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GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

LIVING TO SERVE

MARCH 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

2ND MAR - BRO. PRASAD
17TH MAR - MS. SHARON RHEMA ROCHE
18TH MAR - ARUKSHAN
20TH MAR - BRO. JOSE SOLOMON
21ST MAR - SIS. LYDIA JOSEPH
21ST MAR - SIS. SOMI
22ND MAR - MASTER. NATHANIEL SHALOM
23RD MAR - BRO. DANIEL
25TH MAR - MASTER. AIDEN
29TH MAR - SIS. KANCHANA

Anniversaries

05TH MAR - BRO. KARTHIK & SIS. ANITHA
07TH MAR - BRO. SAMRAJ & SIS. GIRIJA

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From the Pastor's Desk

BLESSED BE THE LORD

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

Psalm 41:13 declares, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen." The Word of God clearly teaches us that the Lord alone is worthy of all praise. In this verse, the word "Amen" is repeated twice. According to Hebrew Bible scholars, whenever a word is repeated in Scripture, it signifies great importance.

Why should we praise Him? Psalm 96:4 says, "For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." Psalm 119:12 states, "Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees." In Isaiah, we see that the holy angels continuously praise Him.

What should we praise Him for? Ephesians 1:3 declares, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Simply because He has entrusted us with His blessings, we have every reason to praise Him. 2 Corinthians 9:15 reminds us to praise Him for His indescribable gifts, while 2 Corinthians 1:3 calls Him the "God of all comfort." Even in our deepest sorrow, when the words of those around us fail, only God can truly comfort us.

How should we praise God? Psalm 34:1 declares, "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips." Psalm 89:52 says, "Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen and Amen." This means we are called to praise Him as long as we have breath, regardless of our circumstances. Psalm 68:26 encourages us to praise God in the congregation, while Psalm 134:2 tells us to lift our hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord. There is no one greater than our God, and He alone deserves our highest praise.

Three Aspects of Praise

01. Praise Him for all His benefits: Psalm 103:1-5 instructs us to bless the Lord because He forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems our lives from destruction, crowns us with love and compassion, and satisfies our desires with good things.

Here are five key reasons to praise Him:

- **For Salvation** – King David, instead of boasting about his kingship, humbly asked how he could repay the Lord for His goodness. He recognized that the highest honor was to lift up the cup of salvation. Colossians 1:12-13 reminds us that we were once under the power of darkness, but now we are children of light.
- **For His Strength** – Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Even when we feel weak and hopeless, God provides strength. Just as He sustained Elijah when he was discouraged, He strengthens us to keep moving forward.
- **For His Surprises** – In Luke 17:15-19, ten lepers were healed by Jesus, yet only one—a Samaritan—returned to give thanks. Jesus questioned the absence of the others, highlighting the importance of gratitude. Are we like the one who returned, or like the nine who took their blessing for granted? Any blessing that does not shape our spiritual character is not from God, but a deception from the enemy. Psalm 50:23 states, "Whoever offers praise glorifies Me."
- **For His Faithfulness in Fulfilling Promises** – In Luke 2:27-29, Simeon, led by the Spirit, rejoiced in the fulfillment of God's promise when he beheld the infant Jesus. Just as God was faithful to Simeon, He is faithful in keeping His promises to us.
- **For His Faithfulness in Answering Prayers** – Psalm 66:20 declares, "Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me." Our prayers must be sincere, for God looks at our hearts rather than our words. Therefore do not take God's blessings for granted—Romans 1:19-21 warns that failing to acknowledge God can lead to pride, making us believe that our success comes from our own abilities, connections, or resources. This kind of thinking darkens our hearts. If we show gratitude to people who help us, how much more should we thank God for His abundant blessings? Psalm 107:22 reminds us to praise Him for all His benefits, not just some.

2. Praise Him for all his left over in our lives: Philippians 4:19 assures us that God will supply all our needs. Even in times of lack, we can trust Him to provide, just as He replenished the wine at the wedding in Cana.

The miracle of the five loaves and two fish is recorded in all four Gospels. When Jesus saw a great crowd that had gone without food for three days, He did not send them away. Instead, He took the little they had, gave thanks, and multiplied it abundantly. He didn't complain about the lack; He gave thanks for what was available. Likewise, we must offer whatever we have to God in faith, knowing that He can multiply it.

3. Praise Him because He counts us faithful: 1 Timothy 1:12-13 reveals that God calls and qualifies us. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, was transformed by God's grace and entrusted with His ministry. Even the smallest act done in faithfulness is significant in God's eyes. Proverbs 22:29 says that those who are diligent will stand before kings. Proverbs 28:20 declares that the faithful will abound in blessings.

Though faithfulness may bring trials, 2 Corinthians 2:14 reminds us, "But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere." If we remain faithful in our present season, God will be even more faithful in His appointed time. Psalm 145:10 declares, "All You have made will give You thanks, O LORD, and Your saints will bless You."

Conclusion

1 Timothy 2:1-2 emphasizes that giving thanks is God's will for our lives. It is not merely an option but a divine command.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 instructs, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Gratitude is the key to greater joy and opens the door to more blessings. Hebrews 13:15 teaches that thanksgiving is a continual sacrifice. Ephesians 5:4 states that giving thanks is fitting for all believers. Finally, Ephesians 5:20 urges us to "always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

May we always have hearts full of gratitude, offering praise to the Lord in all circumstances!

Amen

Pastor Rajan Robert



What happening

BAPTISM & NEW CHURCH DEDICATION

We have two wonderful events coming up in April 2025, that we'd love our Church family to be part of. We'll be celebrating Baptism service soon (dates coming soon) and dedication of our New Church building on the 26th of April 2025. Please keep these events in your prayers, that they may be a time of joy and blessings for all.

FASTING PRAYER

The fasting prayer will take place throughout March 2025. All are invited to join the daily Church family fasting prayer via Zoom from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.



FAREWELL

It was bittersweet to bid farewell to Madhu, one of our most active and God-fearing youth members. On behalf of the entire Church, we pray for her and wish her the very best in all her future endeavours. Her testimony of God's timely provisions – from the moment she arrived in the UK to the day she returned home to Sri Lanka – was fully inspiring.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

We welcome our new Church member to our GSGC family.

BRO. MADHAN AND SIS. CATHERINE

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
07916123274 / 07871872086



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.



BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

NOW THAT GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH THIS NEW CHURCH BUILDING, THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR TIME AND RESOURCES TO HELP COMPLETE THE REMAINING ESSENTIAL TASKS IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS REGARDING THE BUILDING, PLEASE CONTACT BRO. INDHIRAN (+44 7961387721).

