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IFC Mission – To proclaim, communicate the love and life-changing power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the South Asian Community in the Washington DC metropolitan area. We desire to equip believers through discipleship, enabling them to evangelize to the nations of the world, support missionaries, help them be a part of God's family and magnify His name.

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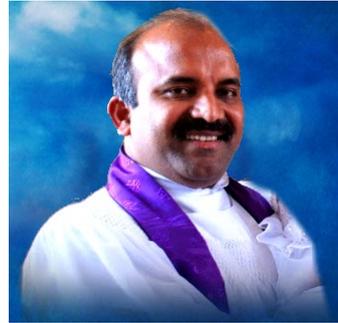
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From the Pastor's desk...

Rev. Isravel Jayaraj



Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ.

It's difficult to believe that summer is already upon us. I hope you'll have a

chance to catch your breath and relax a bit!

The IFC congregants are in the midst of a busy summer involving many travels, visiting near and dear ones, sightseeing new and interesting places, spending more time with kids, attending summer camps, retreats and picnics.

Our God has faithfully led us half way past 2017 giving us his protection, guidance and feeding us spiritually and physically continuously. Let's all give thanks to God. Jer. 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

1. God has His "thoughts," even as we have ours.
2. His thoughts are immeasurably higher than ours.
3. His thoughts are all conformed to the eternal truth of matters. When we think of our life we feel we are nothing but God has great plans for each and every one of us. The counsel of the Lord "standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations" Ps. 33:11.

We had a couple of important

events in the last 3 months. IFC Annual Retreat was held at Skycroft conference center. Rev. Dr. Prince Vedomanickam spoke on "Increase our faith". It was truly a blessing to all; we had a lot of fun, enjoyment, entertainment, games etc. More than 120 members attended. Praise be to God. Thanks to all involved in making the retreat a very meaningful one. We also had VBS 2017 on the theme "Operation Arctic". More than 50 kids attended. Our youth took an active role and gave the participants a marvelous experience. Thanks to our youth leaders, volunteers, children and parents.

By the grace of God our outreach ministry is doing well. Many are eagerly participating in this to share the love of Jesus. We are hoping to get some more new families at the church. We are still in a season of reflection and seeking God's guidance as we move into the next season of ministry fruitfulness. Let us all pledge to remain humble, prayerful, worshipful, receptive and open to God's direction. I am confident that the best is yet to come (1 Cor. 2:9).

May God's grace and peace fill your hearts.

Pastor Isravel Jayaraj

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Kids' corner

- Hemala Jayaseelan

Find answers to the blanks. Circle them in the grid.
Answers are vertical, horizontal or diagonal. Enjoy!

King David's grandfather was ____ **Boaz**.
____ was Moses' sister.
____ built a large boat called an arc.
King ____ wanted to kill Jesus.
____'s name was changed to Abraham.
The Christian symbol (icon) is a ____.
Saul is better known as apostle ____.

King _____ built the first temple.
God created _____ as the day of rest.
This giant challenged the Israelites _____.
We say this at the end of every prayer _____.
First 4 New Testament books together _____.
The very first person murdered was _____.
Israelites crossed _____ when they left Egypt.

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Vacation Bible School (VBS), 2017



In June, our church had over 50 children participate in "Operation Arctic" Vacation Bible School. The youth conducted four days of fun-filled activities, where the children learned what it meant to explore the Bible. The activities for two of the four days were service projects. On Wednesday, the children wrote letters to the elderly, giving them the opportunity to brighten someone's day. On Friday, the children made about 20 pillows (pictured above) that were donated to Children's National Hospital in D.C.



For more pictures, visit <http://indiansforchrist.org/photo-gallery-2/> . Special thank you to the Sunday school team and all the youth volunteers who helped each day. We hope this year's VBS was enriching and exciting for all the participants, and we will see you next year!



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Safe Church Policy -Admin Council

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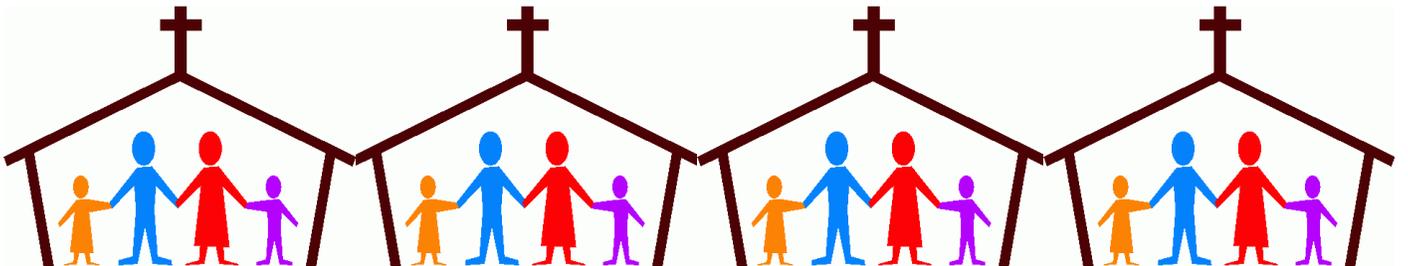
In recent years, almost all of the main stream denominational churches as well as independent churches have adopted and implemented what has come to be known as "Safe Church Policy". In any church environment or church activities there is always an element of risk involved. Safe Church Policy establishes and preserves an atmosphere in which all our members including children, ministerial staff, volunteers involved in various ministerial activities of our church family can worship and work together in an environment that is free from all forms of harassment, exploitation, intimidation or discrimination. In many institutions all the paid ministerial, administrative staff and faithful volunteers are subjected to formal background checks prior to their employment or commission. Such measures are taken to safeguard the church environment from any unforeseen vulnerabilities. Safe Church Policy also includes all church sponsored activities that happen outside of church premises as well.

Our Church:

IFC Church Administration has always been conscious and mindful of providing the safe church environment to our church family and guests. However, this is the time to adapt formal document as "Safe Church Policy". Keeping in mind the ethnic nature of our church- Indians for Christ (WMTC), our culture, Christian and traditional family values that we are mindful as Tamil Christian Church Family, the Safe Church policy is being developed avoiding the need for formal background checks of our faithful staff and volunteers. This policy identifies reasonably foreseeable risks involved in our church worship gatherings and activities and provides procedures and guidelines to manage risk awareness, safety awareness, common sense observation, action and foresight for making Indians for Christ, Washington Metropolitan Church and it's sponsored activities a safe environment.

Indians for Christ (WMTC) hopes that our worship places and church sponsored activities will continue to remain sacred and we work together to prevent any harm to those who come into our community. The intent of this policy is to increase the reliability, integrity, and safety of our ministries, and not to spread distrust among us. We are people of God, trusting and hopeful, but we need to be smart, wise and aware.

We look forward to instituting the new policy projected for use from September this year.





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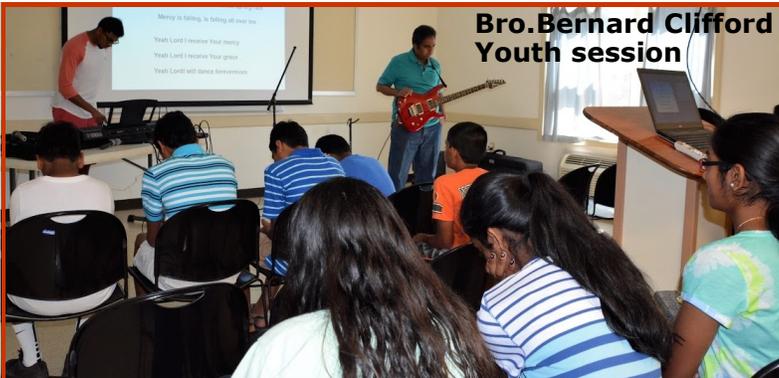
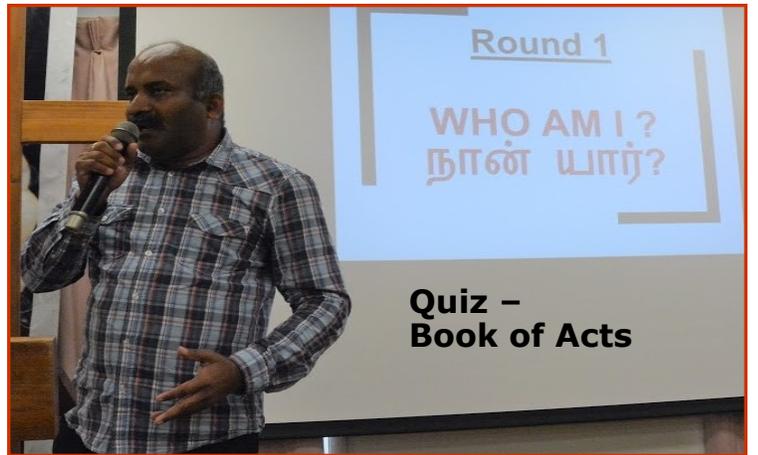
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Retreat 2017



Rev.Prince Vedamanickam

Grow
in
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Bro. Bernard Clifford
Youth session



Bonfire



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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
RETREAT 2018
JULY 13, 14, 15
SKYCROFT CONFERENCE CENTER, MD



Dear God, grant those who learn and those who teach to say and do what is pleasing to you.. May this academic year be blessed with sound learning, positive friendships and an exciting, safe atmosphere. Amen.

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**Teleconference
Prayer
Tuesday at 9:00
PM
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Ongoing Activities

**Teleconference
Bible Study
Wednesday at
8:00 PM
Dial in Number:
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**Intercessory
Prayer
First Friday
at 8:00 PM**

Third Saturday



**Contact Rev. Isravel
Jeyaraj**

**Missions
Prayer
Third Friday
8:00 PM**

**Fasting Prayer
Second
Saturday
at 10:00 AM**

**Women
Fellowship
Second
Sunday
at 6:00 PM**

**Sunday School
During Worship
September
to
June**



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**Annual Picnic
Saturday
August 19, 2017
Black Hill Regional
Park
Maryland**



Voice of Triumph
Voice of Triumph
Youth concert
September 2, 2017
5:00 PM

at
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