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"Equipping and Empowering Congregation in God's Mission"



## ***Taught to Teach***

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## From the Presbyterian's Desk

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*"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." (St. John 16:13)*

We live in an age where Artificial Intelligence and rapidly advancing technology are transforming the way we learn and teach. In the years ahead, AI may play an increasingly significant role in schools, colleges, and other learning environments. Yet, even as technology changes teaching methods, the importance of a true teacher remains.

Our learning does not happen only within classrooms. At home, our parents are our first teachers. In life, guardians, elders, mentors, and those around us continue to guide and shape us. But beyond all these influences, there is one Teacher whose guidance is essential to our spiritual life: the **Holy Spirit**.

Jesus reminds us in John 16:13:

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."*

For each of us, therefore, there must be a deeply personal connection with the Holy Spirit. Through this relationship, we learn to understand ourselves, discern God's will, and grow in truth and wisdom.

We are all called, in one way or another, to be teachers. As parents, family members, friends, mentors, colleagues, and members of the Church and society, our words and actions influence those around us. If we are to teach, guide, encourage, and bless others, we must first allow ourselves to be taught by God.

When we remain connected to God and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what we share with others comes not merely from our own knowledge, but from a life shaped by His wisdom.

**Let us therefore be taught by the Spirit, so that we may teach, guide, and become a blessing to others.**

**Rev. Samuel B. Pujari**  
Presbyter-in-charge

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

### ***80th Independence Day Celebration***

A beautiful morning of **worship, gratitude, remembrance and unity** as we celebrated our nation's 80th Independence Day.

Our Presbyter-in-Charge, **Rev. Samuel B. Pujari**, led a special morning worship service and reflected on the sacrifices and leadership of those who gave us our freedom, reminding us of our responsibility to value and uphold the principles on which our nation was built.



Following the service, Rev. Samuel B. Pujari hoisted the National Flag alongside **Dr. Paul C. Salins**, Medical Director, Narayana Health, Mazumdar Shaw Medical Centre, Bengaluru, and a distinguished member of our congregation.

The congregation joined together in singing the **National Anthem**, giving thanks to God for the gift of our nation and the freedom we cherish.

The morning concluded with a fellowship breakfast, bringing everyone together in the spirit of community and celebration.

## Care for the Elderly



I Thank our *Lord Jesus* for giving us yet another wonderful time to *Praise and Worship HIM* during our *Retreat at Visthar*. The day was blessed with wonderful weather and a good time of Praise and Worship and a beautiful message on “*Purpose*.”

We reached the location at around 10:30 am and had our breakfast with some refreshments. We then started our day with a few songs of *Praise & Worship* led by our *Youth*. Rev. *Sanjay Samuel Ayer* was our speaker for the day, and he gave us the message on the theme, “*Purpose*.”

*He posed these questions:*

What is my Purpose? How many have I achieved and how many I couldn't?

*God's Purpose in my life:*

How do we find out God's purpose? What is my purpose from now on?

*Promise:*

Have I made a promise? How much of the promise have I kept? God has promised that *HE* will take care of us, Let God work *HIS* promise in you.

*Privilege:*

Am I privileged? How? Am I not privileged? Why?

**Praise:**

What is it that I want to Praise God for today?

**Parent / Mentor:**

What is my role?

**Peace:**

He explained the purpose that we have through these questions.

Pastor then had a short activity for the Elders to help them know each other. Divided them into groups according to their birth months and they had to get to know the person sitting next to them. It was a great icebreaker for the Elders.

We then broke out for an amazing *Lunch* and got back for the Second Session with some *Fun Games* by the *Youth*. The games were guessing the event from the Bible from a picture puzzle. We had another game where the person with a number would get a *special gift*.

These were some post-lunch fun activities. We then broke out for *Tea* and departed from Visthar.

We thank the *Lord Almighty* for making this day happen and for helping our Elders learn something new through this programme.

**Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri**  
Convener

## ***Men's Fellowship***

### **MISSION MONTH 2026**

#### **Men's Fellowship - Biryani Sale**

The St. Andrew's Church Men's Fellowship successfully hosted a Biryani Sale fundraiser on *August 9, 2026*, as part of Mission Month. The event brought our congregation together to enjoy a delicious meal while raising financial support for our Mission Field.



#### ***A Heartfelt Thank You:***

- To our *Members* for your generous support and for purchasing the Biryani.
- To our *Volunteers* for your valuable support with pre-booking, preparation, and on-the-day sales.
- To our *Sponsors* for your generous support and for helping make this fundraiser a success.

***Together, we serve. Together, we support God's Mission.***

**Mr. J. A. Prakash**  
Convener

## Sunday School



By God's mercies and kindness, our Sunday School Team worked together in participating, bonding, learning and challenging from the Bible, and winning accolades at *AHAVAH 2026*, an *Inter-church* event conducted by *St. John's Church*. Out of 30 churches and 750 participants, our Team made us proud by bringing laurels to our church.

Our Team participated with great enthusiasm during the *Ethnic Day* and *Breakfast Sales*, both were fundraising events held on the 9th and the 16th of August respectively, for the *Mission & Evangelism Ministry* of our Church.

The *Kannada Sunday School* children rendered the song, "ನನ್ನೇಸು ರಾಜನು ಬರುವ" on Sunday the 9th of August during the Kannada Worship Service.

On Sunday the 23rd of August, the Sunday School children rendered an Acapella Song, "Be A Light" by Shawna Edwards, which brought them accolades at *AHAVAH 2026*.

We are so blessed to have a wonderful *Team of Teachers* who train our children in different capacities, be it regular Sunday School or different Events. We praise God for the time and talents He has bestowed upon them.

Thanks to the parents and St. Andrew's family members for always supporting, encouraging and praying for us.

Do pray for good health and protection on each child. We are geared up for the upcoming events *INTERSUN 2026* and *Talents for Christ 2026*, in different churches. Do remember our Team in your prayers.

**Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj**  
Sunday School Superintendent

## ***Women's Fellowship***

*Greeting to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!*

Our Bible Study was conducted *online* on *Saturday* the *1st* of *August* by *Mrs. Vineetha Sunita*, and the topic was on *"Taming Our Tongue"* from the *Letter of James 3:1-12*. We looked at and reflected on this passage, which *Mrs. Vineetha* simply but powerfully put forth as follows:

*"The Power of Our Words: Words are among God's greatest gifts to us. They have the power to encourage the weary, comfort the grieving, strengthen relationships, and proclaim the hope of the Gospel. Yet the same words, when spoken carelessly, can wound hearts, damage relationships, and leave lasting scars. In James 3:1-12, James reminds believers that the tongue, though small, carries extraordinary power.*

*Using familiar illustrations - a bit that guides a horse, a rudder that steers a large ship, and a tiny spark that can set an entire forest ablaze - James teaches that our speech has the ability to direct the course of our lives and influence those around us. Though the tongue is one of the smallest parts of the body, it often reveals the true condition of our hearts.*

*We all agreed that this message is especially relevant in our world today. Conversations no longer take place only face-to-face; our words travel instantly through text messages, emails, and social media. A single careless comment can spread rapidly, causing misunderstanding, division, and hurt. Equally, one word of kindness, encouragement, or forgiveness can bring healing, restore hope, and point someone towards Christ.*

*James begins by reminding those who teach that they carry a greater responsibility because of their influence. While this applies directly to those who teach God's Word, it also serves as a reminder that every believer influences others. Whether we are parents, grandparents, spouses, friends, colleagues, ministry leaders, or simply members of the body of Christ, people are watching our lives and listening to our words. We have the privilege - and responsibility - of using our speech to build others up.*

*Perhaps the most sobering part of the passage is James' observation that with the same tongue we praise God and yet sometimes speak harshly to those created in His image. A heart transformed by Christ should increasingly produce words marked by grace, truth, patience, and love.*



*James also acknowledges that taming the tongue is one of life's greatest challenges. Left to ourselves, we often speak impulsively when we are tired, frustrated, or hurt. This reminds us that controlling our speech is not simply about developing better habits; it is evidence of God's transforming work within us. As we grow in our relationship with Christ, the Holy Spirit shapes not only our actions but also our conversations.*

*How then can we guard our speech? Scripture encourages us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19). Pausing before responding, listening with compassion, praying for wisdom, and allowing God's Word to fill our hearts are practical ways to ensure that our words honour Him.*

*Our church is called to be a community where words bring life. May our conversations encourage the discouraged, strengthen the weak, reconcile the broken, and glorify God. As we reflected on James 3:1-12, our prayer is that our speech will consistently reflect the love of Christ."*

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14*

We thank you, Vineetha!

The month of August being our Mission Month, our Women's Fellowship members decided to join hands with all the Wings of our church and raise funds for our Mission Field. This event was a huge success. The overwhelming response of all the members of our church made us realise how fortunate we are for their whole-hearted and enthusiastic cooperation. We are indeed truly grateful.

We Praise and thank God Almighty for all the favours and blessings He has bestowed on us.

**Mrs. Daisy Richard**  
Secretary, Women's Fellowship

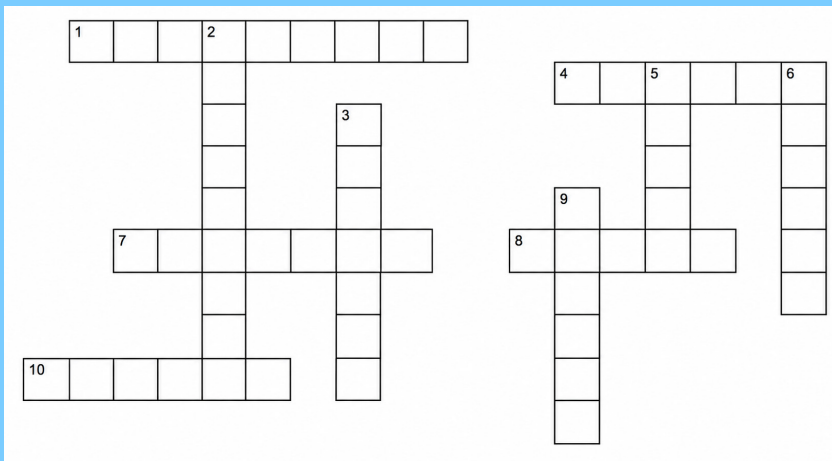


## SEEKERS NOOK

Women in the Bible held diverse and vital roles, serving as prophets, judges, queens, mothers, disciples and crucial agents of God's redemptive plan. Their accounts demonstrate faith, leadership, and resilience, while also reflecting the historical and cultural contexts of the ancient world and the early church.

Can you complete this Crossword puzzle featuring noteworthy women of the Bible? Do give it a try!

### CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

1. Lied about the money given to the early church, this cost her life
4. Sang a song of praise after the Red Sea crossing
7. Saved her husband Nabal's life by providing food for David and his men
8. Canaanite innkeeper who protected the Israelite spies and is mentioned in Jesus' genealogy
10. A good seamstress who looked out for the needy

#### DOWN

2. She and her husband were tent makers and good friends of Paul
3. She fell in love with Samson but eventually betrayed him
5. She recognised Peter's voice at the door and was so overjoyed that she forgot to open the gate
6. Daughter of Saul, first wife of Israel's second king
9. Refused to parade before her husband - king Artaxerxes and his friends

Correct entries will be published in next month's Newsletter along with Answer Keys. Send your **printed** answers to the **new Church WhatsApp number 7349251838** by **20th September 2026** in the following format:

**Name**

**Serial number - Answer**

## **Reflection**

### **LOIS AND EUNICE**

Timothy was one of the apostle Paul's closest co-workers whom he commissioned to stay on in the city of Ephesus and to help establish a strong church there (1 Timothy 1:3). Paul recognized and honoured the life-changing contributions of his mother Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, in a day when women were rarely mentioned by name.

Timothy's mother, Eunice, was 'a Jewish woman who was a believer', while Timothy's father was Greek (Acts 16:1). However, in the midst of this mixed-race and mixed-faith household, she shines as a faithful example. In 2 Timothy 1:5, we learn that Timothy's faith came from years of influence and his upbringing by his godly mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. *'I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but one of power, love and self-discipline'* (2 Timothy 1:5-7).

What a blessing to pass on! The Scriptures proclaim faith that rests in Christ Jesus. Eunice and Lois knew that they had a responsibility to train Timothy in the Scriptures and ensured that he had *the truth* embedded into his way of thinking. We wouldn't find two books of the New Testament bearing Timothy's name had they not gone about that work with diligence. They are examples of the powerful influence parents and grandparents can have on a young person's life. It is a reminder that the Lord uses us all. There are younger generations around us whom we can influence. The greatest legacy we can leave is to continually point others to Jesus by living out our personal faith, sharing Scriptures and testimonies of God's faithfulness.

### **Pause and reflect**

- Are you a Lois or Eunice?
- Who are your Loises and Eunices, the great influencers who made you the person of faith you are today?

## Children's Nook

### BIBLE HERO - TIMOTHY

Timothy was one of the *youngest helpers in the Bible* who traveled to other places to share the exciting news about Jesus. Even though he was young, he showed everyone that you do not have to be a grown-up to do big things for God.

When Timothy was a little boy, his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois read him Scripture stories and taught him to love God. When Timothy grew up, he met the apostle Paul who became a wonderful teacher and friend to Timothy, treating him like a son. They traveled to many different cities together to build churches and help people love God. Paul eventually sent Timothy to lead a big church in a city called Ephesus. Paul wrote letters (1 & 2 Timothy) to encourage him, saying: "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).

**God used Timothy, God can use you too.** Scan QR code below or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbVInogKbnk> to watch Timothy's story come alive.



### Quiz Answers for the month of August 2026

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. False                            | 6. In the middle of the night |
| 2. Philip                           | 7. Lydia (Acts 16)            |
| 3. Confess their sins (Matthew 3:6) | 8. Ananias                    |
| 4. Cornelius                        | 9. Crispus (Acts 18)          |
| 5. Simon the sorcerer               | 10. Twelve men                |

### Marvelous Winners for the month of August 2026

1. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
2. Advik Jacob Palanna
3. Chethan S Kumar



4. Rosabelle Prabhakar
5. Daisy Mark Prabhu
6. Lynette Natasha Karkada

## HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

### INFANT BAPTISM



**Aria Peter**

Daughter of Mr. Ajay Peter &  
Mrs. Manisha Ravi Peter  
on the 9th of August 2026

### Weddings



**Ms. Stella R**

Daughter of Mr. Raj Kumar S & Mrs. Sumathi R  
with

**Mr. Madhu Kanth D**

Son of Late. D Shivapoorna Prasad & Mrs. Gaitry S  
on the 11th of August 2026

### NEW MEMBERS

**Mr. Brain Shawn Ammana**

**Mrs. Vinutha Moses Chetan & Family**

**Mrs. Shyla Moses Kelwin & Family**

### Calendar for the First Week of October 2026

|                            |                                               |                                             |          |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| *4th October<br>1st Sunday | 18th Week after Pentecost                     |                                             |          |
|                            | Laity Day                                     |                                             |          |
|                            | Theme: Every Member a Minister                |                                             |          |
|                            | Celebrant & Preacher<br>Rev. Samuel B. Pujari | *Combined Holy Communion<br>Worship Service | 9:00 a.m |
| Old Testament              | Numbers 11: 24 - 30                           | Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohan Raj                    |          |
| Epistle                    | Acts 6: 1 - 7                                 | Mrs. Asha Franklyn                          |          |
| Gospel                     | St. John 15: 12 - 19                          | Mrs. Reena Rani Susinder (K)                |          |
| Evening Service            | Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra                  |                                             | 6.15 p.m |

## Calendar for the Month of September 2026

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| <b>*6th September</b><br>1st Sunday  | 14th Week after Pentecost                                            |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Education Sunday / Teachers' Day</b>                              |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Theme - Education: Shaping Minds, Changing Lives</b>              |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b><br>Rev. Samuel B. Pujari             | <b>*Combined Holy Communion</b><br><b>Worship Service</b>            | <b>9:00 a.m</b> |
|                                      | <b>Old Testament</b>                                                 | Isaiah 50: 4 - 7                                                     |                 |
| <b>Epistle</b>                       | Titus 2: 1 - 10                                                      | Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri                                              |                 |
| <b>Gospel</b>                        | St. Luke 5: 1 - 11                                                   | Wg Cdr I D Soans (K)                                                 |                 |
| <b>Evening Service</b>               | Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra                                         |                                                                      | <b>6.15 p.m</b> |
| <b>13th September</b><br>2nd Sunday  | 15th Week after Pentecost                                            |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Women's Sunday</b>                                                |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Theme - Women Who Trust God: Faithful and Fearless</b>            |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Kannada</b>                                                       |                                                                      | <b>8.15 a.m</b> |
|                                      | <b>English</b>                                                       |                                                                      | <b>9.30 a.m</b> |
| <b>Old Testament</b>                 | 2 Kings 22 : 11 - 20                                                 | Miss Jacqueline Vinutha (K)<br>Miss Rachel Bethlene Rozario          |                 |
| <b>Epistle</b>                       | Romans 16: 1 - 17                                                    | Mrs. Shobha Bhasme (K)<br>Mrs. Asha Franklyn                         |                 |
| <b>Gospel</b>                        | St. Matthew 15: 21 - 28                                              | Mrs. Caroline Anupama (K)<br>Mrs. Veneetha Sunita                    |                 |
| <b>Evening Service</b>               | Youth Fellowship                                                     |                                                                      | <b>6.15 p.m</b> |
| <b>*20th September</b><br>3rd Sunday | 16th Week after Pentecost                                            |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Theme - Pluralism: Faith and Friendship</b>                       |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>*Kannada Holy Communion</b>                                       |                                                                      | <b>8.15 a.m</b> |
|                                      | <b>English</b>                                                       |                                                                      | <b>9.30 a.m</b> |
| <b>Old Testament</b>                 | Jeremiah 29: 1 - 7                                                   | Mrs. I. Leena Jayakumari (K)<br>Mrs. Doreen Snehalatha Soans         |                 |
| <b>Epistle</b>                       | Romans 12: 9 - 18                                                    | Mr. Emmanuel Krithasharan Theodore (K)<br>Mr. Maxwell Samuel Sumitra |                 |
| <b>Gospel</b>                        | St. Luke 11: 5 - 10                                                  | Mrs. Lucy Kumar (K)<br>Mrs. Arpana Jathanna Walters                  |                 |
| <b>*Evening Service</b>              | Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Samuel B. Pujari |                                                                      | <b>6.15 p.m</b> |
| <b>27th September</b><br>4th Sunday  | 17th Week after Pentecost                                            |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Care for Elderly Sunday</b>                                       |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Theme - Purposeful Living: The Best is yet to come</b>            |                                                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>Kannada</b>                                                       |                                                                      | <b>8.15 a.m</b> |
|                                      | <b>English</b>                                                       |                                                                      | <b>9.30 a.m</b> |
| <b>Old Testament</b>                 | Joshua 14: 6 - 13                                                    | Mr. C. P. Lawrence (K)<br>Mr. P. Jayaseelan                          |                 |
| <b>Epistle</b>                       | Philippians 3: 12 - 16                                               | Mr. Naveen Rangayya (K)<br>Mrs. Daisy Richards                       |                 |
| <b>Gospel</b>                        | St. John 21: 18 - 23                                                 | Mrs. Vimalakshi Soans (K)<br>Cdr. James Sathya Kumar                 |                 |
| <b>Evening Service</b>               | Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith R                                   |                                                                      | <b>6.15 p.m</b> |

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