



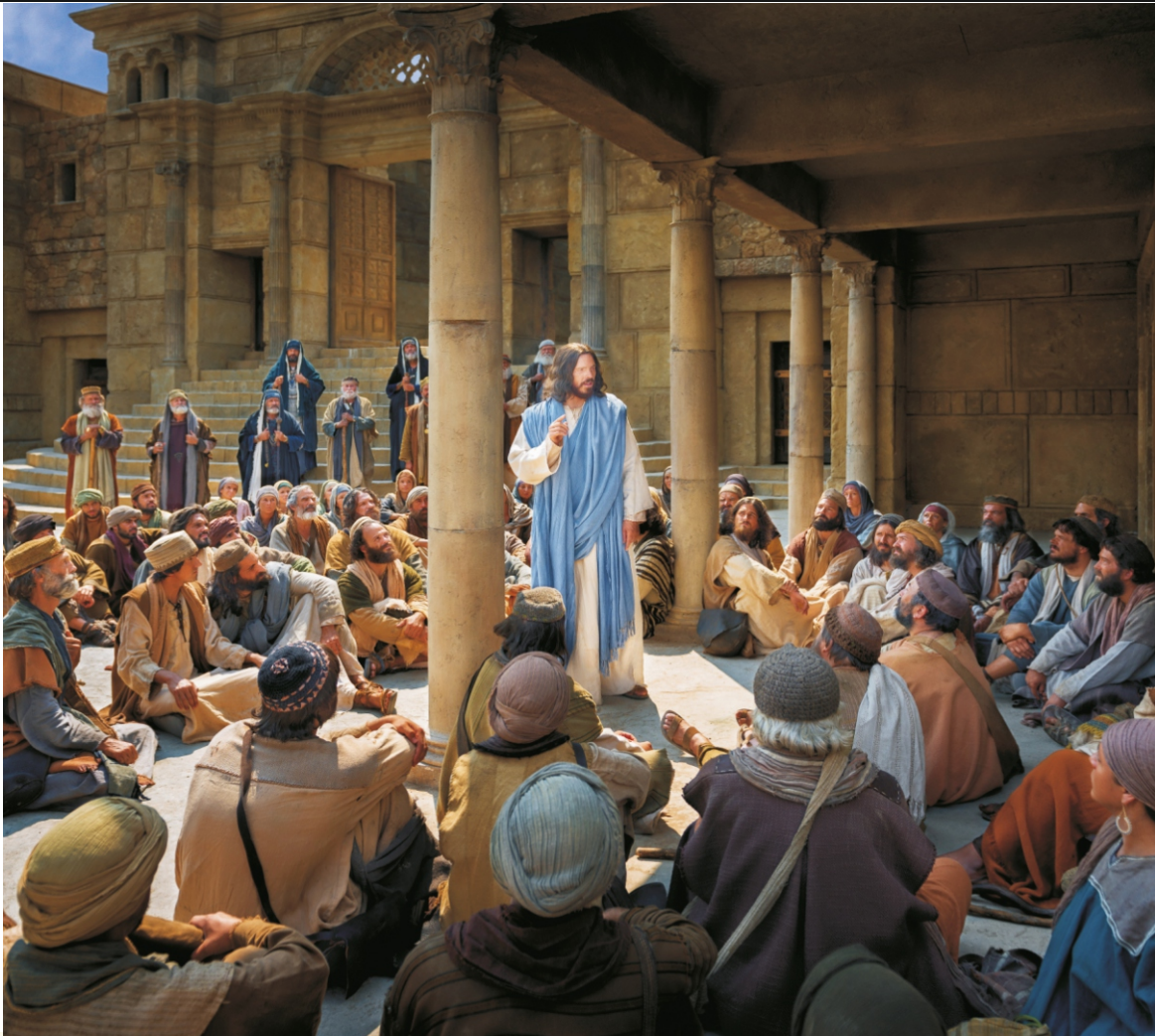
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"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



Theology: Transition, Translation and Transformation

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

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"and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well"

2 Timothy 2: 2

Awareness and Participation are two of the key ideas that have shaped the development of Christian thinking and Theology, owing to the idea of 'Mystery,' which points to the powerful presence of God, and thereby to the awareness of God. *Christian Theology* cannot remain in a state of awareness, but calls us to participate in this awareness and be participants in the purpose of liberation. Ever since I was introduced to '*A Theology of Liberation*' by *Gustavo Gutierrez*, I have continued to grapple with the idea of '*preferential option for the poor*,' and the *social dimension of the gospel of Jesus Christ*. In my own role as Theological Educator and Pastor, one of the realities we face, is to take sides, and clarify positions that are not necessarily comfortable, but is necessary. No wonder, although it is fifty years since *A Theology of Liberation* was published in the English language, it continues to provoke our essential thinking, particularly in South Asia and India, with expressions emerging on the areas of Caste, Class and Gender.

The *Apostle Paul* was going through the same processes that we are going through because he believed that the Gospel of Jesus is not ultimately about the self, but is about God and the neighbour. In this process, he provided a new vision for carrying forward the idea of discipleship of Jesus Christ by "*entrusting*" it to *Timothy*, whom he addresses in the beginning of the both the letters to Timothy as '*loyal*,' and '*beloved child*' (1 and 2 Timothy 1:1). Timothy, as mentioned in *Acts* and in the *Pastoral Letters* (1 & 2 Timothy, Titus), was a native of *Lystra* (modern Zoster, Turkey). He was the son of mixed marriage, his mother being a Jewess and his father a Greek. Family played an important role in the nurturing of faith, and the role of his grandmother *Lois*, and his mother *Eunice*, is specifically mentioned (2 Timothy 1:6).

The word '*entrust*' (2 Timothy 2:2), carries the idea of depositing something valuable for safekeeping. Paul was keen on the ministry of teaching, and not primarily on Apostolic succession. *Discipleship* was an idea that was nurtured by Paul, which was a *ministry of transition*. Transitions are not easy; it needs courage and a vision to believe in transitions. Paul also believed that the message needs to be *translated* in the multi-religious and multi-cultural contexts, and like Timothy, trained and educated different people. To translate is to engage with language, history and culture. Some who did not believe in crossing borders, were left behind. God's mission is furthered in *God's time in God's way by God's people*. For Paul, Theology was about *transition, translation* and about *transformation*.

For Paul, *transformation* meant, not being conformed to the world, but to discern the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect (*Romans 12:2*). The purpose of *Theology, Theological Education* and *Ministerial Formation* is ultimately to transform the lives of individuals and communities. Theology and Theologians today must engage with the *academy, church and society*, the three *publics of Theology* as we call them.

We are focussing on *Stewardship, Theological Education* and *Ordained Ministry* during this month. We need more conversations in the academy, church and society, and continue with awareness and participation.

We are grateful to God for enabling a process of seeing a *new leadership* in the *Pastorate Committee* for the *Triennium 2024-27*. Please do remember the members of the Pastorate Committee and their new roles to further the Ministry and Mission of our Church. It is time to thank all the members of the Pastorate Committee who served in the Triennium 2021-24.

It is my prayer that our articulation of Theology will draw meaning from transition, translation and transformation.

Your Presbyter
Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Pastorate Committee for the Triennium 2024 - 2027

Secretary	Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna
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Sunday School Superintendent	Mrs. Rashmi Stevens Mohanraj
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Women's Fellowship	Mrs. Asha Franklyn
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Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath
Mr. David Soans
Mrs. Asha Franklyn
Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri

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Mrs. Asha Franklyn

Substitutes for the above members:

Mrs. Rashmi Stevens Mohanraj
Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

St. Andrew's School, Siddapura



Report sent by the Headmistress, Mrs. Myriam Sudha:

"Our School reopened on Friday, the 31st of May, 2024.

"We welcomed our children with a flower and a pencil, and many children were present on the Opening Day. We offered a Prayer before we started the classes, and all the teachers distributed textbooks to the students and even gave them sweets!"

Mrs. Myriam Sudha

Headmistress, St. Andrew's School, Siddapura

Women's Fellowship



Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We, the members of the *Women's Fellowship*, are delighted to inform you that we successfully conducted the *Bible Quiz* on the Gospel of *St. Luke* on the *2nd of June, 2024*.

Many of the ladies of our congregation took part in the Bible Quiz and their enthusiastic participation was indeed joyful.

Mrs. Reena Anup conducted the Bible Quiz and we are grateful to God Almighty as we all took part, and had a great experience learning the Word of God.

We praise and thank our Almighty God for all the favours and blessings bestowed on us.

Mrs. Daisy Richard

Vice President / Secretary SAWF



SEEKER'S NOOK



July 2024

Hello friends! The onset of the second half of the year is a good time to revisit and review New Year goals. Up next is a fun Quiz. Here are ten people who were handmaidens, servants or slaves mentioned in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, can you pair them with their masters? **(NKJV /NIV)**

QUIZ

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| 1. Eliezer | Sarah |
| 2. Handmaiden Bilhah | Namaan |
| 3. Handmaiden Hagar | Leah |
| 4. Servant girl Abishag | Centurion |
| 5. Israelite slave girl | Masters in Philippi |
| 6. Gehazi | Rachel |
| 7. Servant healed by Jesus | David |
| 8. Fortune telling slave girl (Acts) | Elisha |
| 9. Run-away slave Onesimus | Abraham |
| 10. Handmaiden Zilpah | Philemon |

That was easy! 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 July 2024**, in the following format:

Name

Serial number – Answer



Amazing Grace

John Newton (1725-1801) was a militant atheist, bully and blasphemer. He was a wild and angry young man. In the Navy at only 18 years old, he was so reckless and defiant that he was publicly flogged for desertion. He was both hated and feared by his crew mates and himself became a slave trader.

At the age of twenty-three, Newton's ship encountered a severe storm off the coast of Donegal and almost sank. He called out to God as the ship filled with water and on that day, 10 March 1748, God rescued him. He began a new life. He started to pray and read the Bible. Eventually he joined William Wilberforce in the campaign to abolish the slave trade. John Newton is best known as the author of the Hymn, '**Amazing Grace**':

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

To be rescued is to be saved, set free, delivered from danger, attack or harm. This is what faith in Jesus will do. Have you been set free? There's no better time than this very moment.

Quiz Answers for the Month of June 2024

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| 1. Jabbok | 6. Elisha |
| 2. River of Egypt and Euphrates | 7. A viper |
| 3. Water of river Nile turned into blood | 8. Peter |
| 4. Euphrates | 9. Chebar |
| 5. Jordan | 10. Kerith / Cherith |

Congratulations Quiz Stars for the Month of June 2024

1. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
2. Annie Felix
3. Daisy Mark Prabhu
4. Esther Suguna Simeon



5. Gitanjali Lazarus
6. Lynette Natasha Karkada
7. Rosabelle Prabhakar

HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

OBITUARY



Mr. Jaison Christopher

(aged 47 years)

son of Late M. Jayaraju and Late Dorathy Jayaraju,
husband of Mrs. Leena Lakshmi, father of Miss Jessica &
Miss Jeevitha; elder brother of Mr. John Manoranjan &
Ms. Jennfyer Elmeena,
Slept in the Lord on Tuesday, 11th June 2024.

Calendar for the First Week of August 2024

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*4th August Sunday	Mission Sunday		
	11th Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Mission - Sharing God's Pain		
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Isaiah 6: 1 - 8	Mr. Nirag Darren Soans	
Epistle	Acts 9: 10 - 18	Mrs. Asha Franklyn	
Gospel	St. Luke 10: 1 - 11	Wg Cdr I D Soans (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		6.15 p.m

Calendar for the Month of July 2024

*7th July 1st 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	Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath		
Epistle	Philippians 4: 10 - 20	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj		
Gospel	St. Luke 19: 11 - 27	Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri (K)		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.15 p.m	
14th July 2nd Sunday	Theological Education Sunday			
	8th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Theological Education - Knowing and Doing Faith			
	Preacher: Mr. Enosh S	Kannada	8.15 a.m	
Old Testament	Exodus 3: 1 - 12	Mrs. Doreen Snehalatha Soans (K)	9.30 a.m	
		Mrs. Beverly Pearl Rozario		
		Mr. Praveen Anchan (K)		
		Mr. Dilip William Andrews		
Epistle	2 Timothy 2: 1 - 13	Miss Magdalene Preetha (K)		
Gospel	St. John 12: 20 - 26	Mrs. Madhu John		
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m	
*21st July 3rd Sunday	9th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Ordained Ministry - Marked by the Wounds of Christ			
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	*Kannada Holy Communion	8.15 a.m	
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	English	9.30 a.m	
Old Testament	1 Samuel 22: 12 - 23	Dr. Joann Pauline George (K)		
Epistle	Galatians 6: 11 - 18	Mr. Andrew Joshua Panchikal		
		Mr. Anoop Justin (K)		
Gospel		St. John 21: 15 - 19		Mrs. Daisy Richard
				Mrs. Lucy Kumar (K)
Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		6.15 p.m	
28th July 4th Sunday	10th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Honour Marriage			
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Kannada	8.15 a.m	
	Preacher: Rev. Ebin K. P	English	9.30 a.m	
Old Testament	Malachi 2: 13 - 16	Mrs. Reena Anoop (K)		
Epistle	1 Corinthians 13: 1 to 14: 1	Mrs. Naina Rosebel Watsa		
		Mr. Arjun Christopher (K)		
Gospel		St. Mark 10: 2 - 9		Mr. John Prem Rabindranath
				Mrs. Soumya Narmata Sumitra (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.