

PARISH NEWS

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS: Every Friday we will be having Cottage Prayer Meeting in the house of Youth Fellowship members & Women's Fellowship Members. The meeting will be conducted on 1st & 3rd Week in the Youth Fellowship member house and on 2nd & 4th Week in the Women's Fellowship member house.

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.

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

BIBLE QUIZ: The Sunday school children will be organizing the Bible Quiz for the Women's Fellowship, Youth Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship along with the Sunday School Children based on the Book of Genesis chapter 26 to 50 on the 25th of August, 2024 from 5:30 pm onwards.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: On 15th of August, 2024 being our Independence Day we shall be having a special Service from 7:00 am onwards as we will be praying for our Nation and hoisting our National flag.

CHAIN PRAYER: Every Friday between 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm we will be having a chain Prayer in our Church, praying for the various concerns. We request all our Parishioners to join for the Chain Prayer.

SUBSCRIPTION: Dear Parishioners, all those who wish to pay their Subscription / Thanksgiving / Church offerings can pay through online.

Please write your name in remarks column while transferring the funds. For any queries please contact Mr. R. C. Joseph (Treasurer) 9300106407

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING: On the 21st of July 2024 we had our Annual General Body Meeting in our Church.

The Following members were elected for the Pastorate Committee:

1. Mrs. Mee Hwa Wang
2. Mrs. Samantha Rushton
3. Mr. Denis Patrick

Mr. Naveen Cak is our Secretary; Mr. R. C. Joseph is our Treasurer

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



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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST - 2024

4 TH	AUGUST	2024	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11 TH	AUGUST	2024	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
15 TH	AUGUST	2024	THE INDEPENDENCE DAY
18 TH	AUGUST	2024	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
25 TH	AUGUST	2024	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Presbyter's Message

Greetings to you in the precious name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Living in this 21st Century, life has become very fast and sometimes we struggle to keep pace with the present world.

During this course of life we also experience hardship, struggles and lots of problems. Sometimes when things don't go according to our plans. We try to solve all our problems on our own but if we do not succeed then our real hope is none other than God.

But most of the time we are also perplexed when our prayers are not answered, we keep on praying and if we do not get answer of our prayer we start doubting about the timing of the answered prayer.

Timing was important to Jesus; everything in its time at just the right time. On His mission to bring you and me from death to life (Romans 6:13), He never rushed or struggled to play catch up.

He clearly worked from a different clock than everyone else. Instead of Eastern Standard Time, Jesus seemed to be on Eternal Standard Time. He never arrived late and He never arrived early, He simply arrived according to His purpose.

Jesus was born at exactly the right time to be in Bethlehem with His parents, right as the stars aligned to announce the birth of Israel's long-

awaited King. When He was older, He stayed to study scripture in the temple, even though his parents left for home.

When others thought He was late, Jesus arrived just in time to raise Lazarus from the dead.

When we read the Word of God we find He is seldom early but He is never late.

We need to remember the following things.

We follow God's timetable, not our own – despite being bombarded with choices between good, very good, and best, Jesus stayed so closely aligned with the Father that He always made the right choice of what to do and when to do it. God's timing means we say no to the urgent in order to stay focused on the eternal.

We look toward eternity, not just the momentary – Jesus always had the end in mind. He knew a Day of Judgment would come and so He poured His compassion on those who were lost and those who were in sin. He knew they couldn't see eternity, but because He could see it, He worked diligently to get their eyes off the ground and unto the things above. Even as He died, He said, in a sense, "Father, forgive them. They don't see the end of time and so they don't know what they are doing. They don't understand who I am." Following Jesus means we get our eyes off the petty distractions and focus on the limited time we have to tell people about Jesus.

We believe that God is always right on time – Timing was so critical to Jesus and His mission that He even died right on time. When the Roman guards came, expecting to break His legs and hasten His death, they found Jesus already dead. It was finished, and finished in time to fulfill the prophecy that none of his bones would be broken.

God used precision timing in the life of Jesus – His timing is just as precise in our life! In life, there's that thing we're worried about, that thing we've been waiting on – maybe an answer from God, broken relationship, financial needs, health issues etc.

We have been waiting and we have begun to wonder – Where is God? How much longer do we need to wait? We don't need to wait a second longer than it takes for God to answer in his precise timing. He sees our need, but he also sees the exact time it needs to be filled.

His timetable; not ours. And while we wait we can know our God of precision timing is working all things out for the good of those who loves him – because we've been called according to his purpose and we have been obedient to follow him all the days of our lives.

"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" Romans 8:31-32

May God bless us during this month of August so that we have faith and trust in His timing. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

1. Supriya Washington
4. Clement Peter
7. Kemaya Ruth Sathe
8. Amit Bernard
9. Dr Sanjana Daniel, Shalini Oliver Rajjive Martin
11. Ashnah Ellis
12. Ened Lall, Enoch Thangadurai, Ronica Lazarus
13. Ramsay Melville
14. Cecilia Russell, Zaina Charles
15. Nancy Rushton
16. Crystal Samantha Jones
17. Liana Baroi
18. L. Clements, Collin Samuel, SimeonThangadurai
20. Vidya Rathod, Royston Gee
21. Jacqlene Elias, Ronald Moses, Jared Rodgers
22. Dr. Christopher Chien Liao, Alicia Dhakrey, Anshika Cak
24. Ruba Bernard, Priyanka Job
25. Kevin Gee
26. John Samuel, Jesse Joseph, Aahaan Aashish Bernard
27. Jonathan Thangadurai
29. Sheraz Thomas, Dr. Ekta Matthew

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings