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GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

LIVING TO SERVE

NOVEMBER 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

06TH NOV – SIS. MARINA
08TH NOV – SIS. CATHERINE
11TH NOV – BABY. AARATHANA
11TH NOV – PS. RAJAN
21ST NOV – BRO. ROSHAN
26TH NOV – BABY. IVAN
28TH NOV – ABEESHCA
30TH NOV – SID

Anniversaries

12TH NOV – BRO. PRADEEP & SIS. SASI
PRADEEP

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From the Pastor's Desk

LET YOUR LIGHT LEAD ME

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

Today, we are going to meditate on ***Psalms 43:3-4 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.***

Psalms 41, 42, and 43 were written by David during a period of great suffering. He was physically weak, deeply longing for God's presence, and praying for God's defense against the ungodly. In Psalms 42 and 43, David describes facing many adversities. He was mocked and reproached by others who questioned God's help, and he felt as though his very bones were broken. He was completely isolated, with no one to comfort him — overwhelmed by despair and distress. In his anguish, David questioned God, asking why He seemed to have forgotten him — just as we often do when we go through troubled times. In Psalm 43:1, David pleads for God's deliverance from deceitful and unrighteous people. Then in Psalm 43:3, he asks for God's light and truth to lead him — not the false lights of this world. David recognized that the world is filled with darkness and deceit, where evil often disguises itself as an angel of light. That is why he specifically sought God's true light, which alone can guide us safely. As the Scriptures remind us in John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." And in 1 John 5:19, we read that "the whole world is under the control of the evil one". What happens when this light of God comes into our light?

Light Leads Us to Do God's Will.

In Acts 22:6-17, Paul shares his testimony about how the light of God completely transformed his life. Before encountering that light, he lived entirely outside of God's will — doing things according to his own understanding and purpose. But in Acts 9:3, a heavenly light shone upon him, and from that moment onward, his life changed. Until then, Paul walked in his own will; after that encounter, he began walking in God's will. In Acts 22:6, Paul describes this light as a great light; in 22:11, as glorious; and in 26:13, as a light brighter than the sun. As Paul grew closer to God, his understanding and description of God's light deepened — it became more personal, more precious. Likewise, as we draw nearer to God, our attitude and desires begin to change. We stop living for ourselves and stop seeking to display ourselves to the world. In Philippians 3:4-8, Paul explains that he could have boasted about his accomplishments — his background, knowledge, and status — but he counted all these as loss for the sake of Christ. The light of God humbled him and redirected his focus toward eternal things. This same light also changes our prayer life. In Acts 9:11, God tells Ananias to go and meet Paul, saying, "Behold, he is praying." Soon after, in Acts 9:17-20, Paul receives the Holy Spirit, is baptized, and immediately begins to preach about Christ. One encounter with God's light brought about a complete transformation — from persecutor to preacher, from self-will to God's will. When a person falls, they must rise again — but like Paul, rise by holding onto God's light. If we are truly saved, that light has already reached us. The question we must ask ourselves is: "Has my attitude changed? Has my heart turned toward God's will?" Desires change. In Romans 10:1-2, Paul's desires are no longer about himself — his deepest longing becomes, "that Israel might be saved." His desires aligned completely with God's purpose. Actions change. In Acts 16:6-11, we read how the Holy Spirit stopped Paul and his companions from going to certain regions and redirected them to Macedonia, which led to the founding of the church in Philippi. Even though they were doing God's work, they still listened carefully and obeyed the Spirit's direction. This teaches us that even when we serve in ministry, pray fervently, or act in God's name, we must constantly check whether we are moving under His direction and in His will. As Galatians 1:13-16 reminds us, Paul once persecuted the church, excelling in zeal beyond many of his peers. Yet when the light of God met him, he was changed and began walking according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Darkness always leads to evil, but the light of God leads to His will. So, let us each examine ourselves — in our personal life, work, and ministry — to see if we are truly walking in God's light and doing His will.

Light Leads Us to God's Gospel.

In 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Paul writes that the Gospel brings light to all people. The light of the Gospel reveals truth and life to those living in darkness. We are saved today because someone once shared that Gospel with us — ordinary men and women whom God used as His instruments. They became carriers of God's light. Let us remember to pray for those who led us to Christ, for through their obedience, we were saved from eternal separation from God. God places His light within the Gospel message. In Acts 8:29-40, we see how the Lord used Philip mightily. The Holy Spirit directed him to go into the wilderness to meet the Ethiopian eunuch, who was reading the Scriptures after worshiping in the temple. Notice that the eunuch spent his free time reading God's Word rather than being idle — a reminder for us to use our time wisely. What a person does when they are alone often reveals their true heart. Let us, too, be thirsty for God's Word and seek His truth even when no one is watching. Especially for the youth, this is vital — be cautious about what you watch on your screens. Do not view anything you wouldn't feel comfortable showing your parents or the Lord Himself. Just as the eunuch sought understanding even before he was saved, we should hunger for Scripture. Philip explained Isaiah 53 to him — a prophecy about Jesus, the Gospel in the Old Testament. When their hearts were aligned with God's Spirit, His light shone, bringing understanding and salvation. The eunuch believed, was baptized, and went on his way rejoicing. Likewise, God desires to use each of us to bring His light to others. Speak to your colleagues, friends, and those you meet daily. You may be the messenger God uses to guide someone else from darkness to light, just as Philip did. Let us be faithful bearers of the Gospel — the light that leads souls to God.

Light Brings Order.

Genesis 1:1-4. In the beginning, the earth was formless, empty, and dark. There was no order, no life, and no light. If we pause and reflect — many Christians today live in a similar state. When our lives are not centered on God, they become like the early earth: disordered, empty, and filled with darkness. But God did not leave the world in that state. He intervened, and the first thing He did was to send light. In the same way, the Lord does not want to leave our lives without form or direction — He wants His light to shine into every dark place. Even if we are saved, baptized, and serving in ministry, God calls us to stop and examine ourselves: "Is there order in my life? Is God's light truly leading me?" When God's light enters, it divides light from darkness. It reveals truth, exposes hidden things, and brings clarity. We must allow His light to penetrate deep into our hearts — to help us discern between light and darkness in every area of our lives. In John 3:19, we read that "men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." We often know the dark areas in our lives, yet we hide them from God instead of confessing them. But if we avoid the light, we also avoid His healing. Some believers even stay away from Holy Communion, feeling unworthy because their lives are not in order. It's good to recognize our shortcomings — but the question is, are we striving to overcome the darkness so that we can come to His table next time? Don't delay making things right with God. I'm not saying this to condemn anyone, but to gently ask: "What are we doing about the darkness in our lives? When will we make things right with God?" Grow in your relationship with Him. If we knowingly continue in wrong and refuse to change, we risk becoming enemies of His light. Guard your spiritual health as carefully as your physical health, for God's light reveals all things. In John 12:46, Jesus said, "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness." If we have faith and abide in Jesus — who is the Light — there will be no darkness in us. Darkness doesn't disappear in a single day; we must walk daily with God. We are children of light (Ephesians 5:8). This is our identity and our calling. We cannot remove darkness by our own strength — only through Christ's light and the Holy Spirit's power. In Proverbs 28:13, the Word says, "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." When we walk with God, His light rearranges our lives. Spend time with Him daily, allowing the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Sadly, this quiet time with God is becoming rare among believers today. Don't let others judge you — instead, as 1 Corinthians 11:31 teaches, examine yourself so that you will not be judged. Let God shape you into a useful vessel for His kingdom. For married couples, this self-examination is especially important. If you have disagreements or conflicts, do not let them linger overnight. Sit with God, surrender to the Holy Spirit, and be reconciled before the day ends. Don't try to correct each other first — start by correcting yourself. At the very least, walk with a right conscience before God. Don't compare yourself with others — look unto Jesus and ask for His strength. Never despise God's Word, for as Hebrews 4:12-13 reminds us, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight." His Word reveals, convicts, and heals. As Psalm 119:105 declares, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Even though the world is full of darkness, God longs to fill His people with light. Ask yourself: "Am I walking in His light or in my own way?" If we are led by His light, we have true life. In Psalm 43:3-4, David prays, "Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me."

He desired that God's light would lead him to the holy hill — the place of God's presence and joy. Let us also examine ourselves: "Is God's light leading me into His presence? Am I living in His joy or chasing the joy of the world?" We are citizens of heaven (Phil 3:17-20). Let us grow in holiness and set our hearts on heavenly things. There is no need to worry — God has promised that not only we, but also our future generations, can share in this heavenly citizenship. Like David, let us long to see God in His holy temple. As Psalm 18:28 says, "You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light." We are lamps — but the lamp only shines when it has oil, which is the Holy Spirit. Make room for the Holy Spirit in your life, and God will ignite and renew you. Our highest priority must be to walk daily with the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: In Isaiah 60, God promises that kings will rise and nations will come to the light. God desires to raise people from our church — men and women who will carry His light to the nations. For this, we need God's light to lead us — in our hearts, our homes, and our church. Let us open ourselves fully to His light, and He will bring order where there was chaos, joy where there was emptiness, and life where there was once darkness.

Pastor Rajan Robert



DID YOU KNOW?? SOME FACTS ABOUT SIMION

- **BIRTH AND NAME:** HE WAS THE SECOND SON OF LEAH AND JACOB, AND LEAH NAMED HIM SIMEON BECAUSE SHE BELIEVED GOD HAD HEARD HER PLIGHT OF BEING UNLOVED AND HAD GIVEN HER ANOTHER SON. THE NAME SIMEON MEANS "ONE WHO HEARS".
- **VIOLENT ACT AT SHECHEM:** SIMEON AND HIS BROTHER LEVI KILLED ALL THE MEN OF THE CITY OF SHECHEM AFTER THE PRINCE OF THE SAME NAME RAPED THEIR SISTER, DINAH.
- **JACOB'S REBUKE:** ON HIS DEATHBED, JACOB CURSED THE ANGER AND WRATH OF SIMEON AND LEVI FOR THEIR VIOLENT AND CRUEL ACTIONS, STATING, "I WILL DIVIDE THEM IN JACOB AND SCATTER THEM IN ISRAEL".
- **NO INHERITANCE:** AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, SIMEON'S TRIBE DID NOT RECEIVE A SPECIFIC, LARGE TERRITORY IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL AND WAS EVENTUALLY SCATTERED AMONG THE OTHER TRIBES.
- **IMPRISONMENT IN EGYPT:** WHEN HIS BROTHERS WENT TO EGYPT TO BUY GRAIN DURING A FAMINE, JOSEPH HELD SIMEON IN CUSTODY AS A GUARANTEE THAT HIS YOUNGEST BROTHER, BENJAMIN, WOULD BE BROUGHT TO EGYPT.
- **CHARACTER:** HE IS CONSISTENTLY DEPICTED AS A SON WHO WAS PRONE TO ANGER AND CRUELTY, OFTEN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIS BROTHER LEVI.
- **SIMEON IS REPRESENTED BY THE TOPAZ STONE ON THE BREASTPLATE OF THE HIGH PRIEST.** AS JACOB'S SECOND-BORN SON, SIMEON'S NAME WAS ON THE SECOND STONE IN THE FIRST ROW OF THE BREASTPLATE, WHICH WAS THE TOPAZ.

SYMBOLISM OF THE TOPAZ:

- **FAITH:** THE TOPAZ IS A PALE YELLOW, OR GOLD-COLORED, STONE THAT IS INTERPRETED BY SOME SCHOLARS AS REPRESENTING "TRIED FAITH".
- **"HEARING" GOD'S WORD:** SIMEON'S NAME MEANS "HEARING". THE PLACEMENT OF THE TOPAZ ON THE BREASTPLATE IS CONNECTED TO THE BIBLICAL VERSE, "FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD" (ROMANS 10:17).
- **PEACE OF MIND:** THE TOPAZ IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH OVERCOMING FEAR AND GAINING PEACE OF MIND, PERHAPS A REPRESENTATION OF SIMEON'S JOURNEY TO RECONCILIATION AFTER HIS VIOLENT ACTS.



What happened

PASTORAL VISIT

WE THANK AND PRAISE GOD FOR THE GRACIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME HIS SERVANT, PASTOR L. JAMES CHANDRABABU FROM (ZION PARVATHAM JESUS WITH US CHURCH), TO GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH FROM OCTOBER 09TH TO 26TH, 2025. DURING THESE DAYS, HE 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 HIS MINISTRY.

Testimony

While returning home after dropping my child at school, we were involved in a small accident at the roundabout. By God's grace, there were no injuries and only minor damage to the car. I truly thank God for His protection and mercy - He kept us safe and prevented what could have been worse. All glory to God for His covering and faithfulness.

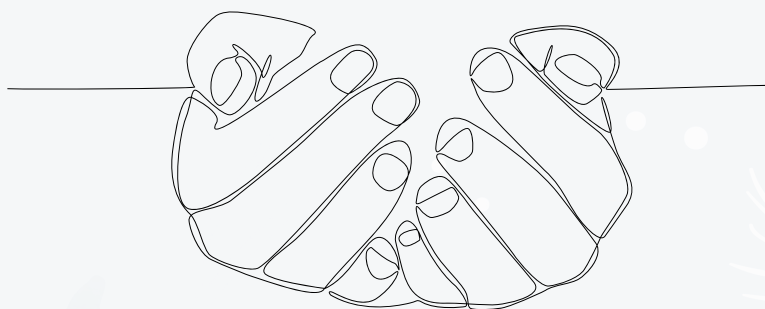
-Sis Laxmi

I am truly honoured to have been given the opportunity to take on the role of Head Teacher for a day. I feel so blessed and grateful for this privilege - it's a sign of favour and trust that I don't take lightly. I believe this is God's doing, and I thank Him for His grace, guidance, and for opening this door of opportunity. This experience has inspired me to keep working hard, lead with integrity, and make a positive impact wherever I go.

-Sis. Reena.

I am so thankful to God for His goodness and favour. Nini was awarded a Certificate of Excellence for both academics and behaviour. This is truly the Lord's doing, and I give all the praise, glory, and thanksgiving to God. He is faithful, and His grace continues to shine upon us.

-Sis. Radhu.



Announcements

BAPTISM SUNDAY – 02 NOVEMBER 2025:

PRAISE GOD! THE 1ST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER (02 NOV 2025, 09:30AM) WILL BE OUR BAPTISM SERVICE AT GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH.

SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE COMMITTED THEIR LIVES TO THE LORD AND ARE TAKING THIS STEP OF OBEDIENCE IN BAPTISM.

LET'S COME TOGETHER WITH PRAYERS AND JOY, UPLIFTING THESE SOULS AS THEY PUBLICLY DECLARE THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST.

FAITH QUEST – BIBLE QUIZ (NOVEMBER 2025):

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR UPCOMING FAITH QUEST – THE BIBLE QUIZ WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER 2025 (09TH NOV 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!



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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