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Batitudes

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:3

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A teacher is always true!
We are fortunate to have a teacher
As wonderful loving and caring as you!
Happy Teachers Day! We will always be thankful to you
for all the hard work and efforts
you have put in, for educating us.
Happy Teachers Day! The way you teach...
The knowledge you share...
The care you take... The love you shower..
Makes you... The world's best teacher...
Happy Teacher's Day! You are a wonderful teacher
May God bless you.....

– A student

HAPPY
TEACHERS' DAY!

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace to you all from God the Father and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Last month was a special one as we had Independence Day celebration, Dedication of Missionaries and Children's Sunday. We really enjoyed every bit of it. No doubt that the Spirit of the Lord is working in the life of our Church. We are indeed grateful to God for the way He has been guiding IMC. We do praise and thank God for each one of you for being a part of IMC family. We also express our heartfelt thanks to you for your continual involvement, contribution and prayers.

This month we would be meditating on the theme '**Beatitudes**' (Matthew 5:3-11). The beatitudes can very often go unnoticed but they are very important for those who have made the decision to follow Christ. They are vital for our spiritual growth because they guide and teach us, point us in the right direction and show us the values that Jesus cares about. As we meditate on them over the next few weeks, we should be looking at whether or not we are trying to follow them.

Firstly, the word 'BEATITUDE' comes from the Latin word 'BEATUS', which means blessed. So we know straight away that this passage is about how God blesses his people. In Matthew chapters 5-7, we have a sermon of Jesus. This section of scripture is known as: "**The Sermon On The Mount.**" It's called the Sermon on the Mount because in chapter 5 Matthew tells us that when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up to the mountain and began to preach, teaching the people the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught in a way that had never taught before. He taught with authority. He spoke in plain language – yet spoke of deep spiritual truths. The Word of God says that God blesses those who desire, develop and live out the characteristics that we see in the Beatitudes.

Secondly, the basic meaning of "*blessed*" is happy. However, happiness in a Biblical sense has a much deeper meaning than what we tend to give the word in our modern English language which means "chance or luck." "Happiness as we know it, only exists when the circumstances surrounding our life are in our favor. But when we use the word

“happiness” as the Bible speaks of it, we are speaking of a **‘Spiritual joy and Satisfaction’** that lasts regardless of conditions, which carries a person through pain, failure, stress, sickness, loneliness, sorrow, loss, grief.....

Thirdly, the Scripture clearly says that we were made by God and for God, and until we figure that out, life isn't going to make sense. We must understand that life is a series of battles. You may be facing one now as you are reading this pastoral letter or you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one. Don't give up your hope in God's promises! I encourage you to commit everything in prayer. God has a definite plan for your life and family. The reason for our battles is that God is more interested in our character than our comfort; God is more interested in making our life holy than making our life just happy (James 1:2-4,12).

On the other hand, we can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in *godly character* and in *Christ likeness*. God didn't place us on earth just to fulfill

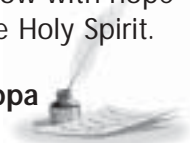
some responsibilities. God is more interested in what we are than what we do. That's the reason the Bible says that we're called human beings, not human doings.

As believers we are to live like Jesus. That should be our prime goal till the end. If we want to live like Jesus then we should have the same attitude of Jesus in every way. And what we find in **‘The Beatitudes’** are **‘Nine Attitudes’** that faithful Christians need to display.

May the Lord enable us to understand and grow in the **‘Be-Attitudes’** of humility, righteousness, meekness, teachability, kindness, holiness, peacemaking, endurance and Faithfulness that we will be a blessed people....

We once again want to thank you for upholding the Church and us in your prayers. We too want to assure you of our prayers. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Paul K. Royappa
Asst. Pastor



***For Pastoral Visit, Home Communion,
Counselling & Prayer, kindly contact the Pastors***

In Memoriam

We regret to inform you that **Bishop Dr. Kariappa Samuel** (Retd) passed away on August 31, 2010. Kindly uphold his family in your prayers.

Child Dedication

Jeremiah Daniel, S/o Mr. Sabu & Mrs. Sody Sabu was dedicated on August 18, 2010.

Baptism

Miss Sushma was baptized on August 14, 2010.

Thank you

We thank Rev. Arun Andrews, Mr. Malcolm, Rev. Robin Paul and Rev. Moses Mamdapur for bringing the Word in August 2010.

Welcome

We welcome the following to the Pulpit Ministry in September 2010.

1. Rev. Arun Andrews
2. Mr. Neil Vimal Kumar
3. Mr. Victor Sittther
4. Mr. Julius

Pastorate Committee

Pastorate Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010** at 7pm at the Parish Hall.

BROOKFIELD BIBLE STUDY – September 2010

at Mr. P.M. Vijayakumar Samuel's House,
68, First Main, R.J. Gardens, Outer Ring Road,
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
05th September 2010 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Mr. Malcom
12th September 2010 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Dr Rabindra
19th September 2010 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Dr Rabindra
26th September 2010 (Sunday)	4:30 PM	Mr. Malcom

Praise God

Praise & Pray

- For His grace and guidance throughout August 2010.
- For the Missionaries from different organisations who were dedicated on August 15.
- For His blessings upon those who celebrated their birthdays and wedding anniversaries in August 2010.

Pray

- For the various activities and Pulpit Ministry in the month of September 2010.
- For the ministry and family of Rev. David Vijayakumar and Rev. Paul K. Royappa.
- For all those who are in teaching profession.
- For our Bishop Dr. Taranath Sagar & Mrs. Padma Sagar, the District Superintendent Rev. Hosea Mathew and all the Methodist Pastors and Churches in Bangalore and SIRC. Also for the family, health and ministry of our retired Pastors.
- For God's healing touch upon Mrs. Sunanda Bhaskar, Mr. Kenny, Mrs. Kishore David, Mr. T.J. Ramakrishna, Mrs. Nathan, Mr. Malaki and all the sick.
- For the recovery of Mrs. Emily Paulson who is undergoing Chemotherapy treatment.
- For the 10 Missionary Organisations that IMC supports.
- For our Nation, Karnataka and Bangalore. Also for all the leaders of our country.



IMC wishes those who celebrate their Birthdays
and Wedding anniversaries in September 2010.
May the Lord bless them abundantly.

Women's Fellowship (WSCS)

IMC WSCS

PRAYERFULLY INVITES ALL WOMEN TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN WSCS

The women's fellowship meets on the **third Saturday** of every month at **4.30 pm**.

We have different types of activities throughout the year. Whether you are aware of it or not, all the women of this Church are members of the WSCS, according to the Methodist Church tradition. So, please come and enliven the meetings with your presence!

BREAKFAST SALE ON SUNDAYS

(AFTER 09.30AM SERVICE
ON ALL SUNDAYS EXCEPT FIRST SUNDAYS)

THE PROCEEDS OF THIS SALE WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASE OF BELL FOR OUR CHURCH, WHICH IS THE FIRST PROJECT OF WSCS FOR THIS YEAR.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN KIND OR CASH WILL CHIME OUR BLESSINGS

For more information please contact WSCS President
Mrs. Helen Thangadurai at 94488 13012



Senior Citizens' Fellowship

Senior Citizens' fellowship meets on
Saturday, 27th September 2010 at 4.30 pm

For more details,
Please contact **Mrs. Parin Paul** at **98450 46223**

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF)

The MYF meets every Sunday after 9.30 a.m. Service.
Come and be blessed. Age group: 17-25

A time of singing, praise, fellowship, sharing and prayer

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: Every **FRIDAY** 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Contact: Sharon @ 98868 29218

Kid's Sunday School Place

Sunday School meets **Every Sunday** from 8.00 a.m to 9.15 a.m
Please do send your children regularly.

For more details, kindly contact Sunday School Superintendent
Mrs. Lalitha Abraham at 25290906

Bible quiz for children

- 1) What was the first thing that God created?
- 2) What was the boat Noah built called?
- 3) What is the symbol of God's promise to Noah?
- 4) Who received the 10 commandments from God?
- 5) People look on the outward appearance, but what does God look on?
- 6) What was the name of Moses' brother?
- 7) This prophet was swallowed by a fish.
- 8) What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
- 9) What is another name for the sermon on the mount?
- 10) What was the name of the Sea where Jesus calmed a storm?
- 11) Jesus told a parable about a prodigal _____.
- 12) Which of the apostles betrayed Jesus?
- 13) With what did Jesus feed 5,000 people?
- 14) What are we told to do in the fifth commandment?
- 15) On which day did God create plants?

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| 15) Third | 10) Sea of Galilee | 5) The heart |
| 14) honor our father and mother | 9) The Beatitudes | 4) Moses |
| 13) 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish | 8) Jesus wept | 3) Rainbow |
| 12) Judas | 7) Jonah | 2) An ark |
| 11) Son | 6) Aaron | 1) Light |

ANSWERS

Announcement from Social Concern Committee

Social concern committee proposes to revive the **Grieve Committee** which would offer voluntary help in time of bereavement and need. Volunteers are needed for this committee and if you want to be a part of this committee as a volunteer kindly contact the social concern committee chairperson Mrs. Parin Paul at 9845046223 or the Pastors or leave your name and contact number in the Church office.

MEMORIZE THE BIBLE

Theme: 'THE BEATITUDES'

Sunday, Sep 5, 2010

Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Sunday, Sep 12, 2010

Isaiah 49:14-16

But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me." "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

Sunday, Sep 19, 2010

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

Sunday, 26, 2010

2 Peter 3:11-13

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.^[a] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

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Recent Archeological Evidences

Associated Press (USA), has reported on August 16, 2004 that Archaeologists have excavated a cave in Israel where John the Baptist baptized many of his followers — basing their deduction on tens of thousands of shards from small ritual jugs, a stone used for foot cleansing and wall carvings that tell the story of the contemporary of Jesus.

John, six months older than Jesus and a distant relative — their mothers were kin, according to the Bible — was a fiery preacher with a message of repentance and a considerable following.

Tradition says he was born in the village of Ein Kerem, today part of Jerusalem. Just 2.5 miles (four kilometers) away, on the land of Kibbutz Tzuba, a communal farm, the cave lies hidden in a limestone hill — 24 meters long, 4 meters deep and four meters wide. It was carved by the Israelites in the Iron Age, sometime between 800 and 500 B.C. It apparently was used from the start as a ritual immersion pool, preceding the Jewish tradition of the ritual bath.

Over the centuries, the cave filled with mud and sediment, leaving only a tiny opening that was hidden by trees and bushes. Yet in recent years, it had occasional visitors — led by Reuven Kalifon, an immigrant and a Hebrew teacher at the kibbutz.

In December 1999, Kalifon asked his friend Gibson to take a closer look. Gibson, who has excavated in the Holy Land for more than 30 years, moved a few boulders near the walls, and laid bare the crude carving of a head. Excited by that find, Gibson organized a full-fledged excavation.

Over the next five years, Gibson and his team, including volunteers from the University of North Carolina, cleared out the layers of soil, picking up about 250,000 shards from small jugs apparently used in purification rituals.

The explorers laid bare 28 steps leading to the bottom of the cave. On the right, a niche was carved into the wall — typical of those

used in Jewish ritual baths for discarding the clothes before immersion.

Crude images had been carved on the walls, near the ceiling, and Gibson said they tell the story of John's life. One is the figure of the man Gibson had spotted on his first visit to the cave. The man appears to have an unruly head of hair and wears a tunic with dots, apparently meant to suggest an animal hide. He grasps a staff and holds up his other hand in a gesture of proclamation.

James Tabor, a Bible scholar from the University of North Carolina, said there is little doubt this is John himself. The Gospels say John was a member of the Nazarites, a sect whose followers didn't cut their hair, and that he adopted the dress of the ancient prophets, including a garment woven of camel's hair.

On the opposite wall is a carving of a face that could be meant to symbolize John's severed head; the preacher had his head cut off by Herod Antipas after he dared to take the ruler of the Holy Land to task over an illicit affair.

Other carvings include crosses, and a picture of a hand, apparently a depiction of a famous relic of John. The images are from the Byzantine era, apparently carved by monks who associated the site with John, following local folklore, Gibson and Tabor said.

Gibson, who heads the Jerusalem Archaeological Field Unit, a private research group, said the finds, taken together with the proximity of John's hometown, constituted strong evidence that the cave was used by the preacher.

"All these elements are coming together and fill in the picture of the life and times of John the Baptist," said Gibson, who has written a book about the dig, entitled "The Cave of John the Baptist," to be published later this week.

Gibson said pottery shards found in soil layers from top to bottom also show that the site was used for water purification rituals from the time of John through the 11th century, when the Crusaders burst onto the scene and began a new tradition — designating a site associated with the baptist in a neighboring valley.

Prof. Dr. M.J. Kumardoss

DID YOU TELL IT TO LORD JESUS?

Lord Jesus said,

“Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen”

– Matt 28:20

Often we forget the fact that Lord Jesus is with us, through this journey of our life. When we talk about God, most of us just think of a supreme being, enthroned in heaven, who is holy and great and happy in his own place. We forget the fact that, God has not left us alone here on earth to face the battle of life. If you love God, life is not going to be that easy for you. You will have to be part of Gods army and fight the devil. That’s exactly what Bible says –

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” – Eph 6:12

If the fight was against men, we would have trained ourselves in martial arts or worldly weapons. But because the fight is against the powers of darkness, we need a different set of divine weapons -

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God ... Your loins girt with truth ... the breastplate of righteousness ... feet shod with the gospel of peace ... the shield of faith ... the helmet of salvation ... the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God... praying always with perseverance and supplications ...” – Read Eph 6:12-18

But the greatest question on each one of our minds is – “How can I ever be perfect enough to put on the armour of God?” The same old liar Devil (see John 8:44) – always reminds us that we can never be holy enough to join the army of God. What a disappointment to the believer when he realizes that he can never be clean enough to enjoy the company of God. He would just give up his venture to find God and start off with a struggle to become holy.

When you face a failure, when you cant change something in your life, when you become helpless about your human nature, when you

realize that you are loosing the battle of Christian life , “ DON'T STRUGGLE TO SUCCEED ON YOUR OWN – TELL IT TO LORD JESUS” .Only Lord Jesus can help you win in this battle of spiritual life. That is why Jesus said – *“The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” – Matt 26:41* and *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” – Matt 11:28*

I was discussing this aspect with my sister and she was so quick to ask me a very interesting question – “If God knows every aspect of our life, why does he still wants us to tell him. Doesn't he know it himself that I am facing a problem?” . I am sure many of you would have the same question on your mind – “If God knows everything, why does he still want me to tell it to him?”. I appreciate your question, as it is always good to have reason for doing something, than to do something blindly. To find the correct answer to this question, let's turn to the Living Bible again, which is a treasure of answers to all our questions. If we could recall the incident described in *Matt 20:30-34* –

“And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.²And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say

Would you like to experience the joy of interceding for others and being interceded by others?

Please come and join us

Prison Ministry Prayer Fellowship: Every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.

Half-night Prayer Meeting:
Every third Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.

Fasting and Prayer: Every second Saturday at 10.00 a.m.

Hour of Power: Every Saturday at 6.30 a.m.

unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him”

Do you observe what Lord Jesus said – “What will ye that I shall do unto you?!” Though Lord Jesus knew that they were blind, he also knew that they needed a healing touch, but still he wanted to hear it from them. God doesn't force himself in your life to help you; he waits for you to ask him for help. But yes, he will keep reminding you that he is available for help. Maybe that is one BIG reason why you are reading this article.

That's why Jesus said - *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”* Matt 7:7-8

So next time you face a defeat – Tell it to Lord Jesus!- Amen

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GOOD NEWS

Visit our Church website
www.imcblr.org

For the website, we request all the committees and organizations of IMC to send their regular activities/reports/ testimonies and prayer concerns to
webmaster@imcblr.org

IMC has also an online photo album
<http://picasaweb.google.co.in/114157165884944262428>

You can send your comments and queries to
bangaloreimc@gmail.com

Area Fellowship Groups - September 2010

Area Leaders	Date	Place
AIRPORT ROAD Mr. & Mrs. Prem Karl Ph: 25228234	Thursday, Sep 9 th 7.00 pm	Mrs & Mr. K. Satish Kumar 201, Scientist Apartment NAL Staff Quarters, Airport Road, Bangalore -17. Mob: 9449072128
THIPPASANDRA / MALLESHPALYA Mr. & Mrs. Katary Ph: 25286992	Friday, Sep 17 th 7.00 pm	Dr. Gideon 49,(1032), 1 st Main, 1 st Cross Geethanjali Layout, New Thippasandra, Bangalore -75, Mob: 9620215616
DEFENCE COLONY / INDIRANAGAR Mrs. Rebecca Kurian Mob: 9845021749 Ph: 41154274	Friday, Sep 17 th 6.30 pm	Mrs. & Mr. Sarkar 934, 'Bliss', 11 th Main Indiranagar, Bangalore-8 Ph: 25268804
KASTURI / RAMAMURTI NAGAR Mr. Benjamin. Ph: 9945593463	Friday, Sep 24 th 7.00 pm	Mrs. & Mr. Thangaiah 79, 6 th cross, Vijaya Bank Colony Banaswadi, Bangalore - 43 Mob: 9845097712
BROOKFIELD Mr. Vijayakumar Samuel Ph: 25236938	Friday, Sep 24 th 7.00 pm	Mrs & Mr. Vijayakumar Samuel 68, 1 st Main, R.J. Gardens Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli Bangalore-37. Ph: 25236938
SARJAPUR ROAD Mr. & Mrs. Mahadevan Ph:9886188111/ 9620209987	Friday, Sep 24 th 7.00 pm	Mrs. & Mr. Mahadevan 184, Lakh Shore Homes Kasavanahalli, Off sarjapur Rd Bangalore -35. Ph: 258351841
MURUGESHPALYA Mr. & Mrs. Immanuel Ph: 25228602 / 9845808060		Contact Area Leader
C.V. RAMAN NAGAR Mr. R.George, Ph. 65655210		Contact Area Leader

Mid-Week
BIBLE STUDY

Conducted by
Rev. Paul Royappa

Every Wednesday
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On the Book of Revelation

Come and participate



BIBLE QUIZ

For all mothers
below 40 years

In the grid below you will find the names of 13 mothers mentioned in the Bible. Search for the names left, right, up, down and diagonally. After you have found all the words, write the leftover letters in the correct order to form the **mystery answer**. Work the puzzle on a separate sheet of paper and submit your answers before 15 Sept. The first 5 entries with correct answers will win prizes.

H	Y	R	A	M	E	H	J
A	K	U	V	B	A	A	O
M	E	T	E	G	I	R	C
A	T	H	A	L	I	A	H
A	U	R	E	H	T	S	E
N	R	I	M	O	A	N	B
M	A	A	C	H	A	H	E
A	H	S	U	R	E	J	D

Note: Do send in your answers with your name and contact number to the church office by hand delivery/post/email/ (imcblr@airtelmail.in) on or before Sept 15, 2010

The first 5 entries with all right answers will win prizes!

Answers to Aug quiz

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| 1. Ex 17:3-4 | 6. Ex 34:28,29 |
| 2. Jn 3:1 | 7. Gen 36:11-12 |
| 3. Ex 16:35 | 8. Ex 3:14 |
| 4. Lk 14:25-33 | 9. Ex 17:15-16 |
| 5. Ex 31:2-4 | 10. Ex:30 |

Congratulations to Winners of August quiz

1. Mrs Susan Chander 2. Mrs Kanaka Paul 3. Mr Banja VR 4. Mrs Jamuna Jeyasingh

Committee on Christian Education & Nurture

Pulpit Calendar - September 2010

Theme: 'THE BEATITUDES'

1st Sunday – September 5

**'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'**

*7.00 am	Rev. David Vijayakumar
*9.30 am	Rev. Arun Andrews
*6.00 pm	Rev. Paul Royappa

2nd Sunday – September 12

'Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted'

7.00 am	Rev. Paul Royappa
9.30 am	Mr. Neil Vimal Kumar
6.00 pm	Rev. David Vijayakumar

3rd Sunday- September 19

'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth'

7.00 am	Mr. Victor Sittther
9.30 am	Rev. David Vijayakumar
6.00 pm	Rev. Paul Royappa

4th Sunday – September 26

**'Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied'**

7.00 am	Rev. David Vijayakumar
9.30 am	Rev. Paul Royappa
6.00 pm	Mr. Julius

***Dawn Service: Friday, October 1, 2010 at 6.00 am**

***Holy communion**

Worship Practice	Saturday	4.00 p.m
Choir Practice	Saturday	6.00 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration



Reaching out to the poor and needy Visit to Home of Hope



IMC Choir at Koramangala Methodist Church

