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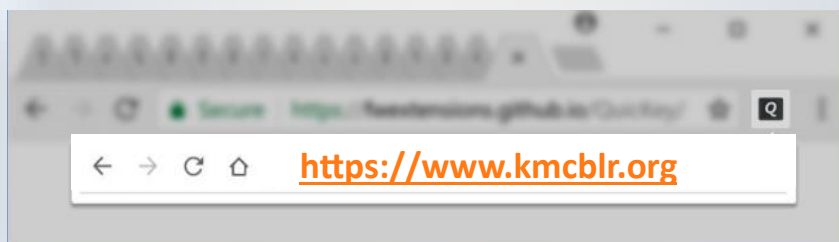
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FREEDOM IN CHRIST

*We praise and thank God for his mighty grace, that
He has enabled our Church to have an online
presence, during this lockdown due to the drastic
effects of the Coronavirus.*

*Please do join us for online worship services on our
website:*



*Also, please subscribe to our YouTube Channel, for
regular messages from the pulpit, by our dear
Pastors.*

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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

Rev. Mathew George M.

Beloved KMC family,
It is a joy to greet each one of you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We want to thank Mr. Joel and team who are helping us to bring the worship service and Bible Study through online to you in the confines of your homes every week. As the pandemic continues to affect the lives of people across the world more so in our Nation and our State, we are restricted in our movements our activities other things we were so used to doing as we enjoyed the freedom to do as we pleased. But with the Do's and Don'ts and the compulsions that seem to be in place for various things that we were never used too, we now have to abide by what is laid down by someone somewhere and for the first time in about 100 years+ we are obeying a remote voice that seem to have robbed us of our freedom not only here but across the world at the same time.

The Church campus look bright and colourful after completing the electrical revamp work and painting of the church. We praise and thank our Lord for the His provisions to His Church. On behalf of the Pastorate Committee and all the members we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the donor family for contributing towards electrical revamp and painting of the whole campus. Let God's grace and abundant blessings be upon them, and continue to use them as His channels of blessings to many in the days to come.

This month we look at a theme, **"Freedom in Christ"**. We are also celebrating the Freedom we received 75 years ago when we became an Independent Nation. Peter Marshall puts it in nice way, ***"May we think of freedom, not as the right***

to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right". To do what is right comes when we are free from sin and this freedom comes only through Christ. Paul tells Corinthian Christians that freedom in Christ is a serious responsibility.

First, freedom in Christ is seen in contrast to the bondage of sin. Romans 6:20-23 says, as long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right anything for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end. Yes, we can eat what we want, spend our time as we please, and pursue activities we enjoy. However, as believers, we are inseparably joined to Christ's Church. True freedom means living without the chains of sin and destructive behaviour. Jesus Christ paid a price to release us from those bonds. How are our lives? Is our freedom in Christ for His glory or for the gratification and satisfaction of ourselves?

Second, freedom in Christ is seen as the only true form of freedom. We now know the truth that sets us free as believers (John 8:32). John 8:36 notes, *"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* How do we use this freedom that Christ has given us in our minds and hearts? Unless we are washed in His blood, we cannot enjoy the freedom. Freedom gives us the love of God. Obeying Him, following Him and His word. Freedom also gives us Love for people and to forgive and forget the past. The freedom gives us the strength and courage not to fear suffering, persecution or any trials that come the way.

Third, a person who has experienced true freedom in Christ is called to live as His servant. The apostle Paul was an example of this, as many of his letters began with the

introduction of himself as a *"servant of Christ Jesus"* (Romans 1:1). We are set free to serve Christ. This seems like a paradox to the non-believer, yet the freedom found in Christ gives the believer a desire to live for Christ as a servant. Karl Rahner said, "How often I have found that we grow to maturity not by doing what we like, but by doing what we should. How true it is that not every 'should' is a compulsion, and not every 'like' is a high morality and true freedom."

Fourth, those who find freedom in Christ also become His children. John 1:12 teaches, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness, says Vincent Nichols. God wants us be free. Are you willing?

As we enjoy this Freedom in Christ amidst the many compulsions that we face, let us be a Church that we experience true freedom in Christ by knowing Him, walking in His ways, and engaging with the changes He makes in and through our lives as we focus on service to Him and to others. This freedom transcends the human freedoms desired in this world, providing peace in this life and freedom with Christ forevermore.

Be Safe and God bless each of you this month of August as you walk in His ways and do His will.

Because of His Grace & Mercy

Rev. Mathew George M.

*On behalf of Pastoral Team,
KMC.*

PRAISE & PRAYER

Praise God

- Praise God for all the blessings that he has bestowed upon KMC family.
- Praise God for keeping us safe and sound as the Church and also enabling us to conduct online worship services and communion services during the Pandemic.
- Praise God for enabling us to complete the painting of the KMC and the Electrical revamp of the whole building. God secured all the workers as they worked on the project, enabled the funds to the whole project through the single donor. Let us continue to praise God for all that he has done to KMC family.
- Praise God for the Donor family who came forward to take up the work of the Church.

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, Executive Director, with our Bangalore District Superintendent Rev. Sebastian Ravi Kumar, all pastors, preachers, Deaconesses, Evangelists, and Heads of Institutions and their families.
- Pray for our Senior Pastor, Pastoral team of KMC, their pulpit ministry, health and their families.
- 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 all the programs planned for the month of August as the Pastoral Team has focused to teach the Church about the "Freedom" that we all enjoy through our Lord Jesus Christ and its impact upon the individuals, families and the Church.
- Pray for those who are not able connect to the online Church fellowship through the media.
- Pray for those who are not taking part in any wings of the Church.
- Pray for the online Sunday School, Bible Study, Wings Bible Studies.
- Pray for the staff and their families of the KMC (Kumar, Mamtha, Nagesh, Akkil and Dillip)
- Continue to pray for all the wings of the church, Senior Citizens, MMF, WSCS, Sunday School, MYF and YAF.

KMC Online Services:

Worship Service:	8:30 am on Sundays
Weekly Bible Study:	7:00 pm on Wednesdays
Dawn Worship Service:	6:00 am on 1st day of the month

On our website: <https://kmcbblr.org>

Also, follow all the digital online worship services of KMC on our
Youtube Channel:

You**Tube** /kmcbblr

Report ELECTRIAL REVAMP & PAINTING OF KMC

It's a joy to inform all the members of KMC family who were constantly praying for the ongoing project in the church premises. The Electrical Revamp and the painting of the KMC church has been completed. It was almost thirty years that the electrical work was done as the new CBE block was built. Since then there was lot of upgradation of the Church has happened but sadly the Electrical upgradation was not considered seriously. As the load of power consumption was almost doubled in the recent past the electrical system which was in place started to give trouble and many times you also might have noticed the failure of the lift in the Church very often. On the other hand, there was not enough earthing for the whole electrical set up in the premises of the Church and many of us used to get shock waves through the electrical equipment's as we used them regularly in the church.

Many artists who played the electrical instruments also reported regularly to the concerned authority in the church. It was seriously brought to the notice of the Pastorate Committee which took it up seriously and gave permission to raise funds for the same through the congregation. As we announced in the Church the following Sunday God raised a Donor family who was part of the Worship Service to come forward and help the project. It was the work of God and it was marvellous in our eyes. We thank and pray that God may reward that particular family hundred-fold of

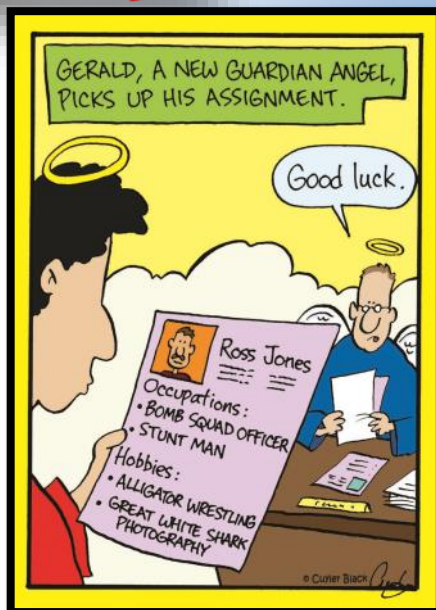
what they have done for God' Holy Sanctuary of the living God. Their sacrificial contribution will keep many families secure who come to worship in the KMC every week. It took almost five months to do the whole project in the KMC.

Presently the KMC looks like a glamorous bride decorated with new colours and new lights. However, we need to pray that God may allow us to Worship in the Sanctuary as soon as possible so that His name may be glorified. Once again, the words of divine truth that was revealed by a man of God, Hudson Taylor, who said ***"Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. He is too wise a God to frustrate His purposes for lack of funds and He can just as easily supply them ahead of time as afterwards, and He much prefers doing so."*** This precious divine truth has become alive and living before the KMC family. Our GOD is able.

Yes, KMC has many more years of ministry of serving the Gospel of the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ in its own context. You are the privileged member and part of the KMC family. We need you to pray regularly to God to raise people from our family to go out and start new churches, new mission fields and new discipleship schools so that we can fulfil the call of Jesus Christ for us which is placed upon our shoulders as a church. Let us together continue to pray and prepare ourselves to become God's true worshippers in becoming part of God's Mission through KMC in the days to come. May the name of God be glorified through the proclamation of God's Word through KMC.

Pastoral Team, KMC

JUST for fun !



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