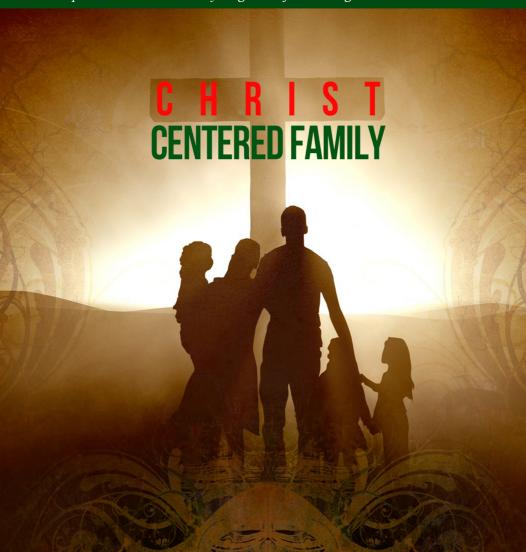


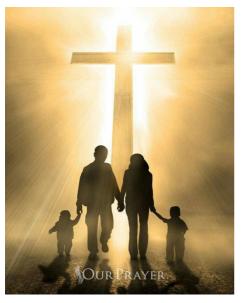
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Colossians 3:14-15





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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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Beloved KMC Family,

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

As we step into the month of September, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have been on together as a church family. In *August*, our theme was "*Freedom in Christ*," and we explored into what it means to live in the freedom that Jesus secured for us through His death and resurrection. *Galatians 5:1* powerfully reminds us, "*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*" I pray that the Word of God has encouraged each of you to embrace the liberty Christ offers—liberty from sin, fear, and anything that holds us back from fulfilling God's purpose in our lives.

As we turn the page to September, our focus shifts to another foundational aspect of our Christian Walk: "Christ-Centered Family." The family is God's first institution, established long before governments, churches, or any other social structures. It is within the family that faith is nurtured, values are instilled, and God's love is first experienced. In today's world, where family dynamics are constantly challenged by societal changes, pressures, and distractions, it is more important than ever to ensure that our families are centered on Christ.

A Christ-Centered Family: Building on the Solid Rock

Jesus emphasizes the importance of building our lives on a firm foundation in *Matthew 7:24-25*: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." A Christ-centered family builds its life on the teachings of Christ, making His Word the foundation of every decision, relationship, and activity.

CHRIST-CENTERED FAMILY

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In a Christ-centered family, Christ is not just a part of our lives; He is the very center. This means that our values, actions, and interactions are shaped by His love, grace, and truth. It means prioritizing prayer, worship, and the study of God's Word together as a family. It also means extending forgiveness, showing kindness, and demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit in our homes.

The Power of Prayer in the Family

One of the most powerful ways to keep Christ at the center of our families is through prayer. *1 Thessalonians 5:17* simply says, "*Pray continually*." Prayer is the glue that holds a Christ-centered family together. It connects us to God and to one another, providing a space where we can bring our joys, struggles, hopes, and fears before the Lord.

I encourage every family to set aside time each day for prayer, whether it's around the dinner table, before bedtime, or at the start of a new day. Through prayer, we invite Christ into our daily lives and ask for His wisdom, protection, and guidance.

Love and Unity: The Hallmarks of a Christ-Centered Home

The Apostle Paul's words in *Colossians 3:14-15* are a beautiful reminder of what should characterize a Christ-centered home: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

A Christ-centered family is marked by love, unity, and the peace that Christ brings. It is a place where we support one another, encourage one another, and forgive one another, reflecting the love that God has shown us through His Son.

In practical terms, this means being intentional about how we treat each other. It means listening more, speaking kindly, and being patient. It means bearing one another's burdens and celebrating each other's successes. Above all, it means making love the defining characteristic of our interactions, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us.

PASTORAL LETTER

Serving Together as a Family

Joshua's declaration in *Joshua 24:15*, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord," is a powerful call to action for every family. A Christ-centered family doesn't just look inward but also looks outward, serving others in the community and sharing the love of Christ with those in need. Whether it's through acts of kindness, hospitality, volunteering, or simply being there for a neighbor in need, serving together as a family strengthens our bond with each other and deepens our relationship with Christ.

As we meditate on the theme of "Christ-Centered Family" this month, let us commit to putting Christ at the heart of our homes. Let us strive to be families that honor God in all we do, seeking His will and reflecting His love in our daily lives. Remember, a Christ-centered family is not perfect, but it is one that seeks God's guidance, extends grace, and stands firm on the foundation of His Word.

May God bless you and your families abundantly as you continue to grow in His grace. Let us make our homes a dwelling place for Christ, where His love, peace, and joy are ever-present.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mathew George MOn behalf of Pastoral Team

KMC Sunday School REFLECTIONS ON OUR VISIT TO ASHA BHAVAN

James 1:27 says 'Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.'

The trip to Asha bhavan was a very long pending visit done post the covid times by Sunday school to needy places. We realized how much selfish we have been in just ignoring the cries to so many needs which we can very much help as a congregation. Asha bhavan was certainly a bright ray of hope for many elderly women who were very well taken care by the catholic sisters.

This home is situated in a beautiful place full of greenery off Sarjapur road and it was a wonderful time of interaction. The elders were looking forward and thrilled to see the children and were longing to talk to them and see them. Some of them were giving life advices and so of them even though could not talk were just showing their joy from their eyes. It's indeed a pain to see them being abandoned even though some of them were really good positions in their prime time but none of them complained or hateful...there was a peace seen even though they carried sorrow in their hearts mainly due to loneliness.

We realized that in this fallen world how easily we neglect old generation who had been a pillar of strength in making us what we are but just thrown out when they become old. It was indeed a humbling experience for us and we have given only what Lord has given to us and we are called to share and nothing to be boastful about. We realized that taking care of their physical needs is easy and momentary but spending time with them and attending to their emotional and spiritual needs is also equally important. We were relieved to see they are in safe hands and love of God is seen in that place and we pray the God of hope surrounds them and also opens the eyes of our children to make a lasting impact on many lives who are in need and not be ignorant. Let this visit be just a beginning of much more fruitful relationship that a church should function as a healthy and flourishing outreach.

MRS. SHEEJA SOBY

On the 25th of August, the Sunday School team went to Asha Bhavan, a place for the elderly. The interaction with the senior ladies made me realize that there is so much more to life than just studies. They made me realize that life isn't a competition and that everyone is at a different pace than the other! The elderly also told me to always keep God as the main focus in life and to always pray before anything. Going there was truly an experience I'll never forget. I'm truly blessed that I was able to meet people who had far more knowledge about things than I do.

I personally had a really great experience talking to elderly people there and it was nice to listen how they were and their life in the old age home.... few of them had sad stories and few had happy but at the end they were all happy that we could spend time with them and it was really nice to see the Sunday school children being so jovial with the elderly women's and they all of them had a wonderful experience all together

Sunday School Teachers & Volunteers

Jabez

Visiting the elderly-

- A short and meaningful visit sponsored by the amount collected by the children and organized by the Sunday School team through prayer with God's provision and guidance.
- Their stories and generous advice to all the children to be obedient.
- The joy of interacting with the elderly and the enthusiasm they had to participate in the program

Amidst snarled traffic on the bustling Sarjapur road, lies a secluded, serene 'home for the aged' in Carmelaram called ASHA BHAVAN offering a ray of hope to 20 destitute women through the charitable work of the CMC Sisters. As a S.S. team, we praise God for the opportunity to serve & minister to the elderly through songs & Bible verses on Aug 25 '2024.

During our 2 hour visit, the conversation with my maternal grandma's namesake 'Jayamma' struck a personal chord & through their amiable interaction, they imparted nuggets of wisdom, advising tweens & teens to obey their parents and work hard to excel academically. Being responsive to their needs, we pray that God will strengthen them (Is 46:4) & grant their caretakers patience to assist them in their daily activities.

Asha Bhavan

My experience.

As we reached the place the faces of the seniors lit up. We were so enthusiastic and wanted to meet them. It taught us how we should appreciate all the small things in life ,we were enthralled to interact with them and share the happiness of Jesus with them. I would love to visit them again.

MICHAEL

My experience with the Sunday School at Asha Bhavan was truly a reminder about God's blessings in my life.We spoke to the woman there and I realised how grateful I should be to have a family, friends and the privilege to stay at home. We were so happy to see a big smile on their faces when we sang for them, shared our snacks with them, even listening to them made them so happy that they wanted us to visit them again. We are so thankful and grateful for this experience.

Joshua M (KMC)

- Asha bhavan was a really heartwarming place but I really felt bad for the elderly people
- I learned that even tho they seemed happy they are really not happy inside all they thought when they were getting older is that they would be happy with their children and grandchildren but it turned out to be really different
- 3. I'll remember the fact that shalom tried talking with one of them but he messed it up and the elderly woman started laughing and one of the mothers told that she does not really talk to anyone and she's laughing after a long time

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Samuel Rohan John Juniors - 3

- Asha Bhavana is a wonderful place where elderly women can find peace. There are rooms made to accommodate every elderly woman there. The workers work hard to fulfill the needs of every person there
- 2. We learnt about their early life and their interesting experiences
- I will remember their welcoming nature and the friendly SHALOM interactions with each of them

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Asha Bhavan is a very special place for me. The old people who were present there were so humble and talked to us in a very polite way.

I met a grandma who is also a teacher. She spoke such nice words with us and she even told us to not to let our parents down. I always remember the interactions we did with the old people.

The experience was really knowledgeable to us, we were really happy to see all the grandmothers there also really grateful that we could help them and got the opportunity to share the gospel there... we spoke to all the grandmothers they told us about their life and history we learnt lot of stuff we even got advice from them, We are thankful for the opportunity we

We are thankful for the opportunity we got to visit them. It was a wonderful experience overall JOSHUA SHIKHAMANI

Ranvitha

- Asha Bhavan is a beautiful place.
 All the people there were so kind and were very happy to see us.
- I have learnt that the people there were not in a luxurious condition but still are trying not to loose hope.
- I'll remember their warm smiles that they put on their faces amidst the tough living conditions.
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- 1) I really liked visiting the old age home. It was really nice to see them.
 2) I learnt that no matter what happens you should never leave your parents. They are the ones who brought you up so the leat you could do is take care of them when they get old.
 3) I will remember that there are old people who are in need of help and we should do all that we can to help them
- I felt very pity for the elderly people they were so sweet we loved to talk to them
- My interaction with them was very kind and loving they also told you are my grandchildren they were so sweet in talking
- I remember that we were had a chance to visit the old age home and Sang songs and shared snacks with them

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Andrew John

- All the old people were happy to interact with us and were very kind. They also displayed enthusiasm that people came to visit them.
- I learnt that they have seen the world change and yet have not let the world change them.
- 3. I will remember that while they have aged they still are young at heart and wanted to know how our studies were going and if we were having a nice day. This was really considerate of them.

Joshua Rai KMC

- Asha Bhavan was a charming place. The people were very polite and humble and glad as we have come to visit them.
- 2. I learnt that had faced a lot problem and not very healthy as they have no much people to sponsor them. The sister's have decided their life for the welfare of them
- I'll remember that we had a great time talking to them and enjoyed singing song and their friendly behaviour towards us.

Asha bhavan gave me a clear clarity that women's life is not too easy especially the seniors. When I saw all elderly grandma's they felt every happy when they saw us and I loved singing songs for them. I felt very pity for the elderly people they were so sweet. I remember that we were had a chance to visit the old age home and Sang songs and shared snacks with them.

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WORKSHOP REPORT

kmc methodist men's fellowship Leading Self in a Righteous Way

August 31st, 2024, last day of the eighth month of year 2024 saw the KMC Methodist Men come together to attend first workshop of the series for the year 2024-25 "*Men as Spiritual Heads of Family*".

The title of the first workshop was aptly titled as "Leading Self in a Righteous Way" and true to the title the resource person and speaker for the workshop Dr. Rajesh Dharmaraj brought in important questions for men and challenged them to see themselves through the mirror of Holy Bible which is the word of God.

The workshop was divided into two sessions, Session one focused on Leading Self in a Spiritual Way. It was more of an introspection session for men through the life of David - The fall of David, the process of fall, the consequence and finally the hope of repentance. Dr. Rajesh challenged the men to introspect their lives as how they live and take ownership of their actions to change and live life that pleases God as their father.

Second Session was focused on Being a Role Model as Father. Dr Rajesh challenged the Methodist Men to watch out for the cracks in the homes. He gave Biblical examples where the father failed which impacted their children and their lives. He also spoke about the challenges with reference to bringing up children in accordance with God's plan and not parents' plan in this fallen world.

Each session had a break -out group session with men in groups discussing on the questions put forward by Dr Rajesh.

Thirty-eight men attended the workshop and men were blessed to hear from Dr. Rajesh. It was "Spiritual yet Practical Workshop" which made the men to recalibrate their lives to God's Holiness.

MMF executive committee would like to thank God for directing us towards this goal and topic. Rev Mathew George for guiding us through our planning. Special thanks to people who prayed for the program. A big thank you to all donors and participants for their generous contributions and patronage for this program.

God Bless,

Steven Kiran

President, KMC Methodist Men's Fellowship

WORKSHOP REPORT







MMF WORKSHOP







THEME ARTICLE

CHRIST CENTERED FAMILY

The Pastoral Team has announced the theme for this month as: "Christ Centered Family" which seems to be relevant theme for our time.

Before we can think of what this "Christ centered family" is, it is appropriate to know what a "family" is? It is understood that this theme refers to an "earthly family" and not to a Church, Body of Christ or People of God, though they are also named as family or household of God, because there cannot be a Church without Christ as its Head.

Though we use this term basically for a specified group of humans, it does not have human origin to start with. Where did we get this idea of "family" from? This word has various usages such as kindred, lineage, descendent, race, and in a larger context tribe, clan, nation etc. Even the animals and birds are known according to their families (after their kind or species). There is no human being on earth who do not belong to a family.

The Bible uses all the above terms for the concept of "family". Man is not the origin of this concept or term. It belongs to God the Creator known as "Father". Apostle Paul tells us that this name is derived "from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named" (Eph.3:15). So, the very concept of family has its origin in heaven, because there is a family in heaven under the Fatherhood of God.

Why do we talk about "*Christ centerednes*s" of family? Because there are families without Christ, God or religion. The concept of Christ centeredness is not something forced upon the families or on individuals. This has to be an intentional, voluntary effort to make Christ as the "center" of one's family which we normally call a "*Christian Family*". We "become" God's family; God's children. God "becomes" our Father. These relationships are not automatic results of our confessions, but the reality of our experience.

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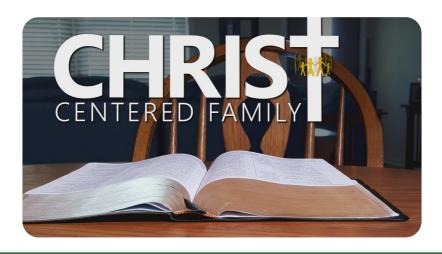
To make Him the "Center" means to accept His authority, will and plans as model for that family. If Christ becomes the "center", all other relationships, priorities and models will disappear to their rightful places (Matt.10:37-39; Lk.14:26-27).

If Christ is not the center, then either the parents or children will become the center of the family, which is unbiblical. This is the tragedy of many Christian homes. Christ does not have His rightful place in their families as their time, money, resources and energy are spent on things unrelated to Christ. His blessings will not flow through the family if He is an "outsider" and not the center.

Christ also taught by example that the earthly family should not take precedence over the spiritual or heavenly family (*Mark.3:31-35*). If Christ is in us, our new relationship is with the spiritual family. The basic characteristics of this family is obedience to the will of God, irrespective of our social, racial, cultural and national background.

This is what Christ-centeredness mean. Do we love the body of Christ (church) more than our earthly families? Are we fulfilling the purpose in our earthly families through obedience to His will by making Christ the "center" of our families?

Rev. J. Uday Kumar



PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE GOD

- Praise God for all the way God has lead KMC family as we stepped into September 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.

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Colossians 3:14-15

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2 Corinthians 9:7

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PULPIT CALENDAR

"CHRIST CENTERED FAMILY"

SEPTEMBER 2024

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain." Psalm 127:1

1st September 2024 Sunday (Physical & Live Online Service)	9.00am*	Rev. Mathew George M
1st September 2024 Sunday (Physical Service)	6.00pm*	Rev. John Shikamani
8 th September 2024 Sunday (Physical & Live Online Service)	9.00am	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
15 th September 2024 Sunday (Physical & Live Online Service)	9.00am	Rev. John Shikamani
22 nd September 2024 Sunday (Physical & Live Online Service)	9.00am	Rev. Mathew George M
29 th September 2024 Sunday (Physical & Live Online Service)	9.00am	Mr. Manoj Moses

^{*}Holy Communion Service

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