

Arni Boys Home Construction work in Progress



Continue to pray for the Construction Work

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JESUS RAISES THE CRIPPLED WOMAN



WOMEN'S SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2008

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Bulletin

3rd Quarter/3rd

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Presbyter in-charge **Hon. Secretary** **Hon. Treasurer**

PASTORAL LETTER

"Turn back to me and I will turn to you...." Malachi 3:6



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the only time that God asks us to test Him. If we honor Him with our TITHES and offerings, all His promises of blessings are ours. But if anyone chooses not to tithe, according to this scripture, he is under a curse. **"One tenth of all the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord"** (Lev.27:30) Our tithe rightfully belongs to the Lord and when we keep it for ourselves, we are actually stealing from Him.

So think for a moment, is God really after our money? No. He is actually after our hearts. But the way He gets to our hearts is through our riches, **"for your heart will always be where your riches are."** (Matt.6:21) **Tithing is really a test of our hearts.** God is saying, "If you will just honor Me by giving Me ten percent, then I will take care of the rest." When we tithe, we are acknowledging the fact that all that we have is a gift from God. **We tithe not because we have to but because we want to, because we love God.** It is a way of showing our love and appreciation to Him who has given us all.

If we give to God with the motive of getting something or **"with regret or out of a sense of duty,"** it is useless. If we give only when it is convenient, there is no point. David said: **"I will not offer to the Lord, my God, sacrifices that have cost me nothing."** (2 Sam.24:24) So when we give to God, it must be with hearts full of love and thanksgiving **"for God loves the one who gives gladly"** (2 Cor.9:7)

The tithe is actually God's fund-raising programme for His church. Just imagine what the church could do if the whole church was tithing! We could be spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth through missionaries and media; we could build more churches, orphanages, homes for the homeless, hospitals etc. If you are already tithing, be sure of this: God always keeps His promises. If you have never tithed, just try it! **Put the Lord to the test and watch Him open the windows of heaven for you.**

Shalom !

S. Clive E.Ponnuraj

Anantha Kumari Rajan
Premila James
Sneha Joanna David

23 September

Aditya Samson
Jeffrey Solomon Paul
Renu Mohandas

24 September

Aditi Sara Cherian
Anna Zachariah
Amrita Susanna Daniel
Pritish John Korula,
P.S.S. Sunder Rao

25 September

Annie Mathai
Thilak Jebagnanam
Roshan S. Livingstone,

26 September

Mary Sulakshini Immanuel
Ashish John Jonathan
Augustine P. Aiyadurai
Edwin James
Mrinalini Evangeline Zenobia Johnson

28 September

Ajit Mammen Chandy
29 September

30 September

Zizi Kuriakose

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF September 2008

1st September

Nebu Thomas

J. Santosh

Paul Yohan George

2nd September

Jonathan M. John

14 September

Reuben Thomas Kurien

Vivek Samuel Sunder Rao

P.S. Nellie Fraser

3rd September

Anusha Vyas,

Deepak Paul Mithran Rajan

Priya Aley Joseph

Priya John

September

Grace Korula

Susie Sneha

15 September

Jennifer Ravikumar

Leena Samuel

Jeshurun Roy Suman Nirmal

Sugantha Esther Nathaniel

Victor Raj

06 September

Abraham Joseph

Renu Susan Ninan

Rose Lydia Nath

16 September

Beulah Reshna Martin Ratnam

Daisy Sing

07 September

Shilpa Jeyathilak

Mahiban Thomas

Thomas Kurien Bhanu

17 September

George Tharyan

18 September

Gina Mary Ann Chandy

Selva Titus Chacko

08 September

Abhishek Vyas

Shefali Elizabeth Mathew

20 September

Arman Zachariah Chacko

George Mathew

Renita Muthusami

Rachel Deepa David

09 September

V. Selvakumar

Noel Premkumar

21 September

Mrs. Anitha Jasper

11 September

J.S. Pancharatnam

22 September

Anand Zachariah

13 September

Benjamin Jepeganam

The work on the Arni Dormitory Building project is going on in full swing. The contract has been awarded to Ms Ce Tech Engineers from Sathuvacheri Vellore, for a sum of Rupee 18 lacs. We have received till the end of July a sum of Rupee 11 lacs. This includes the Harvest festival collection and the transfers from the General Funds at the end of the last financial year. We need to mobilise the balance of Rupees 7 lacs in the course of the next three to four months. Please uphold this project in your prayers. We need to continue our efforts in raising the balance money required for the completion of the project on time.

The Arni Dormitory building project update as on 8th August

1. All footing completed
2. Column raised up to plinth beam
3. Preparing for plinth beam

Treasurer



Thank you

We received an offering of a GOLD RING in the offertory bag a few weeks ago. The ring was valued by 3 different Gold shops and was then sold for the best price of Rupees 15 000/-

Treasurer



Youth Column

“Ye are the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14)

<p>A little star shone singly in the night, And thought "How very feeble is my light! There's not a traveler who will see his way, Who will be guided by my tiny ray? But I will not go out – the more will I Attempt to shine in this vast, darkened sky."</p>	<p>Down in the world there was a weary soul Striving alone to see the clouded goal. Full of despair, she wrestled all the night, But saw no shining of a guiding light. She said, "There is no moon, I am so sad," And lost the very little hope she had.</p>
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<p>But through her narrow window did she see A point of brightness gleaming fervently. It was the single star. She cried aloud, And hoped anew for passing of the cloud. When morning came, with all its golden light, She said, "I found the Saviour in the night.</p>	<p>"I found Him through a star – it must have been The Star of Bethlehem that I have seen, For to the lord it led – and so I came And saw the hills of Heaven all aflame, All shining with the glory of that star, Whose small but steady light had called afar."</p>
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O little star! Be not afraid thy light
 Will be too feeble to be seen at night.
 However small, if steady, it will be
 Lighting the roadway to Eternity.

They know in Heaven, where the angels are,

A soul was lighted by a little star. *by Vivien Jameson.*

Hi friends. Isn't this a lovely poem? This poem has encouraged me a lot especially now as we are struggling to build up the youth fellowship in our church. Our thanks to Pastor Clive for encouraging us and helping us in every possible way. Also I'm grateful to Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan and Mrs. Shymala Chittaranjan for agreeing to be our guide and counselors. I invite all the young people to come join us for youth fellowship every Sunday after the second service at 11.30 a.m. at the Parish Hall. Please do come and be part of us. We are having a youth oriented teaching session, with lots of singing and fellowship. Come be part of our family—together we can shine as bright stars in this world.

God bless,

Beulah Shekinah Elango, *Youth secretary.*

Youth Programmes

Our program for the month of September :

- 07-09-08 Mr. Ruby Nakka The First Commandment of the Ten Commandments.
- 14-09-08 Dr. Densie Flemming. Bible study on Commitment.
- 21-09-08 Mr. Augustine The Second Commandment of the Ten Commandments.
- 28-09-08 Dr. Ivan and team. Time of Worship and Intercessory Prayer.
Please do come and be blessed.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:-

- Women's Fellowship Retreat
- Arni Boys Home Construction work
- The members who are sick in our community
- Senior Citizens in our Church



Hebrew Names of God

This Bible word search game has 15 answers.




K	A	S	P	E	Y	M	B	I	B	L	E	P	E	A
M	E	E	Q	F	W	I	S	T	U	D	Y	Q	F	D
G	E	L	U	G	O	H	A	Y	G	A	M	E	S	O
O	M	Y	A	A	D	O	N	A	I	H	C	O	M	N
T	N	O	E	H	W	L	X	C	O	I	M	R	G	O
A	C	N	L	I	Y	E	H	O	V	A	H	S	H	P
B	P	A	Y	M	K	L	Z	D	M	J	V	A	I	R
E	L	S	H	A	D	D	A	I	N	K	H	B	J	Y
X	Q	M	I	H	O	L	E	H	V	H	Y	C	K	H
M	U	E	L	O	A	H	M	I	N	O	D	A	L	Q
Y	W	M	W	B	A	I	S	H	A	D	D	A	I	H
Y	H	V	H	Y	I	R	E	H	P	L	N	D	M	J
W	F	D	Z	O	E	O	W	E	L	N	O	Y	L	E
L	E	N	O	Y	L	E	U	G	S	U	M	M	E	R
H	O	S	X	K	A	W	Y	H	H	A	B	Y	X	Z

For answers see the next month bulletin

“Thank you” to all junior organists of August and September 2008

- Sara Tharyan
- James Immanuel
- Rohan Titus
- Daniella Karan David
- Meshal Joseph
- Manju Inbaraj
- Celine Sarah Thomas
- John Peter

FLOWERS , COFFEE & BREAKFAST – September 2008

Date	Flowers 	Coffee 	Break fast 
7 th	Jean Jepagnanam	Jean Jepagnanam	Jean Jepagnanam
14 th	Shantidason	S. Chittaranjan	Raju Titus Chacko
21 st	Padma Paul	Sudarsanam	Sudharsanam
28 th	Suresh David	The Kanagarajs	The Macadens

AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING, September - 2008

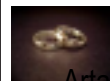
Date	Area	Time	Host Family	Phone
12 th	College	8.00 p.m.	Dr. Pushpraj Singh CMC Campus Bagayam.	2265803
13 th	Sathuvarchari	6.30 p.m.	Dr. R. Roul 279G, II Viveganandhan St Phase III, Sathuvarchari Vellore - 9.	2256144
17 th	Gandhi Nagar	6.30 p.m.	Mrs Jean Jepagnanam 13, 12 TH east Cross Road Gandhi Nagar, Vellore - 6.	2243587
20 th	Town	5.30 p.m.	Dr. Joyce Ponnaiya 16, 1 st Cross, Balaji Road Krishna Nagar, Vellore - 2.	2229471

Note: Other area fellowship meetings will be intimated later

NEWS & NOTICES

Pastorate Committee meeting:

The Pastorate Committee Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Friday, September 12th 2008 in the Parish Hall.



Congratulations to Newly Weds

Artaban Johnson and January Priyadharshini (20th August 2008) May God Bless their union. May He smile upon their life together and fill their hearts with joy. Best wishes today and always.

New Members:

We welcome the following into our fellowship Dr. Isaac Abraham Roy and Dr. Mrs. Mangalakshmi Roy, Paul Kumar, R.Mary Sarojini, Mr. and Mrs. Dayalan, Jayant Biswas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell, V.Arun Bennet Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ravi Kumar, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. S.Saravanan, Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram and Mrs. Anitha Thomas, Dr. Santhosh Thomas Samuel and Dr. Mrs. Annie Samuel, Dr. P.C. Austin and Dr. Mrs. J.Philomene.

Obituary : Mrs Gladys Christopher, mother of Mr. Sam Christopher, passed away on the 18th August, 2008 Let us remember this bereaved family in our prayers that our Lord would console and strengthen them in faith in this time of wretchedness.

Women's Fellowship

President : We are glad to inform you that Rev. Sujanna Clive has been elected as President of the Women's Fellowship. We wish her all the best and God's blessing in her ministry to the Church through the women's fellowship

Reatreat : Women's Fellowship retreat will be held on the 14h September, 2008. in Pravaham, from 9.30 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Lilian Stanley. All the ladies are welcome. Come and be blessed Portion for the Quiz is Acts 1-10

Annual Mini Sales : The Women's Fellowship will hold a mini sale on **19th October, 2008**. This informstion is for you to keep yourselves available on this day and to get ready for it.

WORSHIP SERVICES,**SEPTEMBER - 2008**

Date & Time	Service Order	Theme	Celebrant	Preacher	Leader	Hymns	Reading
1st 7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion						
7th Sep '08 1st Sunday 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion 11 Morning Prayer 1	Education Sunday Church Ministry of Education	Presbyter	Dr. M.C.Mathew	Mrs. Sheila Samuel	185 127 359 135	Proverbs 8 : 1-12 Acts 8:26-38 Mark 1:21-28 Psalm 119:97-104
14th Sep '08 2nd Sunday 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer 1 Holy Communion 1 (Sung)	Women's Sunday Jesus empowers Women	Presbyter	Mrs. Jean Jebagnanam	Dr. Priya Abraham	199 312 239 424	Esther 7: 1-10 11 Timothy 1:1-8 Luke 13:10-17 Psalm 46:1-6
21st Sep '08 3rd Sunday 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion III Morning Prayer II	God's Image and Human Dignity		Rev. S.Sujanna Raj	Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj	87 435 70 340	Job 36:1-5 Col. 3:5-11 Luke 4:16-21
28th Sep '08 4th Sunday 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer 2 Holy Communion (Special Order)	Unconditional generosity : The gift of giving		Presbyter	Dr. Mary Jesudason	285 98 356 416	Num. 18:20-32 2 Cor. 8 : 1-5 Mark 21:1-4 Ps. 106 : 1-5