



# Reach Out

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CALL  
TO WORSHIP



*"The Church remains in fellowship by edifying one another and investing into the life of families"*

Fellowship groups in a church can help Christians connect with one another, build relationships, and grow in faith. Small groups, in particular, can help people get to know each other and practice loving people by sharing stories, hopes, and struggles.

Let us strive to revive our NFGs, to help, support, share, care and love each of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

NFG coordinators and persons-in-charge will be notified soon in the coming days. Please contact Pastor if you want to host NFG meetings in your homes, or for any further details or clarifications in this regard.

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 9 AM**

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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. HOSEA MATHEW

Dear friends,  
Greetings in our Saviour Jesus Christ's name. We are experiencing severe summer heat and water scarcity, please take care of yourself. It's our prayer that God will send rain to water the land, giving life to all. *"Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit."* James 5:18.

Many Parents along with their children are off to enjoy their holiday time. Wish your vacation trips are enjoyable, refreshing, renewing and enable you to get ready for yet another schooling year. I once again thank our VBS team for a blessed week filled with learning activities, songs, skits, recitation of bible verses, class learnings that gave children much revival, growing closer to God.

It would be good to look at some of the special days in the Month of May.

The **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY** is celebrated on 1st May. Let us thank God for the skills and wisdom he has endowed us with and for the work we are all doing that God will prosper us in our work. Let our work become worship to God. Liturgical Calendar for the month of May includes special days like Ascension day, Mothers day, pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday.

Christian community remembers **DAY OF ASCENSION**; the day when Jesus ascended into heaven is celebrated 40 days after Easter. Acts 1:9-11 describes this event: *After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from*

*their sight.... when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'*

The ascension is important to Christian faith, we affirm it when we recite the Apostles Creed. It shows that Jesus Christ died, was buried, resurrected and ascended to heaven, and He will come again.

The second Sunday is **MOTHER'S DAY**. It is a time to praise God for the gift of Motherhood. Wishing all the dear mothers of our congregation a Happy Mother's Day. May the Lord bless your life abundantly for His own glory and honour.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Celebrated 50 days after Easter, falls on 19th May. Pentecost is commemorating the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Christian Church.

26th May is **TRINITY SUNDAY:** It is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Christian liturgical calendar. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity - the unity of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, as three persons in one Godhead. God is one in essence and three in person. The doctrine of the Trinity is considered to be one of the central Christian affirmations about God. The **Triune God** is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones, we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We affirm this when reciting the creeds; we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds the central place in our faith.

**ALDERSGATE DAY** is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when **John Wesley**, founder of Methodism, experienced spiritual transformation. 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 *"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 to me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."*

For our meditation this month, we will focus upon the topic: **CALL TO WORSHIP**. Jesus tells the tempter "*worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.*" For us as believers of Jesus Christ worship is most important spiritual activity. God is the focus of our worship. We read in the Bible that early Christians assembled together on the first day of the week to worship God (Acts 20:7). When they met together, they studied God's word, prayed, sang hymns of praise, gave of their income, and partook of the Lord's supper. Acts 2:42-47. We worship God not to gain an emotional experience, but because God is worthy of our worship. Revelation 4:11 says "*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*" The reason for our very existence is to give pleasure, glory and praise to God.

Jesus said that God desires to be worshiped in spirit and in truth. Spiritual worship is worshiping God out of a humble, respectful, and subservient attitude. Truthful worship means to worship God according to His word, for God's word is truth (John 17:17).

So as we worship together, let us focus upon God, the one whom we are worshiping not on ourselves or any other creatures. It helps us come closer to God, be in His fellowship that characterises and strengthens our relationships. Worship also sends us forth to serve Him through our witnessing life and services that becomes blessings to others. The God who is worthy of all praise and honour, be pleased with our worship engagements and bless us all.

Blessings and prayers,  
**Rev. Hosea Mathew**  
(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 AND PRAYER

## *PRAISE GOD*

- ♦ Praise God for His grace, as we meditated on the theme **HOW SHALL WE LIVE?** during the month of April.
- ♦ Praise God for the ministries and lives of **Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen** and **Mrs. Grace Johnson**, who brought the word of God to us in the month of April, as Guest Preachers.

## *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. Hosea Mathew** and his family. Also, kindly keep our extended **Pastoral team** at **KMC** and their families in prayers.
- ♦ Pray for the **SRMC Sunday School, Children & Teens ministry**. Pray for wisdom and health for all teachers and volunteers and for the challenges that are involved.
- ♦ Pray for the future of our church, we are in the process of becoming a **separate Pastorate under the Bangalore Regional Conference of MCI**. Pray that the process is smooth, and due committees are formed to take the functioning of SRMC forward.
- ♦ Pray for the **Church Bible Study group**, resource personnel who are conducting it, that God may bring revival and growth to our congregation.
- ♦ Pray for the **Worship team, Choir, MMF and WSCS fellowship**, 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 for all the families who are suffering due to the effects of illnesses, economic difficulties, familial tensions, etc, that God may give them strength to cope and move ahead.
- ◆ 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

- **Sunday Worship Service** begins at **9 am** every Sunday, with services being live-streamed on our website **srmcblr.org**.
- **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.
- **WSCS Monthly Meetings** are held every last Sunday of the month. **Women's Bible Study** is scheduled for **Wednesdays at 7 pm**. Currently on Summer break, will resume in **June 2024**.
- **Church Mid-Week Bible Study** is scheduled for every **Thursday, at 7 pm**, via Zoom. **Rev. Dr. Christopher Mohan** will be conducting the study for the month of May on the topic of **KINGDOM PARABLES**.
- **Methodist Men's Fellowship Monthly Meeting** is held on the **3rd Saturday of every month**, at **7:30 am**, followed with Breakfast.
- **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.



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# WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST - PART 1

In the month of April 2024 month, SRMC Men Fellowship meeting we discussed on the topic “Winning Souls for Christ”. We sensed this topic was eye opener and discussion happened for more than an hour. On sensing the gravity of this topic, I decided to share with the congregation members as well. Hence this article 😊 and I believe this will strengthen your faith and brings closer to Lord Jesus.

## ***What is the meaning of Winning Souls ?***

Winning soul means making a person, from other faith, to realize that he/she is a sinner and make him/her to accept Jesus as their savior. In these days many of the Orthodox Christian family members have gone astray and backslid due to many reasons. Winning these souls are also important.

## ***Who is responsible for this act ?***

Many of us think that Winning soul is the responsibility of the pastor of the church but that is wrong. As a Christian, all of us have this responsibility to bring these lost souls to our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ***What is the prime age to do this act ?***

In 80's and 90's, people thought Winning soul can be done after their retirement from secular world job. These believers used to give tracts and do the social work (like organizing blood donation, collect subscription for BSI, helping the needy people etc.). However in the current world, at the retirement age we are chained with many sickness and weakness like BP, Sugar, Heart problem etc., and these sickness pull us down. Due to this sickness we will not effectively work for God's kingdom.

In fact there is no age limit for starting God's mission. In the book of 2 Kings 5:1-2, we read about a slave girl (even her name is not mentioned) who helped Naaman to be healed from his leprosy. She acted with faith and directed Naaman to visit Elisha and all of us know the remaining story of his healing. Since there is no age limit, we can start doing it immediately. It has no age limit and gender bias.

## ***What are the methods for Soul Winning ?***

Soul winning can be accomplished with help of Holy Spirit in two ways viz. **(a)** Through revival and healing meetings **(b)** One to One Evangelism.

*(a) Revival and Healing Meeting:*

Powerful man of God or Evangelist conducts a revival or healing meeting in a big area (like Palace Ground) and many sick people, demon possessed are brought to these meetings. By God's power many sick people are healed and delivered from the satanic forces etc. However these delivered souls enjoy the freedom but they don't know what to do next. They see Jesus' name as a magical word and the God's man as magician. We have read about farmer sowing seed story in Matthew 13:3-23. These souls are like seeds fallen on the rock area, where they immediately sprout but when they face worldly problems they wither out because they don't have strong root in Jesus Christ or in the Holy Bible.

*(b) One to One Evangelism:*

This is done by a Christian who has a heart to Win souls. All those who have experienced the goodness of Jesus Christ have to tell God's love to the lost souls. We help them to repent from their sins, guide them to read Bible, guide them to attend a Church service etc.

Out of the above two methods, which one do you think is more effective? And Why? I would recommend to discuss within the family during family prayer time.

***Can I Win Souls with my talent or education or skills ?***

I am sorry to say that we can't win souls with our own human efforts. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to guide us to Win souls in this rat race world. In the book of Acts 8:26-40, we read about Philip helping an Ethiopian to understand the Book of Isaiah. As soon as the Ethiopian believed Jesus Christ as the son of God, he took baptism. In verse 26, we read that an angel informed Philip to travel south to win this Ethiopian soul. In verse 39, we read the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away. That is the work of the Holy Spirit as He knows which soul is thirsting for God.

In Matthew 19:16-30, we read about how difficult for a rich person to enter God's kingdom. In verse 26, Jesus says that entering God's kingdom is not possible with man (i.e. human effort) but with God all things are possible.

Hence we need the Holy Spirit's direction and guidance to win souls for God's kingdom. We will continue the topic in next month's edition of Reach Out. Until then kindly discuss and meditate on the related Bible verses.

***- Written by Mr. Prabu T***

MOTHER'S DAY POEM  
***A MOTHER'S LOVE***

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith  
And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
And sent from God above.

*- Author Unknown*

# SRMC VBS - TRAIL OF FAITH

8th to 14th April 2024









# JOIN SRMC'S MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY | 7:00PM

 **VIA ZOOM**  
Zoom Link will be shared on Church Whatsapp groups



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To all the amazing mothers of SRMC



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May God bless all of you with  
abundant happiness, great health  
and long life...



## VBS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MRS. SHEREEN ANPU

**P**raise the Lord brothers and sisters in Christ, All glory to God alone. It gives me immense joy to write about this year's **VBS** conducted from April 8th to April 14th. We ministered to about 50 Children in the age group of 3-16 at the church premises for their Holistic and Spiritual upliftment. We pray that the seeds of faith sown; grow in them and form a trail as they grow. We thank parents for taking time to drop and pick up the children.

**Trail of Faith** – this VBS curriculum is designed by the team at Richmond Town Methodist Church. Each day children learnt about a Bible Character and the associated Bible Story. Each story had a series of faith-based teachings, which helped the children follow the trail. They had Memory verses to learn and recite at the end of the day.

At the common session, children learned new songs; Sis. Gracia had selected and taught children as per daily themes. They were also supported by our young and talented Sunday school musicians, **Master Hrehaan, Master Abiel** and **Master Samuel Jedidiah**. **Brother Veravalli Kumar** mentored them throughout the week. Children then moved towards the age-wise classes, where they were taught Bible stories in detail with activities and games relevant to understand the Faith that was taught for the day.

**Sister Jacqueline & Sis Deepika Victor** handled the tiny tots, while **Sister Jasmine** joined as a volunteer to help. 1st and 2nd graders were handled by **Sister Gracia**. **Sister Joy** and **Sister Hannah** supported whenever they could. 3rd and 4th graders were handled by **Mrs. Jesintha Immanuel aunty**. 5th and 6th graders were handled by **Sister Sharon** and **Sister Manjari**. 7th and 8th graders were handled by **Sister Jyothi** while **Sis Jessy** joined as a volunteer. 9th and 10th graders were handled by **Brother Rajashekar**.

Everyday snacks were planned and prepared by **Mrs Anjali Bhagat** and family, even when she was unwell; her family supported and prepared all that the children needed at VBS. I cannot thank enough, the background support given by the team consisting of **Brother Prabu, Sister Sruthi, Brother Joel** and **Brother Krishna Kumar** in registering, maintaining attendance, collecting contributions, photos, designing and printing banners, arranging snacks, etc.

VBS Sunday was celebrated on Aug 14th with **Sister Grace Johnson** bringing the word of God. All the children enacted the learning from their class, through songs, skit and memory verse recitation. With a grateful heart, I thank our dear pastor **Rev. Hosea Mathew** and the Management Team for giving me again an opportunity to be part of the VBS organizing team this year. God bless each of you.

# FOLLOW ME SIDE BY SIDE!

*Then said Jesus unto His disciples, 'If any man (or woman) will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

Matt 16: 24

S ometime ago, I glanced over a listing of the programs on a Christian television channel during the evening, my eye caught a programming note that reflected the fact that a historical documentary about Joseph was being shown. I must say, this really interested me because I just finished, for the third time, listening to my favorite Pastor Chuck Swindoll's teachings on the life of Joseph. If you haven't studied about Joseph or any other Biblical heroes, I encourage you to do so. Believe me, your life will be blessed.

Having just been so consumed with the captivating story of God's intervention and guidance in Joseph's life, I found myself, being filled with deep gratitude for the Bible because it is not only a written transcription inspired by God, but it is such a practical book, filled with heaven's advice for living successfully here on earth.

From beginning to end, the stories of real people with real problems, which mirror the difficulties you and I face, have given me an immense wealth of instruction, which on more than one occasion, has kept my feet from slipping off the path God has laid out for me. Today as I read the words recorded in Matthew 16: 24, I found that after the invitation to come, and the request to deny ourselves and then to take up our cross, finally Jesus asks us to, "Follow Him."

At first, I mistakenly thought, that if and when we would "come" to Jesus, we became automatic "followers." But as I continued to study, I found that I was way off in my conclusion. And it was another one of the real stories in the Bible, about a real person, that taught me an extremely vital lesson about becoming a "follower" of Jesus.

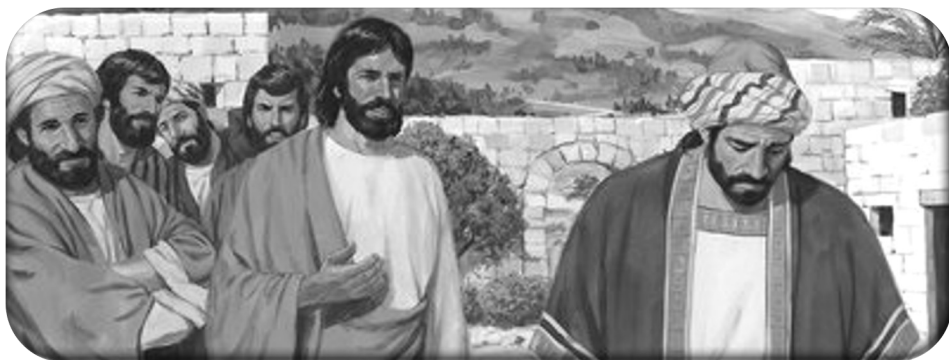
The story I am referring to is found in Luke 18: 18 – 30. And I tell you that I find this story is one of the saddest, most heart-breaking stories in the Bible. The setting for this story is important for Jesus had just called precious children to His side saying, *"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of*



God” (Luke 18: 16). I could picture for a moment the unbridled joyfulness of the little ones coming to Jesus.

As we view this blissful scene, a well-dressed young man approaches Jesus. This is how Dr. Luke describes the scene:

*“And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, ‘Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ And Jesus said unto Him, ‘Why callest thou Me good? None is good, save One, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.’ And he said, ‘All these have I kept from my youth up.’ Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, ‘Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow Me.’ And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich” (Luke 18: 18-23).*



Before we get to the heart of this story, I want to point out that we often hear this passage referred to as the story of the **“Rich Young Ruler.”** In many commentaries, this young man is described as a possible member of the Sanhedrin, and both socially and religiously he was heading to the top. Most likely if you had asked this young man how he had succeeded, he would be quick to tell you he had done it with hard work and brains. He had pulled himself up the ladder of success. He didn’t need anybody, for he had himself to rely on. And look where it had gotten him! The Bible makes it clear – he was rich! He was flush with the money he had made by the work of his own hands.

Not only was he rich, he was also a moral person – just ask him! Check off the list regarding all his good behavior! A good rich man – he thought this was really something to brag about. It was these facts, that

he was young, good, rich, and a ruler, that made him feel as though he had all that was necessary to make him worthy of Jesus' company.

However, before I come down too hard on this young man, I think of all the times in my own life when I have looked at myself thinking that I've finally cleaned-up enough for Jesus to be impressed with me to want me as a companion. And oh, how wrong I have been. For the next thing we find in Jesus' exchange with this "perfected" young ruler was this request: "Give up your earthly focus and your things and come, follow Me."

Jesus' calling to the rich, young ruler was no different than His calling to you, me or anyone else. For each of us is given a personal invitation, "come." But along with this invitation is the request that we deny or abstain from indulging in what we want and take up our cross and follow Jesus – wherever He takes us or sends us or calls us.

***The Greek word for "come" means to be a companion of someone, the word "follow," in the Greek, means that I will go with, walk along beside, and follow in the same direction.***

So it means that we do not segment our lives, giving some time to God, some to our business or schooling, while keeping parts to ourselves. The idea is to live all of our lives in the presence of God, under the authority of God, and for the honor and glory of God. That is what the Christian life is all about.

For the rich young ruler as well as for you and me, the call to come also included following – and to follow Jesus, side-by-side, walking with Him, no matter where the path leads, is sometimes just too much. What a tragedy for this young man – but what a tragedy for you and me when we are given the invitation to "come" but the request to follow is one we refuse to accept!!!!

My dear friends! What can the world offer you without Jesus? To be without Jesus is hell most grievous, to be with Jesus is to know the sweetness of heaven.

**Accept His invitation to COME and also to FOLLOW HIM -  
SIDE BY SIDE!**

**- Written by Mrs. Prema Sunder Raj**

# SUSANNA WESLEY

## HOW ONE MOTHER SHAPED THE METHODIST CHURCH

**S**usanna Wesley was the mother of John and Charles Wesley. 20th January 2019 was the 350th anniversary of her birth.

Upon visiting the home of the Wesleys in Epworth, England, I was struck by the way Susanna Wesley challenged her husband who wanted her to stop preaching. By being assertive, Susanna eventually enhanced the role of women in the church and even led to the formation of the entire Methodist Church.



When her husband asked her to stop leading a Bible study that was larger than the church he led, she responded: *"If after all this you think fit to dissolve this assembly, do not tell me you desire me to do it, for that will not satisfy my conscience; but send your positive command in such full and express terms as may absolve me from all guilt and punishment for neglecting this opportunity for doing good when you and I shall appear before the great and awful tribunal of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

I was very impressed when the tour guide mentioned the above incident to me. Not by her refusal to do as her husband suggested, but by her wisdom to pull the chair of authoritarianism from under her husband, Samuel Wesley, with such profound respect. Throughout this pilgrimage, the history of the United Methodist Church, as it was told to me, seems to have left a big chunk of the birthing of the entire idea of Methodism out of the picture. I think **John Wesley**, the father of Methodism, took a huge page out of his mother's methodical book and the way she ran her family.

***What kind of a woman would have nineteen children to care for and still run the family in such a structured way, especially since her husband was gone most of the time?***

In Susanna's journal, she wrote: *"I am a woman, but I am also the mistress of a large family. And though the superior charge of the souls contained in it lies upon you, yet in your long absence I cannot but look upon every soul you leave under my charge, as a talent committed to me under a trust."* This is a clear indication that the parable of the five

talents resonated very well with her, thereby directing her to methodically structure her time with her children. To her husband she wrote: *"I take such a proportion of time as I can spare every night, to discourse with each child apart. On Monday I talk with Molly, on Tuesday with Hetty, Wednesday with Nancy, Thursday with Jacky, Friday with Patty, Saturday with Charles."*

I am pretty much convinced that when John Wesley was organizing small group meetings at Christ Church, his strict attention to dates, time, and actions manifested his mother's influence on him. His fellow students may have been ignorant of the source of that influence.

***Yet, whatever fun they made of his consciousness to dates, time and related actions evolved, by providence, an important and appropriate name—Methodists!***

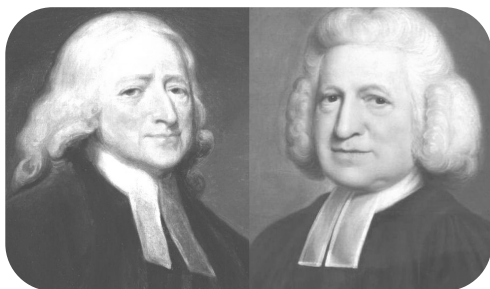
Much has been written and spread in many places; therefore, I probably might not have picked up this insightful story about where the whole idea of Methodism actually came from, and credited so much to John Wesley. Yet, now by understanding the key formative role his mother Susanna Wesley played, I hereby submit that even though her son is the father of Methodism, Susanna by all accounts is the mother of Methodism.

Let's remind ourselves that one woman made a significant contribution to the founding of Methodism, and that woman was Susanna Wesley. She trained her children the way they needed to go. When they grew up, they clearly did not depart from it and now the world is better for that!

Let us thank God for Susanna Wesley and the women who lead and influence us and our church.

***- Written by E Julu Swen***

*Communicator for The United Methodist Church in Liberia*



***John Wesley, the father of Methodism on the left and his brother Charles Wesley, author of multiple hymns, on the right.***

# HYMN HISTORY

## HEART OF WORSHIP - MATT REDMAN

*"Heart of Worship" is a popular worship song by English singer-songwriter, **Matt Redman**, from his album **"Intimacy"** (1998). Redman helped found the Christian movement of **Pastor Mike Pilavachi**, **Soul Survivor** and led worship for **Soul Survivor Church**, in Watford, United Kingdom.*



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**E**phesians 5:10 says, *"Find out what pleases the Lord"*. For me, really, that's the heart of worship. Find out what the Lord desires and requires, what's going to please the heart of God, in our own particular situation. You've probably heard the story - there was a special time in the life of our church when it felt like God was highlighting something to us about what worship is and what worship isn't. We'd had some amazing times and accounts with God and threw ourselves into it, but recently, in this little season, we lost something of that dynamic and it became a little bit of a spectator's sport.

So Pastor Mike did a brave thing. He said, *"We're not going to have a sound system for a while, no instruments, no lead worshipers, nothing. We're going to get in a room with our voices and our hearts and just check where we're at."* And the point was to just strip it all away for a while and find out where we go. And if you come through the doors of the church on Sunday morning, what are you bringing to the offering? It was a painful time at first, but slowly and surely we began to rediscover what it meant to bring an offering to God.

I wrote "Heart of Worship" to describe the time. *"When the music fades, all is stripped away and I simply come, longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless Your heart. I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart."*

Before long we brought the band back and the sound system, but something had changed in our hearts. As the chorus says, *"I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus."*

**- In the words of Matt Redman**

# Bible Word Search

## Places of the Bible

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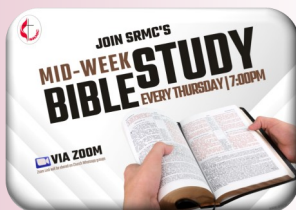
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# SOME OF THE CHURCH ACTIVITIES



- 9 AM every Sunday morning
- Weekly themes given in Pulpit Calendar
- Service live streamed on SRMC website & our YouTube channel

- **First of every month**
- Time: **7 pm to 8 pm**
- **Zoom** link shared through Church WhatsApp groups



- “KINGDOM PARABLES” conducted by **Rev. Dr. Christopher Mohan**
- Time: **7 pm**, every Thursday
- Zoom link shared through Whatsapp

- Monthly meeting on **4th Sunday** of every month
- Time: **After Worship service**
- Weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays at **7 pm**, via Zoom
- Daily prayers via **Zoom**



- Monthly meeting on **third Saturday** of every month
- Time: **7 am** onwards
- Breakfast fellowship follows

- Every Sunday during the Sunday Worship Service
- Time: **9:45 am** onwards
- Closed for Summer vacation, will resume in June





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## SARJAPUR ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

### Pulpit Calendar

*"It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" Luke 4:8*

### MAY 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday | 05/05/2024 | 9 AM

**9<sup>TH</sup> ASCENSION DAY | COMMUNION**

**WORSHIP THAT GOD DESIRES**

**PREACHER: REV. HOSEA MATHEW**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday | 12/05/2024 | 9 AM

**MOTHER'S DAY**

**THE HIGH CALLING OF MOTHERHOOD**

**GUEST PREACHER: MRS. PRIYANKA KUMAR RAJA**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday | 19/05/2024 | 9 AM

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH**

**PREACHER: REV. HOSEA MATHEW**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday | 26/05/2024 | 9 AM

**TRINITY SUNDAY | ALDERSGATE SUNDAY**

**THE GOAL OF WORSHIP**

**PREACHER: REV. DANIEL EZRA NAVEEN**

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