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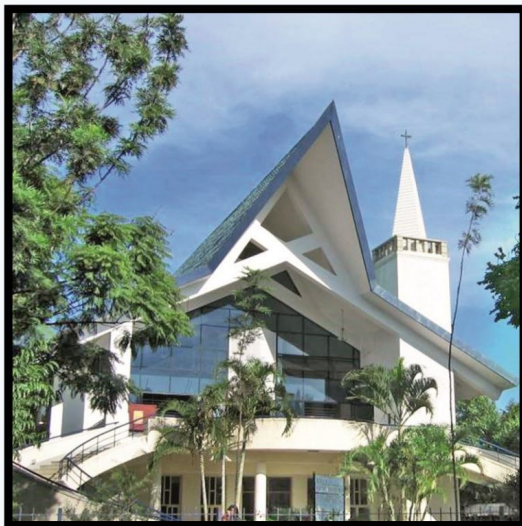
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
as a Church

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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 KMC Family

What a joy it is to greet each one of you in 2022. Our gracious and merciful Lord Jesus Christ has brought us through tough situations in the last 2 years and here we are at the beginning of a New Year. Our Hope is not in the New Year but the one who said, “Behold I make all things New in Rev 21: 5. The situations around may not change, but can become worse but our Trust and Hope is in the Lord who said that, ‘He will never leave us nor forsake us’ as mentioned in Heb. 13: 5. The new variants have raised its hood and the Government has imposed a lockdown measure during the weekends that force us to revert back to the online worship services for now.

This Year we are looking at a Theme for our Church, “Making a Difference”. We will focus this month on “Making a Difference as a Church”. The story is told about a girl who was orphaned and was being taken care by an old lady whose children did not care for her. When the girl was passing a Florist shop, she stopped by and asked the Florist if she can have a flower. The Florist asked the girl, why she wanted the flower. The girl said that it was for her foster mother who is taking care of her as she was an orphan. The florist was moved with compassion and made a bouquet and gave it for the foster mother. The little girl’s eyes lit up as she saw the bouquet and whispered to herself, “what a beautiful day, I asked for a stem of flower and God gave me a bouquet”. There is a needy world that is looking for compassion, solace and help. People are busy that they are running to catch up with Time and don’t have Time to look around. When was the last time we met or invited our neighbours for tea? When was the last time you helped a needy family that was going through financial difficulties during this Covid situation?

How often do we brighten up the lives of others with special acts that light up other people’s lives? The greatness of the Church can be derived from its service to Society. In Mathew 20: 26-“But

whoever would be great among you must be your servant.” The word servant here is the Greek word from which we get our word deacon. The word represents humble tasks done quietly and faithfully, as we say commonly, behind the screen. It is the opposite of the flashy “It’s me! I did it!” kind of service. There is a strong “me second” mindset that Jesus is teaching here. It relates and starts with every member. They had many excuses for not working that many people today. It is amazing how creative people can be in making excuses. Statistics show a living example to the principle that 20% of people do 80% of the work. It’s human nature. Some of us are among that 20% that are responsible for 80% of the work done in Church. We are eternally grateful for the ‘givers’ among you. We could not make it without you. And we couldn’t do without the 80% who come and visit with us each week. St. Paul tells us that we can and all SHOULD be involved. We can see something that needs to be done and do it.

Many people have the misconception that being “called” by God is something only missionaries, pastors, elders, and other church leaders experience. But the Bible says everyone is called to serve God by serving others. Galatians 6:3 (Msg) “If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.” The Church has been a transformation and change agent to the Society for over 1000’s of years. Hospitals, Educational Institutions, Social Service, Orphanages, etc was the hallmark of the Church. The number of Children who have made a difference to the Society and Nation have passed out from Christian Institutions.

But where is the Church today? Would we dwell in our past glory or look at what we need to do differently as many of the people of other faith have began the catching up game and have sometimes overtaken us. Belhar Confession (1986) in this respect where it states: in a world filled with injustice and enmity, God in a special way is the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged and that the church as God’s possession is called to stand where God stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. Are we today doing this? Our Churches are become places of Power,

Position and Possession that instead of asking what we can do for God, it is the question of what can the Church do for us.

God is not Indebted to anyone. We are indebted to God. If we are part of the Body of Christ, we are called to serve. Service begins in our homes and then translates as a community in helping others. The church has always been involved in the transformation of society, especially as it took sides with the poor and oppressed. At times it seemed to have lost this focus, but somehow, throughout the ages, it has managed to sustain this mission responsibility. Today, more than ever, given the increasing poverty, violence and injustices in the world, the Christian church is called upon to embrace, engage and continue with its task of being an agent for transformation and change. It has to fulfil the gospel imperative of making the world a better place for all to live with justice, peace and harmony.

How is KMC as a Church going to make a difference to the world around us? Are we going to be in our comfort zones or launch our nets into the deep to share the love Christ? The main difference would be our Testimony of our lives. There is a song that says, “And they will know we are Christians by our Love”. In Ephesians 5:1-2, St. Paul says, “Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. Walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance”. Let our lives be the sweet aroma that will draw people to Christ.

The Pastoral Team would like to wish each one of you a Blessed New Year as a Church we Make a Difference in our families, Communities and Workplaces as He guides you and leads each one of us.

God Bless.

Rev. Mathew George M

(On Behalf of Pastoral Team, KMC)

PRAISE & PRAYER

Praise God

- ♦ Praise God for all the blessings that God has bestowed upon the KMC family as we stepped into the New Year 2022.
- ♦ Praise God for hearing the prayers of people who were suffering from the Pandemic. Few of them have recovered and have been healed.
- ♦ Praise God for enabling all the wings of the church to resume its blessed ministries through online platform in the church.
- ♦ Praise God for providing people and resources for ministering through the live streaming of the church services.
- ♦ Praise God for the availability of Covid Vaccines for different age groups mainly for the students between 15-18. Praise God for all those who have recovered from the Covid infection.

Remember and Pray

- ♦ Pray for our Bishop N.L. Karkare and Madam Kamal Karkare for their Episcopal leadership to BRC.
- ♦ Pray for Conference Officers, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, with our Bangalore District Superintendent Rev. Sebastian Ravi Kumar, all pastors, preachers, Deaconesses, Evangelists, and Heads of Institutions and their families. Pray for the Mission Hospitals.
- ♦ Pray for the Bangalore Regional Conference its ministry and its needs.
- ♦ Pray for our Pastoral team of KMC, their pulpit ministry, health and their families.
- ♦ Pray for those who are suffering through the Pandemic all over the world so that God may heal the land and lead all the nations to normalcy. Sadly, the Covid and its variant virus is on the rise again in Bangalore, Karnataka and all other parts of India.
- ♦ Pray specially for those who are still suffering through the third wave of Covid 19 which is on the rise in Bangalore and around the nation.
- ♦ Pray that God may enable the Governments around the world to

control the spread of the new variant (Omicron) in all the countries of the world.

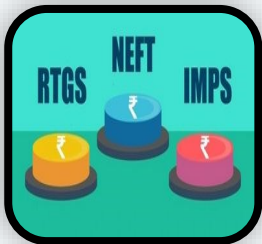
- ♦ Pray for the families, friends and relatives of the KMC family members who are still struggling during the Covid pandemic through various crisis.
- ♦ Pray for the Online Church Worship Services which has started from 09/01/2022 due to the curfew on the weekends.
- ♦ Pray for the Anti-Conversion Bill which the Government wants to table in the assembly in the coming session.
- ♦ 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 have lost jobs and are struggling to meet the ends in the families.
- ♦ Pray for those who are sick and are admitted in the hospitals.
- ♦ Pray for the Land Purchase for the Sarjapur Methodist Church.
- ♦ Pray for those who are not taking part in any wings of the Church.
- ♦ Pray for the challenges faced by youth and the young couples particularly in the broken families.
- ♦ Pray for the Children in our church who are currently attending the physical classes in various schools and writing and preparing for the exams. Pray for the finances needed for the parents for the admissions of their wards and the teens as they get promoted to the next grade and the Universities.
- ♦ Continue to pray for the programs planned by all the wings of the church, Senior Citizens, MMF, WSCS, Sunday School, MYF and YAF.
- ♦ Pray for the Tech Team who are sacrificially helping the church to minister for those worshipping online.
- ♦ Pray for safety and security of all the families of KMC.
- ♦ Pray for the resources needed for the ministry at KMC.

Please Note:

***There is only online Worship Service on Sundays,
until further notice from the Government.***

Therefore, please contact the KMC office for the link to join the online worship services on Sunday's. And, please ensure that you and your family, friends are connected to the KMC NFG WhatsApp group, KMC Congregation WhatsApp, or with KMC Pastors or to the KMC church office to get the latest updates of church ministries and activities so that you and your family can participate in the physical and online worship services and wing activities regularly.

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HYMN HISTORY

T*rust and Obey.* This hymn came about from an incident at one of Dwight L Moody's revival meetings in 1887. A young man who had just given his life to the Lord Jesus Christ was reportedly heard saying, 'I am not quite sure - I am going to trust and obey.' He was **John H. Sammis**.



The music director of the Moody Bible Institute, Professor Towner, was present at the meeting when these words were uttered. Based on these words, Professor Towner with the help of John Sammis, who developed the lyrics, composed the music to this hymn Trust and Obey or When we walk with the Lord.

The words seem so simple but they express the feelings of many Christians. It is not easy to trust and obey but that is what we are all called to do if we are to be happy in Jesus.

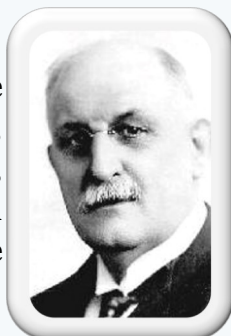
This song has remained popular with many Christian singers to this day and it is my hope that you too will be blessed by this simple but powerful Christian song.

A brief Intro of the Author: John H. Sammis

Sammis was born in 1846 in Brooklyn. Later on, he shifted to Logansport, Indiana at the age of 22. He later converted to Christianity and became an active member of Y.M.C.A., and served as a secretary for the TH Association.

He studied at Lane seminary. After leaving the seminary he pastored some Indianapolis churches. In 1909, he joined the Los Angeles Bible Institute. He wrote over 100 hymns. However, "When we walk with the Lord" is the most prominent hymns among all.

Gospel songs often take a kernel of Scripture and weave a personal or first- person reflection around the chosen passage. We are not sure of the text upon which the author, John H. Sammis, based his hymn. Some sources suggest 1 John 1:7, but, there does not appear to be any substantial resemblance to this passage and the content of the hymn.



Hymnologist Kenneth W. Osbeck cites 1 Samuel 15:22: “And Samuel said, ‘Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken better than the fat of rams.’” Perhaps this is the best we can do in this case.

The hymn was inspired in 1886 when the composer of the music, **Daniel B. Towner** (1850-1919), was the music leader during one of Dwight L. Moody’s famous revivals. Towner provided the following account cited by Moody’s musical partner, Ira D. Sankey, in his biography, *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns*:

“Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, ‘I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.’ I just jotted that sentence down, and sent it with a little story to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister. He wrote the hymn, and the tune was born.”

Sammis is said to have composed the lines of the refrain upon receiving the letter:

***“Trust and obey—for there’s no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”***

As is the case with most gospel songs, these lines provide the central theme around which all of the stanzas were written. The

text and tune first appeared in the 1887 collection, Hymns Old and New, and the hymn has been included in countless hymnals since then. Methodist hymnals in the United States have carried it since 1897.

Sammis was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a successful businessman in Logansport, Ind. Through his work with the YMCA he was called to the ministry, attended McCormick and Lane Seminaries, and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1880. After serving congregations in Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota, he joined the faculty of the Los Angeles Bible Institute.

I can imagine that many a sermon has been based on these three words, and following the singing of this hymn at the conclusion of the sermon, many worshippers have headed home humming or whistling the refrain, providing a lyrical way to take the theme with them.

Dr. Young points out that this hymn “is concerned with the rewards of trusting God’s word and obeying God’s will.” The ultimate reward, a heavenly one so common in hymnody, appears in the final stanza when the hymn writer muses that “in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet.”

Compiled by Joel Dubba

Sources: christianmusicandhymns.com/umcdiscipleship.org/wikipedia.org

Due to the uncertain circumstances around us, our Sunday Worship Services and Bible Studies are being held online on our Youtube Channel



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CHRISTMAS 2021 @ KMC

Senior Citizens

A day that we will remember, a day that was made possible by our Master and Gracious God. After nearly 20 months of being confined to our homes, we, the senior citizens were able to venture out depending entirely on God's protection and His strength. We as a group are grateful to our Pastoral team of KMC, for the blessed Communion service held on the 8th December 2021. It was at the beginning of this service that we remembered with gratitude the lives of those among us who had left us for their heavenly abode. Refreshed and restored after the service we moved to the CEB for the Christmas celebrations.



The delicious breakfast snack of chicken sandwiches, sponsored and put together by Mrs. Jean Ravichandran welcomed us as we came in with our masks and hand sanitizers.

Grateful for all those lovely Christmas songs conveying the message of Christ's birth in Tamil, Telugu, Marathi and English. The Pastors, the Pastor amma's group, the men's group and the ladies group met the challenge of singing Christmas carols based on certain themes. It was very rewarding to see each one bringing a gift carefully wrapped and picking lots for a gift. Mrs. Shikamani surprised us with her hand -crocheted little Santa Claus brooches which she made for each one of us as a Christmas gift. Mr. John Dhinakar who gave us a Bible-verse bookmark, and Pastor Udaykumar, who gifted a book for each family. We thank the Pastors and their families for being part of the celebrations.

The ones celebrating birthdays in December, were generous in sponsoring the scrumptious lunch and the excellent chocolate cake, which all of us enjoyed. Each one of you who chose to come made





this event truly memorable. Each one of you who chose to come made this event truly memorable. Thank you to the team who put this programme together. Thank you to all those who prayed for our safety and for God's provision and protection for each one of us. We missed those of you who were unable to come and be with us. God willing the Covid -19 will fade out and we will be able to meet in person without restrictions.

Thanking God and our dear pastors and the Pastorate Committee of KMC for enabling this event.

Praying that Christ will rule in our hearts this season and we will walk closer to our God and Master today and every day, trusting Him and in obedience. Merry Christmas all. A blessed and safe and happy New year.

***Committee for Senior Citizens Fellowship
and Support group, KMC***



CHRISTMAS 2021 @ KMC

Young Adults Fellowship

We, the young adults of our church, wanted to give back to the society at this time of when COVID-19 changed all of our lives. We wanted to help the homeless people in the city of Bangalore and help them with Hygiene kit, packet of food and ORS drink.

Sunil made the announcement in Church asking people to join and help us in this effort, but we were overwhelmed by the response of our Congregation, we received more than double of what we had expected. So, we plan to continue this outreach programme in the coming months as well.



On 11th December, we assembled in the Christian Education block at 7pm to pack the Hygiene kits and food packets. Congregation had already dropped their donations in the church office and people who prepared the food came to deliver them. Then we along with the Youth fellowship and few of the congregation members who came to help us started to pack

the items. We had originally planned to pack 100 units, but due to the generous donations from our Church, we packed almost 180 Hygiene kits and food packets. Then we divided ourselves into 4 groups. Sunil gave us final instructions and then Rev. John Shikamani prayed and blessed us. We then loaded the kits and packets to the cars and went to 4 different directions in the city. We then distributed the kits to the homeless people in different parts of the city.

We want to Thank each one of you for your contributions and

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donations that made this truly a blessing, congregation who donated the items in the hygiene kit, people who so thoughtfully prepared and packed the food items for us. We would also like to thank all those who came with us on 11th and helped us to pack and distribute. Thank you all.

Praise God.

Methodist Young Adults Fellowship, KMC

Just For Fun!



FIND BIBLE WORDS

Bible Characters

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JONATHAN	JOSEPH	MARY	MOSES	NOAH
REBEKAH	SAMUEL	SARAH		

Pulpit Calendar

JANUARY 2022

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS A CHURCH

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” Matt 6:16

1 st January 2022 * (Physical & Live Online Service)	9.00 am	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
2 nd January 2022 * (Physical & Live Online Service)	9.00 am	Rev. John Shikamani
9 th January 2022 (Online Service)	9.00 am	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
16 th January 2022 (Online Service)	9.00 am	Rev. Mathew George M
23 rd January 2022 (Online Service)	9.00 am	Rev. John Shikamani
30 th January 2022 (Online Service)	9.00 am	Rev. Dr. Steven Maxwell

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