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CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA (FORMATION DAY)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The birth of the Church of South India is known as the second Pentecostal experience.

September 27, 1947, should be engraved in golden letters in the annals of the Indian Church history, because on that day the four diverging Christian traditions namely, Anglicans, Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians came together to form a unique and united church in India. The barriers of credentials, creed, colour, caste, rich and poor etc. were broken down before the high priestly prayer of our Master and the Church of South India accepted its watchword *"That they all may be one."* John 17:21. This organic unity is primarily meant for service and fellowship. We are to be co-workers with God in order to fulfill the Nazareth Manifesto. The church (Ecclesia) is a called out community to be actively involved in God's Mission.

1. United for Koinonia (Fellowship)

Nehemiah 2:17-20 speaks of the rebuilding of the broken walls of Jerusalem. The tragedy of the city was that it lay in ruins and its gates were burned. The need of the hour was to rebuild the

wall of Jerusalem and get rid of the disgrace that fell upon the chosen race. While Nehemiah with his broad vision and commitment began the work of rebuilding the broken walls, Sanballath and Tobiah resisted him.

While the scuffling and ridiculing continued throughout the reconstruction work, Nehemiah, the servant of God was not disheartened. He sought the help of all the citizens and put his full trust in the God of Israel. He says "The God of heaven will help us and we his servants will rebuild this wall (2:20a). Nehemiah dismissed their claim and says "you have no part in this affair." It reminds us of the saying, "United we stand, divided we fall." Fellowship with God and with one another are the basic tenets of the church. The first century Christians were the classic example for this kind of Koinonia (Acts 2:44). As we celebrate the CSI formation day, let us once again rededicate ourselves for better fellowship.

2. United for Metonoia (Repentance)

The word 'metonoia' means right about turn. Turning to God is the need of the hour. Dependence on God brings repentance. St. Paul admonishes the church in Corinth and says, "as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? (I Cor 3:3). Divisions in Corinth marred the growth and witness within the community. Elsewhere Paul asks, "Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? The churches only foundation is Jesus and over that no

one can lay any foundation. The person who does the planting or watering is not very important, but God is because He is the one who makes things grow.

As a called out community it is our bounden duty to have agreement in all things and to be united in the same mind as that of Jesus.

The prerequisite for a witnessing church is wholehearted repentance. Peter's address during the day of the Pentecost moved the crowd deeply (they were cut to the heart) and they returned to God and "each day God added to them all who are being saved." (Acts 2:47).

Let us come back to the Lord with a contrite heart so that His mercy will reinstate the church as a blessing to many. The cry of the Psalmist "Lord, I lift my hands to heaven and implore your help, Oh listen to my cry (Ps 28:2) is so pertinent to us. Real repentance brings rich blessings.

3. United for Diakonia (Service)

The Church has been founded to serve the community, thus serving the Lord. Truly I tell you, just as you did to the least of my brethren; you have done it unto me (Matt 25:40). These words of Jesus echo the criteria of Judgment.

Luke 9:10-17 helps us to have an introspection regarding our way of life. While the disciples urged Jesus to send the multitude away hungry, Jesus tells "you feed them." (Luke 9:13)

It is the duty of the disciples to take care of His followers. While the world is sending people away; the way of Jesus is to gather them together.

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FRUITFULNESS OF THE ELDERLY

'They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be healthy and flourishing' Psalm 92:14

Many of us are senior citizens. How do we see ourselves? Is growing old a blessing or a curse? Is growing old a problem to struggle with or a blessing to celebrate?

Psalm 92 has something to say about growing old. The righteous flourish and grow like palm and cedar trees because they still bear fruit in old age. The righteous will flourish like a palm tree - full of sap, bearing fruit.

The righteous will grow like a cedar tree, still fresh and green in old age. It is the destiny of the righteous. Old folks have a peculiar privilege; the chance to see God's faithfulness over a lifetime. Their troubles do not grow smaller but their experiences strengthens the belief that God will deliver as He always has.

The destiny of the righteous is an enduring, fruitful life. The reason is because they are planted in the house of the LORD (v.13). Like the palm and cedar trees they have roots that go deep into the source of living water and are rooted in a living communion with God. They are connected to the ever abundant source of life that is in God.

What a lovely portrait of a righteous person growing old! Reaching the age of retirement does not mean an end to a fruitful life. Think of old age and you think the time has come when your knees buckle and your belt won't. Old age is when you turn out the lights for economic reasons rather than romantic ones.

Old age is when you have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.

Someone once said that if you want to know what it feels like to be old, smear dirt on your glasses, stuff cotton in your ears, put on heavy shoes that are too big and wear gloves, and then try to spend the day in a normal way.

Yes, for many righteous elderly saints, growing old is marked with many challenges. For those who suffer with Alzheimer's, crippling arthritis or osteoporosis, loss of spouse and the resulting loneliness - yes growing old has its many challenges. Just visit any nursing home and you know that for many folks, old age does not appear to be something to celebrate.

But that is not the point of this Psalm. This psalm is not about the categorical promise that every believer can lay claim to. Not everybody reaches a ripe old age! Some even die young. But the message is this: we see evidence of the sovereignty of God in the enduring fruitful life of the righteous.

This is so true! When you grow older, and as you remain planted in the house of the Lord, you will still bear fruit in old age. In the gospel of John (ch.15), Jesus said, "If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit." Twice in this gospel Jesus referred to himself as the source of living water.

When you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and you are deeply rooted in Him, if you remain

in Jesus as a branch remains in a vine strength hinder them from doing things - then you will bear fruit - fruit that for the Lord. will last (John 15:16).

Abraham left his country to begin a

The righteous believer in Psalm 92 new life when he was 75 years old. proclaims, "The LORD is upright; He Moses led the people of Israel out of is my Rock." Jesus is the Rock of Egypt when he was 80 years old. But Ages, cleft for you! He shed his blood we don't even have to look that far for you. As you hide yourself in Jesus back to find the righteous still bearing - as you trust Him, worship Him, and fruit in old age. Just look around our follow Him -you will bear much fruit. congregation - there are a number of

Racehorses do not race for many old saints, men and women, mothers, years. After a certain age they are put fathers and, grandparents – who might out for breeding purposes or to the pas- be considered retired and receiving a ture. But that is not the picture we have pension, but they have not retired from in Psalm 92 of the elderly among us. serving God and His kingdom.

They are not put out to pasture, no They are busy in the church and in matter how old they are. They are the the community with a wealth of workhorses of the kingdom. wisdom to offer. The righteous might

That's the picture of the elderly be old and grey, but they still bear fruit righteous person given to us in Psalm in old age! This is reason enough to 92. That is the attitude that Christians sing of God's love and faithfulness. need as they face their twilight years. Amen!

Reuben Sathuri

Just think of it: what a storehouse of wisdom and spiritual power is evident in God's senior saints! The elderly should not let age or declining physical

And I will be still carrying you when you are old. Your hair will turn gray, and I will still carry you. I made you and I will carry and will deliver you. Isaiah 46:4

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While the world leaves people empty, our Lord enriches them with goodness. The Magnificat clearly says, "He has satisfied the hungry hearts and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has torn princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly (Luke 1:52-53). The mercy of the Lord goes on from generation to generation. A stock taking is necessary in connection with the churches healing ministry today. We are called to serve the servants.

Lord, the church is called to be a channel of blessing to this wounded world; torn apart with prejudices, terrorism, casteism and what not. St. Paul says, "walk worthy of the call" (Eph 4:1). Our calling is a high and unique calling. Jesus says, "The son of man has not come to be served but to serve and give His live as a ransom for many. Let this be our motto also.

May the good Lord give us a new vision and mission so that the life of the church may be enriched worldwide. With best wishes and prayers.

Rev. Dr. Murphy W. Soans

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” William Arthur Ward.

Teaching is not a profession, It is a way of life says PM Modi. A teacher is a friend, philosopher, and guide who holds our hands, opens our minds, and touches our hearts. The contribution of a teacher cannot be ignored at all. In many countries across the world, Teacher's Day is a special day where teachers of schools, colleges, and universities are honoured. The date varies from country to country. In India, it is Celebrated on the 5th of September to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was a philosopher, educationalist, recipient of Bharat Ratna, first Vice President and second President of independent India. On this day, his students & friends wished to celebrate his birthday however, Dr. Radhakrishnan requested “Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my proud privilege if September 5 is observed as Teachers’ Day.” Since then, his birthday has been observed as Teachers’ Day.

We celebrate Teacher's Day because teachers have been the architects of society and without them, no society can walk in the path of progression. Parents are the first teachers as children learn to speak from their parents from childhood. Next, the school/college teachers guide and inspire every student’s life.

In the Bible, when the church in Corinth was split over issues related to the gospel then apostle Paul sends his student Timothy to help resolve the problem: “That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.” (I Cor 4:17). The idea behind a teacher and a student in this verse is the close and loving relationship between father and son. Paul says that Timothy is someone who thinks and acts very much like me. For this reason, sending Timothy is almost like Paul going there personally. In short, a teacher is someone who shares his life with his student and the students replicate the teacher .

“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher” (Luke 6:40). Whether you are a parent, a Sunday school teacher, or a pastor in the church, your duty is singular: to change lives by teaching truth and teaching the student how to live out the truth.

Dear teachers, we are thankful to you to those who taught us in schools, as we have become useful people in the society, and also we need to be thankful to our spiritual teachers because through them we receive not material benefits that last for a while but eternal and abundant life through Jesus Christ.

As a student, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our teachers. The Lord knows your labour of love. And friends/Students, “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.” (Heb 13:7)

“If I am able to write this article, it is because of my teachers, so Thank you Teacher and wish you a very Happy Teachers Day”.

– **Theodore Tatpati**

ALMANAC FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Date/Day/ Time	Nature of Service	Lessons	Reader	Preacher
06 Sun 7.30 am	14th Sunday After Pentecost EDUCATION SUNDAY H. C. Service Teachers: Agents of Liberation	Proverbs 8: 1 – 12 Acts 8: 26 – 38 Psalm 119: 97-104 Mark 6: 34 - 44	TEACHERS	Parish Priest
13 Sun 7.30 am	15th Sunday After Pentecost WOMEN'S SUNDAY H.C. Service: Women as Change Makers	Numb 27: 1 –11 Acts 16: 11 - 15 Psalm 119: 57 - 64 Luke 1: 46 – 55	WOMEN	Parish Priest
20 Sun 7:30 am	16th Sunday After Pentecost H C Service Peace and Conflict Resolution	Exod 14: 15 – 31 Titus 3: 3 - 8 Psalm 32 John 3: 1 - 8	Mr Suchit Kotie Mrs Suhasini Mitta Mrs Dorothy James ELEMENTS Mr & Mrs Jerold Thomas	Parish Priest
21 Mon	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist *	Isaiah 33:13-17	I John 2:15-17	Matt 9: 9-13
27 Sun.7.30 am 6.30 pm * Days of Remembrance	17th Sunday After Pentecost SR CITIZENS SUNDAY H C Service Fruitfulness of the Elderly PRAISE & WORSHIP	Genesis 17: 1 – 8 Philemon 8 – 22 Psalm 92 Matthew 7: 13 - 20	SENIOR CITIZENS	Parish Priest YOUTH
NEWS We thank all members for faithfully attending the Sunday Worship Service ever since the lockdown has been lifted. We pray for God's continued protection on the faithful. We also thank all the congregation who are following the services online and the people taking part in the intercessory prayers. God bless you all for your faithfulness. CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA FORMATION DAY We are happy to announce the resumption of the Women's Fellowship on Zoom App every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. We pray for more women to participate in the fellowship. The Sunday School and the Youth Fellowship meetings are very active online. Praise God for all the teachers, Sydney & the Franklins who are involved in these activities. We deeply regret to announce the demise of our former church member, Mr. Benjamin Balraj on 20th August. He had settled in Tuticorin after serving the Railways in Hubli. He was a very active committee member. Please uphold the bereaved family in your prayers. A video clip of the life and times of Rev S A Mara is uploaded on our website in the church history section. He was ordained as the first Archdeacon of Belgaum and served in St. Andrew's from 1956 to 1965. You can access our website at the address below: http://www.andrewschurhchubli.org/. Please click on the icon to enable access for newsletter.				

BIRTHDAYS

2	Mrs. Namratha Libin	17	Master Niven N Joseph
6	Mr. Alfonso S. Joseph	18	Mrs. Jemimah Swaminathan
9	Master John Klemence	18	Mr. Jerold Thomas
10	Dr. Divya S. Patil	20	Miss Nithya Ann Joseph
13	Mr. Suchith Koti	24	Miss Lydia Luwis
14	Baby Ethan Sumanth	26	Mrs. Jovita Dara
15	Mr. Howard Sumith Martin	27	Mrs Lidiya Nikitha Pradeep
16	Mr. Melvin Samuel Chelli	28	Master Rufus Gnanarajan
16	Mrs. Dorothy P. James	29	Mrs. Shanthamma Joseph
17	Mr. Clement Chelli	30	Mr. Isaac Justin Sullad
17	Mrs. Subashini D. Mitta		

Praying for heaven's choicest blessing on each one of you to have a happy and blessed birthday and many happier ones to come

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

29	Mrs & Mr Prasann Bangera
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Congratulations on another year spent in togetherness. Wishing you Love and Laughter for the years to come.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2020



06/09/20 Mr Ashish Johnson & family
 13/09/20 Mr Prasann Bangera & family
 20/09/20 Mr Franklin Benjamin & family
 27/09/20 Mrs Lydia Pradeep & family

“That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us” John 17:21

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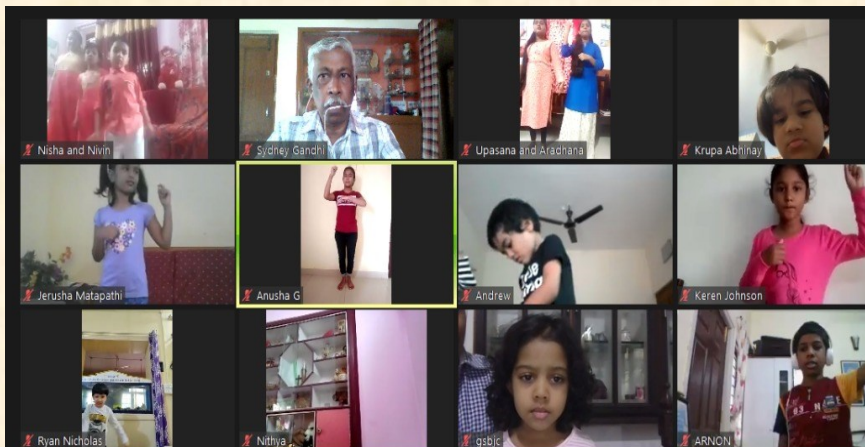
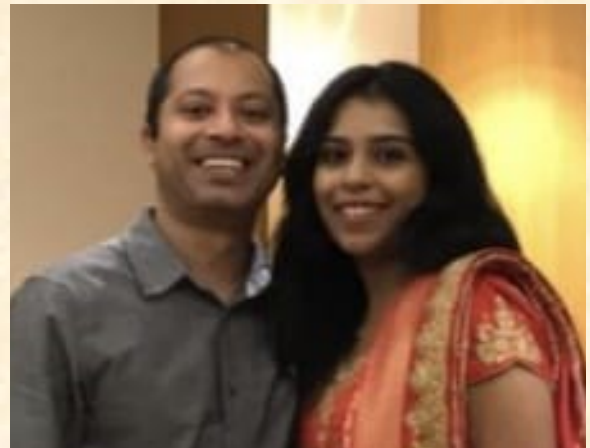


WEDDING BELLS

Ms. Anisha Joseph, daughter of Mrs. & Mr. Wilson Joseph, exchanged wedding vows with Mr. Joseph Jennings on 22nd August. The wedding ceremony was held at Fusion Church, Lowell, Massachusetts, US and was solemnized by Rev. Dr. Arthur Gonsalves. Let us all bless the new couple and wish them a blissful wedded life.

WEDDING BELLS

Mr. Arool Noel Birnur, member of St. Andrew's Church and son of Col Edwin Birnur and Mrs Emma Birnur of Hubli, wed Ms. Angelica Jayant of Hyderabad on 27th August 2020. Congratulation to the parents and wish the wonderful couple, Arool and Angelica a very happy married life together.



Sunday School kids Zoom online



Women's Fellowship on Zoom



OBITUARY

Rev Yeshwant Hadannavar, Pastor of Summdi Church, Guledgud, passed away on 21 August 2020. He was 66 years and also as in-charge of Hebich Memorial Church Dharwar. He also served as Area Chairman of NK Area. He did his Theology at KTC Mangalore and was the present Bishop's contemporary. He leaves behind his wife, 2 sons and a daughter. Pray for God's comfort, peace and solace to the bereaved family.