

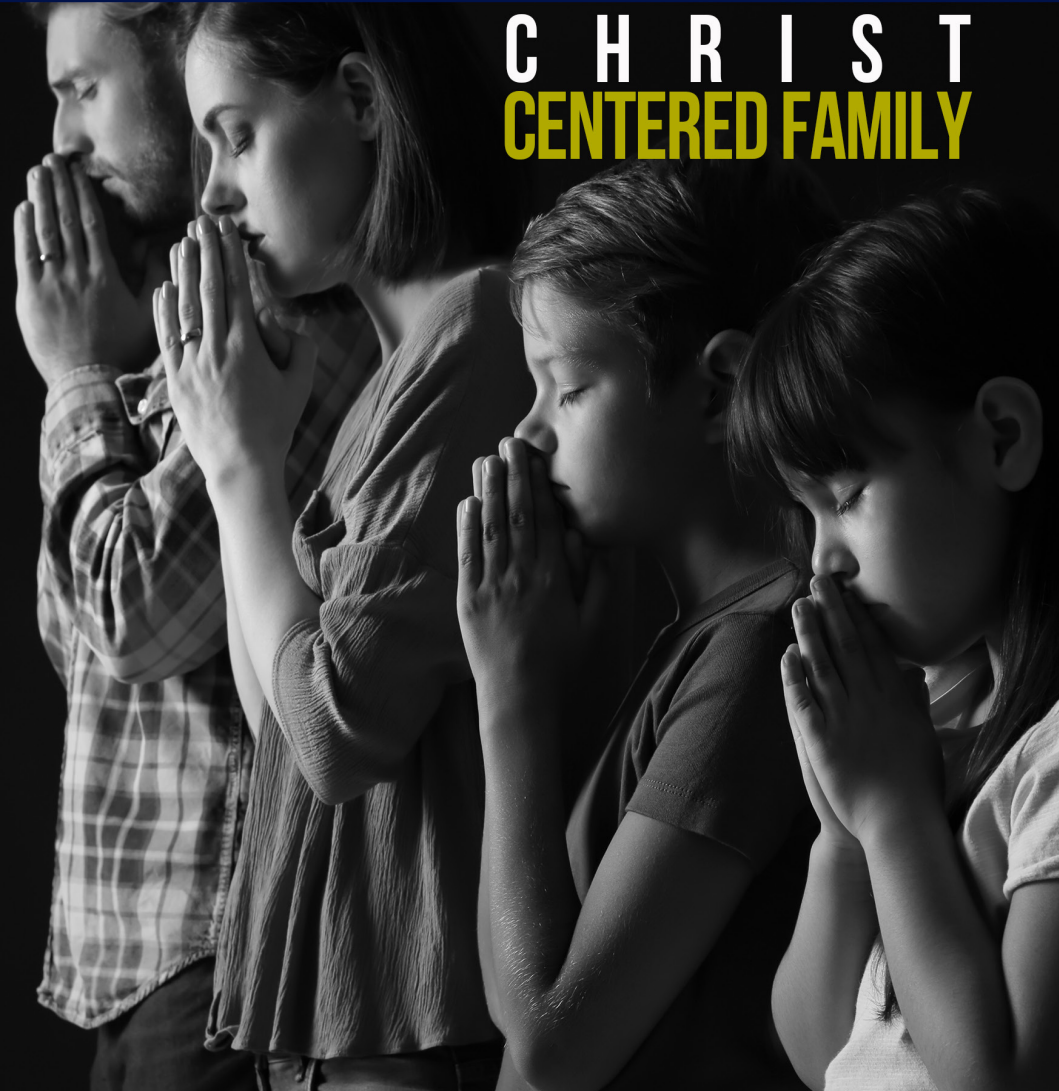
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CHRIST CENTERED FAMILY



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DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7



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 to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we enter the month of October, I am filled with gratitude for how the Lord has been working in our midst. Last month, we meditated upon the theme of Christ-Centered Family, and I am encouraged by the way our congregation has embraced this vital aspect of our faith. Many of you have shared how these reflections have strengthened your homes and brought renewed focus to living with Christ at the center of your family life.

Even in the month of October, we will continue to explore various aspects of what it means to have a Christ-centered family. This theme remains crucial for us as we face the challenges and opportunities of modern family life. By grounding ourselves in Christ, we build homes that are places of peace, love, and spiritual growth.

I encourage you to remain committed to these reflections, continuing to meditate on Scripture, pray together as families, and live out the principles of Christ's teachings in your homes. There is great power and blessing in making Jesus the foundation of our families, and I believe God will continue to pour out His grace upon us as we do so.

A New Chapter: Three Worship Services on Sundays

As we continue our spiritual journey together, I am also excited to announce a significant development in the life of our church. Starting this month, we will begin three worship services every Sunday. This new schedule will allow us to serve better to the growing needs of our congregation and provide more opportunities for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

The three services will be scheduled as follows:

First Service	: 8:00 a.m.
Second Service	: 9:30 a.m.
Third Service	: 6:00 p.m.

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Each service will have a unique focus, but all will be centered on the theme of Christ-centered families and our collective journey as a church family. I encourage you to attend these services regularly and to invite friends and neighbors to join us as we worship the Lord together.

As we continue reflecting on the Christ-centered family, here are a few key themes we will meditate upon this month in our worship services:

***Christ as the Foundation of Our Homes* (Matthew 7:24-27)**

We will reflect on how building our families on the solid rock of Christ provides stability in the face of life's storms. Just as a house needs a firm foundation, so too do our families need Christ at the center.

***The Role of Prayer in Family Life* (Colossians 4:2)**

Prayer is a powerful tool that draws us closer to God and to one another. This month, we will explore how families can build a rhythm of prayer, experiencing God's presence and guidance in every aspect of their lives.

***Loving and Forgiving One Another as Christ Loves Us* (Ephesians 4:32)**

Families are not without conflicts, but in Christ, we are called to extend love and forgiveness. We will meditate on how practicing these virtues can strengthen family relationships and create homes filled with grace.

***Strengthening Marriages with Christ at the Center* (Ephesians 5:25-33)**

A Christ-centered marriage reflects the sacrificial love of Christ. This month, we will look at how couples can deepen their love for each other by keeping Jesus at the heart of their marriage.

***Discipling Our Children in the Ways of the Lord* (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)**

Raising children to know and love the Lord is one of the greatest responsibilities of a Christian family. We will discuss how parents can disciple their children and model faithfulness in everyday life.

***Serving Together as a Family for God's Glory* (Joshua 24:15)**

This month, we will challenge one another to serve the Lord as families, seeking opportunities to minister to others and be a light in our community.

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As we embark on this new chapter with three worship services, I encourage each of you to remain united in spirit and purpose. Though we may gather at different times, we are all one family in Christ, worshipping the same Lord and pursuing the same goal of honoring Him in our lives and homes. Let these services be a time of renewal, where we come together to lift up the name of Jesus and strengthen our commitment to Him.

Let us also be in prayer for our Church and the wider community. As we continue to reflect on the Christ-centered family, may our homes become beacons of light and love that draw others to the saving grace of Jesus.

Beloved KMC family, I am deeply grateful for each of you and for the ways in which God is at work in your lives. As we move through this month, let us keep our hearts focused on Christ, our foundation, and the center of all that we do. May He bless our families, our worship, and our fellowship as we seek to glorify Him in every area of our lives.

With love and prayers,

In Christ's service,

Rev. Mathew George M

On behalf of Pastoral Team

CHRIST-CENTERED FAMILY

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NURTURING A CHRIST CENTERED FAMILY

A Blueprint for Joy

As a devoted follower of Christ, I've seen firsthand how a strong Christian foundation can transform family life. It's not always easy, but it's incredibly rewarding. Let's dive into what makes a Christian family thrive.

The Cornerstone of Christian Family Life

Our families are a gift from God. They're our first ministry and our most important one. As it says in **Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)**:

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

This verse is our family motto. It's painted on our living room wall. Every day, it reminds us of our purpose.

Daily Devotions: Feeding the Soul

Family devotions are crucial. They're our spiritual meals. We gather every morning before breakfast. Sometimes it's just for five minutes. Other times, we dive deep into Scripture.

Here's what our typical devotion looks like:

- Read a Bible passage
- Discuss its meaning
- Apply it to our lives
- Pray together

It's simple, but powerful. These moments shape our day and our lives.

Love in Action: Serving Together

Christian families don't just talk about love. They show it. We volunteer at the local soup kitchen monthly. Our kids see faith in action. They learn empathy and gratitude.

Service teaches valuable lessons. It's not always comfortable. But it's always worth it. Jesus said in **Matthew 25:40 (NKJV)**:

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“Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”

This verse comes alive when we serve together.

The Power of Forgiveness

No family is perfect. We all make mistakes. That’s where forgiveness comes in. It’s the glue that holds us together. **Ephesians 4:32 (NKJV)** guides us:

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

We practice this daily. It’s not always easy. But it’s essential for a healthy family.

Building Strong Marriages

A strong marriage is the foundation of a Christian family. It takes work. But the rewards are immeasurable.

Here are some keys to a Christ-centered marriage:

- Daily prayer together
- Regular date nights
- Open communication
- Serving each other

These habits strengthen our bond. They set an example for our children.

Raising Godly Children

Parenting is our most important job. We’re raising the next generation of believers. **Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)** reminds us:

“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”

This verse guides our parenting. We’re not just raising kids. We’re shaping disciples.

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The Challenge of Modern Culture

Today's world isn't always family-friendly. We face many challenges. Media, peer pressure, and busy schedules can pull us apart. But we stand firm in our faith.

We limit screen time. We encourage face-to-face interaction. Family meals are sacred. We talk, laugh, and share our lives.

Creating Family Traditions

Traditions bind us together. They create lasting memories. We have weekly game nights. Our annual camping trip is a highlight. These moments are priceless.

Traditions don't have to be elaborate. Simple rituals can have profound impact. They give our family a unique identity.

The Role of Church Community

We weren't meant to do life alone. Our church family is crucial. They support, encourage, and challenge us. **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)** says:

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

We're active in our church. It's our second home. Our kids have friends there. We serve together. It's a vital part of our family life.

Navigating Life's Storms

Every family faces trials. Job loss, illness, or conflict can shake us. But our faith anchors us. We cling to God's promises. **Romans 8:28 (NKJV)** comforts us:

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

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This verse has seen us through tough times. It reminds us that God is in control.

The Joy of Generosity

Giving is a hallmark of Christian families. We tithe faithfully. We also look for ways to bless others. Sometimes it's financial. Other times it's practical help.

Our kids participate too. They give from their allowance. They help neighbors. They're learning the joy of generosity.

Celebrating God's Goodness

Gratitude is powerful. We keep a family gratitude journal. Each night, we write down blessings. It's amazing how this simple act changes our perspective.

We celebrate answered prayers. We throw "God parties" for big miracles. These celebrations strengthen our faith.

Technology and Christian Family Life

Technology can be a blessing or a curse. We use it wisely. Family movie nights feature Christian films. We use Bible apps for study. Social media connects us with far-flung family.

But we're careful. We have filters on our devices. We talk openly about online dangers. Our goal is to use technology to glorify God.

Teaching Financial Stewardship

Money matters in family life. We teach biblical principles of stewardship. Our kids learn to save, give, and spend wisely. We use this simple breakdown:

Category	Percentage
Give	10%
Save	20%
Spend	70%

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This system teaches valuable lessons. It prepares our kids for financial responsibility.

The Power of Family Prayer

Prayer is our lifeline. We pray individually and together. We have a family prayer wall. It's covered with requests and praises. **James 5:16 (NKJV)** encourages us:

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

We've seen incredible answers to prayer. It strengthens our faith and our family bond.

Embracing Different Seasons

Family life changes. Kids grow up. Careers shift. We embrace each season. Empty nest? It's a new adventure. Grandchildren? A fresh chance to share our faith.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) reminds us:

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."

We trust God's timing. Each season brings new opportunities to grow in faith.

Dealing with Extended Family

Extended family can be a blessing and a challenge. We set boundaries. We extend grace. We pray for wisdom in navigating complex relationships.

Sometimes, we're the only believers in our extended family. We let our light shine. Our lives are a testimony to God's goodness.

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Leaving a Legacy of Faith

We're not just living for today. We're building a legacy. Our choices impact future generations. We want our grandchildren and great-grandchildren to love Jesus.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NKJV) guides us:

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

This is our mission. It's challenging, but incredibly rewarding.

Conclusion: The Heart of Christian Family Life

Christian family life is a beautiful journey. It's filled with joy, challenges, and growth. At its core is a deep love for God and each other.

We're not perfect. We make mistakes. But we're committed to following Jesus together. Our home is a place of love, forgiveness, and faith.

As you build your own Christian family, remember this: It's not about perfection. It's about progress. Keep your eyes on Jesus. He'll guide your path.

May your family be a light in this world. May it reflect God's love to all who enter your home. And may it bring glory to His name, now and always.

Pastor Duke Taber

<https://answeredfaith.com/christ-centered-family/>

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PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE GOD

- Praise God for all the way God has lead KMC family as we stepped into ***October 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 Children and the Teachers in our church who have begun attending the new academic year in various schools
- Pray for the families of victims of recent landslides and floods in various parts of our country especially in Waynad, Kerala. May God give them comfort and strength to bear the loss of their loved ones.
- 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.

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:14-15

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 – OCT 2024

“CHRIST CENTERED FAMILY”

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday, Oct 1 Dawn Holy Communion Service	6:00 am	Building a Legacy of Faith in the Family (2 Tim 1:5, Prov 13:22)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
Sunday, Oct 6 Holy Communion Worship Service	8:00 am	Building Strong Foundations in Christ (Luke 6:46-49)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
	9:30 am	The Role of Prayer in a Christ-Centered Family (Colossians 4:2)	Rev. Mathew George M
	6:00 pm	Sacrificial Love within Family (Eph 5:25-33)	Rev. John Shikamani
Sunday, Oct 13 Sunday Worship Service	8:00 am	Raising Children in the Ways of the Lord (Prov 22:6, Deut 6:6-9)	Rev. Mathew George M
	9:30 am	Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Families (Colossians 3:12-14)	Rev. John Shikamani
	6:00 pm	Unity and Peace in the Christ-Centered Family (Ephesians 4:1-3)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
Sunday, Oct 20 Sunday Worship Service (Senior Citizens’ Sunday)	8:00 am	Serving One Another in Love (Galatians 5:13)	Rev. John Shikamani
	9:30 am	Generational Faithfulness: Passing Down Faith in Christ (2 Tim 1:5)	Dr. V.S. Elizabeth
	6:00 pm	The Family as a Mission Field (Acts 16:31-34)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
Sunday, Oct 27 Sunday Worship Service	8:00 am	Christ-Centered Family in Times of Crisis (Psalm 46:1)	Rev. Mathew George M
	9:30 am	Strengthening Marriages through Christ (Col 3:18-19, Eccl 4:9-12)	Rev. Udaya Kumar
	6:00 pm	Parenting with Grace and Discipline (Prov 22:6, Eph 6:4)	Rev. John Shikamani