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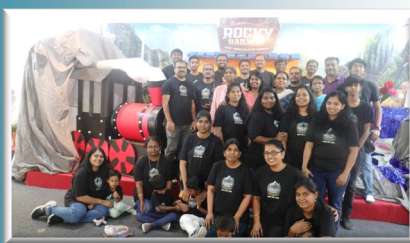
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**Filled, Led & Transformed**  
*by the*  
**Holy Spirit**



# GLIMPSES OF SRMC VBS 2022



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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."

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

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## PASTORAL LETTER



**D**ear SRMC Family,  
Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I believe that all of us had a wonderful month on meditating on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the month of April. We are living as transformed people, the resurrection of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ has given us the hope for new life. As I was praying and pondering upon the topic for the month of May. God enabled me to think in the lines of ***“Being filled, led and transformed by the Holy Spirit”***. Being filled with the holy spirit and doing mission with Christ’s spirit is essential for church today, the mission mandate of the Church is sharing the good news of repentance and forgiveness earned by Christ through his death on the cross and the victory over all powers of evil achieved by the resurrection. Living our lives and fulfilling the mission of the God is impossible without the strength from above. Jesus himself told his disciples in John 15:5 “... apart from me you can do nothing.” As per his promise, he sent the helper after his departure (John 16:7) who will facilitate witnessing for him ‘to the end of the earth’ (acts 1:8), the disciples were filled with the holy spirit on the day of Pentecost, after they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they turned the world upside down through the gospel.

Being led by the Holy spirit is at the heart of the Christian life. This is clear in the Bible and in the History of the church. If we let the Spirit lead us, our lives will blossom and flourish. But if we neglect or refuse His leading, our lives will languish. Strangely, many Christians today seem to mis-understand the Spirit’s leading and how it relates to personal transformation. A clearer grasp of what the Bible teaches about this vital truth will help us all as we seek to grow in grace.

As we are focusing our thoughts and meditations around the topic “filled, led and transformed by the spirit.” let us dig deeper into the scriptures, what does the New Testament mean by the phrase *led by the spirit*? What is the fruit of *Holy spirit’s leading in one’s life*?

The Phrase led by the spirit occurs only twice in the New

Testament, and both instances are frequently misused today. The first is in Romans 8:14, “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. the immediate context is the believer’s battle with the flesh through the empowerment of the spirit. the second usage occurs in Galatians 5:18, “But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the law.” Again, the immediate context is the believer’s battle with sin. In both instances, the larger concern is to show us how to live joyful, obedient lives that produce the beauty of holiness and glorify God.

For in depth understanding on the topic, let us depend on Galatians 5:16-25, a passage in which Paul addresses two problems that plagued the Galatian Church and has plagued the church universal up to the present day: Legalism and licentiousness. Some people in the Galatian church urged observance of parts of the Mosaic law and others were disregarding moral constraints. As Richard N. Longenecker, a prominent New Testament Scholar in his commentary on Galatians in World Biblical Commentary says, Paul doesn’t look for Aristotle’s Golden mean and take a mediating position between the two; rather, as one write has said, he builds a highway above both. He does this by giving a command and promise: “*Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of flesh.*”

The word spirit refers to the Holy spirit, who dwells in those who have been born again. The word flesh is Paul’s term to describe fallen human nature and its self-centered attitudes, desires, and behaviours. The word walk is commonly used in scripture to refer to one’s daily conduct. Thus, to walk by the spirit means to live one’s daily life by the Holy Spirit’s guidance and empowerment. To walk in the flesh is to live a life characterized by various sins and selfish behaviours.

Paul goes on to talk about how the flesh and Spirit oppose and contend against each other, something each of us can identify with. This struggle is a part of our lifelong battle against the world, the flesh and the devil, as the holy spirit works to make us progressively more like Jesus. Sometimes we can grow weary and discouraged with this struggle and even doubt our salvation, but actually it is a sign of life. Walking by the spirit is the pathway to overcoming the desires of the flesh and living a holy life. Practically speaking, how to walk by the spirit and overcome the desires of the flesh? We must allow ourselves to be led by the *spirit (v18)*. The word *led* is a present - passive verb, indicating that we should continuously surrender and yield ourselves to the desires of the spirit whose leaning is always diametrically opposed to the desires of our sinful flesh

(our old self). Our surrender to the Spirit leading is an act of the will, a choice we must make, it is like saying yes to the spirit's leading and no the desires of the flesh. If we are led by the spirit, the Holy spirit will influence, direct and empowers us.

Paul further moves to the list of flesh in v19- 21, which is not exhaustive list, the words ... and the like in V21 means these are just sample. Therefore, Paul warns V21 ... I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the Kingdom of God. and then Paul moves on further to positive or happier thoughts saying the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

As we are living in these times of religious intolerance, persecution, trials and tribulations. The Spirit of God gives us strength to witness for him. As Christ's spirit that was implanted in the lives of disciples on the Pentecost day did not conclude their mission rather it was the beginning of a new era with authority and power from Resurrected Lord. The Spirit equipped, empowered and enabled them to be witnesses. May God Almighty help each one of us to be filled, led and transformed by the Holy Spirit. it is important to be led by the holy spirit in all spheres of our life. In our personal life, family life and in our community life. As Romans 8:6 says that setting our mind on things of the Spirit leads to life and peace. May God help us to be led by the Spirit. God bless us all!

Yours in Christ,  
**Rev. Alfred Sudarshan Raju**  
(Pastor, SRMC)

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Please continue to support SRMC's vision of a wholesome and God-loving Faith Community in this part of the city. You can send in your tithes/offerings to the Church by scanning this QR code. May God bless you abundantly.



## *Praise God*

- ◆ Praise God for His grace, as we meditated on the theme “**CROSS: A call to self-denial**” during the month of March.
- ◆ Praise God for the ministry of **Rev. James Jayakumar**, for helping us participate in Holy Communion and also bringing the word of God unto us, during the month of March and April.
- ◆ Praise be to God for the wonderful way in which He helped us conduct the Lenten and Passion Week meditations this year. We are thankful to all the special speakers who joined us for these meetings; Rev. James Jayakumar, Rev. Calvin Ambler, Rev. Ramesh Anand, Rev. John Shikamani, Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen, Rev. Ebenezer Isaac and Rev. Mohan Kumar.
- ◆ We also praise God for the smooth way in which this year’s **Vacation Bible School** was held. About 50 children attended the 5-day VBS. We are also thankful to **Bro. Sam J. Daniel** who enthralled and exhorted the children during the final day program.

## *Remember and Pray*

- ◆ Continue to pray for our Bishop N. L. Karkare, Madam Kamal Karkare, Executive Secretary Rev. David Nathaniel, Conference Treasurer, Rev. Mathew George M., District Superintendent Rev. Sebastian Ravikumar. Pray continuously for the Bangalore Regional Conference and that God’s will be accomplished through the conference.
- ◆ Pray for our dear Pastor, Rev. Alfred Sudarshan Raju and his family. Also, kindly keep our extended Pastoral team & their families at KMC; Rev. Mathew George, Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen, Rev. John Shikamani and our Pastorate Committee members and their families in prayers.
- ◆ Pray for the SRMC Sunday School, children & teens ministry. Pray for wisdom and health for all teachers and volunteers, for the media team and for the technical challenges that are involved.
- ◆ Pray for all the families who have lost their dear ones to this disease, that God may give them strength to cope and hope to

move ahead.

- ◆ Pray that God may raise people in the Church and outside, who can own the Project – ‘**Arise, let us build**’ and support in building up the place of worship at Sarjapur Road. Please pray for the right decisions to be taken going ahead.
- ◆ Pray for the Management Team of SRMC and their families as they help in various activities of the church.
- ◆ Pray for the Bible Study group, Worship team, Men's & Women's fellowships, Sunday School, Choir and all the volunteers who are striving hard to serve and raise resources for our Church.
- ◆ Pray for the sick, elders, widows and the poor, who need help in our church. Pray also for all the families that you remember at our Church.
- ◆ Pray that God may reveal His Plan for us in this locality and that the SRMC family may become a channel of blessing in this vicinity.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PASTORAL CARE** is available through the Church, you can avail the services by speaking to the Pastor personally.
- **REACH OUT** is the in-house magazine of SRMC and you are welcome to contribute your stories, missionary stories, testimonies, activity pages for children and other articles. You also have the opportunity to suggest the theme for the next Month and related resources.
- Please continue to support through your **tithes**, faithfully every month.
- You can offer **offerings and tithes** by utilizing online payment options given in our website ([www.srmcblr.org](http://www.srmcblr.org)) or cash. It is only through your contributions that we can build the Kingdom of God. Giving is a sign of a good Disciple.
- Project – ‘**Arise, let us build**’ contributions can be made through our website as well.
- **SRMC Sunday School** is on break and will resume in June.



- **Humble request:** Please be consistent in your attendance to the Church—either for the live service in Church, or via the Live Stream of the service on our website, every Sunday. This will help you to grow spiritually and it will also help the Church to grow both Spiritually and Missionally.
- **WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** meetings are held every month, as well as daily prayers are held daily via Zoom. Please contact the Women’s Fellowship members for more details and meeting ID.
- **ONLIVE LIVE STREAMING** of our Sunday Worship Services can be viewed on our website [www.srmcblr.org](http://www.srmcblr.org). Please do attend the service virtually, if you are unable to attend the service in Church, in person.

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***Kindly participate in the activities of SRMC:***

|                                       |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday Worship Service                | 9 am, every Sunday        |
| SRMC Sunday School                    | 12 pm, every Sunday       |
| SRMC Bible Study (suspended for Lent) | 7 pm, every Friday        |
| SRMC Women’s Bible Study              | Every Wednesday           |
| SRMC Women’s Fellowship Meeting       | 6:30 pm, every 4th Sunday |
| SRMC Management Team meeting          | 7:30 pm, every 4th Sunday |
| SRMC Men’s Fellowship                 | 6:30 pm, every 2nd Sunday |
| SRMC Worship Team Practice            | 4 pm, every Saturday      |



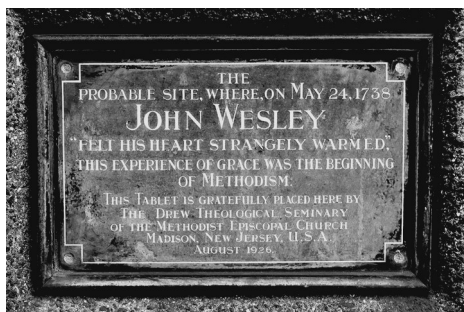
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# WHAT IS ALDERSGATE SUNDAY?

**A**ldersgate Day is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when **John Wesley** experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on **Aldersgate Street** in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his "heart strangely warmed."

Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. *"while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."*



**Charles Wesley** only a few days before had also had a conversion experience in a building that still stands on an adjacent block (John Bray's house on Little Britain). We do not know whether the building where John Wesley's experience took place still exists, nor exactly in which building on Aldersgate Street it may

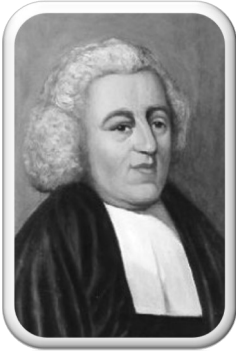
have been if it still stands. A monument at the London Museum on Aldersgate Street marks where some believe the building may have been.

Over time, Aldersgate Street has been shortened by common Methodist usage to simply Aldersgate. The word has come to represent both the place and John Wesley's experience.

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## HYMN HISTORY



*"Amazing Grace"* is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written in 1772 by the English poet and Anglican clergyman **John Newton** (1725–1807). It is an immensely popular hymn, particularly in the United States, where it is used for both religious and secular purposes.

Newton wrote the words from personal experience. He grew up without any particular religious conviction, but his life's path was formed by a variety of twists and coincidences that were often put into motion by others' reactions to what they took as his recalcitrant insubordination. He was pressed (conscripted) into service in the Royal Navy. After leaving the service, he became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel off the coast of County Donegal, Ireland, so severely that he called out to God for mercy. This moment marked his spiritual conversion but he continued slave trading until 1754 or 1755, when he ended his seafaring altogether. Newton began studying Christian theology and later became an abolitionist.

Ordained in the Church of England in 1764, Newton became curate of Olney, Buckinghamshire, where he began to write hymns with poet William Cowper. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. It is unknown if there was any music accompanying the verses; it may have been chanted by the congregation. It debuted in print in 1779 in Newton and Cowper's *Olney Hymns* but settled into relative obscurity in England. In the United States, "Amazing Grace" became a popular song used by Baptist and Methodist preachers as part of their evangelizing, especially in the South, during the Second Great Awakening of the early 19th century. It has been associated with more than 20 melodies. In 1835, American composer William Walker set it to the tune known as "New Britain" in a shape note format; this is the version most frequently sung today.

With the message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of sins committed and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God, "Amazing Grace" is one of the most recognisable songs in the English-speaking world. Author Gilbert Chase writes that it is "without a doubt the most famous of all the folk hymns". Jonathan Aitken, a Newton biographer, estimates that the song is performed about 10 million times annually.

It has had particular influence in folk music, and has become an emblematic black spiritual. Its universal message has been a significant factor in its crossover into secular music. "Amazing Grace" became newly popular during a revival of folk music in the US during the 1960s, and it has been recorded thousands of times during and since the 20th century.

In 1767 **William Cowper**, the poet, moved to Olney. He worshipped in Newton's church, and collaborated with the priest on a volume of hymns; it was published as *Olney Hymns* in 1779. This work had a great influence on English hymnology. The volume included Newton's well-known hymns: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds!, and "Faith's Review and Expectation," which has come to be known by its opening phrase, "Amazing Grace".



Many of Newton's (as well as Cowper's) hymns are preserved in the *Sacred Harp*, a hymnal used in the American South during the Second Great Awakening. Hymns were scored according to the tonal scale for shape note singing. Easily learnt and incorporating singers into four-part harmony, shape note music was widely used by evangelical preachers to reach new congregants.

In 1779 Newton was invited by John Thornton to become Rector of St Mary Woolnoth, Lombard Street, London, where he officiated until his death. The church had been built by Nicholas Hawksmoor in 1727 in the fashionable Baroque style. Newton was one of only two evangelical Anglican priests in the capital, and he soon found himself gaining in popularity amongst the growing evangelical party. He was a strong supporter of evangelicalism in the Church of England. He remained a friend of Methodists and Baptists as well as Anglicans.

Newton's wife Mary Catlett died in 1790, after which he published *Letters to a Wife* (1793), in which he expressed his grief. Plagued by ill health and failing eyesight, Newton died on 21 December 1807 in London. He was buried beside his wife in St. Mary Woolnoth in London. Both were reinterred at the Church of St Peter and Paul in Olney in 1893.

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***Compiled by Joel Dubba***

*Sources: [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org) / [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)*

# CHURCH ENGAGED IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**P**raise the Lord brothers and sisters in Christ.

After a gap of 2 years God enabled SRMC to host this VBS in a complete offline mode. It gives me immense joy to give you the gist of the **VBS – Rocky Railway** conducted from April 4th to April 9th this year. We ministered to about 50 Children of age group 3-16 years through this year's Rocky Railway VBS, at the church premises. As it was conducted totally offline, only the final day program was telecast and available on YouTube for viewing. We thank parents for taking time out to drop and pick the children up on all the days.



Rocky Railway – the curriculum was designed by Group Publications. Each day children learnt a Bible Point and Bible Verse with an associated Bible Story. They also met a buddy (animal/birds) to emphasize on that day's Bible Point.

At the Sing and Play station, children watched a small skit to enable them understand the Bible point. They learned new songs; Power shuffle song was their favorite!! They also watched an intro video about the Buddy for that day. Sis Lincy and Sis Gracia handled the skit and singing with ease. They were also supported by our musicians Bro. Kumar and Bro. Anpu; we also had Hreehan & Abiel support them with their talents and gifts.

After the Sing and Play, while the Preschoolers moved towards the Little Kids Depot; the elder children were formed as 3 trains and moved to each station on rotation. There were named as Toofan Express, Bob Express and Rock Express. After visiting all the 4 stations they all joined back for a wrap-up session.

At the Little Kids Depot, few of the children were coming out for the first time, it was exciting for them. All the tiny tots were engaged effectively by Sis Hannah, Sis Nita, Sis Lincy, Sis Jesinta & Sis Gracia.

At the Bible Adventure, children learned the Bible Story in a very presentable and lively manner. Few of the Bible characters from the story was enacted by Brother Stanley, which helped children under-

stand the Bible story better. Overall, very effectively handled by Brother Rajashekar, Sis Manjari & Brother Stanley.

At the Games station, children played some coordinating games which helped them understand the bible point better. Sis Felicia handled this very effectively and single handedly.

At the Imagination station, children were first given questions to think and answer. They were so excited about the gizmos each day and solving them helped the children remember the Bible point better. Sis Joy and Sis Pranuthi handled this with ease and very actively.

At the Kidvid Cinema, children watched testimonies of other children going through hard time and how God enabled them to stand on His word. Here children learned the Bible verses and collected the Bible Buddy, they were asked to recite the previous day's Bible verse before collecting the Bible Buddy which helped them to memorize all the 5 days Bible verses. Aunty Jesintha and I handled this station.

At the Wrap up session, children watched themselves to be enacted the bible story by able photo coverage of Brother Jenish, Brother Joel and Sis Jesintha at the spotlight. They also sang songs and revisited the Bible Point and Bible Story before dispersing for the day.

I cannot thank enough of the background team support given by Sister Subha, Brother Joel and Brother Krishnakumar in collecting contributions, arranging snacks, arranging place and arranging support staff to clean the premises.

The report will be incomplete if I don't mention about the Stage decorations and station decorations; completely spear-headed by Bro Naveen and Bro Krishnakumar. From planning to purchase and the execution they left no stone unturned to keep in budget friendly and stretching long work hours. Bro Kumar showed up his carpentry skills and also some of us took turns to paint! On the whole, all of us enjoyed working together as a family.

With a grateful heart, I thank our dear pastor, Rev. Alfred Sudharshan Raju and the Management Team for giving me an opportunity again to direct the VBS this year. God bless each one of you.

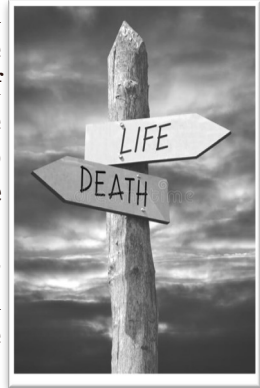
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## CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF DEATH AND LIFE

(Series - 9)

**I**n this series let us learn about the death associated with end time happenings. Bible says in Matt 24:06 “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet”. “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places”. We come across each incidence one after another especially after the pandemic.



Ukraine-Russia war, severe drought in Sri Lanka and so on. When we hear these things or experiencing some of them, our heart becomes agitated unknowingly. Luke 21:26 says “men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken”. So, the bible is very clear that these things will come to pass and there is no other go.

Yet the way in which we hear these news’s also matters. Especially we see media highlighting the issues beyond what it is in order to get attention to it or to gain more viewers. On the other hand, our heart also functions in a way that when we listen to good news it becomes merry and it becomes sad when it receives sad news. That’s why we see most of the serials shown on the television are taken with weeping. So, the people who are watching also become worried.

The same technique has been followed by the news channel too. But when it becomes overdose, people start to take it further inside and begin to say that something is going to happen in my life also. So, Anxiety fills their heart. But bible says These things must come to pass, see that you are not troubled. We can’t keep these things happening. It’s written in bible it will come to pass for sure. Then why do the hearts of the people trouble?

When it is preached “Jesus is coming back” even Christians start to criticize saying this man/woman does not have anything to say for our

good and has come for only threatening. Why do we hear these things spoken? The answer is simple. Whenever examination comes who will be in the fear? Those who have not studied. What about those who studied? They will be expecting it to face. Because they know for sure that they are going to get through.

For those who are unprepared it becomes tough to listen to it. But in present scenario even without conducting exam students are passed and promoted. But this will not be the case according to bible. Because He is the God of justice. He will not treat all those in a same manner. Bible says in Rev 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to everyone according to his work.

When these things are happening, we can pray for them, we can help them. In that way our heart can be burdened. But our heart should not be troubled worrying about us and our family. We should always keep it in our heart that our God is the permit holder. Until he permits to live on this earth, no other external force can take us away from the earth. In the Old Testament fear was there upon death. But in New Testament “Death is swallowed up in Victory” found in 1 Cor 15:54.

How we as New Testament church are going to face the earth? We need to face death as promotion not as something lost. For Gentiles it may be a loss, but not for Christians. Paul calls it as gain. In order to eradicate this fear, our ambition in this life should be to see him in glory. That’s what makes us to move further in this world with the hope.

God washes the eyes by tears until they can see the invisible land where tears shall come no more. Let us recall Fanny Crosby’s hymn: “**Blessed Assurance**”.

*Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from Above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love!*

Strictly speaking, a Christian is not looking for his death; but for the “blessed hope”. Just as “death and hades” could not hold Christ, they cannot overpower the Church, the Body of Christ, of which we are members. If at all, if somebody has Extreme fear of death, that indicates a weak relationship with God.



Considering the present situations and ongoing incidents What Jesus said would be more appropriate. Luke 12:4,5 says “And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear him!.

This is what motivated early days missionaries to leave their family, possessions, county and come to us. They never feared about anything. They do not know how the conditions will suit their life. Some missionaries even lost their family. They were sown as pearls.

For God’s children there’s no untimely death. God calls them Home when their job on earth is over. We will not die one minute before or after God’s appointed time! Because, our times are in His hand! (Psa 31:15). According to Biblical report, Moses died too young. Dt 34:7 ... 120 years ... eyes not dim ...strength unabated. But he had finished his job!

God in His wisdom and foreknowledge may decide for the person to die before bad days. Isa 57:1,2 says “The righteous perishes, And no man takes it to heart; Merciful men are taken away, While no one considers That the righteous is taken away from evil. He shall enter into peace; They shall rest in their beds, Each one walking in his uprightness.

Let us conclude this series with the following words of assurance. Lord, it belongs not to my care Whether I die or live; To love and serve Thee is my share, And this Thy grace must give. If life be long, I will be glad That I may long obey; If short, yet why should I be sad To soar to endless day?

May God strengthen our heart to face the death associated with end time happenings with confidence. If God willing let’s explore more in the days to come. Until then Peace be with you.

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***Series written by Mr. Sam Daniel***

*... To be continued*

## THE STORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

*“They suffer so much and receive so little in return. We never appreciate them until they are gone.”*

**T**his is the tribute to mothers that accompanied the first **Mother’s Day**.

Contrary to what some may believe, Mother’s Day was not set aside or established because of a sudden inspiration nor by Hallmark, but because of the hard work of a dedicated woman and her daughter over the course of 50 years.



More than a century ago, the idea of a mother’s memorial day appealed to a young Virginia mother, **Mrs. Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis**, whose remarkable talents and capabilities enabled her to set the stage for the founding of just such a day. Her accomplishments were realized through a philosophy of appealing to that “innate characteristic of all men known as love and devotion for mothers” or motherhood, in general. Her Mother’s Day Work Clubs, formed in 1858 to improve health and sanitation conditions in various towns in what was then rural Virginia (and became West Virginia in 1861), and her Mothers Friendship Days formed just after the Civil War in

an attempt to heal the divisions of many families in the area caused by the war were large steps in the establishment of such a memorial.

The death of Mrs. Jarvis in 1905 might have put an end to the movement altogether, had it not been for her daughter, Miss Anna Jarvis, who would finally be successful in establishing such a Memorial Mother’s Day, to pay homage to all mothers, living or dead. Through her love and devotion to her mother’s dream, Miss Jarvis would bring that dream to reality. She dedicated her entire resources in promotion of this movement.

Being an able and fluent speaker, she passed up no opportunity to promote her project. As is often the case, many of her appeals fell on deaf ears. She soon discovered she needed real and significant support in this crusade if she were to succeed. Support in the form of personal services, materials, and money were needed, so she enlisted the

influence and support of many famous and influential personalities such as John Wanamaker, H.J. Heinz, Woodrow Wilson, William Jennings Bryan, Congressman Thomas Heflin of Alabama, Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, Governor William Glasscock of West Virginia, and Russell H. Conwell (“Acres of Diamonds”). On the second anniversary of her death (in 1906), friends of Mrs. Anna M. Jarvis at the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, WV held a brief unofficial Mother’s Day service. The sanctuary was decorated with flowers in her honor and brief but reverent eulogies were spoken. The greater movement had begun.

Over the next year, Miss Jarvis created the Official Mother’s Day Committee. She obtained a copyright reserving the rights to the title, her picture, and other matters pertaining to this observance. On the third anniversary of her mother’s death, Anna Jarvis asked the congregation of Andrews Church to present a well-planned, official, and authentic program in the morning of May 10, 1908. Miss Jarvis herself, conducted a similar program at John Wanamaker’s department store auditorium in Philadelphia in the afternoon of the same day. The second event was given tremendous publicity by the Philadelphia newspapers, one of which printed five million copies, with demand for as many more. Mr. Wanamaker had sponsored the publicity by relinquishing his usual advertising space, thus immortalizing his name by supporting this cause with his fabulous wealth and influence. Mr. Wanamaker later would say, “I would rather have the honor of establishing this Mother’s Day than I would be the King of England.”

In 1909, the Seattle Presbyterian Assembly dedicated the second Sunday in May for sermons to mothers. Parishioners were urged to write letters of love to their mothers, if living, and to wear a white carnation, if deceased. Red carnations were to be worn for a living mother. In 1910, William Glasscock, Governor of West Virginia issued a proclamation and requested that Sunday, May 5 be observed in all churches as Mother’s Day.

In 1912, the General Conference of the Methodist Church recognized Miss Anna Jarvis as the founder of Mother’s Day – not Mr. Wanamaker. That year, the governors of Texas and Oklahoma also issued Mother’s Day proclamations.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution passed by the U.S. Congress confirming and setting aside the second Sunday of May to be observed annually as Mother’s Day. The display of the American Flag was part of this resolution in recognition of mothers as source of the country’s strength.

During the waning years of her life, Anna Jarvis railed against confectioners, florists and card printers and was known to have said,

“candy is junk” and “flowers are about half-dead by the time they’re delivered.” She felt that a store-bought card sent to your mother was “a maudlin, insincere card...meaning nothing except that you’re too lazy to write.” Today, the Andrews Memorial Methodist Church of Grafton, WV, the Mother-Church of Mother’s Day, holds services only once yearly on Mother’s Day. This century-and-a-half year old shrine with hand-carved pews and stained-glass windows is open for those interested in viewing the history of Mother’s Day most other days during the year.

Jarvis died on November 24, 1948, and was buried next to her mother, sister, and brother at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.[25][26] Although the Anna M. Jarvis Committee supported her and helped to continue her movement during her declining health, it ultimately disbanded with the assurance that the Jarvis family gravesite would remain under the care of her grandniece who was the only heir to the estate, her oldest brother's granddaughter, as she herself never married or had any children.

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*Excerpted from “Mother’s Day and the Mother’s Day Church” by Howard H. Wolfe*

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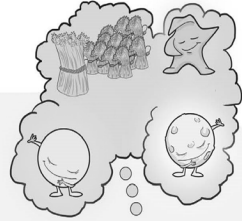


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Please contact Pastor, to find out who your NFG representative is, and join the SRMC family, for Godly meditations and discussions, birthday/anniversary wishes and a wholesome, fruitful fellowship.

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## Joseph's DREAMS



Read Genesis 37. Find and circle the words below.

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BOW

JEALOUS

FIELD

UPRIGHT

BROTHERS

STARS

MOON

SUN

JOSEPH

DREAMS

FATHER

SHEAVES

# Just For Fun!



(See Matthew 14:14-21)

03-13-2009

YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE, BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A BETTER OPTION



(See John 8:1-11)

02-20-2015

I WAS SAVED EARLY TODAY AND GOD FORGAVE MY SINS, WHICH MAKES ME WITHOUT SIN, SO ... FIRST STONE



05-31-2013

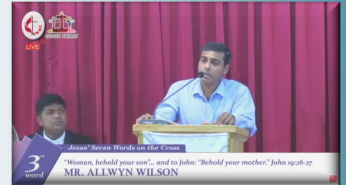
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## SEVEN WORDS ON THE CROSS



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## Pulpit Calendar

*"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are  
sons of God" Romans 8:14*

### May 2022

1st Sunday | 01/05/2022 | 9 AM  
COMMUNION SUNDAY | MATT 28:16-20  
Speaker: Rev. Uday Kumar

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2nd Sunday | 08/05/2022 | 9 AM  
JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT | JOHN 14:25-31  
Speaker: Rev. Alfred S. Raju **[Mother's Day]**

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3rd Sunday | 15/05/2022 | 9 AM  
HOLY SPIRIT SETS US FREE | ACTS 2:1-13  
Speaker: Rev. Alfred S. Raju

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4th Sunday | 22/05/2022 | 9 AM  
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST | 1 COR. 15:1-8  
Speaker: Mr. Allwyn Wilson

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5th Sunday | 29/05/2022 | 9 AM  
GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN WORSHIP | JOHN 4:16-26  
Speaker: Rev. Alfred S. Raju **[Aldersgate Sunday]**

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