

PARISH NEWS

PASTORATE COMMITTEE: On the 2nd of June 2019 we had our Annual General Body Meeting in our Church. There were 6 posts vacant (4 Male & 2 Female).

The Following members were elected for the Pastorate Committee:

1. Mrs. Enu Wong
2. Mrs. Nomita Bagh
3. Mr. Joseph Lazarus
4. Mr. Abhay Kumar Sathe
5. Mr. Raphael Thangadurai
6. Mr. Alfred Patrick

- Mr. Meshach Thangadurai is our Secretary
- Mr. Joseph Lazarus is our Treasurer

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL 175 YEARS CELEBRATION:

As our Church is celebrating its 175 years glorious existence, on this happy occasion we have the Mementos, Church Souvenir and Church Documentary Video CD to be given to our Church Parishioners. Those who have not collected, you are requested to collect it as soon as possible.

CNI CONCESSION: All those who are availing CNI Concession you have to come regular to Church; Women's should be part of the Women's Fellowship actively participating in women's programs. Children below the age of 15 years should be regularly attending the Sunday school. Children above the age 16 years should actively participate in Youth Fellowship programs.

Please note: As per the directive from our Bishop all women teachers teaching in the CNI Schools should be members of the women's fellowship and participate in the women's fellowship program.

WFCS: - Every Second Sunday of the month we shall have women's fellowship meeting we would request all the women fellowship members to attend this meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: - We would request all the parents to send their children to Sunday school classes for their spiritual growth and development which starts along with Sunday church worship service.

NEW BURIAL RATES FOR CEMETERY: The Cemetery Committee met on 27th May 2019 and have decided to increase the burial rates with effect from 1st June 2019. The new burial rates are 6500/- .

PLEDGE FORM: - We would request all the parishioners to fill the **Pledge Form 2019-2020** as soon as possible.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Shama Elizabeth Cak wife of Late Bishop Rt. Rev. Suni Cak (the former Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese) mother of Naveen, Komal and Ashish Cak fell asleep in Christ on the 14th of June 2019. May her soul rest in peace.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, (C.N.I), JABALPUR



(Est. 1844)



Church Service- 8:00 am

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Sunday School- 8:00 am

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR JULY - 2019

7 TH	JULY	2019	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
14 TH	JULY	2019	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
21 ST	JULY	2019	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
28 TH	JULY	2019	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Presbyter's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A blameless life. It sounds almost impossible, does it not?

To lead a completely blameless life is hard for any person. If it's not impossible, it's next to impossible, but of course, there are certain things we can do to help us lead a better life.

How to live a blameless life

- 1 - Focus on the Lord
- 2 - Have nothing to do with evil
- 3 - Cast away pride

I. FOCUS ON THE LORD

Psalm 101 verse 1 I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise. **Verse 6** My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me. I will sing of your love.

I take this to mean that the Psalmist focused on the Lord. Otherwise, why would he sing to the Lord? If you sing gospel songs, traditional or otherwise, more than likely you do it to honor the Lord. Why else would

you sing gospel songs? And if your eyes on the faithful followers of the Lord then you are also focusing on the Lord.

[Ephesians 5:19-20](#) “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Any time you sing to the Lord from your heart, no matter how it sounds, it is pleasing to Him and will increase your devotion to Him and help you to lead a better life.

[1 Thessalonians 5:17](#) “Pray continually” or “Pray without ceasing.” You know as well as I do that if we spent every day in the spirit of prayer we’d live better lives. If we constantly communed with the Lord we would be better people. And the same thing holds true for singing to the Lord. There is more than one way, of course to focus on the Lord.

[Psalm 1:1-2](#) “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.”

We focus on the Lord by studying His Word! Many people believe in the inspired Word of God but they don’t read it or study it!

[Hebrews 4:12](#) “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

[Psalm 119:9-11](#) “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” DON’T LOSE YOUR FOCUS! Keep your eyes on the Lord through scripture, prayer and singing. Romans chapter 12

II. HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH EVIL

[Psalm 101:3](#) I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. [Verse 4](#) Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil. [Verse 8](#) Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the Lord.

[1 Thessalonians 5:22](#) “Avoid every kind of evil.”

If we want to stay as blameless as possible in the sight of God then we must avoid evil wherever it is and every kind of evil.

III. CAST AWAY PRIDE

[Psalm 101:5](#) Whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. [Verse 7](#) No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.

How can you be world-famous and humble at the same time?

[Romans 12:3](#) “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”

[Proverbs 11:2](#) “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”

[Proverbs 16:18](#) “Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

People who are totally sold on themselves often find themselves falling into some kind of trouble after a period of time.

[Proverbs 15:33](#) “Wisdom’s instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor.”

[1 Peter 5:5](#) “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Preacher Dwight L. Moody said: “God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves.”

Augustine said: “It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.”

Blameless doesn’t mean perfection because we can never reach perfection. If there is any perfection, it is in Christ. And our perfection is in Him.

[II Corinthians 5:21](#) “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Because of Christ, we stand blameless before God. But while we live in the flesh we must strive to live a blameless life as much as possible.

May God bless us and help us to lead a meaningful life. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS - JULY

1. Nancy Ruston
 2. Anna Sarah Patrick, Solomon Thangadurai
 5. Anubha Williams
 6. Ashish Cak, Rachel Patrick
 7. Dr. Winsun Chen, B. K. Chougley
 8. Rev. Bruce Thangaduari
 10. Sheil Marvin Ali, George William
 11. Aruna Ann Gee
 12. Anoop Chaudhari
 13. Zeeshan Thomas
 15. Denis Patrick, Anna Lydia Patrick, Genevieve Lal
 16. Henna Ruth Peters
 17. Joseph Lazarus
 20. Sanjay Sejoy Martin, Niti Thangaduari,
 21. Johanna Marylin Thangaduari
 23. Anand Bernard, Priyanka R. Singh, Samraddhi Boro
 24. Ryan Sheri Warren, Sagar Emmanuel Paul
 28. Rev. Arvind Peter
 29. Dhan Lakshmi
 30. Michael Peters, Alen Peter, S. Alisha Manas Samuel
 31. Elma Joseph, Robert Jones, David Thangadurai.
- Wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4. Ronald Keith Raymer & Lillian Raymer
- We wish the Couple a Happy Long Married Life with God's Choicest Blessings*