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GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

LIVING TO SERVE

DECEMBER 2025

- **SUNDAY SERVICE**
(BILINGUAL TAMIL & ENGLISH)
10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM
- **HOLY COMMUNION FOLLOWS**
THE 1ST SUNDAY SERVICE
- **FASTING PRAYER**
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
🕒 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- **BIBLE STUDY**
EVERY THURSDAY
🕒 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
- **YOUTH MEETING**
EVERY MONDAY 🕗 6 AM
2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
🕒 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **MEN'S MEETING**
LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- **LADIES MEETING**
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
🕒 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- **UK NATION PRAYER**
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
🕒 8:30 PM - 9:15 PM
- **KIDS CLASS**
EVERY FRIDAY 🕗 4:30 PM
- **FAMILY PRAYER**
EVERY FRIDAY 🕗 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- **LEADERS PRAYER MEETING**
EVERY FRIDAY 🕗 5.30 AM - 6.15 AM



Birthdays

05TH DEC – ISAAC ARUL
05TH DEC – NOAH JAIRUS
09TH DEC – ADORA
16TH DEC – SIS. BENEDICTA
20TH DEC – SIS. SASI ROCHE
22ND DEC – BRO. ARUL NILAN
28TH DEC – SIS. AADHILAKSHMI
31ST NOV – BRO. DAVID

Anniversaries

02ND DEC – BRO. ANAND & SIS. REENA
15TH DEC – BRO. ROCHE & SIS. SASI

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From the Pastor's Desk

JOY FILLED LIFE

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Psalm 4:7 reminds us, "Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased." The psalmist teaches that true joy does not come from outward success or seasons of abundance, but from the Lord Himself. While people celebrate when their "corn and wine" increase, David proclaims that God has placed a far deeper gladness within him — a gladness independent of circumstances. Our joy must not be rooted in situations or opportunities, but in the One who dwells within our hearts. Only Lord Jesus Christ can give this eternal joy.

Joy through holy salvation

In Luke 15:1-7, we see the Pharisees and Sadducees murmuring because Jesus fellowshiped with sinners. In response, the Lord tells the parable of the lost sheep. The shepherd rejoices when he finds the sheep that was lost and calls his friends to celebrate with him. Jesus teaches that there is no greater joy than salvation.

The sheep is described as lost because it wandered in the wrong direction. Like the sheep, humanity often turns away from God, choosing wrong paths and settling into wrong destinations. Isaiah 1:3-4 shows this clearly — even animals know their master, but the people of Israel turned away in sin. Psalm 119:176 echoes this cry: "I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant." The sheep went astray because it listened to the wrong voice. In John 10, Jesus says, "My sheep listen to my voice."

Today many follow the world's voice, which seems easier and more attractive, but leads to spiritual loss. We are not called to be successful, but to be faithful. Jeremiah 2:5 reveals that God asked Israel, "What iniquity have your fathers found in Me?" They walked after vanity and became vain — this is what causes people to be lost. Romans 6:23 warns that the wages of sin is death.

Seeking Shepherd-In Luke 19:1-10, we meet Zacchaeus — another lost sheep, seeking to see Jesus. Though he merely climbed a tree out of curiosity, Jesus stopped, looked up, and called him by name. Zacchaeus made haste, came down, and received Him joyfully. Jesus declares, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

No matter where we are or how far we have wandered, the Good Shepherd seeks us. Even if we are backslidden or neglected, He finds us when we truly seek Him. Today, God is calling each of us to make haste, come down, and receive Him joyfully.

Sacrificing Shepherd-In John 10:14, Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." Our shepherd not only seeks us — He sacrificed Himself for us.

1 Peter 1:18-19 reminds us we are redeemed not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. 1 John 2:2 declares He is the atonement for the sins of the whole world. All the sacrifices of Leviticus — burnt offering, sin offering, guilt offering, food offering, and peace offering — are fulfilled in His one perfect sacrifice.

Sanctifying Shepherd-David testifies that he rescued his sheep from a lion and a bear. Yet even he fell into sin and cried in Psalm 51:11-12, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." Sin robs us of the joy of salvation. But 1 John 1:9 assures us that if we confess, God will cleanse us. The Lord desires to sanctify us and restore our joy when we repent.

Singing Shepherd-When the lost sheep is found, there is a four-fold joy — the sheep rejoices, the shepherd rejoices, the community rejoices, and even the angels in heaven rejoice. The Lord longs to fill us with this joy of holy salvation.

JOY THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO HOLY WORD

Luke 5:3-11 shows Peter and the fishermen exhausted after a night of failure. But when Jesus stepped into Peter's boat and commanded him to cast the net again, Peter obeyed despite confusion. The result was astonishing — a catch so large the nets began to break and other boats had to be filled.

The message is simple: when Jesus is in our lifeboat and we obey His word, joy and blessing overflow.

Peter had fished his whole life — he knew the waters well — yet without Jesus, his efforts produced nothing. Obedience opened the door to miracle, joy, and purpose.

Isaiah 30:20-21 promises that our ears will hear the voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Many dry areas in our lives — relationships, work, family, business — become fruitful again when Jesus leads the boat.

Psalm 119 teaches that those who love God's word receive righteousness, peace, and joy. When Peter obeyed, not only was he blessed, but the surrounding boats were filled too. Obedience brings overflow.

1 Samuel 15 shows the opposite example — Saul's disobedience cost him everything. Samuel declared, "To obey is better than sacrifice."

We must obey like Abraham, not like Saul. Abraham saw the Messiah prophetically because of his obedience. Through obedience we discover our calling, walk in joy, and live in God's purpose.

JOY THROUGH HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 14:17 says the Kingdom of God is "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." True and lasting joy flows from the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Before Pentecost, the disciples were fearful and confused. But once the Holy Spirit filled them, people who once ran away now stood boldly, performing miracles, preaching Christ, and rejoicing even when persecuted.

Acts 5:40-41 shows the apostles rejoicing because they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

When the Holy Spirit leads us, we can endure trials with joy, forgive those who wrong us, and walk in righteousness with peace. Hebrews 12:2 reminds us that Jesus endured the cross "for the joy set before Him."

Matthew 5:10-12 confirms that those persecuted for righteousness receive great reward in heaven. Our joy is not rooted in this world but in eternity.

The fruit of the Spirit begins with love, and immediately after it is joy. When we love God wholeheartedly, listen to His voice, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, the spirit of joy fills our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 says, "Rejoice evermore." Only those who walk with Jesus, filled with His Word and Spirit, can rejoice always.

God is ready to turn worries into joy. The Lord is calling us — let us repent, return to His herd, hear His voice, and receive the joy that comes through salvation, obedience, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Rajan Robert



DID YOU KNOW?? SOME FACTS ABOUT LEVI

- SET APART FOR GOD'S SERVICE: THE TRIBE OF LEVI WAS CHOSEN BY GOD TO SERVE HIM IN A SPECIAL WAY, SEPARATED FROM THE OTHER TRIBES FOR SPIRITUAL DUTIES.
- PRIESTS AND WORSHIP LEADERS: FROM LEVI CAME THE PRIESTS (DESCENDANTS OF AARON) AND THE LEVITES WHO ASSISTED IN TEMPLE WORSHIP, SACRIFICES, AND MAINTAINING THE HOLY THINGS.
- NO TERRITORIAL INHERITANCE: UNLIKE THE OTHER TRIBES, THE LEVITES DID NOT RECEIVE A LAND INHERITANCE; THE LORD HIMSELF WAS THEIR INHERITANCE. THEY INSTEAD LIVED IN 48 ASSIGNED TOWNS.
- TEACHERS OF GOD'S LAW: LEVITES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHING THE PEOPLE THE WORD OF GOD, HELPING ISRAEL UNDERSTAND HIS COMMANDMENTS.
- CARRIERS OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD: THEY WERE ENTRUSTED WITH CARRYING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND OTHER SACRED ITEMS, SYMBOLIZING THEIR CLOSENESS TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD.
- STOOD ON THE LORD'S SIDE: DURING THE GOLDEN CALF INCIDENT, THE LEVITES STOOD WITH MOSES AND DEFENDED THE HOLINESS OF GOD, WHICH LED TO THEIR SPECIAL CONSECRATION.
- BLESSING OF FAITHFULNESS: BECAUSE OF THEIR OBEDIENCE, GOD BLESSED THE LEVITES WITH A PERPETUAL ROLE OF SERVICE AND SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL.
- SYMBOL OF HOLINESS AND SERVICE: THE TRIBE OF LEVI REPRESENTS DEDICATION, WORSHIP, PURITY, AND A LIFE SET APART FOR GOD'S SERVICE – AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL BELIEVERS TODAY.



What happened

BAPTISM SUNDAY

GLORY TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST! ON THE 2ND OF NOV 2025, OUR CHURCH WAS FILLED WITH JOY AS WE CELEBRATED BAPTISM SUNDAY. THREE BEAUTIFUL SOULS – BRO. AADHI, SIS. PAVITHRA & MS. JOYCE – TOOK WATER BAPTISM AND BOLDLY DECLARED JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR TRUE LORD AND SAVIOUR. WHAT A WONDERFUL AND BLESSED DECISION THEY HAVE MADE.

AS A CHURCH, LET US CONTINUE TO LIFT THEM UP IN PRAYER, FOR THE ENEMY MAY TRY TO TEMPT AND DISTRACT THEM. MAY THE LORD STRENGTHEN, PROTECT, AND GUIDE THEM AS THEY WALK IN THIS NEW JOURNEY OF FAITH. ALL GLORY TO JESUS!

FAITH QUEST- BIBLE QUIZ

THE BIBLE QUIZ: OUR BIBLE QUIZ ON THE BOOK OF JOSHUA GOT DELAYED FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS, FINALLY HAPPENED ON THE 09TH OF NOV 2025. EVERY WEEK OUR CHURCH MEMBERS KEPT ASKING ABOUT IT – WHICH TRULY SHOWED THEIR LOVE AND DEDICATION TO GOD'S WORD! PRAISE THE LORD FOR SUCH A PASSIONATE CHURCH! ALL GLORY TO JESUS! AND HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO BRO. ANAND FOR SECURING FIRST PLACE WITH A FANTASTIC SCORE OF 19 OUT OF 20!

ALL NIGHT PRAYER

PRAISE BE TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST! ON THE 28TH OF NOV 2025, WE WERE BLESSED TO GATHER FOR OUR ALL-NIGHT PRAYER FROM 10PM TO 01AM. WITH JOYFUL HEARTS WE WORSHIPPED AND ADORED JESUS TOGETHER AS A CHURCH. EVEN OUR PREVIOUS KIDS JOINED THE MEETING WITH FULL ENERGY AND REMAINED AWAKE TILL THE VERY END – WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT OF GOD'S GRACE!

THE LORD ALSO TAUGHT US ABOUT THE “SPIRIT OF DELILAH” AND HOW, THROUGH HIS POWER, WE CAN OVERCOME EVERY ATTACK OF THE ENEMY. WE THANK GOD FOR THIS BLESSED TIME OF PRAYER, AND WE BELIEVE HE WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW MORE BELIEVERS INTO THESE PRECIOUS GATHERINGS IN THE DAYS TO COME. ALL GLORY TO JESUS ALONE!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OUR CHURCH HELD IT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 23RD NOV 2025, WHERE IMPORTANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE CHURCH WERE DISCUSSED AND REVIEWED.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: THE CHURCH'S EXPENSES WERE OUTLINED, AND THE CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET WAS PRESENTED.
- CHURCH PURCHASES & CONTRIBUTIONS: THE PASTOR THANKED EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO RECENT CHURCH PURCHASE.
- SUNDAY CLASS APPRECIATION: HEARTFELT THANKS WERE EXTENDED TO THE SUNDAY CLASS TEACHERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION IN TEACHING GOD'S WORD, AS WELL AS TEACHING TAMIL LANGUAGE TO THE CHILDREN. SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE SUNDAY CLASS KIDS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS:

- YOUTH RESPONSIBILITY: YOUTH MEMBERS AGREED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGING CHAIRS IN THE CHURCH.
- VESSEL WASHING: PLANS WERE MADE TO SET UP A DEDICATED WASHING AREA AND REDUCE THE USE OF EXTRA VESSELS. TWO MALE REPRESENTATIVES WILL ASSIST WHEN WASHING BIGGER VESSELS.
- RENOVATIONS: BATHROOM AND KITCHEN RENOVATIONS ARE PLANNED FOR SUMMER 2026.
- CHOIR & SONG PRACTICE: CHILDREN'S CHOIR, OFFERING SONGS, AND COMMUNION SONGS SHOULD BE PRACTICED BEFOREHAND TO PROPERLY GLORIFY GOD.
- OLD CHRISTIAN SONGS: ACCEPTED FOR WORSHIP, EXCEPT SONGS FROM FALLEN PREACHERS.
- FEEDBACK BOX: ACCEPTED TO ENCOURAGE SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM ALL MEMBERS.

Please Note: Not all points are included in this summary. For the full AGM minutes, please contact Pastor. Rajan and Bro. Anand.



Announcements

Christmas Carol Service: We joyfully invite you to join us for our Christmas Carol Service on Saturday, 13th December 2025 (2nd Saturday) at the church premises.

Our church kids are eagerly practicing glorifying God through their songs and performances during the service. Come with your family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior, encourage our little ones, and join in a time of praise, worship, and fellowship. Let us together experience the true joy and meaning of Christmas!

Christmas Service 2025: Join us at our Church on 25th Dec 2025, from 10am to 1pm, for a joyful Christmas service as we praise and glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Let us come together to celebrate the reason God came to this world and reflect on the purpose He has given to each one of us. Everyone is warmly encouraged to be part of this blessed event.

New Year Service 2026: We warmly invite all to join our New Year Service at the Church on 1st Jan 2026, from 10am to 1pm, as we step into the new year with hearts full of faith and gratitude.

Let us come together to praise and glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and seek HIS guidance for the year ahead. During this blessed service, may God speak to us through HIS word, and may the promise of HIS word lead and direct each one of us in every step of the coming year.

Come with joyful hearts and let us start 2026 anchored in HIS love and purpose.

GSGC Retreat 2026: We are excited to announce our 4-day Church Retreat from Tuesday, 7th April 2026 (10:00 AM) to Friday, 10th April 2026 (2:00 PM) at The Poplars, Dyke House Lane, Ledbury HR8 1QY.

We are blessed to have Pastor John Ruban and Sis. Chinthiya John Ruban from God's Will Ministries, India as our guest preachers, who will be ministering God's Word throughout the retreat.

For retreat fee details, please contact Bro. Anand.

Come join us for a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and growing together in the Word of God!

Testimony

We testify to God's perfect faithfulness, proving that those who seek the Lord lack no good thing (Ps 34:10). We prayerfully waited for a wheelchair accessible vehicle for over 8 years, relying on the Lord's strength (Isaiah 40:31) as suitable options were too expensive or something was missing. When God's time arrived, the perfect car came to us effortlessly and was delivered before a deposit was even taken a gift beyond our means, provided by HIS grace. We thank God, our faithful provider, and thank our Church family, whose tireless intercession we believe was instrumental in answering this prayer.

-Bro. Venkat

I HAVE COVERED YOU WITH
THE SHADOW OF MY HAND

ISAIAH 51:16

BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL LENDING HANDS!!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR FOOD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO PREPARED AND
SERVED FOOD AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE.

For Prayer Request

Taking other's hands and praying for them is a powerful blessing you can give another person. We are here to support you through prayers.

Send your prayer requests by SMS or call

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