

Assembly Update

July 2006

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Shepherd's Corner

The Sears Tower and John Hancock Buildings

Br. Johnson Mathew

Just like you view the skyline of Chicago and cannot possibly miss the towering architectural attractions - The Sears Tower and the Hancock buildings, for me Moses and Peter stand above all the other personalities of the Bible. The Federal Building where you take the oath of allegiance for citizenship and the Indian Consulate where you get your visa to visit India are important buildings in a sense, but the elegant features of these skyscrapers demand much greater attention. Moses says in Exodus 33:13, "if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight." Enter into the perpetual cycle of enrichment and know him more, receive more grace; receive more grace and know him more!! Peter, the fragile human being, did not think Jesus would "die" one day. That is why he said he is even ready to die for him...but after our Lord's death we see Peter denying his association with the Lord Jesus Christ. We see him displaying the carnal reality of his being. When he ultimately gets to know Jesus more, he finds His grace and becomes the "Petra of faith" Like Peter and Moses, let us learn to find grace increasingly in him and know him more. They stand before us as examples (from the Word of God) like skyscrapers and get our attention to guide us in this regard. May the grace of our Lord help us to continue to strengthen our faith!!

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*To know Him, to make
Him known.*

Youth Corner

See here is water, what hinders me from being baptized?

Br. Shaji Abraham

This question was asked by an Ethiopian Eunuch who was in charge of the treasury of the Queen of Ethiopia. He had some knowledge about Jesus Christ but wanted to know more. A Christian named Philip proved to him that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah. His heart was touched by what he learned from the scriptures. Right away he wanted to put his learning into action. He expressed interest to be baptized (Act 8: 26-36). Ask yourselves this question, how can you show that you want to serve the Lord and obey his commandments completely? Jesus said, Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing ...Mat 28:19. Jesus himself set an example by being baptized in water. He was not sprinkled with water nor was water poured over his head (Mat 3:16). The word baptize comes from the Greek term 'baptizo' meaning dip/immerse. Christian baptism therefore means to be fully immersed in water as a token of one's obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. Water baptism is a requirement for all who want to have a close relationship with God. Baptism is an action that publicly states your desire to obey/serve God. It shows that you are delighted to do God's will. From the word of God we read that the Ethiopian Eunuch had some knowledge, but he needed a push to affirm his will in the Lord. Perhaps today you need some help to make that decision, perhaps you have already accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior and are waiting for the right time to make that decision. This is the right time to make that decision. Would you say "See here is water, what hinders me from being baptized?"

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

July 2, 2006 - Br. B Paul, India

July 9, 2006 - Br. Tharu Varghese

July 16, 2006 - Br. T J Joseph, India

July 23, 2006 - Br. K V Sivadasan, India

July 30, 2006 - Br. Daniel Varghese, NY

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.)
- Those who are unemployed. School/college students for success in their education & future.
- Those who have shown interest for Baptism.
- Sunday school students & teachers.
- Youth for active participation in Church activities/meetings.
- Upcoming VBS this month. Pray for sessions, speakers & students.
- Pending repairs to the Assembly building.
- All the evangelists who will be visiting us this month.
- Website design and content preparation.

US & the World

- Leaders of our nation/nations around the world, that peace may prevail and Lord's work will 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.

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.
- Bible Schools, hospitals, orphanages, and old age homes in India.
- Guests from India who will be visiting us next month. For their safe arrival and fruitful ministry.

Notes/Reminders

Vacation Bible School –
July 21 & 22, 2006 from 9 am till 6 pm

Special Cottage Meeting –
Saturday, July 29, 2006 at 7 pm –
Host: Br. Ronny Phillip & fly.
Location: Assembly Hall.

Second offering & Potluck lunch –
July 30, 2006

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