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"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16





MISSION STATEMENT

"To be obedient, cheerful, compassionate, humble stewards of God's Word and resources, in utter dependence upon God through prayer, so that we as a congregation and those we reach out to, will experience transformation through the saving grace of God and grow as Christ-centered people, guided by the Holy Spirit."

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8:00am | 9:30am | 6:00pm

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Beloved KMC Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we step into the final month of 2024, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the ways God has blessed us throughout the year. November was a special time for our church as we reflected on various aspects of thanksgiving. The *Annual Thanksgiving Service* on *November 10th* was a wonderful occasion where we came together as a family of faith to offer our heartfelt praises to God for His abundant blessings. I thank each one of you for your participation, prayers, and contributions that made this celebration a meaningful expression of our gratitude.

Now, as we prepare our hearts for the Advent and Christmas season, our theme for December 2024 is "*God's Love for Us in Christ*." This theme invites us to reflect deeply on the profound and transformative love of God revealed through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 declares, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Christmas reminds us that the greatest gift we could ever receive is the gift of God's love through Jesus Christ. This love is unconditional, sacrificial, and eternal. Let us take time this month to meditate on the significance of this divine love and how it calls us to respond in faith and obedience.

The message of Christmas is not just for us to receive but also to share. God's love in Christ compels us to extend His love to those around us. Through acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion, we can reflect Christ's light in a world that desperately needs hope. This December, let us intentionally reach out to those who are lonely, hurting, or in need, sharing the joy of Christmas in practical ways.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are reminded that God's love is our anchor amidst life's uncertainties. *Romans 8:38-39* assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. As we step into a New Year, may this truth give us confidence and hope, knowing that God's steadfast love will guide and sustain us in the days to come.

PASTORAL LETTER

Our various ministry teams are organizing special programs to share the love of Christ with our community. Some of the such programs are Home Helpers Christmas Program, Carol Rounds, Sunday School Christmas Program, Senior Citizen's and WSCS Christmas Program, KMC Choir presenting Christmas Cantata – Sing Christmas. You are encouraged to participate and support these programs to share the love of God in Christ.

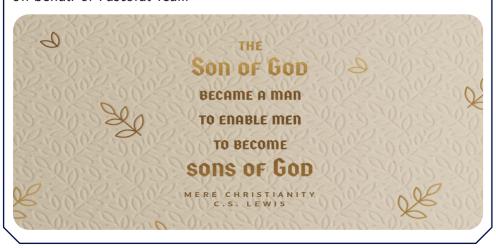
As we enjoy the festivities of the season, let us not lose sight of its true meaning. Christmas is a time to pause, reflect, and renew our commitment to Christ. May our homes and hearts be filled with His peace, joy, and love.

I encourage each one of you to take time this month to grow deeper in your relationship with God and to share His love with those around you. Together, let us make this Advent and Christmas season a time of spiritual renewal and joyful celebration.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and Christ-centered Christmas! With love and prayers,

In His Love,

Rev. Mathew George MOn behalf of Pastoral Team



WSCS Report (2023-24)

On behalf of the WSCS Committee, It gives me great privilege and honor to present the WSCS Report for the year 2023-24. The WSCS Committee Members are as follows:

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President	Mrs. Premila Vijayanand	
Vice-President	Mrs. Prashanthi Benen	
Secretary	Mrs. Abigail Rosvelt	
Treasurer	Mrs. Madhumathi Joseph	
Advisor	Dr. Mrs. Rajini Macaden	
Core Members	Mrs. Magaret Karat Mrs. Anu Rajan Mrs. Zeena Mathew Mrs. Angel Jacob Mrs. Jiglin Babu	

We have a number of activities that goes on in the WSCS and a few of them are as below:

1. Monthly Meetings

Regular Monthly Meetings are conducted every 2nd Saturdays of each month at 4.30 pm @ the CEB Hall. The agenda for the monthly meetings are: Praise and Worship, Devotions, Prayer for sick and needy, group activities, testimony sharing and concluded with snacks. Many women are blessed by these meetings. We had speakers who took the devotions. We thank Mrs. Gifty John, Mrs, Abigail, Dr. Rajini Macaden, Mrs. Shirley Daniel & Mrs. Sharon Sukumar.

2. Committee Meetings

Regular committee meetings were held every month or as needed both online and offline to discuss the progress and activities of the WSCS.



WSCS SUNDAY

WSCS activities:

- Monthly Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- Subscription & Membership
- Lenten Meetings
- Weekly WSCS Bible Studies



WSCS Report (2023-24)

3. Subscription & Membership

An Annual subscription of Rs.500/- is collected and a membership drive was conducted as part of the constant progress, encouraging more and more women to be part of the WSCS.

4. Lenten Meetings

Lenten Meetings were conducted entitled "The I AM's". We had our own WSCS ladies who shared God's Word. Our Speakers were: Mrs. Abigail, Mrs. Sharon Sukumar, Mrs. Mary Pushpaveni, Mrs. Shirley Daniel, Dr. Mrs. Navamani Peter, Dr. Rajini Macaden and the sessions was summed up by Mrs. Carol Williams. Everyone who attended were enlightened and more blessed. On the concluding day all the women took part in a Potluck fellowship dinner. Thank all the ladies who took part in these Lenten Meetings and also than each one of the them who cooked sumptuous dishes

5. Weekly WSCS Bible Studies

The weekly WSCS is conducted by *Mrs. Gifty John* on *every Fridays at* 6.30 pm over Zoom. A special thanks to Mrs. Gifty John for leading so many of the ladies to the Lord through her Bible Studies.

We also are thankful to God for helping us to organize/undertake the following events through WSCS:

- International Women's Day was celebrated in the month of March. The highlights were Praise and Worship, Special songs led by our WSCS team and our guest speaker was Mrs. Leela Manase. Church recognized all the women with a special prayer by the Rev. George Mathew and by also giving each of them with roses.
- **Fund Raising Activities** were held throughout the year. We had a Mega Food Fest, Dinner arranged for the Choir, 3 Mini & Combo sales and the entire proceeds were contributed towards the Church and to support the WSCS activities on its own.

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- One Day Retreat was conducted on the 10th of August entitled "GLOW 24" Reflecting God's Radiance, the resource person was Mrs. Mable David. Games and activities, Christian Cardio was conducted by Shirley Daniel and Prashanthi. Praise and Worship, special songs and group activities were also part of the retreat followed by sumptuous lunch and snacks. A very special word of thanks to all the sponsors and game organizers. This retreat was totally self-funded by the WSCS.
- We also had health talks on subjects like "Strong Immune Systems", Awareness of Dengue and keeping oneself healthy by our very own Dr. Mrs. Rajini Macaden.
- From cooking delicious food for Love Feast during VBS to special songs, hospitality to chief guests & senior citizens, tidying the premises, were all voluntarily taken up by the WSCS team, we thank all the ladies for their generous contributions, valuable time and support.
- **Projects**: WSCS took up various projects and one such project was to sponsor for the Church amounting to Rs. 3.25 lacs.
- The WSCS took up the Church decorations for all special occasions like for the Church Anniversary, Thanksgiving Sunday, Easter Sunday, Women's Day, Christmas etc., A special thanks to the talents exhibited by Prashanth, Shirley, Maggi, Pravin Karat, Vijayanand, Sonali, Zeena and all who helped in the decorations.
- **Thanks Giving Sunday:** The women of the Church joined their hands in sponsoring the provisions, vegetables and other items and also arranged the thanksgiving baskets on the Altar and helped in the auctions along with the other wings of the church. A special thanks to Anshuman, Jeffery and team for coordinating.

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- The WSCS contributed to the Church Rs. 70,000/- as Thanksgiving by having a Biriyani Sale. A very special word of thanks to Mrs. Madhumathi Joseph (donor) and to the entire committee members for their tireless efforts and contributions. A special word of thanks to Anu Rajan, Zeena, Madhu, Magaret, Jiglin, Angel for the smooth registration and distribution of the Biriyani packets.
- WSCS Sunday: I thank all the women who took part in the WSCS Sunday. A special thanks to Mrs. Abigail who brought all the women together to participate in the praise and worship and the special songs.
- Thank you sponsors for the beautiful gift given to all the ladies of the Church for the WSCS Sunday.
- I take this opportunity to thank our Dear Pastors: Rev. George Mathew, Rev, Ezra Naveen, Rev. John Shikamani and their respective families for the continued support towards the WSCS.
- I would like to convey the Love and Blessings sent from our Bishop Amma Dr. Mrs. Navamani Peter.
- I thank both the Bishop Ammas, Dr. Mrs. Navamani Peter and Mrs. Padma Sagar for the advice, love and affection and fellowship they share among all of us.
- A special thanks to our team Advisor Dr. Rajini Macaden, that in spite
 of her busy schedule, she takes out her time to be with us and also
 for her love towards the WSCS.
- I thank Mrs. Gifty John for her tremendous contribution for the WSCS.
- I thank the technical team, Mr. Jacob and Mr. Jeffery for all the flyers and presentations that they do for us throughout the year.
- I thank Steve and Sharon and their team for the music they provide for the WSCS.
- I thank our Church Staff, Mr. Kumar, Akil, Dilip and Nagesh for their help and support that they give to the WSCS.

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- I thank all the men and the family members who stand by us 24x7 and without whom we are nothing.
- My team My committee members, a very very special thanks to each one of you and to all the women who are part of this beautiful KMC-WSCS.

Thank you all.

Premila Vijayanand on behalf of the WSCS.

WSCS - ANNOUNCEMENT

WSCS PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER 2024 AND NEW YEAR

The following programs are planned by the WSCS in the months of December 2024, January and Febraury 2025.

- Saturday, Dec 14: WSCS Christmas get together from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CEB Hall
- Food Fest in January 2025
- WSCS Outing/Camping in February 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL - BLESSING HOME VISIT

On **24**th **November 2024**, the Sunday School Team organized a meaningful visit to "**The Blessing Home**," an orphanage located near Hennur Main Road. This initiative was made possible through the collective efforts of our Sunday School students, who saved an impressive amount of Rs. 45,173 in their piggy banks, provided by the Sunday School.

The visit began with prayer, followed by a time of Christmas carol singing, introductions, and a short yet inspiring message by *Pastor John Shikamani*. The children from both our Sunday School and the orphanage actively participated, reciting Bible verses and sharing heartfelt testimonies that deeply moved everyone present. The children of The Blessing Home also showcased their talents through a delightful dance performance that brought joy to all.

The day was filled with engaging activities, including fun games that fostered connection and friendship. Donations, including school bags, water bottles, books, and stationery, were distributed among the children, along with delicious snacks for everyone to enjoy.

The orphanage, home to 20 girls under the loving care of *Mrs. Prema*, left a lasting impression on us. The children, fluent in English and rich in spiritual knowledge, demonstrated profound reverence towards God, humbly kneeling in prayer—a testimony to their faith and upbringing.

This *visit was a transformative experience for our Sunday School Team*, instilling values of *compassion*, *service*, *and social responsibility* in our children. It served as a beautiful reminder of the joy found in giving and the importance of fostering a sense of community.

I sincerely praise God for this opportunity and extend heartfelt thanks to the Pastorate Committee, the KMC Sunday School Team, and especially the parents, for enabling us to be a part of this joyous and meaningful occasion.

Regards, **Gomathi Lenin** (Toddler Teacher) Sunday School Team



SUNDAY SCHOOL ORPHANAGE VISIT

Visited "The Blessing Home"



TESTIMONIES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

My experience at the orphanage was truly amazing. As soon as we arrived, we were greeted with smiles on everyone's faces. The children displayed remarkable unity, never complaining about one another.

We sang worship songs for them, and in return, they treated us to some incredible performances. We were impressed by their knowledge of Bible verses, surpassing our own.

This experience taught me a valuable lesson: even when no one else is present, God is always by our side. I learned a great deal from the children, who have adapted to living without parental support – something I struggle to imagine.

Despite their circumstances, the children created an enthusiastic and joyful atmosphere, ensuring they never felt lonely. We were happy to provide them with gifts and special bookmarks made by us.

What struck me most was the constant smile on their faces, from the moment we arrived until we left. The orphanage visit was a poignant experience that taught me valuable life lessons.

Jessica, Inters 2

It was good. I liked it. The children were friendly. We enjoyed the time with them so happily. One of them became close with me. Her name was Priya. She was so talented, active and alert in the games. I felt bad for them because they do not have parents. But they were looking very happy because of God's presence

Keerthana - Juniors 2

My experience at the orphanage was that I felt pity on them and I was trying to understand their feelings and emotions of being there without their parents.

I understood the value of parents being with us and it reminded me that small act of kindness can bring happiness in someone's life.

I left the orphanage with memories of the children's smiles.

TESTIMONIES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

I along with my Sunday school friends and teachers and Pastor had visited Blessing Home orphanage on 24th Nov. 2024.

We started from the Church at 9 am in 2 buses. I had a wonderful time visiting the orphanage, our Sunday school teachers Jerin aunty and Chikoo aunty always taught us to love God and be kind to others to be thankful for our blessings and other valuable lessons after going there

I learnt so many things, to be Grateful for everything God has given to me for my parents, the church, toys, books, stationery everything. We also gave Gifts to the kids with the little pocket money we shared the kids were very happy, we also had a wonderful time of praise and worship by Sunday school kids and the Word of God and prayer by Pastor John Shikamani, and played some games with kids. We had some delicious snacks and juice and returned back to Church by 1pm. I had a memorable time.

I thank the Church and Sunday school for giving me the wonderful opportunity, especially the Sunday school teachers for coming with us and taking care of us with love. I Thank God for bringing us all back safely.

Andrew Samuel - Primary 2

"I liked driving down with other kids to orphanage in the bus. The bus ride was so good. I sang songs and played games with kids in the orphanage. I learned that the kids there have one aunty who takes care of them nicely. Afterwards the snacks were yummy"

Nathaniel Abhishek - Beginners 2

"When I went to the orphanage, I met so many good and kind children there. I felt sad that they live in an orphanage. I am thankful that I have a Home and siblings with me. I was happy that Sunday School was able to give gifts to them and sings songs. I would love to visit them again"

Janelle, Juniors 2

TESTIMONIES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Visiting the orphanage was a heart touching experience for me. Initially I was sad to know that the kids don't have parents. I was surprised and happy to see them singing so many songs. I will pray for them every day that the Lord May bless them and I'll plan to visit them again soon.

I thank Sunday School Team for giving me an opportunity to visit the orphanage-"The Blessing Home " which helped me to engage and interact with children residing there. I enjoyed the game session which was fun and entertaining. I was inspired by their bible verse reciting and dance performance.

Serah Levi - Beginner 2

My first orphanage visit was an unforgettable experience! I enjoyed with my friends in the bus, singing songs and playing games together. I also had a wonderful time with Akka &friends love the songs and games at the orphanage.

A huge thanks to Kavitha Aunty for making this experience possible!" Thank you Jerin aunty for take care of us.

Jerusha - Primary 2

I loved going to the orphanage as I had fun with the other kids and my friends... the food was delicious and I loved the games. The children were very friendly and happy. I loved the bus ride and I won't forget this amazing experience that taught me to be thankful for what I have and to be generous and loving.

Mikayla Dana Paul - Juniors 3

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORPHANAGE VISIT

Learning from Seniors when asked regarding the following:

- 1.One quality you appreciated in the children
- 2. One thing you want to learn from them
- 3.One thing I am grateful to God for in my life

- 1. 1 QUALITY I APPRECIATED ABOUT THE CHILDREN- The way they are disciplined
- 2. 1 THING I WANT TO LEARN FROM THEM- Never giving up
- 3. 1 THING I'M GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR IN MY LIFE- The people I met in my life

- 1. 1 QUALITY YOU APPRECIATE in those children - joyful
- 2. 1 THING YOU WANT TO LEARN from them - smiling always
 3. 1 THING YOU'RE GRATEFUL TO
- GOD FOR IN YOUR LIFE for his love and kindness for keeping us
- 1. 1 QUALITY YOU APPRECIATE in those children - talented
- 2. 1 THING YOU WANT TO LEARN from them - faith
- 3. 1 THING YOU'RE GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR IN YOUR LIFE - I'm grateful to have parents grateful to have parents

- 1 QUALITY I APPRECIATE IN THOSE CHILDREN - Enthusiasm and zeal
- 2. 1 THING I WANNA LEARN FROM THEM - To not be scared of challenges
- 3. 1 THING I'M GREATFUL TO GOD FOR IN MY LIFE - My family
- 1 QUALITY I APPRECIATE about the children @ THE BLESSING HOME is their quest for learning, both Bible &
- 2. 1 THING I WANT TO LEARN FROM THEM - being joyful, despite their circumstances
- 3. 1 THING I'M GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR IN MY LIFE - is the blessing & gift of family 🎁 🙏 IOANNA P.U.

- 1 Bible knowledge
- 2 Work hard with the opportunities God has given us
- 3 Family

IABEZ PEREZ

- 1. Quality I appreciate in those children - gratitude
- 2. 1 thing I want to learn from them -To not desire worldly things
- 3. 1 thing I'm grateful to God for in my life - His grace and blessings ANDREW
- 1) they were very sweet and welcoming
- 2) to appreciate the things you have
- 3) to have people to care and love for

- quality I appreciated about the children - Their welcoming nature
- 2. 1 thing I want to learn from themnot loosing faith that God will provide
- 3. 1 thing I am grateful to God for a house to live in.

1.when they was praying they were kneeling down with all respect to God. 2.from the small they will be so happy and the way worship God with singing, testimony.

3. Thank God for this wonderful parents.







SUNDAY SCHOOL ORPHANAGE VISIT

Donations, including school bags, water bottles, books, and stationery, were distributed among the children, along with delicious snacks for everyone to enjoy.



PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE GOD

- Praise God for all the way God has lead KMC family as we stepped into *December 2024*
- Praise God for hearing the prayers of HIS people and answering.
- We praise God for all protection, providence given to us.
- Praise God for wings of the church as they to do programs and activities that keep the Church on its feet
- Praise God for the various ways in which our different wings are engaging themselves in studying God's Word and growing to maturity in Christ Jesus.

REMEMBER AND PRAY

- Pray for our Bishop N.L. Karkare and Madam Kamala Karkare for their Episcopal leadership to the BRC.
- Pray for Conference Officers, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, with our Bangalore District Superintendent, all pastors, preachers, Deaconesses, Evangelists, and Heads of Institutions and their families.
- Pray for the Mission Hospitals, Hostels which comes under BRC.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- Pray for the Bangalore Regional Conference its ministry and its needs.
- Pray for those who are suffering through the tribulations that they go through because of wars, famine, floods and calamities
- Pray that God will continue to help the Pastoral Team of KMC to cater the spiritual needs of the church through prayer, planning, recording the necessary worship services and the Bible studies for the live streaming.
- Pray for the Pastorate Committee Members and their Leadership.
- Pray for those who are sick and are admitted in the hospitals.
- Pray for the Land Purchase for the Sarjapur Methodist Church.
- Pray for the challenges faced by youth and the young couples particularly in the broken families.
- Pray for the Tech Team who are sacrificially helping the church to minister for those worshipping online.
- Pray for the resources needed for the ministry at KMC.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"

Philippians 4:6

INFORMATION ON GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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PULPIT CALENDAR - DEC 2024

"GOD'S LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST"

Date	Time	Торіс	Speaker	
Sunday, Dec 1	8:00	God's Love Revealed in	Day Dayiel Fee Never	
	am	Jesus' Birth (Luke 2:10-14)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen	
1st Advent Sunday	9:30	The Promise of God's Love	Rev. Mathew George M	
Holy Communion	am	Fulfilled (Isaiah 9:6-7)	Rev. Mathew George M	
Worship Service	6:00	God's Love and the Gift of	Rev. John Shikamani	
	pm	Salvation (John 3:16-17)		
	8:00	God's Love Shown Through the Virgin Birth (Matt 1:22-23)	Rev. Mathew George M	
	am			
Sunday, Dec 8	9:30	Preparing our Heart's for	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen	
2 nd Advent Sunday Worship Service	am	God's Love (Luke 1:46-55)		
	6:00	Christmas Cantata	Message in songs	
	pm	KMC Choir		
Sunday, Dec 15 3 rd Advent Sunday Worship Service	8:00 am	God's Love Experienced	Rev. John Shikamani	
		through Jesus' Humility		
		(Philippians 2:5-8)		
	9:30	The Light of God's Love in a	Rev. Vilbert Vallance	
	am	dark world (John 1:4-5, 9-14)		
	6:00	KMC Sunday School	Sunday School Team	
	pm	Christmas Program		
Sunday, Dec 22 4 th Advent Sunday Worship Service	8:00	The Shepherd's and God's	Rev. Mathew George M	
	am	Inclusive Love (Luke 2:8-20)		
	9:30	God's Love embodied in the	Rev. John Shikamani	
	am	Word made Flesh (John 1:14)		
	6:00	Peace on Earth: A sign of	Rev. John Shikamani	
	pm	God's Love (Isaiah 11:1-10)	Simamani	
Tuesday, Dec 24	10:30	The Joy of God's Love in	.	
Christmas Eve	pm	Christ (Luke 1:39-45)	Rev. Mathew George M	
Worship Service				

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

PULPIT CALENDAR - DEC 2024

"GOD'S LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST"

Date	Time	Торіс	Speaker
Wednesday, Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship Service	9:30 am	The Magi: Responding to God's Love in Worship (Matt 2:1-12)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
Sunday, Dec 29 Sunday Worship Service	8:00 am	God's Love as the Hope of the world (Titus 2:11-14)	Rev. Noel Jackson
	9:30 am	The Shepherds: God's Love for the Humble and Marginalized (Luke 2:8-20)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
	6:00 pm	God's Love shining as the Light of the world (John 1:4-5, 9-12)	Rev. John Shikamani
Tuesday, Dec 31 Covenant Renewal Worship Service	10:30 pm	Renewed in God's Love to live faithfully (Lamentataions 3:22-24, and 2 Corinthians 5:17)	Rev. Mathew George M
Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025 New Year's Day Worship Service	9:30 am	Walking into the New Year in God's Love and Grace (Psalm 90:12 & Isaiah 43:18-19)	Rev. John Shikamani

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17