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Building The Church
THROUGH GIVING

Senior Citizens' Fellowship Sunday

20 October 2019

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Senior Citizens
in full force

Thanking God for
His enablement



Practice Session

The Koramangala Methodist Church
extends a hearty welcome to our new
Assistant Pastor, **Rev. Martin
Abhishek** and Pastor Amma
Mrs. Sheebharani Abhishek.

May God bless you and enable you to
do great things for HIS glory,
during your time here.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 6:00 PM

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.

Dear KMC Family,

It is a joy to greet you this month as we enter a new Thanksgiving and Advent season. October had come with a challenge in building His Church through witnessing. Five weeks before Christmas is Thanksgiving. A tradition set by the some of the forefathers of the American Revolution. The advent season starts with Thanksgiving and set the tone for celebrating the gift of God that came to us at Christmas. What a joy it is as we start the festivities from this month with the Wings of the Church getting ready for the last two months of the year.

This month we focus on the Theme "Giving". Giving is part of Thanksgiving. Saying Thanks to God for all that he has given to us every day. Romans 8 say If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? When God gives, He Blesses us abundantly. It is said God's delays are not God's denials. There may be delays but He knows what is best for us and will give us more than we can ask or imagine. God prospers us not to lavishly raise our standard of living, but to raise our standard of giving.

Our God is saying give what is due to Me. We do not give because we want something back. We give because our God has commanded us to give. Not that God is in need things from us. Not that He depended on us to run the universe. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 says, remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Go ahead and try. See what happens, says Randy Alcorn. We need to give for His Kingdom purposes. One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want, said Solomon in Proverbs 11: 24.

How does giving draw us closer to God? Well the Bible says, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also" Wherever we put our money that is where our heart is. If our money is in investments that is

where our heart is, if our money is in our house that is where our heart is, if our money is in our career then that is where your heart is and if my money is in the house of the Lord then that is where my heart is. When we give that enables us to be more grateful to God, God gave His best.

When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that man when he gets all he can and saves all he can does not give all he can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man said John Wesley. KMC is being known as a giving Church. We praise God for it. Yet when we have received so much from God and through the Church, should we not be givers that our coffers would overflow and we can give to other people. The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation said Corrie Ten Boom.

**Whoever sows sparingly
will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows
generously will also
reap generously.**

John MacArthur said. God made all of His creation to give. He made the sun, the moon, the stars, the clouds, the earth, the plants to give. He also designed His supreme creation, human, to give. But fallen human is the most reluctant giver in all of God's creation. Let us be known more as a giving Church, giving family and a giving Christian. The early church gave all that they had without holding back. God is calling us to be a giver as much as a receiver.

In Deuteronomy 15:10 - Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. In this season of Thanksgiving, it is my prayer that KMC will be a Church that will be more like the early church sharing caring and giving. Thank you for all that you have given so far.

May God richly bless each one of you this month.

In His service

Rev. Mathew George M

(On behalf of the Pastoral Team)

PRAISE & PRAYER

Praise God

- Praise God for all the blessings that he has bestowed upon KMC family as we learnt about Witnessing for Christ as His Disciples .
- Praise God for keeping us safe and sound as the Church.
- Praise God for the ministry of Rev. Peter George, Mrs. Rebecca and Master John Jeremiah as they have been transferred to Goa. We will continue to pray for Rev. Peter and his ministry .
- Praise God for enabling all the wings and its ministries, which was very refreshing and encouraging for all of us.
- Praise God for the progress in planning for the Electrical Revamp 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, Preachers, Deaconesses, Evangelists, and Heads of Institutions and their families.
- ♦ Pray for our Senior Pastor, the Pastoral team of KMC, their pulpit ministry, health and their families.
- ♦ Pray for the Pastorate Committee members and their leadership.
- ♦ Pray for the safe revamp of the Electrical Work at the Church premises.
- ♦ Continue to pray for the wings of the church, Senior Citizens, MMF, WSCS, Sunday School, MYF and YAF.
- ♦ Pray for those who are sick and are admitted in the hospitals.
- ♦ Pray for the Land Purchase for the Sarjapur Road Methodist Church.

- ♦ Pray for all the programs planned for the month of November as the Pastoral Team has focused to teach the Church about the need of "Giving" and its impact upon the Church.
 - ♦ Pray for those who are not able come to Church.
 - ♦ Pray for those who are not part of any wings of the Church.
 - ♦ Pray for Rev. Martin Abhishek and Pastor amma Mrs. Sheebharani Abhishek, as he will be taking over as the Asst. Pastor of KMC.
- ⇒ Pray specially for all the efforts of the Bangalore Regional Conference to organize the Carnival 2019 to raise funds for the objectives of the Conference on 29, 30 November and 1 December 2019.
- ⇒ Pray for the leaders, planning, funds, favorable weather, participation of the Churches in large numbers, participation of youths and college students and to reach the expected target of the event.
- ⇒ Pray for the 97th Dharur Jhathara 2019, which is going to be held from 12th to 17th November. The theme this time is "*Looking unto Jesus...*" (Heb. 12:2). Also pray for our Bishop, the Speakers and the Dharur Jhathara committee members.

SIMPLE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SRMC's BUILDING FUND

Cheque/Demand Draft: Drawn in favour of "**Sarjapur Road Methodist Church**" can be sent by Registered Post to the Address -
CA 30/A, 16th Main 4th Block, Koramangala Bangalore 560 034

Bank Transfer:

Beneficiary: **Sarjapur Road Methodist Church**
 A/C Number: **0518053000009989 (Savings Account)**
 IFSC : **SIBL0000518**
 Bank : **South Indian Bank, Sarjapur Road**

Details of contributions sent directly to Bank can be intimated via email:

office@kmcblr.org / info@srmcblr.org



Mobile App: You can make digital payments from any UPI Mobile App to our VPA (Virtual Payment Address) **SRMC@SIB**

Report **SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

Just a little talk with Jesus, makes all things just right

October 20th 2019 was a special service conducted by the Senior Citizens of KMC. For all the 35 to 40 of us who took part it was a time to express our gratitude to God for His faithfulness in each of our lives. We, with God's strength and the guidance of the Holy Spirit carried the theme "Witnessing through the church" all through the service.

Mr. Abey John, Mrs. Puneetha Chandranath, Mrs. Mary Pushpaveni and all the others who took part in the Service did their best for the glory of God. The Praise and Worship had so many of us taking part, singing God's praise right from the depth of our hearts, so much so that the "harmony" and "musical talents" took a back seat! Did anyone notice that?

The Speaker for the service, Rev. Paul Balasundaram was excellent. He gave us a ten-point road map as to how we could enjoy being Senior citizens. The central message of the sermon was, our need to surrender all to Jesus. "If Christ is not Lord of ALL (our life) He is not Lord AT ALL". To many of us this was a wake-up call to renew our commitment to Christ.

The Special song "Just a little talk with Jesus" was indeed the story and the formula for our life in Christ. The practice sessions with Pastor Ezra Naveen and Mr Selvakumar who played the music for us was a time of bonding and fun as we practised and gave our best to our Maker and King. The immense patience Rev Ezra had with our singing is laudable.

Our Gratitude to our Senior Pastor Rev Matthew George and the Pastorate committee for giving us this time to conduct the Service. To Mrs. Suna, Mr. Ashok, and the Choir for their part in the service and to Mr. Joel for playing the drums for us. To Mr. Sanjeev Das, and Mr. Jacob who managed the sound and the Power point projections, to Mrs. Mamtha and the staff of the church who were always there to take care of our every need.

Thank you, each one who are always there to encourage us and lend a helping hand. We are indeed blessed and are assured that we are in God's hands, He has led us thus far and He holds our tomorrows. You know, dear KMC, "Just a little talk with Jesus, makes all things just right".

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Hymn History **NEARER MY GOD TO THEE**

Sarah Fuller Flower Adams (1805 - 1848) was an English poet and hymn-writer, best known for writing the words of the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee". She was born 22 February 1805, at Old Harlow, Essex, and baptised in September 1806 at the Water Lane Independent Chapel in Bishops Stortford. She was the younger daughter of the radical editor Benjamin Flower, and his wife Eliza Gould.



Her father's mother Martha, sister of the wealthy bankers William Fuller and Richard Fuller, had died the month before Adams' birth. Her elder sister was the composer Eliza Flower. Her uncles included Richard Flower, who emigrated to the United States in 1822 and was a founder of the town of Albion, Illinois; and the nonconformist minister John Clayton.

After the father's death, about 1825, the sisters became members of the Fox household. Both sisters began literary pursuits, and Adams first fell ill with tuberculosis. Soon after, the sisters moved to Upper Clapton, a suburb of London. They attached themselves to the religious society worshipping in South Place, Finsbury, under the pastoral care of Fox. He encouraged and sympathized with the sisters, and they in turn helped him in his work. Eliza, the elder, devoted herself to enriching the musical part of the Chapel service, while Adams contributed hymns. Fox was one of the founders of the Westminster Review, printed essays, poems and stories by William Bridges Adams, polemicist and railway engineer, who Adams met at the house of her friend, philosopher Harriet Taylor Mill. The two married in 1834, setting up house at Loughton in Essex. Encouraged by her husband, Adams turned to acting and in the 1837 season at Richmond played Lady Macbeth, followed by Portia and Lady Teazle, all successes. Though offered a role at Bath, then a springboard for the West End, her health broke down and she returned to literature.

In 1841, she published her longest work, *Vivia Perpetua*, A Dramatic Poem. In it, a young wife who refuses to submit to male control and renounce her Christian beliefs is put to death. At the solicitation of her pastor, she also contributed thirteen hymns to the compilation prepared by him for the use of his chapel, published 1840-41, in two parts, six in the first and seven in the second part. Of these, the two best known—"Nearer, my God! to Thee," and "He sendeth sun, he sendeth shower"—are in the second part.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee", retells the story of Jacob's dream. When Adam's pastor was looking for a hymn for the following week's sermon on Genesis 28:11-19, which is referred to by many as "Jacob's ladder," or "Jacob's dream." Adams offered to write the hymn and completed it within a week to go along with the pastor's sermon. The hymn was originally set to music written by her sister, Eliza Flower, but another hymn-tune called "BETHANY," written by Lowell Mason in 1856, has become most widely recognized and is most familiar to listeners today.

In the United Kingdom, the hymn is usually associated with the 1861 hymn tune "Horbury" by John Bacchus Dykes, named for a village near Wakefield, England, where Dykes had found "peace and comfort". In the rest of the world, the hymn is usually sung to the 1856 tune "Bethany" by Lowell Mason. British Methodists prefer the tune "Propior Deo" (Nearer to God), written by Arthur Sullivan (of Gilbert and Sullivan) in 1872. Sullivan wrote a second setting of the hymn to a tune referred to as "St. Edmund". Mason's tune has also penetrated the British repertoire.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" is associated with the sinking of the RMS Titanic, as some survivors later reported that the ship's string ensemble played the hymn as the vessel sank. For example, Violet Jessop said in her 1934 account of the disaster that she had heard the hymn being played. Feature films based on the Titanic disaster depict the band playing various versions of the hymn or other music. Wallace Hartley, the ship's band leader, who went down with the ship (as did all other musicians on board), liked the hymn and had wished to have it performed at his funeral.

However, a record slip for a 1913 Edison cylinder recording of "Nearer, My God, to Thee", featuring the "Bethany" version, states that "When the great steamship 'Titanic' sank in mid-ocean in April 1912, it was being played by the band and sung by the doomed passengers, even as the boat took her final plunge." Various awe-stricken passengers began to think of the death that faced them and asked the bandmaster to play hymns. The one which appealed to all was 'Nearer My God to Thee'.

A Unitarian in belief, Adams' career was hampered by deafness she had inherited from her father and, inheriting their mother's feebleness, both sisters yielded to disease in middle age. Eliza, after a lingering illness, died in December 1846 and, worn down by caring for her invalid sister, Adams' health gradually declined. She died on 14 August 1848 at the age of 43 and was buried beside her sister and parents in the Forest Street cemetery near Harlow.

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Source: The Tabernacle Choir | Wikipedia

Article

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT CHRISTIAN GIVING

1. Christian giving is both a spiritual gift and a discipline of discipleship to our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is a spiritual gift? A spiritual gift, a grace gift as we may well describe it, is essentially a pattern of service in the church that honors Christ, glorifies God his Father and ours, edifies one's fellow believers and oneself too, and imparts strength and maturity to the church as a whole. Some gift are abilities that transcend one's natural resources and are supernaturally bestowed in and through Christ; others are natural abilities redirected, sanctified, and activated by the Holy Spirit from within on each occasion of their exercise. Thus, Paul's intermittent healing powers were a gift of the first type, while his unflagging powers as a teacher of gospel truth were a gift of the second type. Giving, now, is a gift of the latter sort.

In Romans 12:6, Paul writes, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them," and he proceeds to give examples of this, emphasizing each time that one use his or her gift in the best way possible. He speaks of prophesying (i.e., preaching the word of God), serving, teaching, exhorting, and exercising leadership. Then in verse 8 he comes to this: "the one who contributes [should do so] in generosity." "Contributes" is a word in the Greek that means "shares" and certainly refers to the sharing of money, as those who have give to meet the needs of those who have not. "Generosity" is a term that also signifies "sincerity," and Paul probably selects it for use here because it always carries overtones of transparent goodwill being expressed.

So giving or sharing or using money to relieve needs is a spiritual gift, and one who gives generously is as truly a charismatic as one who prays for another's healing or who speaks in tongues. Also, giving is a discipline of discipleship to the Lord Jesus. Disciplines do not come naturally, without effort. On the contrary, they are acquired and sustained habits of thought and/or behavior that need constant practice if they are ever to be anything like perfect, and they often involve specific techniques of their own. Christian virtues, of which generosity is one, are disciplines that Christ commends, commands, and models as life qualities that should mark out all his disciples, that is, all those who have committed themselves to learn his way of living. (ie Greek word for "disciple" means learner.)

All spiritual gifts are, from one standpoint, disciplines of discipleship, and if we are not actively traveling the path of generous giving, it will have to be said of us straightaway that we really are weak and deficient in our discipleship to and dependence upon Christ Jesus our Lord – which means that we need, urgently, to change our ways.

2. Christian giving is management of God's money

When we set ourselves to think about Christian money management, in whatever connection, from buying groceries to supporting missionaries to investing in industry to financing a holiday, the first thing we have to get clear on is that the money that is ours to manage is not ours, but God's. Yes, we have been given it to use, but it remains his. We have it as a loan, and in due course we must give account to him of what we have done with it.

That is the point of the word stewardship, which nowadays is in effect the church's label for the discipline of giving. A steward is someone whom an owner entrusts with the managing of his assets. An investment manager is a steward: he has control of his clients' assets in one sense, but his job is to understand and implement his clients' wishes and priorities regarding their use. In the same way, a trustee is a steward: his job is to invest, safeguard, and disburse the money in the trust according to the stated purpose of whoever appointed him. Society (which Scripture calls "the world") sees each person's money as his own possession, to use as he likes. Scripture, however, sees our money as a trust from God, to be used for his glory. In the Holy Communion liturgy in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, the collection is offered to God with the words: "All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee" (words taken from 1 Chron. 29:11, 14). Such is the constant biblical perspective. The money that is ordinarily thought of as ours remains God's.

3. Christian giving is ministry with God's money

Ministry means service; service means relieving need; need means a lack of something that one cannot well do without. Paul calls his plan of financial help for the Jerusalem poor "the ministry for the saints" (2 Cor. 9:1) because the poverty of the poor is denying them necessities of life. Paul celebrates, and sets forth as a model, the way in which the Macedonian churches have embraced this mode of ministry, ascribing their action directly to the grace of God. "In a severe test of a affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty"—what a combination!—"have over owed in a wealth of generosity . . . they gave . . . beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints . . . they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us" (2 Cor. 8:1-5).

The ministry of giving has many goals: spreading the gospel, sustaining the church, providing care for distressed individuals (as the Samaritan in Jesus's story did for the beaten-up, half-dead Jew), and for distressed groups like the Jerusalem Christians, and more. The ministry of giving in all its forms aims to advance the kingdom of God, which becomes reality in human life whenever the values and priorities of Christ's teaching are observed. It goes without saying that in this ministry, all God's people are meant to be involved. J. I. Packer helps Christians to embrace weakness

as he shares about his own struggles in this book of meditations on 2 Corinthians. Ultimately, Packer directs us to the ultimate source of strength and power: Christ himself.

4. Christian giving is a mind-set regarding God's money

Management and ministry are matters of motivated performance. A mind-set, or mentality as we may prefer to call it, is a characteristic attitude, a habitual orientation, an entrenched desire, and as such a matter of motivation and purpose. Christian giving aims at pleasing and glorifying God and never settling for what is clearly second-best; such, positively and negatively, is the use God means us to make of the money he entrusts to us. Jesus told the story of a servant who, given a talent to use, did nothing with it beyond hoarding it till he could return it to his master; “wicked,” “slothful,” and “worthless” are the adjectives his master applied to him (Matt. 25:14-30). Never settling for the fairly good, the possibly good enough, or the not-bad calls for enterprising and imaginative thought, for which the biblical name is wisdom. Giving randomly, without wisdom, is sub-Christian, just as is giving nothing or giving far less than one could.

That raises the question, how much should one give? Specifically, should we tithe? Some seem to think that tithing is like paying God rent: when we have given him 10 percent of our income, the rest is ours. But no, it is all God's, and the New Testament nowhere tells Christians to tithe. What Paul tells the Corinthians is not that they should raise their share of the collection by tithing, but that if they give generously to God, he will give generously to them. The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us [as we deliver your gift] will produce thanksgiving to God... they will glorify God because of... the generosity of your contribution for them. (2 Cor. 9:6, 8, 11, 13)

In light of Jesus's commendation of the poor widow who put into the temple treasury all she had, it is natural to suppose he too would answer our question by challenging us along these lines. This is certainly how John Wesley was thinking when he told his lay preachers, “Give all you can,” and how C. S. Lewis was thinking when he directed a correspondent who had put our question to him, “Give till it hurts.” By dint of constant giving, Wesley himself died almost penniless, and Lewis's private charities, so we are told, were huge. When the amount to give is in question, the sky should be the limit, and the word of wisdom, “Go for it.”

J. I. Packer

This article is adapted from *Weakness is the Way: Life With Christ Our Strength*

Poem

THERE IS NO POCKET IN THE SHROUD

**Use your money while you're living,
Do not hoard it to be proud;
You can never take it with you
There's no pocket in a Shroud**

**Gold can help you on no further
Than the graveyard where you lie;
Even though you're rich while living,
You're a pauper when you die.**

**Use it, then some lives to brighten,
Those who ever weary plod;
Place your bank account in heaven
And grow richer toward God**

**Use it wisely, use it freely,
Do not hoard it to be proud
You can never take it with you
There's no pocket in a Shroud.**

- Joyce Alexander Joyce

Article

HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED IN MY CHURCH?

This is a common question among churchgoers. The first place to start in answering this question is to find out the specific needs of your church body. The specific needs of each church will be different based on a few factors. For instance, is your church body well-established or do you attend a young church plant? Do you attend a megachurch? Are you attending worship in a large city or in a small town?

Something else to consider is your personal skill set and spiritual gifts. Are you an encourager? Do you enjoy interacting with people of all ages or a specific age group? Do you enjoy organizing and leading or would you rather be working “behind the scenes”? Do you have a busy schedule in your day to day life or do you have time to spare that could be given to your church body? Our age and health can also be a contributing factor but, in most churches, there is an opportunity for everyone to be more involved!

Once you’ve established your own skill set and spiritual gifts, you should talk with your church elders about where you might best be put to use. Hopefully the following seven ideas will help you get this conversation started. Always remember to serve enthusiastically as if you were serving the Lord, not people.

1. Be Present

The most important part of being involved in your church is simply being present. While we should all be involved in more ways than one, we often undervalue the simply act of showing up and joining in congregational worship. By doing this simple act, you are not only bringing worship, praise and honor to your Heavenly Father, but as Hebrews 10:25 tells us, by meeting together we are also encouraging and building up our brothers and sisters.

2. Be a Greeter

There are two ways to serve as a greeter in your church. One is volunteering to stand at the door to shake hands and hand out bulletins. This is a great way to make contact with those you already know and a wonderful way to greet visitors. The second way to serve in this capacity is a more unofficial way. Rather than walking in and claiming your seat, walk around the room offering a warm smile and a handshake or hug. Make a point not to linger with friends. Talk with people you don’t know and make them feel welcome.

3. Be Aware and be Available

Be aware by simply watching for and listening to the needs of those around you. This might mean volunteering to hold babies during sermon or communion, or teaching or assisting in children’s classes. This could mean

spotting a young mother with full hands and offering to help carry something. Perhaps there are college students who could use a mentor. Maybe there is someone who could simply use a ride back home after the worship service ends. Being involved in your church body often means being involved outside of the church building. This is how a church body becomes a church family - by living life together and being available to one another.

4. Be Hospitable

We live in a time where social media keeps people content with socializing from afar rather than actually engaging in personal relationships. One of the most important ways to serve in your church body is to be hospitable. Invite people into your home. This doesn't have to include a Bible study or awkward spiritual conversations. You would be surprised how uplifting it can be for someone to simply be invited into a home and fed a nice home-cooked meal accompanied by friendly conversation. If your home is not conducive to hosting guests, an invitation to eat out is almost always welcomed too!

5. Attend Extra Activities

Most church bodies offer some sort of extra opportunity for gathering together. This might be a gender-specific, a youth activity where an extra set of hands would be appreciated, or a church family picnic. We all have our routines, and taking time away from our families to attend one more extra activity can cause frustration. But we need to start looking at these activities as opportunities to serve. It is through these extra activities that the details of our personal lives come to light. This is where we learn about each other and build friendships that offer opportunities to serve one another - which is, in turn, serving our church as a whole.

6. Help with Sunday School / VBS

For most of us helping with Sunday School or Vacation Bible School seems extraordinarily overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. There are ways to help, without being front and center. If you're artistic, ask about helping with decorations. If you like baking, ask about preparing homemade goodies for the kids. If you're musical, ask about helping teach the kids new songs. Extra hands are always appreciated, and what better way to serve your church body than to invest in the future leaders.

7. Pray

When we think of getting involved in our church families, we often think of going and doing. We forget that one of the most important ways to serve our church is to sit quietly before the Lord and pray. One great habit to form is to make a list of church members and pray over individual people, even if you aren't aware of their specific prayer needs. Pray for your elders - for their wives and marriages. Pray for your preachers, pastors, and teachers. Pray for all the volunteer workers and for those who are seeking ways to be more involved. Pray that the Spirit would allow spiritual growth within your church family and that you would all grow in knowledge and wisdom in Him.



Cricket Tournament

KMC METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

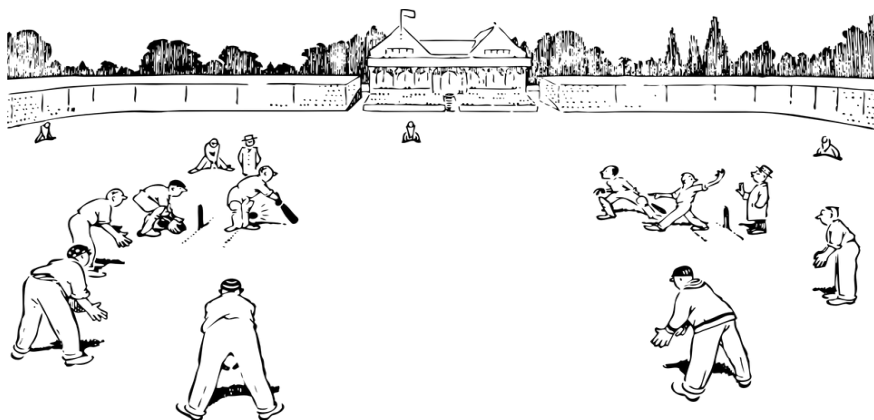
is organizing a Cricket Tournament between
four city churches

**RICHMOND TOWN METHODIST CHURCH
INDIRA NAGAR METHODIST CHURCH
WILSON GARDEN METHODIST CHURCH
KORAMANGALA METHODIST CHURCH**

**ON SATURDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 8 AM
VENUE: BALDWIN BOY'S SCHOOL GROUND**

THE FINALS WILL BE PLAYED ON
SUNDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 12 NOON
VENUE REMAINS THE SAME

All are invited to come and cheer!



PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

#	Date	Description of the Program	Time
1	2nd November, Saturday	KMC Prayer Time	8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
2	5th November, Tuesday	Pastorate Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
3	9th & 23rd Nov, Saturdays	MMF Monthly Bible Study on Stewardship	7:30 AM to 9:30 AM
4	9th November, Saturday	WSCS Bible Study on the Parable "The Wicked Vine Growers" Speaker: Mrs. Shirley	4:30 PM
5	9th & 23rd Nov, Saturdays	Young Adult Fellowship Bible Study	6:00 PM
6	16th November, Saturday	Senior Citizens' Fellowship	10:30 AM
7	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November (Every Wed)	Bible Study on Discipleship	7:00 AM

Please note:

- WSCS also conducts **Bible Study** for all the Women of the Church on the **book of Romans** on **every Friday evening** from **5.30 PM to 7.00 PM**
- On **1 & 2 November** 2019 the **KMC-WSCS** invites all the Women of the Church to participate in the camp at **SHANTHI SADANA**, off Mysore Road with the theme "**Empowered Woman**" with **Mrs. Sarah Augustine** as the speaker.
- The **Sunday School Camp** will be on **November 16 and 17** at ECC, Bangalore. Children from Primary 3 and higher classes can attend. Please register today or next week. **Registration** including food and accommodation is **Rs. 1500 per head**.
- All **MMF morning devotions** for the month would be taken by our **District Superintendent, Rev. Sebastian Ravikumar**

Color Me!

The Lord's Prayer



**And forgive us
our debts
as we forgive
our debtors — Matt 6:12**

Christian Education & Nurture
ANSWERS TO KMC MONTHLY QUIZ (OCT 2019)

Q1. How old was David when he was anointed king of Israel?

A1. **30 yrs** - Ref: 2 Samuel 5:4

Q2. Prior to his conversion, how did Saul refer to followers of Jesus Christ?

A2. **The Way** - Ref: Acts 9:2

Q3. What name did Jacob give the place where he slept and dreamt of Jacob's ladder?

A3. **Bethel** - Ref Genesis 28:19

Q4. Which tribe of Israel did Paul come from?

A4. **Benjamin** - Ref: Philippians 3:5

Q5. In total, how many Jews were exiled by Nebuchadnezzar?

A5. **4600** - Ref: Jeremiah 52:30 or **18000** - Ref: 2 Kings 24:14 -16

Q6. The book of Esther is unique, it does not mention one word. Which word is it?

A6. **God**

Q7. How long had Lazarus been dead before being raised by Christ?

A7. **4 days** - Ref : John 11:39

Q8. Adam & Eve had 3 sons. What is name of the 3rd son?

A8. **Seth** - Ref: Genesis 4:25

Q9. How many demons were cast out of Mary Magdalene?

A9. **07** - Ref: Luke 8:2

Q10. How old was Noah when the floods came upon the earth?

A10. **600 yrs** - Ref: Genesis 7:11

Christian Education & Nurture **KMC MONTHLY QUIZ - NOVEMBER 2019**

Q1. Whose flock was Moses tending when he encountered the burning bush?

A1. _____

Q2. Where was King David buried?

A2. _____

Q3. At the transfiguration who appeared and talked to Jesus?

A3. _____

Q4. Which city was built by Cain?

A4. _____

Q5. How much hotter than the normal did the king order the furnace to be for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

A5. _____

Q6. Which is the shortest verse in Bible?

A6. _____

Q7. Name the 6th & 7th plagues inflicted on Egypt?

A7. _____

Q8. Name the ruler of Judah who was afflicted with leprosy by the Lord?

A8. _____

Q9. For what sum was Joseph sold by his brothers?

A9. _____

Q10. The angel said to Mary that Jesus would 'reign over the house' of which Old Testament character?

A10. _____

Name of the Participant:

Mobile Number:

Important points to answer the quiz:

1. All answers should be answered in blue ball point pen.
2. Once you answer the questions, you need tear the page and drop the sheet at the drop box kept at the entrance of the Church.
3. Name and mobile number of the participant are mandatory to be filled.
4. Last day for dropping the answered sheet will be 30 Nov, 2019 @ 8.00 PM.
5. Correct answers with Bible references will be published in the subsequent months through In Touch.
6. Prize winners will be announced monthly, prizes will be given quarterly at 9.30 AM service.
7. Any clarifications, please contact Church Office.

This Christmas Carnival Bonanza has been organized with the concept of

PEACE, LOVE, HARMONY & FELLOWSHIP

Join us to enjoy, participate and make this event a grand success. Your participation and generosity will be much VALUED...

Voluntary Donor Pass / Raffle @ Rs. 100 (*incl. of 3 days entry to the event*)

BLOCK YOUR DATES

29 November to 1 December 2019

CHRISTMAS - A SEASON, WITH A REASON

BECAUSE OF
Bethlehem-LOVE is born
HOPE is here...



Bangalore Regional Conference

The Methodist Church in India

Presents

Christmas BONANZA Carnival

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT UNLIMITED...

FOOD COURT, SHOPPING, AMUSEMENT, GAMES, FUN...

Venue: Baldwin Girls' High School, 90, Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560 025

Gate Open @ 9:00 A.M. & Closes @ 8:30 P.M.

29 AND 30 NOVEMBER

Inter School

Choir Competition

Robotics Competition

Fashion Show

Baldwins Knowledge & Talent Hub

30 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER

Inter Church

Choir Competition

Carol Symphony

The Grand Christmas Cantata





PULPIT CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2019

BUILDING THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVING

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

01 Nov	6:00 AM*	Giving - A Spiritual Practice	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
03 Nov	7:30 AM*	Giving That Transforms 2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
	9:30 AM*		Rev. Mathew George M.
	6:00 PM*		Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
10 Nov	7:30 AM	Thanksgiving Standards Ephesians 5:14-21 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
	9:30 AM		Rev. Mathew George M.
	6:00 PM		Rev. Martin Abhishek
17 Nov	7:30 AM	Commitment and Attitude of Giving Mark 12:41-44	Rev. Martin Abhishek
	9:30 AM		Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
	6:00 PM		Rev. Alfred Sudarshan
24 Nov	7:30 AM	God is the best giver John 3:16	Rev. Martin Abhishek
	9:30 AM		Guest Speaker
	6:00 PM		Rev. Alfred Sudarshan

Please note that the 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM Worship Services will be short services of one hour each, and the 9:30 AM Worship Service duration will be one and half hours. If there is a special Sunday, then the service duration may stretch up to twenty minutes more than usual.

**Holy Communion*

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