

Assembly Update

May 2006

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Shepherd's Corner

Christian Race

Br. Tharu Varghese

Hebrews 12:1 states, "And let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Everybody runs in some sort of a race in their lives, some run marathons other do short sprints. There are also some who run from their couch to the fridge during commercial breaks on TV. For the most part everyone is happy about running, but it requires a lot of hard work. A couple of things runners should keep in mind are that they should be aware of the path that they run and need to stay on track while they run. When an individual decides to run a race, they are usually running with the hope and determination that they will win the race, but sometimes when they lose focus due to physical constraints they fall down on their tracks. When you decide to run, you need to be aware of a few things, if you plan to run a long distance race you need to calculate approximately how much time you need and how fast you need to go in order to achieve your goal. Only if you take these things into consideration will you be successful. In the same way, there are things you need to pay attention to in your *Christian Race*; you need to run based on the foundation of your life. Some people run like on a treadmill, you get exercise for your body but you run stagnantly in one place, that's not the *Christian Race*. The Word of God tells us how we need to run the race of our Christian lives. We need to run consistently, leaving all our burdens and sins behind. How long do you need to run? Run till you attain your goal. What is our victory sign? Jesus Christ is our victory sign. God's word tells us to run with Jesus Christ as our destination, you cannot let your surroundings distract you enough to go off course. Be cautious while running in your spiritual life. Only then will you be able to achieve victory. May we decide and strive to run our race with Jesus Christ as our destination and run our race consistently.

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*To know Him, to make
Him known.*

Youth Corner

God's Purpose: To Accomplish His plan for Good

Sis. Sini Tharu

Romans 8: 28, 29 states, "We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His son." When problems come into our lives, instead of realizing that God is with us to help us deal with those problems, we often tend to blame God and deal with the situation in a negative manner. We fail to realize that God allows such trials and tribulations in our lives to accomplish His good in us. In God's word we see a character named Joseph who was sold as a slave by his brothers. Many years later when he came face to face with his brothers, instead of reacting as they had done to him, he dealt with the situation in a positive manner. He told them that what they intended as harm to him, God used it as a good, so that he could help his family during the time of famine, as he was now Pharaoh's second-in-command. This illustration teaches us that sickness, problems or when other such issues crop up in our lives, there is certainly no good in it. But in God's infinite wisdom and love, He takes all those events in our life whether good or bad to work ultimately for our good per His infinite plan for our lives. It should be enough for us to know that we may not understand everything that God does but that He is continually working all things for the good of those who love Him. Are you among those that love Him?

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

May 7, 2006 - Br. Georgekutty

May 14, 2006 - Br. P J Thomas

May 21, 2006 - Br. Sunil Abraham

May 28, 2006 - Br. Roy Thomas

News and Views

For Prayer

- Unity, stability and growth of our Assembly. Remember each other in our personal/collective prayers.
- Elderly & sick 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.
- Sis. Alice's continued recovery.
- Youth for active participation in Church activities/meetings.
- VBS plans for this summer.
- Pending repairs to the Assembly building.
- Those who are traveling this month (Br. Thomas Chacko, Br. James & fly, Br. Ronny & fly etc.)

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 worldwide.
- Upcoming Brethren conferences at Anderson and Atlanta.

For Praise

- Continue to thank God for blessing us with His grace and provision.
- Br. Shaji Philip's promotion at work.

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 –
May 28, 2006

Youth Meeting – June 3, 2006 at
6:30 pm. Location TBD

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