

Assembly Update

March 2006

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Shepherd's Corner

Gardens of Temptation

Br. Timothyose Chacko

When God created Adam and Eve, he gave them specific instructions while in the Garden of Eden. But Satan tempted Eve to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge and deceived them to disobey God. Through one man sin entered the whole world. Rom 5:19 reads, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous." God's eternal plan of salvation was for our Lord Jesus Christ to deliver mankind from hell's eternal damnation. We see the last Adam (Lord Jesus Christ) in the garden of Gethsemane. Some Bible scholars view that the garden of Gethsemane is the very same Garden of Eden mentioned in the book of Genesis. The entrance of Christ into the Garden at once reminds us of Eden. The contrasts between them are indeed most striking. In Eden all was delightful; in Gethsemane, all was terrible. In Eden, Adam and Eve sought to disobey; in Gethsemane, the last Adam sought the face of His Father. The Garden of Eden is where man sinned first but the garden of Gethsemane is where our Lord's sufferings began, to deliver mankind from sin. The significance of these two gardens is profound to our lives. Eden, in a way depicts our vulnerability in this world to Satan and Gethsemane depicts how submission and obedience to God the Father in our lives can empower us to defeat Satan in his schemes to deceive us against God. It is not unusual to be tempted while we are in this world (even our Lord Jesus was tempted), but let us return to Gethsemane and obedience to our Lord God for strength when we are tempted by the evil one.

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*To know Him, to make
Him known.*

Youth Corner

Ask and you shall receive...

Br. Jim Tharu

James 1:5 reads, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally: and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." A few of us are at the beginning of our collegiate/work career, and trying to decide the direction to take for our future/career. Parents often put pressure on their children to become doctors, engineers or lawyers. With that in the back of our minds, we often try to decide what interests to pursue and where to be 20 years from now. While juggling such multiple choices have you ever thought of turning to God and asking Him for wisdom to pick the right career or job? The verse from the book of James suggests that if you need wisdom; ask God, because he gives liberally and he does not hold back. God has the answers to everything, and if you receive directions from him then it is highly unlikely that you can ever get lost. We can see this from King Solomon's life. In 1Kings 3, we see God appears to Solomon in a dream and says "Ask for whatever you want me to give you". We read that Solomon was grateful for everything that the Lord had done for him till that point in his life, so he asked God for wisdom to enable him to rule his people in the right way and power to discern between good and evil. Solomon could have asked for many things, but he made the best decision and that's why he is known as one of the wisest men, if not the wisest man that ever lived. Put yourself in Solomon's shoes for a minute and think about what you would've asked for, from God!

This Month

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday/Thursday

Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Prayer and Bible Study (unless notified otherwise) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Worship/Breaking of Bread 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

Announcement/Singspiration 11:45 a.m.

Ministry of the Word 12:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Word

March 5, 2006 - Br. Andy Ferrier

March 12, 2006 - Br. Tharu Varghese

March 19, 2006 - Br. Thomas Chacko

March 26, 2006 - Br. Ronny Philip

News and Views

For Prayer

- Unity, stability and growth of our Assembly. Remember each other in our personal/collective prayers.
- Elderly & sick among us for continued strength and good health (Br. Anil's father, Br. Tharu Varghese's mother, Mrs. Georgekutty)
- Those who are unemployed. School/college students for success in their education & future.
- Those who have shown interest for Baptism.
- Sunday school students & teachers.
- Br. Abraham Philip's daughter & family for visa to come to the US.
- Youth for active participation in Church activities/meetings.
- VBS plans for this summer.

US & the World

- Leaders of our nation/nations around the world, that peace may prevail and Lord's work to continue unhindered till His coming.
- Literature, radio & evangelical ministries around the world.
- US troops in Iraq and other parts of the world.
- Those around the world persecuted for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for China, Africa, Asia and the former Soviet Union.
- Growth of Indian Assemblies in the US and throughout the world.
- Upcoming brethren conferences in Anderson, IN and Atlanta, GA

For Praise

- Continue to thank God for blessing us with His grace and provision.

India Update

- All evangelists & their families in India. Pray for the growth of assemblies in India.
- YMEF teams in North and South India. Pray for their safety and for God to grant an abundant harvest for their labor.
- Pray for BBI, Pathanamthitta as they plan to build a new Bible school facility.
- Pray for other Bible Schools, hospitals, orphanages, and old age homes in India.

Notes/Reminders

Second offering & Potluck lunch –
March 26, 2006

Youth Meeting – March 25, 2006 at
6:30 pm. Location TBD

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