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GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

LIVING TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 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 Friday 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

02nd Feb - Master. Ninian
03rd Feb - Sis. Rohini
09th Feb - Bro. Anand Prince
13th Feb - Baby. Aanvy
13th Feb - Ms. Andrea
15th Feb - Bro. Siva Prakash
16th Feb - Bro. Harypraveen
20th Feb - Master. John Benjamin
21st Feb - Ms. Princy
25th Feb - Master. Noah Solomon Asher

Anniversaries

09th Feb - Bro. Jayaprakash & Sis. Jeba Franklin
15th Feb - Bro. Aadhi & Sis. Pavithra
23rd Feb - Bro. Roshan & Sis. Karybell

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From the Pastor's Desk

GREATER PEACE

Praise God, my dear brothers, and sisters! The promise for this year comes from Haggai 2:9: "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house, says Lord of hosts. And in this place, I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts." This prophetic word was given to the Israelites after the destruction of the first temple. Scripture clearly reveals who made this promise: He is the glorious God, as stated in Ephesians 1:17, and the Holy Spirit of glory as described in 1 Peter 4:14. Because God is full of glory, He is more than able to fulfill this promise. The verse highlights that while the former temple was indeed filled with glory, God is set to bring even greater glory to the latter temple. To understand the magnificence of the first temple, we can look at 1 Kings 5-8, which describes the immense labor force, skilled craftsmen, and vast amounts of gold and silver used in its construction. Additionally, God Himself consecrated the temple and promised to dwell there, manifesting His presence as a pillar of cloud. But with this came a stern warning that Solomon and his descendants must follow God's commands. Unfortunately, Solomon deviated from God's statutes, and as a result, the glory of God departed from the temple, leading to its destruction. However, seventy years later, the temple was rebuilt by Zerubbabel, and God once again promised to command His peace in this restored temple. Last year we would have gone through greater trials, but Lord is promising greater peace in the forth coming days.

Promising peace. As highlighted in Romans 5:1-2, reveals that through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have received peace with God—a peace that dwells within us. Ephesians 2:1-3 and 2:4-8 describe how we, who were once spiritually dead, enslaved by sin, worldly influences, and the devil, living in disobedience and indulging in sinful desires, and deserving of God's wrath and condemnation, have now been resurrected in Christ through faith by His mercy and love. This resurrection empowers us with His life-giving power. Ephesians 2:14 declares that Jesus Himself is our peace, breaking down the wall of separation and uniting us as His body in the Church, where He is the head. Now, when God looks at us, He sees Christ in us. This latter temple—our bodies, in which Christ dwells—holds a greater glory than the former temple built by human hands. As the Prince of Peace, Christ, who is greater than Solomon, builds us individually, filling us with His dwelling peace. Even in times of lost peace or life's challenges, Christ assures us of His ability to redeem, sustain, and keep us safe in His peace. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 reminds us that we are owned by God, purchased by the blood of Jesus, and made a temple for the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. As read in John 14:17, the peace Jesus carried during His time on earth is now left with us, granting us free access to God, and transforming us into His holy temple.

Perfecting peace. Isaiah 26:3 reminds us that when we place our complete trust in God, He grants us perfect peace. This peace, which begins as a dwelling peace, transforms into perfect peace when our minds remain steadfast in Him. In the Hebrew Bible, this perfect peace is referred to as Shalom, signifying its completeness. The story of the three youths in Daniel 3:16-18 illustrates this unwavering peace—they courageously and confidently responded to King Nebuchadnezzar, even when faced with the fiery furnace. Their decision to glorify God left no room for confusion or fear. We must reflect on their faith, grow in our spiritual journey, and lead a prayerful life, ensuring that we remain steadfast in glorifying God at all times, without conforming to worldly standards. Today, challenge yourself to cultivate a similar deep and unwavering relationship with God. Not only did these young men stand firm in their faith, but they were also resolute in their commitment to God. Even if He chose not to save them from the fiery furnace, they refused to worship the king, demonstrating a level of devotion beyond personal deliverance. Nowhere in the Bible does it promise that the faithful will never suffer, so we must move beyond immature questions like, Why am I facing trials despite praying so much? Instead, we must recognize that faith is more precious than gold, as stated in 1 Peter 1:6. While the beginning of this year may seem uncertain, let the prophetic words of 2 Peter 1:19-21 strengthen you. This passage urges us to listen and hold firmly to God's promises, described as the Rhema word—a sure and shining word that brings light to our darkness. Until His promises are fulfilled in our lives, we must cling to them, knowing that His Word never returns empty but accomplishes its purpose. This Word, which came down from heaven as Christ, is the foundation upon which we must stand. Embrace and believe in the Word you read in Scripture, for the Rhema word has the power to transform your life, bringing conviction and change by illuminating the darkness within. This is especially vital for husbands and wives, who should strive to maintain this peace within their relationship, leading a holy life filled with love and mutual respect, free from harm or hindrance.

Just as the three youths had clarity in whom they worshipped; we too must have a firm understanding of our faith. We are born to experience and enjoy this perfect peace, which God freely gives to those who trust in Him. The peace that God gives is unlike anything the world or even our closest relationships can offer. When this divine peace dwells within us, fear has no place in our hearts. We can cultivate this peace by immersing ourselves in Scripture. Start by making a positive change within your family—set aside at least 10 minutes each day to read the Bible together. Teach children that reading Scripture is not a burden but a source of strength, guidance, and peace in their lives.

Conclusion - We are the temple of God, and He has placed His peace within us. Let the God of peace reign in our hearts. When we fully surrender to Him, we will always remain in His perfect peace. Approach Scripture with love and devotion, and even the book of Leviticus will become clear—envision yourself as a Levitical priest, immersed in His divine teachings. The peace we have been blessed with is not just for us; it will flow through us and continue for generations to come.

Amen

Pastor Rajan Robert



DID YOU KNOW?? SOME FACTS ABOUT E A S U

- He Married at 40: At the age of 40, Esau married two Canaanite women: Adah, daughter of Elon the Hittite; and Ahalivamah, daughter of Tzivon the Hivite. His wives made his parents miserable, blatantly sacrificing incense to pagan deities. Twenty-three years later, he married a third wife—his first cousin, Basmat, daughter of his uncle Ishmael.
- He Lived on Mount Seir: While Jacob was in Haran, Esau acquired an estate in the land of Seir, then inhabited by the Horites. After his brother's return, he decided to employ more drastic measures. Taking his family with him, he returned to Seir and waged battle against the Horites, conquering their land. From then on, Mt. Seir became the homeland of Esau's descendants, known as the nation of Edom. On their way from Egypt, the Israelites wanted to cross Mt. Seir on their way to the Promised Land, but the Edomites stubbornly refused, forcing the Jews to take a circular route.
- Obadiah Compared Him and His Brother to Straw and Fire: The friction between the brothers continued with their descendants for millennia. The prophet Obadiah foretells how this twin-brother drama will conclude: The house of Jacob will be likened to fire; the house of Joseph, to a flame; and the house of Esau, to straw. They will ignite them and consume them.... Saviors will ascend the mountain of Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and sovereignty will be to God.
- He Later Made Peace With Jacob: After many long years, Jacob finally made his way home, only to be told that his brother was marching towards him with a large army. Alarmed, Jacob prepared for war, prayed to God, and sent gifts to appease Esau. When they finally met, Esau fell on his brother's neck and kissed him, and finally the brothers were at peace.

Testimony

Our family finished 2024 with grace, thanks to God's love and care, and began 2025 with His continued grace. Early in the year, we all fell seriously ill, which felt like a test. But we trusted that no external force could harm us, as we are protected by His mighty power.

By the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we all recovered. We are forever thankful to God for His blessings.

- Bro. Dinesh

WINTER

WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR HOME, WORKPLACE & CHURCH

- Stay safe this winter by following simple precautions:
- Wash hands often, use disinfectant wipes on frequently touched surfaces, and keep hand sanitizer handy.
- At home, prevent slips with non-slip mats and check heating systems.
- In the workplace, sanitize shared equipment, encourage sick employees to rest, and ensure proper heating.
- At Church, disinfect shared spaces, provide hand sanitizer, and maintain ventilation.



Stay warm. stay safe. and take care.

What happened?

New Church building update

After two prior announcements about entering the Church, which were delayed due to challenges with paperwork, we are overjoyed to share that, by the Grace of God, we finally received the keys to our new Church on January 10th. This moment marked the fulfilment of God's promise to us, and it is a testament to HIS perfect timing and faithfulness.

On January 19th, we had the immense blessing of holding our very first service in the new Church. It was a day filled with joy, gratitude, and the presence of the lord. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to each one of you who stood with us in prayer and offered your time and efforts to help set up, clean, and prepare the Church for this special occasion. Your love and dedication are a reflection of Christ's teachings.

We give all Glory to God for HIS faithfulness in providing us with a new Church building, just as HE promised in Isaiah 60. He has honoured HIS word, shining HIS light upon us and blessing us with a place to worship, grow, and serve. As He said, ***"The Glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the juniper, the fir, and the cypress together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet Glorious" (Isaiah 60:13).*** This building stands as a testament to HIS unfailing love, provision, and glory. May it be a house of prayer, a beacon of hope, and a dwelling place for HIS presence forever.

Amen

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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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.

Call for Donors/ Volunteers

WE SEEK YOUR SUPPORT IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING. LET US BE ENCOURAGED TO GIVE GENEROUSLY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”.

Please contact Pastor Rajan Robert for further details about the donation at 07916123274.

