **Ida Selvakumar**

Mobile No 9448118143 after 6 pm. E-mail: **idaskumar@gmail.com**

You are free to memorize all or any one, two or three verses. You will find the memory verses in the June issue of *Interact*. Prizes will be given for the best effort!

Congratulations!

Winners with the first five correct answers of the word-game for the month of June.

1. Laura Jeyaseelan
2. Rebecca Sharon
3. Keren Thomas
4. Jemimah
5. Johann Nishant

Answers to the June word-game: Asher, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Issachar, Joseph, Judah, Levi, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, and Zebulun

Committee on Christian Education & Nurture

Senior Citizens' Fellowship

Senior Citizens' fellowship meets on
Saturday, 23rd July 2011 at 4.30 pm

For more details,

Please contact **Mrs. Parin Paul** at **98450 46223**

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF)

The MYF meets every Sunday after 9.30 a.m. Service.

Come and be blessed. Age group: 17-25

A time of singing, praise, fellowship, sharing and prayer

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: Every **FRIDAY** 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Contact: Sneha @ 9886183508

MEMORIZE THE BIBLE

Theme: 'PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD'

Sunday, July 3
Matthew 6:32-34

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Sunday, July 10
Matthew 13: 31-32

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Sunday, July 17
Matthew 13:33

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Sunday, July 24
Matthew 13:44-45

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Sunday, July 31
Matthew 13:47-50

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

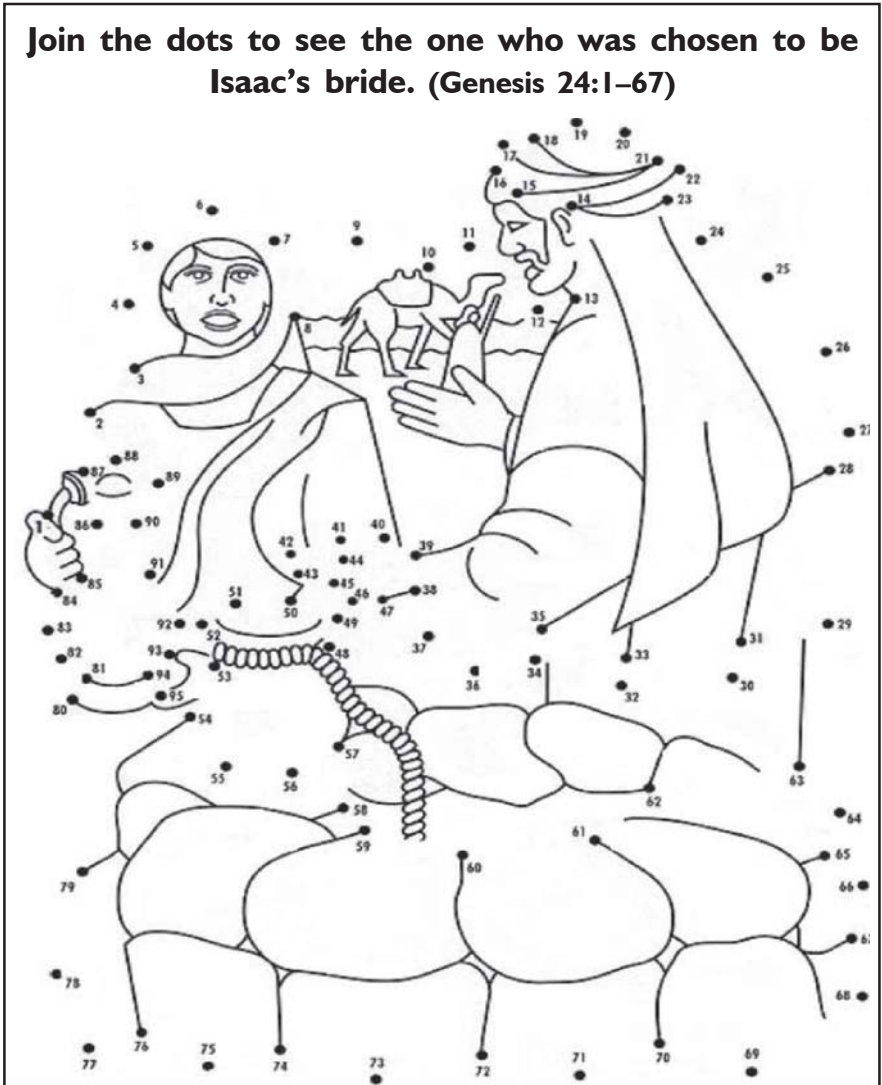
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Kid's Sunday School Place

Sunday School meets **Every Sunday** from 8.00 a.m to 9.15 a.m
Please do send your children regularly.

For more details, kindly contact Sunday School Superintendent
Mrs. Lalitha Abraham at 25290906

Join the dots to see the one who was chosen to be Isaac's bride. (Genesis 24:1-67)





Your Question?

IS FASTING PRAYER NECESSARY?

1. Why do we fast and pray? Both individual (Nehemiah 1:4, Daniel 9:3) and corporate fasting & Prayer (Ezra 8:23, Acts 13:3) are Biblical. We read in Matthew 4:2 that Jesus fasted for 40 days. Daniel fasted and prayed (Daniel 10:2-3); Ezra fasted (10:6); Esther did (4:16). All Israelites humbled themselves and fasted on the day of atonement (Leviticus 16:29 & 23:27). In Mat 6: 16, Jesus teaches about the importance and result of fasting. In Mat 9:15, Jesus said, 'the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them then they will fast'.

2. What is fasting Prayer? Fasting Prayer is not a tool to influence God. It is not just giving up meals so that God can speak to us or bless us. It is not an exchange of a sacrifice in order to obtain blessings. God is always ready to speak to us and help us. It is for our sake to tune ourselves to His Will in order to hear from him and effectively walk with him every day. Fasting without prayer & faith is meaningless. A simple definition of fasting from the Word of God is: 'abstaining from food for spiritual purposes'. It enhances our prayer life and strengthens our relationship with God. It depends on how we view it. If we view it as a ritual it is irrelevant. But if we are led by the Spirit it is very much spiritually beneficial. In God's word, we find fasting prayer is connected with a need or a contrite heart.

3. Who should fast and pray? Some people should not fast due to medical reasons. We should take every precaution when it comes to taking care of our health. Every physically healthy Christian can fast and pray.

4. How to Fast & Pray? There are no specific rules on how to fast? It may be normal fasting or hard fasting without eating and drinking. We can set apart a day or half a day every week without food. Water can be taken because it is essential for our body if we fast more than 1 day. God sees our hearts and motives not time and days. A fasting prayer includes confession, intercession, thanksgiving, reading of God's word and meditation. It can also include singing songs of praise. Jesus says in Mat 6:16-18, 'Put oil on your head and wash your face'. Be joyful when you fast and pray.

5. The blessings of Fasting Prayer: In Isaiah 58 we read about 'True Fasting' and 'its blessings'. When we seek the Lord with all our heart, mind and strength we receive light, cleansing, healing, guidance, spiritual refreshment and restoration. We will become a closer to God. We must understand that fasting is not forced or contrived but necessitated for the purpose of prayer, soul-searching, seeking God's direction and calling out for change. It's a choice we make - to fast and pray or not to fast. Think about it!

Rev. Paul Royappa

If you have any question on the bible or Christian life for the edification of yourself and others, please email to paulkiru@hotmail.com

Preacher's Biography

SAMUEL KABOO MORRIS



Over 130 years ago, in a small Liberian village in the western forests of the Ivory Coast in West Africa, Samuel Morris was born Prince Kaboo, the eldest son of a Kru tribal chieftain. While still a child, a neighboring clan defeated his people and demanded that Kaboo's father pay a hefty ransom for his son's return.

The indemnity was promptly made and the child released, but years later the father was defeated again, and again Kaboo was held as a pawn. This time the ransom took several years to pay and Kaboo was treated with unspeakable cruelty by his captors.

And then a third time. Now fifteen, Kaboo was a captive of a merciless chieftain enemy. No matter what his father brought as indemnity, the ruler declared it insufficient. The torture was intense and the father offered to send a daughter as hostage to take his son's place but Kaboo said no, that would be worse than the punishment. Father gave up trying to make restitution and the angered chieftain had Kaboo beaten daily with a thorny poison vine that ripped his flesh and caused his body to burn with fever. A messenger was sent to the father after each beating, describing in detail the agonizing torture of his son.

The teenager was about to die from the beatings and poisoning, but before dying he was to suffer a horrible torture especially designed for unredeemed pawns. A pit was dug near an anthill. After one final beating the captors would bury the young prince vertically, all but his head, pry his mouth open with sticks and place sweet fluids in his mouth to attract the ants. Later they would bring the dreaded driver ants to consume his living flesh. But first there was to be one final beating with the poisonous whip. It was during this beating that it happened...

Suddenly there was a flashing light, like lightning, from the sky blinding all but Kaboo. A voice, audible to all, commanded Kaboo to get up and flee. Kaboo was instantly healed and strengthened. He could now run though seconds before he couldn't stand. And run he did, as fast as he could, straight into the jungle, the enemy in pursuit. The jungle was so thick that in places it was dark in the daytime, making it easy to hide. He wandered for days living off such things as snails and mangoes.

Kaboo was still in danger as he couldn't return to his tribe and family, nor could he survive alone in the jungle. Anyone seeing the fleeing pawn would return him to his tormentors. There was danger everywhere, from poisonous

snakes to cannibals. But the same friendly light that set Kaboo free guided him through the dark nights and he hid in tree trunks during the day. Guided by the light, Kaboo emerged weeks later at the only safe place in the country, a white settlement near Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, the only important settlement at that time with civilized law.

Kaboo met a boy from his own tribe who led him to Christian missionaries. One Sunday a missionary woman, Mrs. Knolls, was preaching about Saul. Kaboo immediately recognized the story as being similar to his escape and shouted, "That's just what I saw! I have seen that light! That is the same light that saved me and brought me here!" Kaboo surrendered his life to Jesus; and as Saul had an unusual anointing upon his life. Though never to reach his 21st birthday and living only five years as a Christian, the anointing on his life caused him to bear much fruit for his beloved Jesus.

When baptized, he was given the name Samuel Morris, in honor of the missionaries' benefactor. Filled with Godly zeal, he was one to pray out loud and his night-long prayers tested everyone's patience. One day he led a boy to Christ who had escaped from the same evil chieftain and was a witness to Samuel's escape. He confirmed the story of the light that saved Samuel's life.

Sam worked at odd jobs in Uberia for two years. He became a zealous member of the Christian community and displayed a fervent desire to learn about the Holy Spirit, who Jesus promised to be a helper and comforter to His followers. Sam asked the missionary where she got her knowledge of this Holy Spirit. She told him it was a man in New York named Stephen Merrit. Sam replied without hesitation, "I will go to see him," and was soon running toward the coast, with no money or means of transportation!

Upon arrival, he spotted a sailing ship anchored at sea and its small boat making trips to shore to pick up supplies. He made it known to the captain that his Father wanted the captain to take him to New York, his Father being the God of heaven. The captain thought him crazy and refused him, but Samuel wouldn't go away. Since two of the crew jumped ship in the night, the captain took the negro boy on board to work for his passage. Sam was on his way to America to learn more about the Holy Spirit. His trip was a missionary voyage in itself.

The captain was a hard and cruel master of his ship, dreaded by his crew. The crew consisted of crude transients and derelicts from all corners of the world, one not understanding the language of the other. They cursed, drank rum and fought. They picked on Sam, cuffing and slapping the slight teenager. By the time they arrived in New York harbor five months later in September of 1891, the captain and most of the crew had accepted Christ because of Morris' witness. They came to love Samuel Morris, the black boy with the anointing of God who prayed the sick to health and was servant to all. They

prayed with Sam and sang songs to their Savior. The men took a collection of clothes and pieced together a suit for the youngster, and Sam was given the privilege of being the first to walk the gangplank to shore.

Sam asked the first man he saw where he could find Stephen Merritt. The stranger offered to take Sam to Merritt's home across town for the price of a dollar. Upon arrival, Sam told Stephen Merritt, "I am Samuel Morris. I have just come from Africa to talk with you about the Holy Spirit." When the guide asked for his dollar, Sam pointed to Merritt and said, "Stephen Merritt pays all my bills now." As a pastor and sponsor of a rescue mission, Merritt warmly received Morris.

That first night Sam was instructed to wait in a mission for transients until Merritt came back from an appointment, and when he returned there were seventeen men laying prostrate on the floor, enveloped in the power of God, surrendering their lives to Christ. Sam brought to America the anointing of God.

Merritt, a wealthy man, was the secretary to an important bishop. Sam won Merritt's heart and that of his household and slept that first night in the bed reserved for the bishop and in the bishop's nightgown - but not before he prayed with his host. The power of God fell and Merritt had a most powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit. When Sam was asked to bless the food at mealtime every eye became wet with tears.

One day Stephen and Sam were on their way to a funeral in a horse drawn coach. They picked up two Methodist clergymen, doctors of divinity, who were clearly slighted to share a coach with a black boy. Sam asked permission to pray, and the glory of God filled the coach, resulting in a permanent mantle of God's anointing on Stephen Merritt's life (and two ashamed clergymen). The funeral was awesome as the three men preached the love and tender mercies of God as they never preached before. The people felt like heaven had opened and poured its blessings on them. People repented of their sins. Sam felt the presence of angels.

Upon request, Sam was directed to a black church. Arriving late in the service, he walked up to the pastor, a stranger, and requested permission to give a message to the people. There was something about Sam that made the pastor agree, and in seconds the entire gathering was on their knees shouting for joy and weeping before God. The pastor later spoke of this incident: "I did not listen to hear what he was saying. I was seized with an overpowering desire to pray...I know my soul was on fire as never before. The light that had brought Samuel Morris out of bondage in Africa was surely shining into the hearts of our brethren there in Fort Wayne. No such visitation of the Holy Spirit had ever been witnessed by that congregation."

Sam was invited to speak to young people at Sunday school. Within minutes the altar was filled with weeping, repentant teenagers, such was the awesome

presence of God. The young people immediately formed the Samuel Morris Missionary Society, and Sam was soon able to go to school, Taylor University. Taylor University was too much for a young man who could barely read or write, and Sam was given private tutoring until able to enter classes. The school was in trouble in those days. Not only was it ebbing in its fervor for God, but it was on the edge of financial bankruptcy.

The light burning in Sam's soul rejuvenated everyone from the president to the new enlistees. A Faith Fund was started to support Sam; but Sam refused to touch a penny, insisting it be used for others instead. His faith was infectious, and as faith was stirred in the hearts of those around him, the necessary funds were raised and the university saved. Thaddeus Reade, then president of Taylor University, once said, "Samuel Morris was a divinely sent messenger of God to Taylor University. He thought he was coming over here to prepare himself for his mission to his people, but his coming was to prepare Taylor University for her mission to the whole world. All who met him were impressed with his sublime, yet simple faith in God."

Samuel Morris did not live to fulfill his dream. He ached to return to his tribe and preach to them the gospel of Jesus Christ, the gospel that radically transformed his own life. He never complained of the cold he caught and the sickness that stole his health, and soon he was dying. Laying in bed, he said to his fellow students, "I am so happy. I have seen the angels. They are coming for me soon," and soon after died, an expression of sheer joy on his face. The community sank into deep sorrow. His death inspired his fellow students to serve as missionaries to Africa on his behalf, fulfilling his dream of one day returning to minister to his own people. Morris' burial at Lindenwood cemetery in Fort Wayne drew hundreds from near and far and remains one of the most frequently visited graves.

The anointing on Samuel Morris caused revival in the hearts of thousands. The captain and the crew remained faithful to God and were like family to each other. Stephen Merritt prayed many sick and insane to wholeness and led ten thousand people to Calvary's precious cross, all because of the unction of the Holy Spirit that fell on him that day Sam prayed in the coach. Sam saved a university, spiritually and financially, and passed on a vision of the bigness of God. He was an African called to serve in the United States; who came to be called "The Apostle of Simple Faith".

Sam's name was an inspiration to many around the world. Yet there is no natural logic to explain the success of a penniless black, short in stature, unimpressive to look at, only slightly educated, who never lived to see his 21st year. Jesus said, "With God all things are possible." He chooses who He will and Sam was His choice.

The Anthropic Principle

The search for Life outside the Earth

There is a phenomenal thrust in the scientific world today to prove that we are not the only living beings on this 'pale blue dot'. The search for SETI [search for extraterrestrial intelligence] is engaging the scientists all over the world with great vigor and passion. *Prof. Harlow Shapley* of the, Harvard University reached the conclusion that one hundred million 'earths', peopled much like this earth, may exist. The British astrophysicist *Arthur. C. Clarke* declares " It seems incredible that ours should be the only inhabited planet among the millions of worlds that must exist among the stars". The great philosopher Bertrand Russell, categorically states, that mankind is "a curious accident in a backwater" of the universe.

Does Science support extraterrestrial life?

Dr. Vernon Grounds, a Christian astrophysicist says that , "after spending billions of dollars in extraterrestrial research and in the development of technology that provides us with millions of more facts and the capacity to analyze billions of bits of data, there is still no evidence for the existence of extraterrestrial life. That belief is still a conjecture—a pure and simple guess".

There are a good number of scientific reasons for skepticism:

Conditions for life are specific and rare in the universe [*The New Scientist, 1996*]

- Beyond a certain degree of heat, organized matter simply disintegrates and most of the heavenly bodies are far too hot for life in any conceivable form to exist
- Beyond a certain degree of cold, no activity is possible, since matter congeals into frozen immobility and many of the heavenly bodies are far too cold for life, anything like ours to exist
- Life requires a certain atmosphere and the nature of an atmosphere determines the size of the planet it surrounds. Some of these bodies are so big that their atmosphere is too heavy to support life and some are so small that their atmosphere is too rarefied to support life.
- Life requires water and several other specific elements. *The Newsweek [1998]* cover article on "The birth of Planets". The conditions that support life are extremely rare in the cosmos beyond the atmosphere:
- The first requirement is that the planet may not be on the collision course with an asteroid or comet or another planet
- The planet has to be cool, which means it can not be close to the star, so its crust can solidify.
- The formation of carbon, nitrogen or water is possible, only if it is situated at the right distant from a star.
- Life also needs an atmosphere. Water vapor, carbon-di-oxide and other gases to be trapped, needs the right amount of gravity.

By some curious coincidence, our earth has the precise combination of conditions, essential for a planet to be hospitable. Our Earth is a kind of 'freak'—one of the

oddities of the cosmos. Christian astronomer *Dr. Hugh Ross* lists 33 different constants in our solar system that make the earth capable of supporting human life. After calculating the probability that such a planet would occur in the cosmos that ‘much less than one chance in a million trillion exists that even one such planet would occur any where in the universe’.

Astronomer *Geoffrey Marcey*, discoverer of planets in other solar systems, emphatically states, ‘that the planets in our solar system rotate in almost completely in circular orbits around our star—a fact that makes human life possible’.

The universe was designed for life

On another front, new information is overwhelming the centers of scientific research with evidence that our universe to have been “fine-tuned” for human life from the very beginning. This understanding is expressed in a concept astrophysicists call “the anthropic principle”. In a nut shell, the anthropic principle says that “all the seemingly arbitrary and unrelated constants in physics have one strange thing in common: these are precisely the values that you need, if you want to have a universe capable of producing life”. This is the conclusion of atheist-turned believer *Dr. Patrick Glynn*. [*God: the Evidence*]

Dr. Victor Pearce concludes that the very concept of ‘Big-Bang’ theory, can be traced back to *Genesis* and the formation of the entire universe, every aspect of it, was made for man and his existence. God made the vast universe for man and for man only.

The Psalmist says, “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that You visit him” [Ps 8:3-4]

“Am I God near at hand” says the Lord and “not a God afar off”. Can any one hide in secret places, so I shall not see him” says the Lord, “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord. [Jer 23:23-24]

“You are worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for You created all things and by Your Will they exist and were created” [Rev 4:11]

Prof. Dr. M.J. Kumardoss

TITHES/ SPECIAL OFFERINGS can be made by cash or cheque in the name of **Indiranagar Methodist Church**. Kindly collect your receipts from the pigeon holes at the main entrance of the Church or Church office.

We want to thank you for supporting the ministry of the Church by your prayers and finance. May the Lord bless you abundantly. We assure you of our prayers.

Area Fellowship Groups - July 2011

Area Leaders	Date	Place
THIPPASANDRA/ MALLESHPALYA Mr. & Mrs. Katary Ph: 25286992	Friday, July 8 7.00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. J. Rathod No.517, 8th Main, 2nd Cross Sadananda Nagar, NGEF Layout Bangalore-38. Mob: 98869 31960
DEFENCE COLONY/ INDIRANAGAR Mrs. Rebecca Kurian Mob: 9845021749 / Ph: 41154274 Mrs. Mohini Sarkar, Ph: 25268804	Friday, July 22 6.30 pm	Mrs. Nandihal 431, 2nd Cross, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 038. Phone: 25282513
AIRPORT ROAD Mr. & Mrs. Prem Karl Ph: 25228234	Friday, July 22 7.00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Muthanna 2, Deepak Cottage 5 th Main, 15 th Cross K.R. Garden, Bangalore. Ph: 25236313, Mob: 9945743737
SARJAPUR ROAD Mr. & Mrs. Mahadevan Ph:9886188111/9620209987	Friday, July 22 7.00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. George Karunakara No.111, Ground Floor, 19th Main, 1st Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 95. Mobile: 99808 55008
C.V. RAMAN NAGAR Mr. R.George, Ph. 65655210	Friday, July 29 7.00 pm	Mr & Mrs. Puneeth Kumar 204, Tulip Block Keerthi Rivera Annexure 6 th Cross, Kagadasapura Bangalore-93. Mob: 9986657774
MURUGESHPALYA Mr. & Mrs. Immanuel Ph: 25228602 / 9845808060	Friday, July 29 7.00 pm	Mr & Mrs. Joe Francis B-101, Purva Paradise 3 rd Main, 7 th Cross (Near Canara Bank) Domlur, Bangalore -71 Ph: 41150289, Mob: 99452805524
KASTURI/ RAMAMURTHY NAGAR Mr. Benjamin Ph: 9945593463		Contact Area Leader

The Picture Frame

(Roy Irwin)

Not long ago I attended a printing industry trade show. In addition to seeing the latest technology, one of the great things about these shows is the beautiful printed samples that are given away as promotional pieces. One piece in particular that I received was so beautiful, I decided to have it framed.

I took the print to a local framing shop. After discussing with the owner what I wanted, I was instructed to pick out the matte color and the type of wood to be used to make the frame. I was shown a wall that had dozens of wood samples from which to choose for the frame. There were different colors of wood, a variety of patterns, a number of thickness, shapes and cuts.

After making my selection, I brought the wood sample to the store owner. We agreed on a price and he began work on my frame. What happened next caused my jaw to drop and is something that I will never, ever forget.

The store owner took the wood sample from me and looked it over curiously. He then walked back to the area where the frames are cut and assembled and began looking through the scrap bin. ... Yes, ... the SCRAP BIN!!!

You can imagine the look on my face as I watched the owner pull out several 'scraps' of wood that matched the sample that I had given him. One by one, he looked them over, inspecting for damage, making sure they were usable, and then began the process of constructing my frame.

At first, I was angry that MY frame was being made from 'scraps'. After a short time, the store owner presented me with my framed print. My anger was quickly displaced however when I saw the finished product. I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

It was absolutely beautiful.

How could something that was made from discarded pieces of scrap come together to make something so perfect, beautiful and useful?

Today my print is hung on a wall in our living room. When we have guests over, we often get nice compliments on it. If they only knew...

Only in the hands of a master craftsman can such a transformation take place. Creating order from chaos. You see it when a painter creates a masterpiece from carefully mixed hues of ink; from a potter who shapes blocks of clay into beautiful pottery; from a florist who creates a lovely arrangement.

My frame reminds me of the church body. The church is made up of people with different backgrounds, different talents and gifts - all coming together to glorify God. Much like the wood in my frame that was saved from destruction, we are all sinners who have been saved by Jesus Christ from eternal destruction.

The Bible describes the church in I Corinthians 12:12 and 27:

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.(v12)...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.(v27)” (NIV)

Roy Putnam, in his book “In It to Win It” said it this way:

“We don’t join the church and become a Christian.

We join Christ and become the church.”

On our own, we are like scraps of wood and are useless. However, when we submit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we allow Him to be the final authority in our lives. He is the Master Craftsman. He takes our imperfections and molds us into His Church to His Glory. In His hands, we are...”made holy, useful to the Master and prepared for any good work.” 2 Timothy 2:21 (NIV).

“Dear Lord, you are the Master Craftsman. On our own we can do nothing, but in your hands, we are made into something beautiful and useful. Help us to remember that you have fashioned us into a great body called the Church in order to bring glory to You. Amen.”

*Sent by
Mrs. Rebecca Kurian*

Wanted Grooms:

1. FK-70, 26 yrs, 5'4", B.D.S seeks a God fearing groom preferably a Dentist (MDS), MBBS(MD)/ Software Consultant based out of Bangalore, Mumbai, USA, UK. Contact: 0233-2211495, 09822010848.
2. FK-71, 28 yrs, 5'3", M.B.A.(HR) working as Asst. Manager at Sun TV Network seeks a God fearing and well placed graduate/ post graduate groom from a reputed family. Contact: 08392-275443, 09448228284
3. FK-72, 25 yrs, 5'3", B.Sc, M.B.A. working as Account Executive at 20-20Media seeks a God fearing and well placed graduate/ post graduate groom from a reputed family. Contact: 9632383040/ 25235600.
4. FK-73, 23 yrs, 5'1", B.Com, PGDBM working as Technical writer in a MNC seeks a God fearing groom with B.E/ M.B.A, B.Com/ M.B.A. Age below 28 yrs. Contact: 9845118611/ 08041152877.
5. FK-74, 27 yrs, 5'3", B.E working as S/w Quality Engineer at GXS-ITC, B'lore seeks a God fearing groom. Contact: 9739624781/ 9845973060/ 9845612199.
6. FK-75, 32 yrs, 5'4", M.B.B.S, D.N.B working in NIMHANS, B'lore seeks a well settled God fearing groom having a good qualification doctors/ S/w Engineers. Contact: 084722-232120/ 9481808612.
7. FK-76, 29 yrs, 5'2", M.B.B.S, M.D working in a Medical College as Asst. Professor seeks a well settled God fearing groom having a good qualification doctors/ S/w Engineers Contact: 084722-232120/ 9481808612.
8. FK-77, 25 yrs, 5'5", M.A, M.Phil(Economics), pursuing M.B.A working as a Lecturer seeks a well settled God fearing groom Doctors/ Lecturers, B.E, M.B.A., MCA/ M.Tech CSI/ other denomination Contact: 23533624/ 9343033624.
9. FK-78, 27 yrs, 5'4", B.E(Electronics & Communication) working in Hyderabad seeks a well settled God fearing groom with suitable qualification Contact: 9379732530/ 9845272707.
10. FK-79, 24 yrs, 5.5", B.E(Comp Sc), working as S/w Eng in Accenture seeks a partner who is a believer with an open mind. Contact : 080-42166101(after 9 P.M) / 9900779980 email: deena.soans@gmail.com

11. FK-80, 24 yrs, 5.6", B.Com, working in a MNC Company seeks a God fearing & well settled groom. Contact:080-25307836
12. FK-81, 31 yrs, 5.4", M.Sc (IT) pursuing, B.Sc(IT), working in a MNC Cambridge Solutions Ltd.(Xchanging Company), Whitefield, Bangalore seeks a God fearing & well settled groom. Contact: (Res)080-25661339/ 9741904005/ 9900209900
13. FK-82, 25 yrs, 5.1", B.E (Elec. & Com.) working as software Engineer at Infosys, Mysore seeks a God fearing & well settled groom. Contact: 9740033668/ 9663385674.
14. FK-83, 26 yrs, 5.5", BHMS(Homeopathic), working, seeks well settled, qualified, God fearing and clean habits groom. Contact: (Res)020-24267417 / 09881998228/ 0 9 7 6 3 8 3 0 1 7 9 / johnarthur123@gmail.com
15. FK-84, 24 yrs, 5.2", Diploma in Computer Science (Pursuing B.Tech), working as Asst. Instructor at PDIT Engg. College at Hospet, seeks well settled, qualified, God fearing groom. Contact: 9448532851/ 958394230123/ Christopher_hpt@yahoo.com/sandhya_hpt@sify.com.
16. FK-85, 29 yrs, 5.3", B.E. (Electronics & Communication Engg), Working as Clerk in Govt. Jr. College, Gulbarga, Contact: 08472-266911/9845687918.
17. FK-86, 27 yrs, 5', B.E (Computer Science) working as Team Lead Engg. In Bangalore seeks a God fearing groom, preferably Engineer Contact: 09819173411 (Father) / reema.sharon.raj@gmail.com.
18. FK-87, 28 yrs, 5'.3, PGDTT, B.Sc working as Cabin Crew in Air India Express seeks a God fearing and well settled groom Contact: 09223281855 / 0 9 9 6 2 0 8 1 8 5 5 / shirley.reddy@gmail.com.
19. FK-88, 24 yrs, 5'.3, B.E (Computer Science) working as a Software Engineer in IBM seeks a partner who is well educated, well settled and from a God fearing family Contact: 080-26840510/ 9900755200.
20. FK-89, 29 yrs, 5'.4, M.Com working as a Sr. Team Lead and Project Manager in Zenith Software Ltd seeks a God fearing and well settled groom with a good family background Contact: 080-28485325/ 9880711739.

Matrimonial

21. FK-90, 27 yrs, 5', B.E(IT) working as a Sr. Engineer Software in SLK Software Pvt. Ltd seeks a God fearing and well educated groom preferably Engineer with good cultured family background Contact: 9880569180/ 8971017978.
22. FK-91, 23 yrs, 5'5", M.Sc working as a Lecturer at a P.U. College, Bangalore seeks an Engineer / Doctor working in Bangalore from a good family background Contact: 9900649210.
23. FK-92, 26 yrs, 5'2", MBA (Finance) working in a MNC Bank seeks a groom from God fearing family, kannada speaking and post graduate Contact: 7760965586/ 9880583810.
24. FT-65, 34 yrs, 5'2", M.H.R working as Training Supervisor in a Medical Transcription Co. seeks a God fearing and well placed graduate/ Post graduate groom. Contact: 080-25495465, 09886367820
25. FT-66, 28 yrs, 5', B.Com working in ANZ Bank seeks a God fearing, matured and understanding groom. Contact: 9844420788.
26. FT-67, 30 yrs, 5'4", B.A working in Allegro Investment Advisory Services as an Investment advisor seeks a God fearing groom. Contact: 9945071989.
27. FT-68, 26 yrs, 5'5", PGDBA, B.E working in Oracle India P. Ltd. as a Business Development Consultant seeks a God fearing tamil groom Engineer/ MBA/ MBBS./ PG / M.Tech above 5'7" Contact: 9844545773.
28. FT-69, 28 yrs, 5'5", M.Sc working in Bethany High as a Special Educator seeks a God fearing groom, well settled Contact: 9739509907.
29. FT-70, 27 yrs, 5'1", B.E(E & E) working in Electrical Consultant Company as Design Engineer seeks a God fearing groom, well settled groom Contact: 080-25464201/ 9480551809.
30. FT-71, 35 yrs, 5'5", B.Com working in Dell India as Sales Operation Executive seeks a God fearing, well settled, fair groom with good family background from Bangalore Contact: 080-9945143109.
31. FT-72, 31 yrs, 5'5", B.E (IT) working Fair Isaac Corporation as a Software Engg. seeks a suitable born-again believer from Christian family Contact: 080-25275674/ 9845163065.

32. FT-73, 33 yrs, 5'5", M.A working as administrator based in Ackland, Newzealand seeks a groom who is willing to settle in Newzealand Contact: 9739097380/ 0064095374922.

33. FT-74, 31 yrs, 5'4", B.Sc, MCA working as Lecturer in Bishop Cotton Women's College seeks a God fearing and well settled with good family background groom. Contact: 080-25425393/ 9986881760/ 9986071730/ drjyothijason@gmail.com/ charitha.cj@gmail.com.

34. FT-75, 25 yrs, B.Com, Pursuing M.B.A. working in Infosys B.PO seeks a God fearing and well settled groom. Contact: 9742041272/ 9986333739.

35. FT-76, 36 yrs, 5'5", B.A, Diploma in Secretarial Practice, managing own play school seeks a God fearing and well settled groom. Contact: 9901902400.

36. FTg-14, 26 yrs, 5'6", M.A in English Literature seeks well settled, God fearing groom, B.E, B.Tech, M.E, M.Tech, with income of 75K – 80K per month. Contact: 080-26643518, 9900114933, 9972524933.

37. FTg-15, 32 yrs, 5', M.Tech working as S/w Developer in TCS, B'lore seeks a God fearing groom having suitable qualification M.Tech, B.Tech, MCA. Contact: 0877-2225399, 09490182567, 9886628342.

38. FTg-16, 35 yrs, 5'2, SSLC seeks a God fearing groom. Contact: 080-25305417/ 9743452762.

39. FH-03, 30 yrs, 5'7", B.A working as Air Hostess in an International Airlines seeks a christian groom who is professionally settled & has a pleasing personality. Contact: 9980163241

40. FO-02, 27 yrs, 5'7", M.B.B.S, M.D working as a Consultant in Baptist Hospital, B'lore seeks a born-again, baptized groom. Contact: 25935218/ 9900524642.

41. FO-03, 32 yrs, 5'5", M.B.A & B.Sc working in a private sector bank in Bangalore seeks a protestant groom, well qualified. Contact: 09845108575/ 09893115545.

42. FO-04, 27 yrs, 5'4", M.B.A working with MNC in Bangalore seeks a God fearing groom, professionally qualified Engineer, working in India/ Abroad. Contact: 00971-50-5318627/ 00971-2-5528985/ 00971-2-5022397/ 00971-50-8272534/ oommenc@npcc.ae.

43. FM-02, 24 yrs, Post Graduate in Applied Genetics working as Sr. Associate-Business Development seeks a

born-again groom from a christian family in Kerala. Contact: 9448731514/ 04872261092.

44. FM-03, 27 yrs, 5'4", MBA (HR), BBA, working as HR Executive in an MNC, Bangalore seeks a well settled, well qualified, born-again groom from a good christian family Contact: 00971 50 5318627/ 00971 2 5528985/ 00971 2 5022397/ 00971 50 8272534.

Wanted Brides:

1. MT-42, 27 yrs, 5'10", B.E working as a Sr. S/w Engineer in C.G.I. Blr seeks a suitable girl. Contact: 9481477726/ 09442536481

2. MT-44, 36 yrs, B.E working as a Sr. Verification Engineer in Microchip Technology I. Pvt. Ltd. seeks any suitable working girl like Doctor/ Engineer/ Bank Manager. Contact: 080-65728749

3. MT-45, 28 yrs, Computer Science, pursuing MCA working as an Asst. Manager in General Electrical. Seeks a God fearing bride with good family background. Contact: 080-2561287/ 9448937431/ selva_ccare@yahoo.co.in.

4. MK-48, 29 yrs, 5'9", M.Sc Computers working as S/w Engineer in IXIA Technologies, B'lore seeks a God fearing bride preferably from S/w background. Contact: 9845936457.

5. MK-49, 30 yrs, 6'1", B.E Computers working as IES in Larsen & Toubro, Mysore seeks a God fearing bride. Contact: 25727435/ 9663881710.

6. MK-50, 29 yrs, 5'10", Dip. Electronics & Communication Engg. B.Sc IT working as Manager FAE. in Apacer India Pvt. Ltd. seeks a God fearing bride. Contact: 9886773427/ 9243083217.

7. MK-51, 26 yrs, 5'4", B.A working as Sr. HR Executive at IBM, Bangalore seeks a loving, family oriented, simple bride. Contact: 26642929/ 9900139392/ 1950cjp@gmail.com.

8. MK-52, 34 yrs, 5'10", M.Sc, Diploma in Software Engineering & M.C.S.E, pursuing EMBA working as a Manager in IBM, Bangalore seeks Kannada CSI/ Methodist post graduate bride with good family background below 30yrs, preferably in teaching profession. No BPO/ Call Centre employees. Contact: 23330293/ 9945271063.

9. MK-53, 33 yrs, 5'8", M.Sc, working as Sr. Pension Specialist (Work Lead-Fidelity) seeks qualified bride. Contact: 9448567745/ 9845271832. Email: bidarvishal@yahoo.co.in. bidarvishal@gmail.com.

10. MK-54, 27 yrs, 5'7", B.Com, M.B.A having own business seeks qualified bride. Contact: 9341780985 / rokey1981@yahoo.com.

11. MK-55, 29 yrs, 6'1", M.A, working as Asst. Manager in Quintiles Technologies, Bangalore seeks a God fearing and well qualified working bride. Contact: 9845621638/ dheemarthniranjan@gmail.com.

12. MK-56, 32 yrs, 5'8", B.Com, M.B.A, M.Phil, working as HR Manager for a software company, Bangalore seeks a bride with good family background, preferably in teaching line. Contact: 080-23397673/ jason_diwaker@yahoo.com.

13. MTg-7, 26 yrs, 5'8", BE working as S/w Professional in Sabre Holdings. seeks a Born-again, smart, good looking Telugu girl preferably a S/w eng. with a good family background. Contact: 09618061240/ 0891-2757245

14. MTg-8, 31 yrs, 6.2", B.E (Electrical & Electronics), Industrialist by profession seeks God fearing, homely bride. Contact: 080-26643518 / 9900114933/ 9972524933

15. MTg-9, 32 yrs, 5.3", B.Com, C.A working in an MNC seeks a God fearing qualified girl as an Engineer/ MBA between 25-28yrs from a respectable family. Contact: 09620204097/ 09902018044

16. MTg-10, 27 yrs, 5.6", MBBS working in Navodaya Hospital, Raichur seeks a God fearing, well educated girl from a respectable family background. Contact: 08532-226492/ 9986997520.

17. MTg-11, 28 yrs, 5.8", B.Tech, M.B.A working as a Business Analyst in Steelwedge Software, Hyderabad seeks a God fearing bride. Contact: 040-23348645.

18. MTg-12, 36 yrs, 5.10", B.Pharmacy, M.B.A, Manipal University working as a Functional Analyst/ Domain Consultant (Health Care IT) seeks a God fearing bride. Contact: 08392-213045/ 9900086567/ 9620407797.

19. MTg-13, 33 yrs, B.Sc, working as a Counselor/ Special Educator in Spastics Society seeks a God fearing bride. Contact: 9900154896.

20. MO-01, 32 yrs, 5.6", B.A, PDTD working as Head-New Projects & Development Team in Kanyes Technologies, Mysore seeks a God fearing bride. Contact: 28465982/ 9845698892.

Note: The above details are from the concerned people. Whoever is interested to register, should produce their Bio-data with photograph to the Church office between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

The office will not be held responsible for any wrong information provided what so ever.

Pulpit Calendar - July 2011

Theme: 'THE PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD'

1st Sunday – July 3

'The Parable of the weeds'

*7.00 am

Rev. David Vijayakumar

*9.30 am

Rev. Robin Paul

*6.00 pm

Rev. Paul Royappa

2nd Sunday – July 10

'The Parable of the Mustard Seed'

7.00 am

Rev. Paul Royappa

9.30 am

SAIACS

Dr. Ravi David

6.00 pm

Mr. Julius

3rd Sunday – July 17

'The Parable of the Yeast'

7.00 am

Mr. Victor Sittther

9.30 am

Rev. David Vijayakumar

6.00 pm

Rev. Paul Royappa

4th Sunday – July 24 – Music Sunday

'The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl'

7.00 am

Rev. Paul Royappa

9.30 am

Pilgrims Choir

6.00 pm

Rev. David Vijayakumar

5th Sunday – July 31

'The Parable of the Net'

7.00 am

Rev. David Vijayakumar

9.30 am

Rev. Paul Royappa

6.00 pm

Mr. Malcolm Athistam

***Dawn service: Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6am**

***Holy Communion**

Worship Practice

Saturday

4.00 p.m

Choir Practice

Saturday

6.00 p.m.

Sunday School - Every Sunday at 8.00 a.m.



Methodist Youth Fellowship - Every Sunday at 11.30 a.m.



MUSIC SUNDAY

July 24, at 9.30 a.m. Service

BE BLEST AS

THE PILGRIMS

ENTRALL US WITH THEIR HARMONIOUS SINGING.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES, NEIGHBOURS, COLLEAGUES, ETC.
AND USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LET GOD TOUCH THEM TOO. !!!