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From the Presbyterian's Desk

Education - Unleash your Thinking Potential

"Happy are those who find wisdom and those who get understanding"

Proverbs 3:1

Education is defined and redefined in diverse ways across time and cultures. We prepare to celebrate *Teachers Day* in India, especially remembering the birth anniversary of *Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan*, Educator, Philosopher and Statesman, who served as the second President of India. We also thank God for the *elderly* in our midst, who have contributed immensely to our growth and well-being.

In my little experience of classroom teaching as a Theological Educator, in my experience, one realizes the unique excitement and elusive joy of teaching, which cannot be compared with anything. *Sylvia Ashton-Warner*, captures it so beautifully, *"No other job in the world could possibly dispossess one so completely as this job of teaching. You could stand all day in a laundry, for instance, still in the possession of your mind. But this teaching utterly obliterates you. It cuts right into your being: essentially, it takes over your spirit. It drags it out from where it would hide."*

The writer of the *Book of Proverbs* offers multiple thoughts on our living, which stems from the essential thought of *Wisdom as a gift of God* that is not acquired, but *God is the source*. Among the many understandings of biblical wisdom, one of them is to understand *"Wisdom"* as an outlook, or a philosophy of life, or a mindset. Wisdom in my opinion can be further understood as the *'potential to think.'* The Book of Proverbs explains the role of Parents, Educators and Trainers in realizing the role of Wisdom at every stage of a person's life. In *Proverbs 3:13-18*, it talks of one being *'Happy'* in finding wisdom and those who get understanding. To be happy is to be *blessed*, the same expression in the teachings of Jesus, commonly called as the *Beatitudes* in *Matthew 5:3-11*. In all probability, apart from the teachings of the Law, Jesus was familiar with the description of Wisdom. In other words, what Jesus did was to rekindle the Jewish tradition of the potential to think.

In *Proverbs 3:18*, the writer pictures this idea with the *'Tree of Life,'* familiar in Ancient West Asia. Here, the idea is that *tree* indicates flourishing, well-being, righteous speech (*Proverbs 11:30*), and a gentle tongue (*Proverbs 15:4*). A Tree is a hub of potential that can be unleashed. It symbolizes growth, serenity and generosity. A tree demonstrates having roots, which is important in the growth. The challenge of Education is not simply to acquire a degree, but to unleash the potential of each child. The same could be thought of the elderly, who are probably told that their potential and opportunity to contribute is over. I was really excited to see a *Job Fair* for the elderly, which means that our elders have so much to offer. Our elders help us with our roots and we can engage to think further.

It is a matter of joy that we continue to support and be engaged with the *Education Ministry* with St. Andrew's School, even as we pray and support the Education Ministry of the Diocese and the society at large. Our focus on *Teachers Training*, and the *Skills Program* for the Children at our School has been yielding results and hope we continue with this.

Chrisitan Education has been carried out in all our ministries for all age groups, and this is truly commendable. Our Leadership Teams are willing to share, learn and open to new models of ministry at our church.

On behalf of the Pastorate Committee and the Staff Team, I wish all the Teachers both in active service and who are not, and in different spheres, both formal and non-formal, *Happy Teachers' Day!* May God continue to bless each one of you.

We thank God for a very meaningful and fruitful *Retreat of the Pastorate Committee*, where short-term and long-term goals were set. Honestly, lot of hard work by each one of them, which was preceded by meetings of the Sub-committees. *Team Work works!*

Stay blessed!

Your Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2024



The 78th Independence Day celebration in our church began with the *Worship Service* at 8:00 am on the 15th of August, 2024. The Service was led by our *Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben*, who shared the '*Value of what freedom means to us as a Nation*' along with *Historical Anecdotes* in his *Sermon*. He also reflected on the famous Hymn '*When I survey the wondrous cross*', which was a favourite of the father of our Nation, *Mahatma Gandhi*. The short liturgy included prayer for our great nation and its leaders.

After *Benediction*, the congregation gathered around the *Flag Post*. *Col. Ritesh Singh*, hoisted the *National Flag*, and the *National Anthem* was sung by all gathered. He then spoke about *Freedom and Salvation* and how the two valuable books that has influenced his life, which is the *Bible* and the *Constitution of India*.

Congregation gathered for *Fellowship over Breakfast* thereafter.

We thank God for our great Nation.

Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath

Convener, Worship Committee

Sunday School & Young Couples Fellowship

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples.

1 Chronicles 16:24

The Month of August has been a busy month for our Sunday School Team. Our *Kannada Sunday School* children had a special time interacting with the *Tubagere kids*. The children taught each other songs. The life of missionary *Adoniram Judson* was shared by *Mrs. Christina Shoban*. *Mrs. Asha Franklin* and *Mr. Kenneth Franklin* shared about the ministry works at *Tubagere* to our kids.

We were blessed to interact with parents over the *Orientation Program* and *Meetings* which helped our Team in moulding and nurturing the spiritual lives of the children. 3 *teachers* were able to attend the *Teachers Training Programme* conducted by *KCD*.

Kannada Sunday School children rendered 2 Kannada Songs: ಮನುಷ್ಯರ ಬೆನ್ನರಾಗಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮಾಡ್ಡೆನು & ಯೇಸು ಅಂದನು ನಾನೇ ಬೆಳಕು on *Sunday, the 11th of August* during the *Kannada Service*. The English Sunday School children rendered a Song "*Grow Grow, Grow*" by *Jana Alayra* on *Sunday, the 25th of August* during the *English Service*.



Be it *Mrs. Ruhitha Vivian* dressed as *Queen Esther* and sharing the story with the kids, or *Mrs. Shyla Moses* enacting as *Mrs. Fanny Crosby* and sharing her missionary works, it has been a treat for our children to learn in such a creative atmosphere!

Thanking our teachers who help us in coordinating various *Inter-church Events*. Our children participated in *Children's Talenta 2024* organised by KCD. It was wonderful to have *Niah Jade, Lynette David, Merrly Natania, Advik Palanna and Ryan Joshua* participate in different events based on their talents. Grateful to parents for encouraging their talents. Our children are geared up to participate in *INTERSUN 2024*, which will be held next month. It has been a journey of bonding, learning, adjusting and sharing while we prepare for all these events. Shout out to all the teachers and youth who go out of their way in training the little ones!

The Young Couples Fellowship (YCF) ministry continues to do its part, working with couples and having its regular *Pre-marital Sessions*. Thanking our Team who help us work efficiently.

Thanking St. Andrew's family for their prayers and encouragement. Please remember our Sunday School Team and the YCF Team in your prayers as we continue to bring glory to Jesus in our little way. Do pray for protection on our kids and our Team as we organise and participate in various events next month.

Rashmi S. Mohan Raj
Sunday School Superintendent
Convenor, YCF

Youth Fellowship



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

On August 10, 2024, our Youth took part in “Mitzvah” hosted by St. Mary’s JSO Cathedral and won several prizes: 1st place in Solo Singing, 2nd place in Acapella and Quiz, 3rd place in BIBLE Triathlon and Literary Event.

St. Andrew’s Youth is charged up, and working towards ARPITH 2024, an Inter-church Event organized by SAY (St. Andrew’s Youth), that will be held in the month of November 2024.

St. Andrew’s Youth also organized *Breakfast Sales for Mission and Evangelism* in the month of August 2024.

On Sundays, our Youth take part in weekly *BIBLE Study* that is conducted after Church Service, focusing and growing more and more in *CHRIST*.

Every *Second Sunday of the month*, the Youth conduct the *Evening Service*. We invite you to be part of it.

Mr. Nirag Darren Soans & Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri
Convener

St. Andrew's School, Siddapura

Thanks to the work done by the earlier Conveners, and our current Head Mistress *Mrs. Myriam Sudha*, the Community of St. Andrew's have been able to provide education to the downtrodden and the needy children living in Siddapura, thereby taking the Gospel to the unreached. The focus during the first term in this academic year has been on the quality of education. Aligned to the focus, two of our teachers participated in 'Quest Teacher's Training Workshop' conducted by 'Lions International.'



The 78th Independence Day celebrations was a joyful community event, where the local residents and parents took part along with the children. The children rendered performances including recitation of the Preamble of our Constitution and a Cultural Program.



At every milestone of our School's timeline, we thank God that the work our church started 46 years ago in a humble way with the untiring efforts of late Rev. S. A. Salins, the subsequent Presbyters, Pastorate Committee Members, and every member of the church, has been blessed many-fold.

Wilson Prathap S
Convener, St. Andrew's School

Care for the Elderly Ministry



The Care For The Elderly Ministry had their monthly Fellowship for the month of July on Saturday, the 27th of July 2024. All praise and thanks to our God Almighty for showering us with His unfailing love and blessings all the time. Great is His Faithfulness!

St. Andrew's Elders Group had a blessed and wonderful time of Fellowship on Saturday, the 27th of July, 2024. Our enterprising Youth Group led us in joyous singing.

Dr. Stafford Cripps expounded the Holy Scriptures on a very vital topic, sharing 10 important points stating that "The Great Commission" is not a choice but a Biblical Mandate for every believer in Christ.

Further, he stressed that the Last Command of our Resurrected Christ recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, should be our First Concern because, according to Luke 15:7, every soul is precious to God. We had a Q & A Session too.

During the month August, the Fellowship met on Saturday, the 24th in Rev. Stewart Wright Hall. Under HIS guidance, we had Mr. Shaji Abraham address us on the Topic, 'Prayer and Commitment in His Presence'. He quoted various references on the role of elders and their responsibility, and how they should pray for the church and help their families when in need. He gave various references from Revelation, Philippians, Jeremiah, and Job, on how not to boast on our own wisdom, riches and possessions, but to boast on knowing Who Our Lord Is. How as servants we must suffer for the sake of others just as Christ suffered for us, and thus, spread Christ's love. He who boasts must boast in knowing that we know our Lord, His lovingkindness, justice and righteousness, and that we must overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of our Testimony.

The meeting ended with Fellowship over Lunch, and were blessed.

Mr. Praveen Shiri
Convener

Pastorate Committee Updates



Pastorate Committee (PC) for the Triennium 2024-27 was constituted on June 30th, 2024. All the members of the PC were assigned their responsibilities as Convenors of the 13 Sub-committees. The Convenors were asked to nominate members for their Sub-committees to be ratified during the next meeting of the PC.

During the next meeting on July 13th, 2024, the members of each Sub-committee were ratified. It was decided to organise a One-day off site Retreat for the PC members on August 10th in Elim Resort, Kanakapura Road. It was decided to schedule the first meeting of the Sub-committees to discuss the plan and the budget till Advent. As per this decision, all the 13 Sub-committees met between July 20th to August 10th. All the Sub-committee meetings were very productive. The short-term plan of each Sub-committee in terms of activities and programs, budgets and recommendations to the PC were discussed during the meeting.

The One-day off site Retreat for the PC members on August 10th was very successful with the blessings of the Lord Almighty. The day began at the church compound. The drive to the Resort was a good start to the day with members bonding over fun, laughter and jokes.

The Retreat began prayerfully with a prayer by our Presbyter, and devotion by the young members of the PC. Later, each member presented the short-term and long-term plans for their ministry. The focus was to come up with a goal for each ministry, to do something constructive and substantial in terms of activities and programs during the Triennium. The Retreat helped members spend quality time together which is expected to put a strong foundation for Team Work during rest of the Triennium.

Some of the Key Activities and Programs till the end of the year:

- Arpith - Inter-church Youth Festival
- Athalia - Inter-church Women's Festival
- Agape Emergency Fund, Manipur
- Mission Month

- Career Hub
- World Sunday School Day
- Care for the Elderly Monthly Sessions for the Senior members
- Music Concerts



Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna
Secretary, Pastorate Committee

Women's Fellowship



*“This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman’ for she was taken out of man.”*
Genesis 2: 23

The members of our Women's Fellowship met for a Bible Study on Saturday, the 3rd of August 2024. We were asked by Mrs. Veneetha Sunitha to read Genesis chapter 1 to chapter 3 and come prepared .

'Living As God Intends' being the chosen topic, we were challenged to reflect on our lives as women in our different roles. Going back to this great handbook of life - the 'Bible', is the only way we can course correct as we live our daily life. An interesting interaction time was spent where many participants shared their experiences and thoughts on the topic. The Bible Study ended with a Prayer.

On the third Saturday of the month, the Women Fellowship members started practice to celebrate *Women's Sunday on the 8th of September*, and we are praying and looking forward for all the ladies of St. Andrew's Church to take part and Praise God for His goodness and grace.

Mrs. Daisy Richard
Secretary, St. Andrew's Church



SEEKER'S NOOK



September 2024

Hello everyone! This September, we celebrate Women's Sunday on the 8th . We bring you a quiz on women from various walks of life mentioned in the Bible. Hope you enjoy figuring out who they are.

QUIZ

1. Mother of Jacob's firstborn son, Reuben.
2. Jacob and Esau were born to her.
3. I told people to call me Mara because I became bitter with God.
4. Prophetess who led Israel.
5. I dedicated my son Samuel to the Lord.
6. Mother of King Solomon.
7. Daughter of Levi and the mother of Moses.
8. Adonijah's mother who tried to take the throne away from Solomon.
9. Told my husband to curse God and die.
10. Bore Abraham's firstborn, Ishmael.

Sure you enjoyed that! 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 September 2024**, in the following format:

Name

Serial number – Answer



Christian women missionaries have made significant impact worldwide, often working in challenging environments to spread the Gospel and serve communities. For instance, Amy Carmichael, an Irish missionary, dedicated over 50 years in India, rescuing children from temple prostitution and founding the Dohnavur Fellowship, a refuge for those in need. Pandita Ramabai, an Indian Christian convert, established the Mukti Mission, providing education and shelter to destitute women and girls. These women exemplify the transformative power of faith, showing how Christian service can uplift and empower vulnerable communities.

The legacy of Christian women missionaries challenges us: How can we respond to the injustices and fears that still plague our communities? Can we channel our faith into actions that provide safety, support, and empowerment for those who need it most.

Quiz Answers for the the Month of August

Across

- 1. Plagues
- 4. Serpent
- 5. Withered
- 12. Sodom
- 14. Fire
- 15. Loaves
- 16. Axe
- 19. Bush

- 20. Heaven
- 23. Gomorrah
- 25. Syrian

Down

- 2. Rephidim
- 3. Jericho
- 6. Spoke
- 7. Samson
- 8. Jordan

- 9. Raised
- 10. Created
- 11. Ravens
- 13. Marah
- 17. Conceived
- 18. Rained
- 21. Korah
- 22. Manna
- 24. Red

Congratulations Quiz Stars for the month of August 2024

- 1. Felicia Manoraj
- 2. Annie Felix
- 3. Esther Suguna Simeon
- 4. Daisy Mark Prabhu



- 5. Rosabelle Prabhakar
- 6. Gitanjali Lazarus
- 7. Lynette Natasha Karkada
- 8. Reuben Kalirajan

INFANT BAPTISM



Andrea Ivanka Richard
 Daughter of Mr. Nitesh David Richard and Divya Rebecca Richard
 on 4th of August 2024

NEW MEMBERS

**Ms. Suhasini Benjamin
 Ms. Rachel Sudha Kishan
 Mr. Emmanuel S & Family
 Mr. B. V. Balu Prasanna Kumar & Family**

OBITUARY



Mrs. Sheela Mani Ebenezer
 (aged 73 years)
 wife of Mr. Jeevaraj Ebenezer, mother of Mr. Paul Abraham &
 Mrs. Asha Hepzibah,
 slept in the Lord on Sunday, 4th of August 2024.



Mr. Alfred Hemchand Robert
 (aged 75 years)
 husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Rani, father of Mr. Christopher Sunil &
 brother of Mr. Fredrick Vijay Chand Peerajee,
 Slept in the Lord on Monday, 12th of August 2024



Mr. M. K Pani
 (aged 76 years)
 husband of Mrs. Indira Devi, father of Mr. Kiran Pani &
 Mr. Praveen Pani,
 Slept in the Lord on Monday, 26th of August 2024

Calendar for the First Week of October 2024

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*6th October 1st Sunday	Laity Sunday			
	20th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Ministry of the Laity			
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service		9:00 a.m
Old Testament	1 Samuel 25: 14 - 28	Wg Cdr I D Soans		
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 4: 1 - 12	Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri		
Gospel	St. Luke 10: 25 - 37	Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri (K)		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.15 p.m	

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Rs. 450 for Youth Fellowship,

Rs. 650 for M&E

Calendar for the Month of September 2024

*1st September 1st Sunday	Education Sunday, Teacher's Day			
	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 - 9	Mr. Wilson Prathap	9:00 a.m	
Epistle	Acts 22: 1 - 5	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj		
Gospel	St. Luke 4: 31 - 37	Mr. J. A. Prakash (K)		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.15 p.m	
8th September 2nd Sunday	Women's Sunday			
	16th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Women Sowing Seeds of Love & Peace			
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m	
*15th September 3rd Sunday	17th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: My Peace I Give to you			
	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	Zechariah 8: 12 - 19	Mrs. Mary Sukumari (K) Mrs. Nancy Prince Shetty Mrs. Veena Johnson (K)	
	Epistle	Romans 5: 1 - 5	Mrs. Nithya Renith	
Gospel	St. John 16: 16 - 33	Mrs. I. Leena Jayakumari (K) Mrs. Geetha Graham		
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		6.15 p.m	
22nd September 4th Sunday	18th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Christian Response to Poverty			
	Preacher: Rev. Sanjay Samuel Ayer	Kannada	8.15 a.m.	
	Preacher: Rev. Sanjay Samuel Ayer	English		9.30 a.m
	Old Testament	Amos 8: 4 - 7	Mrs. Sandra Renita Karkada (K) Mrs. Arpana Jathanna Walters	
	Epistle	James 2: 1 - 7	Dr. (Mrs.) Mamatha T (K) Mr. John Susheel	
Gospel	St. Luke 16: 19 - 31	Mr. E Kristasharan Theodore (K) Miss Michelle Joanna		
Evening Service	Preacher: Mr. Vinod Shemron		6.15 p.m	
29th September 5th Sunday	Care for the Elderly Sunday			
	19th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: The Wisdom of the Elderly			
	Preacher: Rev. Sofia Christabel	Kannada	8.15 a.m.	
	Preacher: Rev. Sofia Christabel	English		9.30 a.m
	Old Testament	Genesis 24: 1 - 14	Mr. Naveen Rangayya (K) Mr. P. Jayaseelan	
Epistle	2 Timothy 1: 3 - 14	Mrs. Vimalakshi Soans (K) Mrs. Daisy Richard		
Gospel	St. Luke 1: 5 - 7	Mr. C. P. Lawrence (K) Mr. T. Y. Deva Raju		
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith		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.