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"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



## *Wisdom and Life*

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## From the Presbyterian's Desk

### *Wisdom and Life*

*"Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?" (Proverbs. 8:1)*

In the words of Cicero (106 BC-43 BC), a Poet, Philosopher and Rhetorician during the period of the Roman Empire observes, *"The function of wisdom is discriminating between good and evil."*

We are moving into the month of *June* with two important observances of celebrating *Student's Sunday* and *Environment Sunday*. Hard to believe that another vacation time has gone by, and as time for a new academic year has dawned, we specially remember and pray for all the students' in different stages of education. In my own memory, though we enjoyed our time of vacation, we used to look forward to a new academic year, especially to see friends and feel the joy of the new classroom, class teachers and books.

The *Book of Proverbs* along with the generally titled poetical books like *Psalms* strictly would fit into the category of *"Wisdom Literature."* Wisdom literature generally focusses on universal human concerns, especially the individual human experiences and the celebration of ordered relationships that lead to success by human standards with divine will.

The foundational idea of *Wisdom* is not limited only to the Genesis account, but extends a vast body of literature like *Wisdom Literature*. Wisdom was meant to engage with the creation as both teacher and the promise of God's presence in the creation. Wisdom transcends human boundaries and overcomes human expectations with the presence of God. Wisdom invites us to revisit our knowledge about God and thereby our relationship with God. In *Proverbs 8:1-11*, there is broad call to celebrate righteous living. For the Wisdom teacher, learning is a life-long experience. In *8:10*, the Wisdom teacher observes, *"Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold."* Wisdom is not hidden from anyone nor can anyone hide it, because it is a gift from God. Wisdom helps us to understand God's creation from a non-hierarchical point of view. Wisdom is visible from everywhere and available to all and to the whole creation irrespective of all human identities both natural or artificial.

It is our prayer that a renewed understanding of Wisdom will help our Children as they embark on another year of academic journey, and in our own life of partnership in sustaining and renewing the Creation.

As we come to a close of the *Triennium 2021 - 2024*, I wish to thank the leadership in the Pastorate Committee and the leadership in the Sub-committees and various volunteers who have cooperated in the continuing ministry and mission of our church.

*To God be the Glory!*

Your Presbyter

**Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben**

## Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

### *Stuthi Sanje*



St Andrew's Church celebrated ಸ್ತುತಿ ಸಂಜೆ (*Stuthi Sanje*), an evening of *Kannada Praise and Worship* starting 6 pm on *Sunday, the 26th of May 2024*. Kannada singing teams from *CSI Kannada Church Electronic City and Kings Messengers Men's Ensemble*, were the visiting Choirs. The special attraction was the Accordion Maestro *Patrick Rosario* of All India fame. Despite being totally visually challenged, presented three Instrumental Songs and also accompanied *Stuthi@StAndrews* for two songs. His Testimony of courage was an inspiration to all! The message was given by *Rt. Rev. S. V. Sampath Kumar*, retired Bishop of Methodist Church, who is a musician too.

**Wg Cdr Daya Soans**  
Secretary Pastorate Committee

## *Sunday School*



*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Our Sunday School will resume on *Sunday, the 9th of June, 2024*. Parents and children kindly note.

***Mrs. Sujatha Kishore***  
*Sunday School Superintendent.*



# SEEKER'S NOOK



June 2024

Welcome June, goodbye sweaty summer! Did you know that Mawsynram, located in the Khasi Hills of Meghalaya, is the wettest place on Earth? On 17 June 2022, Mawsynram set a new record by receiving 1003.6 mm rain in a span of 24 hours which has now become its highest single day record for the month of June. Well, this quiz is a little wet too; hope you make a big splash trying it.

## QUIZ

1. Jacob sent his family across which river before wrestling with an angel?
2. The land given to Abraham lay between which two rivers?
3. What was the first plague God unleashed on Egypt? Exodus
4. In Revelation, this river was dried up by the angel to prepare the way for the kings of the East.
5. The water of this river piled up in a heap for the Israelites to pass through.
6. What prophet of God commanded an axhead to float on the Jordan River, as per 2 Kings?
7. Apostle Paul was shipwrecked, only to be bitten by this animal.
8. The only disciple recorded as having walked on water is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Which of the following was not one of the rivers which watered Eden?  
Tigris, Chebar, Euphrates, Gihon
10. Elijah drank from this river during a drought.

Correct entries will be published in next month's newsletter along with answer keys. Send your **printed** answers to the **Church WhatsApp number 9741401874 by 25th June 2024**, in the following format:

**Name**

**Serial number – Answer**

## THINK BOX



### Wisdom from Above (Dedicated to our students)

Peer pressure is a commonly used term these days. The Old Testament tells the story of another kind of peer pressure. David and his men were hiding from Saul in a cave when Saul entered (1 Samuel 24). David's companions suggested that God had delivered Saul to them, and they urged David to kill him. But David refused to harm Saul because he was "the Lord's anointed" (v6).

People in our lives may sometimes suggest we do what seems most gratifying or practical in the moment. But there is a difference between worldly and spiritual wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6-7). Wisdom from above "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy" (James 3:17). When others are urging us to take a certain course of action, we can invite God to influence our response. **One is truly wise who gains his wisdom from above.**

### Quiz Answers for the Month of May

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Knock         | 6. Kingdom    |
| 2. Treasures     | 7. Earth      |
| 3. Peacemakers   | 8. Judgment   |
| 4. Destruction   | 9. Borrow     |
| 5. Righteousness | 10. Persecute |

### Congratulation Quiz Stars for the Month of May

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Felicia Manoraj        | 6. Annie Felix             |
| 2. Deepan Albert Pramodan | 7. Daisy Mark Prabhu       |
| 3. Veneetha Sunita        | 8. Gitanjali Lazarus       |
| 4. Esther Suguna Simeon   | 9. Lynette Natasha Karkada |
| 5. Agnita Robert          | 10. Rosabelle Prabhakar    |



Calendar for the First Week of July 2024			
*7th July Sunday	Stewardship Sunday		
	7th Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability		
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Exodus 36: 2 - 7		
Epistle	Philippians 4: 10 - 20		
Gospel	St. Luke 19: 11 - 27		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.15 p.m

## HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024

### Weddings



**Ms. Natalie Anne**

Daughter of Mr. Kenneth Charles Scanlon & Mrs. Valerie Bernadette Scanlon  
with

**Mr. Aaron Sujesh Simon**

Son of Mr. Christian Jayad Kumar Simon & Mrs. Ophelia Shobha Simon  
on the 11th of May 2024

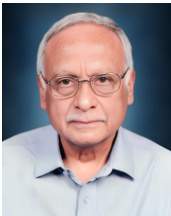
### OBITUARY



**Mrs. Suguna Padmavathi Malagi**

(aged 89 years)

wife of Mr. S. H. Malagi; mother of Mr. Sahan S. Malagi,  
Mr. Chethan S. Malagi & Ms. Kiran Malagi  
Slept in the Lord on Friday, 3rd of May 2024



**Capt. Chakravarthi Bedford**

(aged 83 years)

husband of Mrs. Nalini Bedford, father of Mr. Anup Chakravarthi  
& Mr. Sandip Chakravarthi  
Slept in the Lord on Sunday, 5th May 2024



**Mrs. Rohini Elizabeth Davis**

(aged 81 years)

wife of Mr. Justus David  
Slept in the Lord on Monday, 6th May 2024



**Mrs. Manorama Hilda Kaunds**

(aged 77 years)

wife of Late A. G. Kaunds, sister of Mrs. Vanaja Kaunds  
aunt of Mr. Manoj Noronha  
Slept in the Lord on Tuesday, 28th May 2024

Calendar for the Month of June 2024				
*2nd June 1st Sunday	Students Sunday			
	2nd Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Wisdom from Above			
	Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion	9:00 a.m	
	Preacher: Rev. Krupanand	Worship Service		
Old Testament	1 King 3: 16 - 28	Mr. Wilson Prathap		
Epistle	James 1: 1 - 8	Mrs. Neha Salome George		
Gospel	St. Luke 10: 21 - 24	Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna (K)		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.15 p.m	
9th June 2nd Sunday	Environment Sunday			
	3rd Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Creation Proclaims Glory of God			
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	Kannada	8.15 a.m	
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Selvaraj	English	9.30 a.m	
Old Testament	Proverbs 8: 22 - 31	Mrs. Nancy Prince Shetty		
		Mr. Samuel David Amanna (K)		
Epistle	Revelation 21: 1 - 8	Mr. Jervis Duel Arthur		
		Mrs. Sandra Renita Karkada (K)		
Gospel	St. Luke 8: 22 - 25	Ms. Jacqueline Vinutha		
		Mr. Luke Haniel Salins (K)		
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m	
*16th June 3rd Sunday	4th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit			
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Kannada Holy Communion	8.15 a.m	
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	9.30 a.m	
	Old Testament	Isaiah 6: 1 - 8		Mr. Satish Paul
Mrs. Usha Somashekar (K)				
Epistle	2 Thessalonians 2: 13 - 17	Mrs. Shobha Dutt		
		Mr. Praveen Johnas (K)		
Gospel	St. John 4: 15 - 26	Mr. J. Paul Abraham		
		Mrs. Amitha Hans (K)		
Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		6.15 p.m	
23rd June 4th Sunday	5th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Cost of Discipleship			
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Combined Worship Service	9:00 a.m	
	Old Testament	Daniel 6: 11 - 23		Miss Eva Johanna Flemingson
		Epistle		2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 10
Gospel	St. Mark 10: 35 - 45	Miss Reya Bangera (K)		
Pastorate Committee Elections for the Triennium 2024 - 27 will follow after the Combined Worship Service				
No Evening Service				
30th June 4th Sunday	6th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: People of God - Salt and Light			
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Kannada	8.15 a.m	
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	9.30 a.m	
	Old Testament	Isaiah 49: 1 - 7		Mr. A. Joshua Daniel
Mr. Eric Paul (K)				
Epistle	Ephesians 5: 1 - 5	Mrs. Clara Shyrine		
		Mrs. Vimalakshi Soans (K)		
Gospel	St. Mark 5: 13 - 16	Mr. A. Joseph Keerthi Prakash		
		Mr. Naveen Jayakumar Rangayya (K)		
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. B. Silpa Rani		6.15 p.m	

*Note: Kindly keep the Church Office informed in advance about your inability to be present for the Scripture reading as scheduled.*