

Assembly Update

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*To know Him, to make
Him known.*

Shepherd's Corner

Believers Don't Be Like A Deer

Br. Joy Joseph

Psalms 91:1 says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Whenever I come across this passage I am reminded of a story from my childhood. A poet describes a deer searching for an aroma which is in fact present in the deer's own body. Wherever it goes the deer smells the aroma but does not know where it is coming from, so it keeps on searching for it, under the leaves, stones, grass etc. But it is never able to know that the aroma rose from its own body. But its enemies always knew the fact. Don't you think we reflect the attitude of this deer in some way? From this passage I would like to point out two things. First, we have a hiding place in Christ - Psalms 27: 5 "*For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up on a rock.*" Dear brothers and sisters we forget this in our life and worry about many things just like Martha from the Gospels. Second, we have a divine over-shadowing - we all know how a shadow can comfort us. At the same time, the most important thing is that, when we hide in Christ, His shadow will be upon us and others will not be able to see us. Instead they will see God. Many times we want others to see us. We want name, fame and reputation like the Pharisees. But in Isaiah 51:16 we read, "*And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand. Thou art my people.*" God loves you and me so much that He gave His only begotten Son for our redemption. We are His chosen people. He has blessed us with all the heavenly treasures. Let us not wander like the deer but let others know that we are His chosen. Let us live a godly life bringing glory to His name and His name alone.

Youth Corner

For The Glory Of God

Sis. Jincy Tharu

Philippians 2:14 – 16 says "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain". We can see many situations in our life to complain about, such as, church, family or work. But God has called us to look beyond that, He asks us to look to Him instead of focusing on ourselves. It's human nature to focus on the faults instead of looking at the positives. And because of our negative nature we lose many blessings and opportunities to bring forth God's glory on earth. As the verse states we are supposed to be the light of this world, but because of our shortcomings our light gets dimmer day by day. We hear it often said that people are not on fire for the Lord anymore, they have lost their zeal for God. Let us challenge ourselves and others, instead of complaining that we don't do enough, let's go out there and actually use the opportunities that the Lord gives us. These opportunities can be as little as putting your own desires aside and helping someone else or as big as sharing the word of God with someone. No matter what life brings our way, good or bad, let's look at it as a gift from God and use it to glorify His name. If we live in this manner we can trust in the fact that the Lord will not think He labored in vain, rather He will be proud to call us His children.

This Month

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday/Thursday

Prayer Meeting (Des Plaines Area) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Prayer and Bible Study (At assembly hall 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.
Singspiration/Announcements 11:45 a.m.
Ministry of the Word (30 minutes) 12:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Word

August 6, 2006 - Br. Abraham Philip

August 13, 2006 - Br. T S George, India

August 20, 2006 - Br. Ronny Philip

August 27, 2006 - Br. R Krishnankutty, India

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.
- Pending repairs to the Assembly building.
- All the evangelists who will be visiting us this month.
- Coming soon!!! (www.chicagobrethren.com)

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. Special prayers for the current crisis in Israel & Lebanon.
- 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.

For Praise

- Continue to thank God for blessing us with His grace and provision.
- For enabling us to conduct a successful VBS for the first time. Around 25 students participated in the VBS. Special thanks to Anil Samuel, Jim, Sini, Jincy, Lida, Roy, Charles & Stanley among others.

India Update

- All evangelists & their families in India. Pray for the growth of assemblies in India.
- Gospel teams in 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.

Notes/Reminders

Special Cottage Meeting –
Saturday, August 12, 2006 at 7 pm –
Host: Br. Paul Pulickal & fly.

Special Saturday Meeting
August 26, 2006 @ 7 pm
Location: Will be Announced
Speaker: Br. R Krishnankutty

Second offering & Potluck lunch –
August 27, 2006

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