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GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

LIVING TO SERVE

OCTOBER 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

01ST OCT – BRO. SATHEESH
05TH OCT – ANTONY
07TH OCT – AMELIA
07TH OCT – BRO. DINESH
08TH OCT – SIS. ANITHA
18TH OCT – ADRIAN
23RD OCT – SIS. PATRICIA
24TH OCT – NILA
26TH OCT – BRO. LEVIN
28TH OCT – RANICA

Anniversaries

07TH OCT – BRO. DANIEL & SIS. VINITHA

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From the Pastor's Desk

THE LORD REMEMBERS US

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

Psalm 115:12 declares: ***"The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great."***

This verse shows us three groups whom God remembers:

- The house of Israel – God's chosen people, those who have received His salvation.
- The house of Aaron – those called into ministry.
- All who fear the Lord – from the greatest to the least, who honour His name.

When God remembers His people, it is always with the purpose of blessing them. Yet often we wonder: "If God remembers me, why does my life look so different from His promises?" Scripture reminds us how we should live so the Lord will remember us and pour out His blessings.

1. God Remembers Us by Removing Our Sins:

Job once lamented that man seems too small for God to care about (Job 7:17-18). He himself was forgotten by friends and abandoned by relatives (Job 19:14). Likewise, Ecclesiastes 2:16 reminds us that human wisdom, wealth, or fame cannot keep us from being forgotten in this world. But God declares: "I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:34).

In the Old Testament, repeated sacrifices only reminded Israel of sin (Heb. 10:3). But through Christ, the perfect Lamb, God has completely forgiven us. His blood cleanses us and removes our sins "as far as the east is from the west" (Ps. 103:12).

Even as believers, we may stumble, yet the Spirit convicts and restores us. Each day we can repent and be washed anew. God knows our weaknesses— "He remembers that we are dust" (Ps. 103:14). True growth comes when we confess honestly, repent sincerely, and commit not to return to sin.

2. God Remembers Our Obedience and Faith:

Genesis 8:1 tells us: "God remembered Noah and every living thing in the ark." Noah lived in a corrupt generation, yet he chose to obey God's command to build the ark, even without knowing what a flood was. His obedience preserved him and his household.

Likewise, when trials surround us, Christ is our lifejacket. We may be shaken, but we will not sink. Noah remained shut in the ark until God Himself opened the door. Our safety is not in looking at the storm outside, but in staying within Christ, our refuge.

Noah's obedience was complete—he followed God's instructions exactly (Gen. 6:22). In the same way, we must not only hear the Word but keep it (Luke 8:15). Faith and obedience go hand in hand. God remembers those who live by His Word and hold fast, even when answers delay.

3. God Remembers Our Works:

Hebrews 6:10 assures us: "God is not unjust to forget your work and the love you have shown Him." People may forget our kindness, but God never does. Even the smallest act done in Christ's name has eternal value—Jesus said even giving a cup of cold water will not lose its reward (Matt. 10:42).

Consider the Hebrew midwives (Ex. 1:16-21). Though Pharaoh commanded them to kill Hebrew baby boys, they feared God more than man. Because of their courage, God blessed their households. Their quiet faithfulness was remembered by the Lord.

What matters is not the size of our work, but the heart behind it. When we serve in love, God honors and rewards it.

4. God Never Forgets His People:

Even if people forget us, even if Zion itself forgets, God promises: "I will not forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands" (Isa. 49:15-16). We are fearfully and wonderfully made, created in His image, and sealed with His covenant.

Israel's journey through the wilderness reminds us that God leads us step by step, providing strength in every circumstance (Deut. 8:1-3, 17-20). He will one day present us before the Father, spotless and blameless.

Therefore, let us also remember Him. Ecclesiastes 12:1 urges us: "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth." Psalm 103:1-5 exhorts us not to forget His benefits. He is the God who forgives, heals, redeems, crowns, and satisfies us with good things.

Conclusion:

We serve a God who never forgets. He remembers our sins no more through Christ's sacrifice. He remembers our obedience like Noah's, our faithfulness like the midwives, and our service even in the smallest details. Above all, He remembers His everlasting covenant, sealed in the blood of Jesus.

Beloved in Christ, let us take comfort in this truth: the Lord remembers us, and His remembrance always leads to blessing.

Pastor Rajan Robert



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- HE WAS THE FIRSTBORN OF LEAH AND JACOB-REUBEN WAS THE FIRST OF SIX SONS BORN TO JACOB BY HIS FIRST (BUT NOT FAVOURITE) WIFE, LEAH.
- HIS NAME MEANS “SEE, SON”-WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER FIRST BOY, SHE DECLARED, “GOD HAS SEEN MY SUFFERING, FOR NOW MY HUSBAND WILL LOVE ME,” AND NAMED HIM REU-BEN, WHICH TRANSLATES AS “SEE, SON.”
- HE “MESSED WITH HIS FATHER’S BEDDING”-SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT AFTER RACHEL’S DEATH, REUBEN “LAY WITH BILHAH, HIS FATHER’S CONCUBINE.” ACCORDING TO RABBINIC TRADITION, THIS MEANS THAT HE MOVED HIS FATHER’S BEDDING, WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE TENT OF BILHAH, RACHEL’S MAID, INTO THE TENT OF HIS MOTHER, LEAH, WHO WAS NOW THE ONLY FULL WIFE OF JACOB.
- HE MARRED THE FIRSTBORN STATUS-JACOB WAS DISPLEASED WITH REUBEN’S RASH ACTIONS, FEARING THAT HIS ELDEST SON WOULD BECOME A SINNER LIKE ISHMAEL (ABRAHAM’S FIRST-BORN) AND ESAU (ISAAC’S OLDEST). HE WAS ASSURED FROM HEAVEN THAT REUBEN WAS, IN FACT, RIGHTEOUS. NEVERTHELESS, REUBEN’S ACTIONS LEFT THEIR MARK, AND HE WAS STRIPPED OF HIS FIRSTBORN STATUS, A DESIGNATION THAT WAS TRANSFERRED TO RACHEL’S FIRSTBORN, JOSEPH, WHOSE TRIBE WAS DOUBLED.
- HE SAVED JOSEPH- OF HIS 12 SONS, JACOB FAVOURED JOSEPH, AND THE REMAINING BROTHERS WERE SO JEALOUS THAT THEY WISHED TO KILL HIM. REUBEN CONVINCED THEM TO PUT HIM IN A PIT INSTEAD, HOPING TO SECRETLY RESCUE HIS BROTHER. BUT WHILE REUBEN WAS GONE (EITHER SERVING HIS FATHER OR REPENTING), THE BROTHERS SOLD JOSEPH TO A PASSING CARAVAN. REUBEN WAS BESIDE HIMSELF WITH REMORSE AND WORRY ABOUT HOW HIS POOR FATHER WOULD REACT.
- HIS STONE WAS THE RED RUBY-THE HIGH PRIEST WORE A BREASTPLATE WITH 12 PRECIOUS STONES, ONE FOR EACH OF THE TRIBES. THE FIRST STONE, ETCHED WITH REUBEN’S NAME, WAS THE RED RUBY, WHICH THE SAGES SAY IS LINGUISTICALLY LINKED TO HIS NAME. THE REDNESS ALSO SYMBOLIZED HOW REUBEN BLUSHED WITH SHAME WHEN HE RECALLED HIS MISDEEDS AND TRULY ATTEMPTED TO MAKE AMENDS.



What happened

PASTORAL VISIT

WE THANK AND PRAISE GOD FOR THE GRACIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME HIS SERVANTS, PASTOR S. J. JEBARAJA AND HIS WIFE, MRS. KALAVATHI JEBARAJA, TO GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH FROM SEPTEMBER 11TH TO 14TH, 2025. DURING THESE DAYS, THEY FAITHFULLY MINISTERED GOD'S WORD, AND THE LORD'S PRESENCE WAS POWERFULLY REVEALED IN OUR MIDST. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND BLESSINGS RECEIVED, AND WE GIVE ALL GLORY AND HONOR TO GOD FOR HIS MIGHTY WORK IN OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH THEIR MINISTRY.

FAITH QUEST – BIBLE QUIZ (FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES):

WHAT A JOYFUL TIME WE HAD DURING FAITH QUEST – THE BIBLE QUIZ FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES! WE THANK GOD FOR THE SPIRIT OF LEARNING, EXCITEMENT, AND FELLOWSHIP THAT FILLED OUR CHURCH AS WE CAME TOGETHER AROUND HIS WORD.

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS:

- 1ST PLACE – SIS. VAANI.
- 2ND PLACE – SIS. BENEDICTA.
- 3RD PLACE – BRO. GANDHI.

WE REJOICE WITH THEM AND CELEBRATE THE EFFORTS OF ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. MAY THIS PASSION FOR STUDYING SCRIPTURE CONTINUE TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH AND STRENGTHEN OUR UNITY AS A CHURCH FAMILY.

IMPOTANT NOTICE

FOOD WASTE BIN:

A DEDICATED FOOD WASTE BIN HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF FOOD WASTE ONLY. WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT GENERAL WASTE AND PLASTIC ITEMS ARE NOT DEPOSITED IN THIS BIN.

THIS MEASURE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOLLOWING PREVIOUS INCIDENTS IN WHICH CONTAMINATION LED TO MAGGOT INFESTATION AND THE COUNCIL'S REFUSAL TO COLLECT THE BIN.

YOUR COOPERATION IN ADHERING TO THESE GUIDELINES IS ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING A CLEAN, SAFE, AND HYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT ON THE PREMISES.

CHILDREN SAFETY:

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL, WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT CHILDREN REMAIN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT WHEN OUTSIDE THE CHURCH PREMISES. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE CAR PARK AND GARDEN AREAS FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES. YOUR COOPERATION IN ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED.

Announcements

FAITH QUEST – BIBLE QUIZ (OCTOBER 2025):

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR UPCOMING FAITH QUEST – THE BIBLE QUIZ WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF OCTOBER 2025 (19TH OCT 2025), RIGHT AFTER THE SERMON. THE QUIZ WILL COVER THE BOOK OF JOSHUA AND WILL CONSIST OF 20 QUESTIONS.

COME PREPARED, PARTICIPATE WITH JOY, AND BE BLESSED AS WE GROW TOGETHER IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD!

GSGC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

WE WARMLY INVITE OUR CONGREGATION TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL (AG) MEETING OF GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER (30TH NOVEMBER 2025) AFTER LUNCH.

YOUR PRAYERFUL PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY VALUED AS WE COME TOGETHER TO REFLECT, PLAN, AND SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR THE MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH.

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!

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!

"SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE; AND I WILL DWELL
IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER".

PSALMS 23:6

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.

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