

Monthly Newsletter of Karnataka Congregation, Kuwait.



Praise the Lord

Greetings to all, Who Believe in Jesus Christ,

Oh! Give Thanks To The Lord !

From The Pastor ...

Praise God! He has enabled us once again to keep in touch with you through this monthly news letter. I pray to God to continue for his guidance, providence and anointing in our whole life.



This month is a special to all of us and especially in our diary of the Church. On 25th September 09, we are celebrating thanks giving and church anniversary to glorify His mighty name JESUS. We thank Jesus, for his awesome works done in our spiritual life. We remember, he heard all our prayers and answered to it. Scriptures Says, Matthew 24:35 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.' God's promises are eternal, it never goes in vein, until fulfil in the life of People of God.

This year Karnataka Congregation celebrates Thanks Giving Worship based on the **theme: 'Oh, give thanks to the LORD'** 1Chronicles 16:3

The Old Testament carries a repeating theme of praise that flows throughout the text: Give thanks to the LORD for He is good and His love endures forever. This phrase or a form of it appears in the Old Testament appears in 45 separate times. This one phrase seems to almost be a battle cry for the people of Israel to offer praise to God.

Thanksgiving is the time to feel gratitude to God for all the good things in life. It is a time to acknowledge the good deeds of fellowmen and be thankful. Thanksgiving is the time to pray and thank God for his continuous grace. Families offer group prayers both in church as well as homes.

The Hebrew word 'yadah' means, "to make public acknowledgment." This is the same word that we use in English word as 'confess.' This comes in two manners: confessing the name of God, publicly proclaiming His name and confessing our sins. Giving thanks is an act of humbling ourselves before God and showing gratitude toward God for His bountiful blessings. When we confess the name of Jesus, we are telling of all that He has done for us. When we confess our sins to Jesus we are telling of all we have done against Him.

The Old Testament is clear that the only one who is worthy of our praised and thanksgiving is the LORD. The Old Testament affirms the fact that God's love endures forever. There will never be a time in your life when God does not love you. The Hebrew word for love here is used to describe the covenant relationship between God and His people. Throughout the Old Testament the covenants were the basis of the divine human relationship. God revealed His love for us through these covenants. The ultimate example of this love was in the new covenant established through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Come, Let us Join together in Fellowship with God and celebrate, give thanks to Him with all our heart, soul, mind and worship His Holy Name. Be an active part of the fellowship and be transformed as a channel of blessing to others. God Bless You All.



GROW UP !!!

- By Pastor Samuel Shalom



1) When I was a Baby, I Weighed _____ pounds; I was _____ inches long, and had _____

- a) Some b) A lot c) No Hair.

2) Growing up is tough. What is the toughest part in Growing up in your life?

- _____making good grades
- _____making of carrier
- _____getting along with my parents
- _____getting rid of Job or business
- _____finding a girlfriend/boyfriend
- _____my body's changes

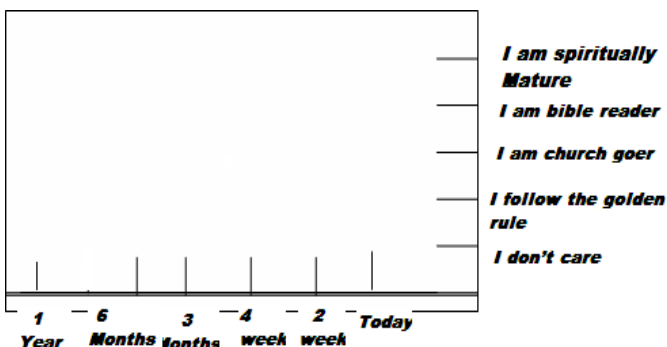
3) What are simple ways to tell if something is alive or dead?

4) Which is the correct definition of 'GROW':

- a) To sprout, move upward.
- b) The ability to produce fruit or leaves, as in a tree's case.
- c) To increase, add to.
- d) The inability to say "go" without using the "R" sound.

Grow up! In the lord...
{with out renewing or re-visioning, there is no proper growth in spirituality}

5) Chart your growth



I PETER 3:18

II PETER 1:5-8. Verse 5, gives the Idea of 'Growing' " _____ " According to Verses 5-8, What are we to 'Grow in'? _____

Application:

Every parent wants their child to grow. In fact, if your child stops growing, there's a problem. Growth and health go together. It is also true in churches. Healthy churches grow. God desire us to grow. In Ephesians 4, Apostle Paul outlines God's way of maturing and growing in the church.

The first area of spiritual growth is faith. When we see God's miraculous hand in our life situations, our faith is built up and as we share this with others, it builds their faith. We read the word of God and see others who had the faith and they were delivered from all kinds of situations and we believe in it. That's how we build up our faith.

The second area of spiritual growth is obedience. We need the faith to believe and then we demonstrate that faith by works of obedience. Then we receive the promises.

The third vital area of spiritual growth is love. God is love; that's his character. It's the way he thinks and acts. God is the embodiment of love and God does everything through love. This character helps us to live in fellowship, harmony and in unity with one another.

The fourth area of spiritual growth is the word of God. We have to discipline ourselves to spend time in mediating His word. Word of God brings blessings, healings, prosperity in our life. When we grow in knowledge of the word, our mind will be guided by the Holy Spirit leading us in the right direction. We will be able to war against Satan and have victory over him.

The fifth area of spiritual growth is prayer. We need to grow in prayer keeping daily contact with God. Pray with fervency. God hears and answers that kind of prayer. Prayer build up communication with Him, and he longs to speak with us.

We need to be growing in these five areas and developing godly character. Character is the only thing we can take forward in our spiritual life. Your home, your car, your bank account, and all your worldly possessions are left behind, but your character will endure for all eternity. If we are growing and making progress in these five vital areas, we are developing godly character and God is well pleased.

Ready, Set, GROW!

God's Calling In Our Lives

By Prakash Gladstone

What is your calling in your life as a Christian?

There is a difference between 'occupation' and 'vocation'. The Bible tells us that the occupation of Paul the apostle was a tent maker for a living whereas vocation was a holy calling to do the will of our Father.

The first calling for a believer is when he is saved, confessing with his mouth and believing in his heart that God raised Jesus from death. No sooner he does it than that is the first "Calling to Salvation".

The second "Calling to Service" is where Lord speaks to him to serve HIM in HIS vineyard.

Besides callings like Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher, the Holy Spirit has given each one of us a unique blend of GIFTS and TALENTS. God has also put all parts of our body together in the way HE decides is the best and in the same way God also has put the Church body together in the way HE decides the best.

The challenge before us is to find our PLACE, our MINISTRY within the church. One way of discovering your gifts and talents is by PRAYER and the second way of discovering is by looking around the church for NEEDS by asking the responsible people in the church.

Let us now see what the Bible teaches about our calling in the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Mat. 20:1-16). God is represented here as a landowner, laborers as believers and the vineyard is represented for the Church. Until they are hired into God's service they stand idle in the market place. When one is idle, chances are that the devil may hire him/her to feed swine in his field. God has called us to labor in HIS vineyard by planting, watering and fencing.

In the above parable we see two things happenings with the laborers, one is the "agreement" with them and the other "account" with them. They are all hired for a DAY which is the time of our life is a day but the reward given is for eternity.

Some are called when they are very young in their lives like we see early in the morning. Some may be called when they are middle aged like in the third, sixth and ninth hour.

Some may even be called in old age at the eleventh hour when only one hour is left. God is telling us here that there is hope for old sinners as well that they may be brought to true repentance. Scripture talks about Nicodemus being saved by Jesus when he accepted Jesus as his saviour.

In the evening the laborers were CALLED to receive their wages beginning with the last to the first. Faithful believers will receive their reward in His time.

The expectation of the early laborers was that they would receive more wages than the ones who came later but when the latecomers received the same amount as those who had started early they started grumbling for

the apparent injustice meted out to them.

But the landowner reminds them of their agreement and also the account "whatever is right I will give you" addresses them as "friends" and tells them that no injustice is done. God is a debtor to no man.

God distributes his reward by GRACE and SOVEREIGNTY and not of debt and tells his laborers to take what is right in the sight of God. It is HIS prerogative to give the last the same wages as to the first. If God gives extra grace to others, it is treated as kindness to them but no injustice to us & we ought not find fault with it.

HE also reprimands them for being "evil" as the early laborers were displeased for giving the same wages to the later laborers as themselves.

God distributes his rewards through GRACE and not of DEBT. Whatever God does to us or withholds from us, he does no injustice. We need to be content with what God has given us.



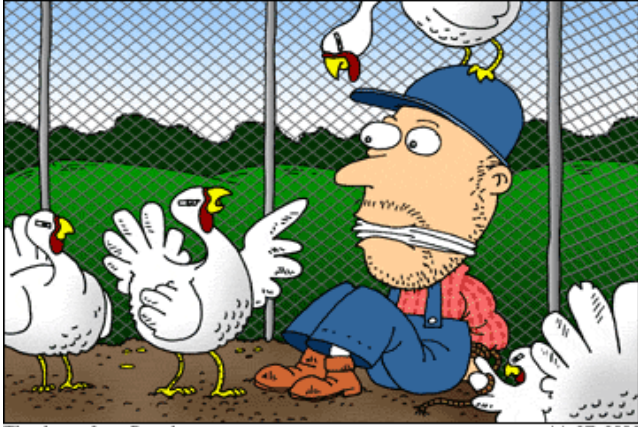
Backwards Indian cab driver becomes local celebrity 'by driving everywhere in reverse'



Harpreet Singh, a 30 year old taxi driver in Punjab has become an international celebrity. He drives his taxi in reverse. He is so expert in the art that even the state government of Punjab has given him a special license to drive in reverse.

Singh's passion began in 2003 when his car developed a fault and the forward gears did not work. Forced to use the reverse gear, he took his Fiat Padmini, painted "Back Gear Champion" on the side, and redesigned the gear box. His car now has four reverse gears and one forward gear. He can now reach speeds of up to 50 mph while driving backwards.

While he has gained international popularity there are some side effects though – he has now begun suffering severe neck and back problems. But he insists that it is worthwhile.



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THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO BE THANKFUL THAT ALL THE TURKEYS ARE STILL GOING TO BE AROUND NEXT YEAR

Standing Seats

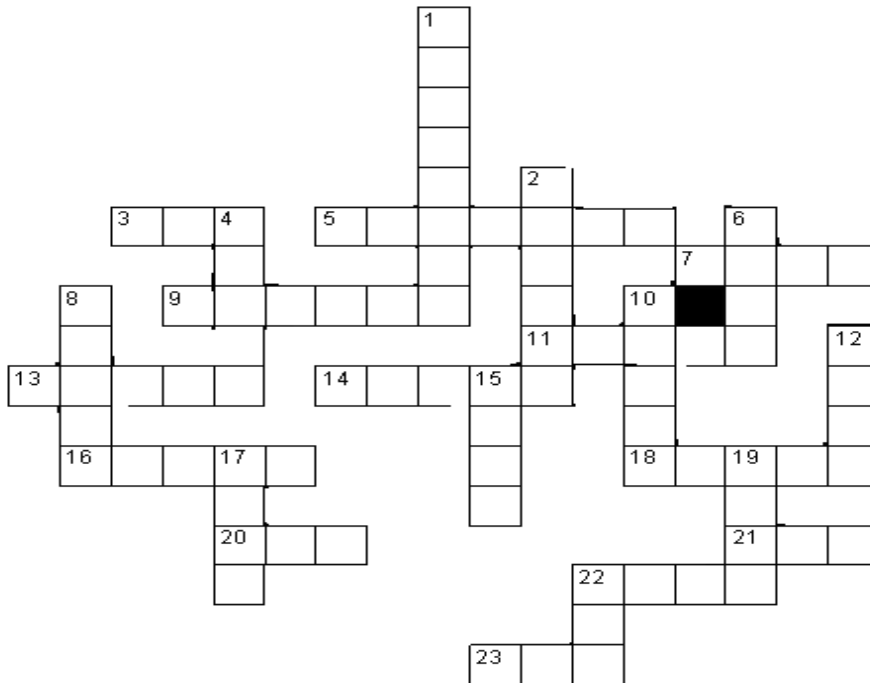
A Chinese airline is planning to increase its seating capacity and lower its prices by offering its passengers 'Standing Seats'! The airline is in talks with Airbus to implement the changes. The proposal is to remove some regular seats from the aircrafts and place bar-stools so that more people can be accommodated! Well, will we see people hanging from plane doors, or sitting on plane wings ? Well, not yet!



CROSSWORD

Creation

Submitted By : Laveena Shalom



Across

- 3. God removed one of these from man to make woman
- 5. Creatures
- 7. What God used to water the Garden
- 9. To make from nothing
- 11. Our planet
- 13. Healing type plants
- 14. Eve was the first one

16. Little night lights

- 18. Grew in the garden; one was of life; one was of the knowledge of good and evil
- 20. The heavens
- 21. First woman
- 22. The lesser light that rules the night
- 23. The greater light that rules the day

Down

- 1. Another name for the Garden of Eden
- 2. The _____ of Eden
- 4. They fly in the air
- 6. These swim in the seas
- 8. These are sown to grow plants; fruits reproduce by these

10. Apples, oranges, and bananas

- 12. God created our earth in 6 of these
- 15. First man
- 17. What God did on the 7th day
- 19. Where God planted the first garden
- 22. Adam was the first one


Bearing The Fruit of The Spirit



"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth ..."

What a beautiful promise God has given us! As a believer the most precious and valuable gift that we can receive is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God says that "without Him we can do nothing" (John 15:5)

While we are baptized in the name of the father, son and the Holy Spirit, most of the time we forget the third person of the Holy trinity – the Holy Spirit. We grieve the Holy Spirit by not asking for His guidance in our daily lives. We do this because of our lack knowledge of His word and His power.



It is more important to fill the people with the Holy Spirit than trying to fill a church with more people. We cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit unless we are willing to empty ourselves from 'self life'. Instead of running after people seeking advice, we need to run to the promised Holy Spirit. Galatians 5: 19 – 20 speaks of the 'works of

the flesh'. But if we crucify the flesh and live and walk in the Spirit, then the fruit of the Spirit will be seen in us. This of course, not by our own strength, rather it is a gift of God.

God is seeking the fruit of the Holy Spirit in His children. – Love, Joy and Peace. The fruit of Goodness, long suffering and gentleness are demonstrated in our relationship with others while the gift of faithfulness, meekness and temperance are related to self. When we begin to be filled with the Holy Spirit, He will do His work in us, our families and our Church.

In the book of Genesis we read that the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Today, the same Spirit if he is moving in our lives, are we not a blessed generation? Let us ask God to help us so that we will neither grieve the Spirit nor quench the Spirit. He is the faithful God who fulfils all his precious promises in our lives.

- Sneha

Our God is a Loving God



"Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit...." Romans 15:30.

When a person comes to the Cross and accepts Jesus Christ he becomes part of a loving family. In this family we have a father who is love. As the river of love that flowed from His heart at the time of creation resulted in forming man out of the earth—whom he created in His likeness. He made man superior among all His creation. Because of His great love, He sent His only Son to rescue man when he had fallen into sin.

Jesus is the embodiment of love. And that love made him to come in search of his sheep. When we were sinking in the mire of sin, he came and lifted us up and showed us grace. He demonstrated His love for us by dying on the cross for our sins. And now because of that same love He sits at the right hand of the Father interceding for us.

God in his abounding love has sent us the Holy Spirit. Speaking of that love Paul writes in Romans 15:30 'I beg you ... through the love of the Spirit...' That love which comes to us through His grace enables us to live a fruitful life. His grace for us endures forever.

He demonstrated His love for us by dying on the cross for our sins.

People of God, as you have become part of this loving family and as you have tasted of His love there are two things that you need to do. First of all, we should love the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit with all our heart, mind and strength. Secondly we should love others as love ourselves. Then heaven will rejoice because of us and we will become the children of our loving father.

Bible says in 1 Cor. 13:13 " And now abide faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love".

Jesus loves us and desires that we love others in a similar way. Lord Jesus is mighty, holy and great God. His love is able to deliver us from all pain, suffering and bondages. God's love is abundant. Let us rejoice in that love.

Isiah 49:13 speaks of a mother's love. Even a mother may forget her child but God has promised not to forget us. He has demonstrated His amazing love with such a wonderful promise.

- Prashal Manohar

HOME ALONE 2



Not Any More!

Junior Church for Children

Coming Soon

How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity (Ps. 133:1)



What about Sistern?

Don't Worry
"Women's Meeting"

Coming Soon

Celebrating Birthdays in The Month of September 2009



... And Wedding Anniversaries

Alex & Sneha Varghese - 21st Sept.

Mathew & Asha Soans - 21st Sept.

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE

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The Annual Thanksgiving and Church Anniversary Service

Will be held on 25th September 2009

Further details will be given in the coming weeks ...

Join us every Friday

Three Worship Services :

10 AM : English / Kannada service at Fahaheel

4 PM : Kannada Service at Annxe Hall, NECK,

6 PM : English Service at 'Hall of Hope' NECK.

A Single combined service Every Last Friday of the month — 6 PM at Hall of Hope

We also have Cell Groups every Sunday @ 7 PM at Salmiya & Fahaheel