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November 2018

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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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Please send your articles by January 20, 2019.

From the Pastor's desk...

Rev. Isravel Jayaraj

Greetings in the Wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are in the midst of autumn, preparing for another winter. As seasons change, we experience many changes in our life, family and community. Every season reveals God's marvelous creation, His nature and His plans for all humanity to experience and enjoy nature and give thanks to Him. As we read in Deuteronomy 1:31, ". . .you saw how the LORD your God cared for you all along the way, as you traveled through the wilderness, just as a father cares for his child. Now He has brought you to this place." Similarly, we have experienced God in ways as the Israelites, did in the wilderness.

Every one of us has had a good summer with lots of travel, visiting new places, meeting relatives, attending different camps and activities. As a congregation, IFC has enjoyed some program highlights this summer. They were: VBS for kids, a blessed time of casual off-site fun at the annual church picnic, confirmation service when 9 young adults were confirmed into the church family of God. Retreat 2018 was a meaningful and joyous event for all attendees; guest speaker Rev. Dr. Premkumar Dharmaraj brought us spiritual enlightenment on "Discipleship lifestyle"; besides our meditations and religious activities we relished much comradery and entertainment. During my absence IFC had some guest preachers who enriched

the congregation with their sermons.

As a congregation, we look forward to forthcoming programs on the church calendar, such as, Thanksgiving/ Harvest Festival, Covenant Sunday, Christmas concerts, Sunday school events, Christmas carols, Christmas festival service and Watch Night service to usher in the new year, 2019. Please pray and participate in all the events and get involved in as many ways as possible to glorify God.

I want to thank the current Administrative Council for taking on the responsibilities of IFC administration 2018 to 2020. I extend my thanks to all who actively and passively participate in IFC ministries. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" says Galatians 6:9. Truly, our God will honor all our efforts and reward us in His time.

We believe in a Living Christ whose assurances are everlasting; He will fulfill His promises. Therefore, let us be cheerful in the Lord and serve Him whole heartedly.

God bless all of you and keep you safe under His wings in the coming months, despite the changes in the climate.

In His Service,

Isravel Jayaraj



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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2018-2020

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”- 1 Peter 4:10



Jayaseelan kasi

Ramachandran
Arudchandran

Samuel
Chandran

Anand Solomon

Selvin Selvaraj

Vijay Alan

Congratulations & Welcome

Distribution of responsibilities:

Responsibilities for special and annual events are shared by all.

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Fellowship Coordination
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Arudchandran**
Elder

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Fellowship Coordination
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When God Does Not Seem To Answer Our Questions

by Jacinth Joseph



Job is one of the three people God names as righteous (Ezekiel 14:14). God even testifies about him to Satan (Job 1:8). Job is described as a fervent man (Job 1:5), worshipper (Job 1:20, 9:4-10) and a man of integrity (Job 10:7). Although he reasoned with God with many words and questions, he knew that God was not obliged to answer him (Job 9:16).

There are many situations where God did not answer when people sought Him. God did not answer Saul (1 Samuel 28:6), after He had anointed David and God's Spirit had left Saul (1 Samuel 16:13-15). God does not answer people who practice evil deeds (Micah 3:4), are proud (Job 35:12) or those who shut their ears to the cry of the poor (Proverbs 21:13). It is unlikely that any of these scenarios would have applied to Job.



Human beings are good at asking questions. Kids, for example, ask why they can't play video games all day! Job had more legitimate questions. In his suffering, Job questioned why he was born alive (Job 3:11), how he could be just in the sight of God (Job 9:2) and whether he would still be alive when his suffering ended (Job 14:14). God did not answer Job's questions, but he DID ANSWER Job. He answered Job with over 70 queries describing His awesome power revealed in creation. The questions elevated Job from the limitations of human pain, into the infinite realm of God's power. They reminded him that God's ways are higher than our ways. Job SAW the glorious God he had only heard about (Job 42:5). Secondly, God answered him by giving him back exactly twice as much as he had before. This was a sign to Job that God is a righteous judge (Job 9:22, 32) and the he was accepted in the sight of God. It was a reward for the unfailing hope he had in God (Job 19:25).



It would have been much simpler for God to explain his conversation with Satan and the reason for Job's misery. But he wanted Job to understand far bigger concepts and receive higher revelations. The wisdom of God is manifest in this- without answering a single question, He provided the answers that Job needed.

For the questions we have today, the answer may be just that- God is God. And that IS the answer we need. In the light of God's great wisdom, power and love (Romans 8:28), we SEE clearly and our search for an answer ends.



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I WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD WITH MY WHOLE HEART ; PSALM 9:1

we welcome you to our Thanksgiving / Harvest Festival

November 18, 2018 - Sunday @ 3:00 PM



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Choir's Corner by Vigila C. Harris

"Make a joyful noise unto the lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing" - Psalm 100:1-2

As we all know, we are created to worship God. That should be the most important part of our life - even though mankind forgets that and focuses on other less important things and gives little or no time to God. The Psalmist said "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be continuously be in my mouth" - Psalm 34:1

Historians have stated that in the 16th century Martin Luther won even more converts to Christ through his encouragement of congregational singing than through his strong preaching and teaching. DL Moody (19th century) once said "singing does at least as much as preaching to impress The Word in people's mind. Ever since God first called me, the importance of praise expressed in song has grown upon me".

Having said that, we can attest that congregational singing is one of the most important forms of Christian worship. I would like to quote a poem: The Power of Christian Song

*There's something about a fine old hymn (song)
That can stir the heart of a man;
That can reach to the good of his inmost soul
Such as no mere preaching can.*

*It's more than the tune of the song he sings
And it's more than a poet's rhyme -
It's the spirit of God working through those things
That gives them their power sublime.*

*So, we thank thee Lord for the fine old hymns (songs)
May we use them again and again,
As we seek to save from a hopeless grave
The souls of our fellow-men. - Author Unknown*

This is choir ministry.

By God's grace and mercy, I have had the privilege and opportunity to have joyfully been a part of different church choirs, all through my life. I have so many flaws - yet when I sing for my Savior and for His glory, it uplifts me, gives me tremendous satisfaction and fills my heart with joy, peace and happiness, whether it is a song of praise or petition!! I can vouch for other choristers that feel the same way. When the choir takes it as a ministry and cheerfully does its best for God Almighty, it is a pleasing aroma to God.

So long as I live, I will try to shine my little light for Jesus, with my singing in my corner. Glory be to God. May God bless this ministry.



Seasonal Reminders



Each year, CDC recommends vaccinations as the first and most important step to protect you and others from the flu. Getting a flu shot can reduce related illnesses, symptoms, doctors' visits, missed school and work days, and hospitalizations.

In addition to the vaccine, you can also help fight the flu by:

- ◆ Trying to avoid close contact with people who have the flu when possible
- ◆ Washing your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub
- ◆ Covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze and then wash your hands
- ◆ Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that have germs



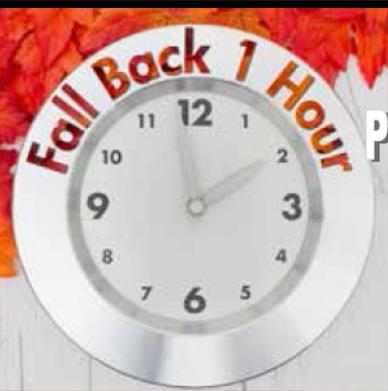
SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Watch vs. Warning vs. Advisories

WATCHES mean there is a chance that severe weather conditions may happen within a large geographic area during a lengthy timeframe.

WARNINGS mean there is likely a severe weather condition that may occur within a smaller geographic area during a shorter timeframe.

ADVISORIES are somewhere between a watch and a warning. Advisories mean there is a chance of a less severe weather condition. For example, a wind advisory or freezing rain advisory may be issued instead of a high wind warning or ice storm warning.



Fall Back 1 Hour

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on
November 4 at 2:00 a.m.



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Save the dates

November 2018 Carol rounds (dates TBD)

December 9, 2018 Children's Program

December 15, 2018 Christmas Concert

December 25, 2018 Christmas Service