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"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



Church in Tubagere

Mission: An Open Door

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From the Presbyterian's Desk



Mission: An Open Door

"... Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut ..." (Revelation 3: 8)

One of the most understood and at the same time misunderstood words has been "*Mission*." The participation and observance of the '*Mission Month*', has been one of the meaningful seasons at our church. Even as we prepare to celebrate the Mission Month, I am excited about the poetic imagination of *Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)*:

"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries."

The message of Jesus Christ to the *Seven Churches* in the *Book of Revelation* continues to draw us closer to experience the favour of God. The sixth of Christ's messages to the Seven Churches in Asia Minor (Modern Turkey), is to the *Church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13)*. One of the important theological statements discussed in carrying out God's Mission in our time and in our own context, is the image of the "*Open Door*" (*Revelation 3:8*).

The word *Philadelphia* literally means "*brotherly love*" (*Hebrews 13:1*). The small Church in Philadelphia displayed much love and loved the work of God's grace in one another, and considered one another higher than themselves. The spirit of love was evident in their daily social life as a community. When Christ introduces his message in 3:7, He lists three reasons: *Holiness of Christ, truthfulness of Christ and the power of Christ*. *Fulfilling the words of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 22:22)*, it is *Christ* who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens (*Revelation 3:7*).

The "*Open Door*," is a sign of God's favour; for us today, it is '*Opportunity*.' This is a door of *usefulness, service and witness of the Gospel*. It is an opportunity for us to share the *Good News* in our families, neighbours and all whom we interact with. An open door is an opportunity to experience and share the message of salvation.

When *Paul and Barnabas* returned from their missionary journey and reported to the Community, they rejoiced that God "*had opened the door of faith*." (*Acts 14:27*). The Apostle Paul talks about the opportunity in Troas to proclaim the good news of Christ and says, "*a door was opened for me in the Lord*" (*2 Corinthians 2:12*).

The idea of "*Open Door*," in Missions is a reminder that God's mission is not just about concepts, methods, or strategies, but it lies in the favour of God in Jesus Christ and our willingness to see opportunities around us, as Christ sees it.

It is our prayer that this year, God will provide new opportunities and help us envision new possibilities to participate in God's mission. We thank God for our continuing work at *Tubagere village*, and the community of faith who have sustained in the midst of many challenges. Our prayers and support continue to make a difference in the lives of the people at Tubagere. With a new leadership team, it is our hope that the good work of many years will continue and be blessed.

We thank God for the new leadership in the *Pastorate Committee*, and it is a matter of joy that almost all the *Sub-committees* have met and discussed about each ministry and the continuing short and long-term visions for the present and the future. We hope to share these ideas very soon for your continuing prayers and support. The meetings of the Staff to complement the work of the leadership continues with the same rigor and we are doing our best to improve from your feedback and learnings. Please take the liberty to share ideas and suggestions, as we grow together as a community. Our *CARE* groups with an effective local leadership are doing their best to reach every person in their respective geographical zones. Please do stay connected.

God bless you

Your Presbyter
Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

Sunday School



*‘From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.’
Ephesians 4:16*

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

The path for the wonderful functioning of the Sunday School was laid by *Mrs. Sujatha Kishore*, the previous Sunday School Superintendent. I would like to thank her for her time and energy invested in this noble ministry.

A great kick-start for this month started with a regular General Assembly in both Kannada and English Sunday School, on the theme **“Team Work”**, using Nehemiah as the role model. General Assembly is so much lively with our youth who regularly help us with all the fun activities and songs, and Classes, so interesting with teachers who nurture the spiritual lives of our kids. Their efficient working starting from toddlers to young adults, helps our Sunday School shine for Christ!

The **ISSU** Curriculum Books were distributed for this academic year. **The Kannada ISSU Books** were distributed in Kannada Sunday School and the teachers, kids and parents were excited about this change. The teachers and kids are adapting well to this change!

The first **Sunday School Sub-committee Meeting** for the *Triennium 2024-27* was held on *27th of July* with a planned agenda. Fruitful discussions and plans were made, which would be implemented. Thanking our *Presbyter Rev. Dr Dexter S. Maben*, *Secretary Mr. Vijay Palanna*, *Treasurer Mr. Shailesh Watsa* and the *Sub-committee Members* for their valuable insights and time. Thankful to the *PC members* for always encouraging this ministry. Our gratitude to all the staff of the church who continue to help us with all the arrangements.

Kannada Sunday School children rendered the two old time Sunday School numbers on *Sunday, 14th of July*, during the *Kannada Worship Service*: ಶ್ರೀ ಯೇಸು ಎನ್ನು ನಾವೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಇದ್ದರೆ & ನನ್ನ ಹಿಂದೆ ಜಾ. We had a special Sunday planned for the *Kannada Sunday School kids* by introducing a grandma, **Mrs. Rita S. Frederick**, who diligently teaches her granddaughter, *Janita Sara Sumitra*, old *Kannada Songs*. *Janita* along with the youth and teachers teach these songs to the *Sunday School kids*! It has been a beautiful process of sharing and teamwork! The teachers are documenting all these songs which would be treasured for our future generation. We intend to learn old songs from all the kids' wonderful grandparents in the coming months, requesting them to share the treasured songs which they had learnt in their *Sunday School*.

English Sunday School rendered a special song "**Love The Lord**" by *C J & Friends* during the *English Worship Service* on *Sunday, 28th of July*. Thanking the team which coordinated and rendered this song.

The state level **Bible Union India Exam** was conducted on *Sunday, 28th of July*. 25 children participated. We are so thankful to the parents for encouraging their kids to read the scriptures and participate.

Sunday School receives a lot of encouragement and assistance from *Andrew's family*. We are blessed! Please continue to uphold our ministry in your prayers.

Rashmi S. Mohan Raj
Sunday School Superintendent

Women's Fellowship

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

We met on *Saturday, the 14th of July*, for our *Monthly Bible Study*, led by *Dr. Mrs. Anita Noel*. We thank her for leading us.

The Study was based on *Deborah*, the prophetess. *Deborah's* legacy as a judge, prophet, and military leader, underscores her unique and pivotal role in *Israel's* history, making her one of the most remarkable figures in the Bible. Her faith in *God's* promises even in the face of daunting challenges, her true leadership that involves wisdom and courage, the ability to inspire and mobilize others towards the common goal recognizing the value of collaboration and strengths of others, and working together to achieve greater outcome, teaches us valuable lessons to follow.

The meeting ended with Prayer.

Election of Office Bearers for the Triennium 2024 - 27:

Our *Women's Fellowship* met on *Sunday, the 21st of July 2024* at *11.30 am*, to *Elect the Office Bearers for the Triennium 2024 - 27*. The meeting started with Praise and Worship, and the *Opening Prayer* by our *Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben*. A *PPT* on the various events for the



Triennium 2021 - 24 was presented by our President, Mrs. Sangeetha Maben.

After Reflection on the Word of God by our Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben, the Election of the Office Bearers and the Committee Members took place.

The following members were unanimously Elected for the Triennium 2024 - 27:

- *President:* Mrs. Sangeetha Maben
- *Convener:* Mrs. Asha Franklyn
- *Vice President:* Dr. Mrs. Anita Noel
- *Secretary:* Mrs. Daisy Richard
- *Treasurer:* Mrs. Anupama Caroline
- *Young Women:* Miss Rachel Rozario
- *Committee members:*
 - Mrs. Veneetha Sunita
 - Mrs. Jaqueline Vinutha
 - Mrs. Shobha Basmé

We thank our Heavenly Father for being with us and guiding us through the last Triennium, and pray that He will be with us and guide us during this Triennium.

We are grateful and thank all the members, especially the out-going Committee Members, for their presence, hard work and contribution in every way.

Mrs. Daisy Richard
Secretary, SAWF

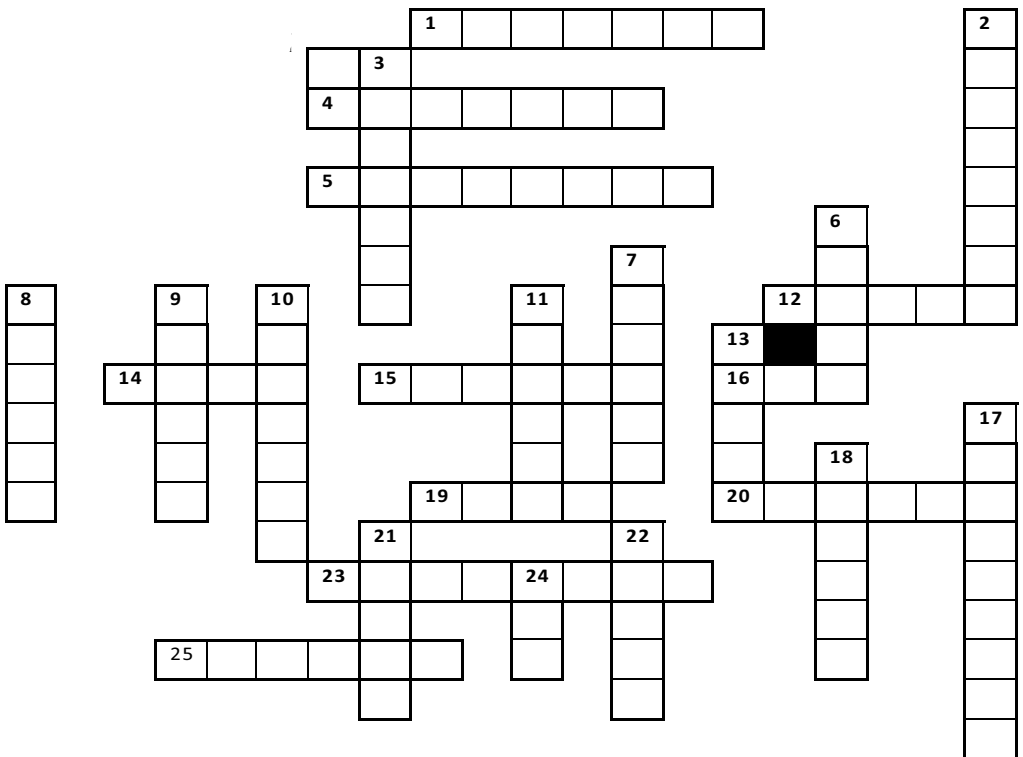


SEEKER'S NOOK



August 2024

Hello friends. God reveals Himself through many miracles in the Bible. Miracles involve God doing something awe-inspiring to manifest His supreme authority and power over creation. Let's take a closer look at miracles recorded in the **Old Testament of the Bible**. Try this Crossword now.



Across

1. 10 _____ of Egypt
4. Aaron's rod turned into a _____
5. King Jeroboam's hand _____
12. City destroyed by fire and brimstone
14. Brothers devoured for offering strange _____
15. A hundred were fed with 20 _____
16. An iron ____ swims the river
19. Burned but not consumed
20. Elijah was carried to _____
23. Also destroyed by fire and brimstone
25. Army cured of blindness

Down

2. Water from the rock at _____
3. Walls destroyed
6. Balaam's donkey _____
7. The strength of _____
8. Elijah and Elisha parted this river
9. Dead widow's son was _____
10. In the beginning God _____
11. Elijah was fed by _____
13. Bitter water made sweet
17. In their old age Sarah and Abraham _____
18. It _____ 40 days upon the earth
21. The earth swallowed up _____
22. Bread from heaven
24. Moses parted the ____ Sea

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 August 2024**, in the following format:

Name

Serial number – Answer



Quiz Answers for the Month of July 2024

1. Eliezer - Abraham
2. Handmaiden Bilhah - Rachel
3. Handmaiden Hagar - Sarah
4. Servant girl Abishag - David
5. Israelite slave girl - Naaman
6. Gehazi - Elisha

7. Servant healed by Jesus - Centurion
8. Fortune telling slave girl (Acts) - Masters in Philippi
9. Run-away slave Onesimus - Philemon
10. Handmaiden Zilpah - Leah

Congratulations Quiz Stars for the Month of July 2024

1. Felicia Manoraj
2. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
3. Daisy Mark Prabhu
4. Esther Suguna Simeon



5. Lynette Natasha Karkada
6. Annie Felix
7. Gitanjali Lazarus
8. Rosabelle Prabhakar

HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2024

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Arun Kumar P & Family
Mr. Anandarajan S & Family
Mr. Sujith Victor Alwyn & Family
Mr. Sunil Dhas & Family

Weddings



Ms. Andrea Samuel
Daughter of Mr. Thamburaj Samuel & Mrs. Evelyn Samuel
with
Mr. Jervis Deuel Arthur
Son of Mr. Alfred Jai Kumar & Mrs. Swayam Prabha
On the 6th of July 2024

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS



Please Note

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Example:

Name: Full Name

Transferred amount: Rs. 1100

Rs. 450 for Youth Fellowship,

Rs. 650 for M&E

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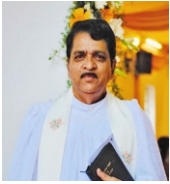
OBITUARY



Mrs. Violet Vijaya Noronha
(aged 81 years)
wife of Late Antonio Noronha,
mother of Mrs. Victoria Merlyn John, Rev. Vincent Noronha,
Mrs. Agnes Margret Benjamin & Mr. Bernard R. Noronha,
Slept in the Lord on Tuesday, 2nd July 2024



Mrs. Kiran Malagi
(aged 52 years)
daughter of Mr. S. H. Malagi, wife of Mr. Anand Katawati,
mother of Ashish & Nihal,
Slept in the Lord on Tuesday, 2nd of July 2024



Rev. John Wesley Ambler
(aged 72 years)
husband of Mrs. Mabel Ambler,
father of Rev. Calvin Ambler and Mrs. Diana Stephen
Slept in the Lord on Friday, 5th July 2024



Prof. S. Premanand
(aged 85 years)
husband of Dr. Mrs. Padmini Premanand,
father of Dr. Roopa Rachel
Slept in the Lord on Monday, 15th July 2024




Mr. Bessanio Silver
(aged 85 years)
husband of Late Mrs. J.P Silver, Father of Mrs. Mirium Sadhu,
Mrs. Hazel Arnold, Mrs. Priya Maben & Mr. Noel Silver
Slept in the Lord Saturday, 27th July 2024

Calendar for the First Week of September 2024				
*1st September 1st Sunday	Education Sunday, Teacher's Day			9:00 a.m
	15th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Jesus the Guru			
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service		
Old Testament	Proverbs 4: 1 - 19	Mr. Wilson Prathap		
Epistle	Acts 22: 1 - 5	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj		
Gospel	St. Luke 4: 31 - 44	Mr. J. A. Prakash (K)		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra			6.15 p.m

Mission Month

Calendar for the Month of August 2024

Mission Sunday				
*4 th August 1 st Sunday	11 th Sunday after Pentecost			9:00 a.m
	Theme: Open Door - Opportunity of Faith			
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 22: 20 - 25	Mr. Nirag Darren Soans	
	Epistle	Revelation 3: 7 - 13	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	
11 th August 2 nd Sunday	12 th Sunday after Pentecost			9.30 a.m
	Theme: Open Door - Receiving of Faith			
	Preacher: Rev. M. B. Kotian	Kannada		
	Preacher: Dr. E. Janifer	English		
	Old Testament	Genesis 7: 11 - 24	Mr. Praveen Johnas (K)	
	Epistle	Romans 6: 1 - 14	Mrs. Annette J. Furtado	
	Gospel	St. John 12: 20 - 26	Mrs. Leena Jayakumari (K)	
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m	
15 th August Thursday		Independence Day	8.00 a.m	
*18 th August 3 rd Sunday	13 th Sunday after Pentecost			9.30 a.m
	Theme: Open Door - Participation of Faith			
	Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben Preacher: Rev. Jessie Ranjan	*Kannada Holy Communion		
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala	English		
	Old Testament	2 King 4: 42 - 44	Mrs. Sowmya Christabel Salins (K)	
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 30	Mr. Asir Jeyasingh	
	Gospel	St. John 6: 25 - 40	Mrs. Jyothsna Prasheeth (K)	
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		6.15 p.m	
25 th August 4 th Sunday	14 th Sunday after Pentecost			9.30 a.m
	Theme: Open Door - Sharing of Faith			
	Preacher: Rev. Sanjay N	Kannada		
	Preacher: Rev. Sanjay N	English		
	Old Testament	Jonah 4: 1 - 11	Mrs. Surekha Bangera (K)	
	Epistle	Acts 8: 26 - 40	Mrs. Princess Franklyn	
	Gospel	St. Matthew 22: 1 - 14	Mr. Praveen Salins (K)	
Evening Service	Choral Concert by Bangalore Men & Capella		6.00 p.m	

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