

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

April 6, 2008

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Genesis 1:1

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	6 Apr	The Lord's Table.
Monday	7 Apr	Teen Youth Group Meeting.
Wednesday	9 Apr	POT LUCK. Gary Horton. 6:30
Thursday	10 Apr	Ladies prayer meeting.
Monday	14 Apr	Teen Youth Group Meeting.
Wednesday	16 Apr	2 Corinthians 11
Thursday	17 Apr	Ladies prayer meeting.
Saturday	19 Apr	Sharefest Project. Please see Dan Hensley.
Monday	21 Apr	Teen Youth Group Meeting.
	21 Apr	Deacons' meeting.
Friday	25 Apr	Men's Whateveryawannacallit.
Friday	25 Apr	Garage Sale at the Church and Saturday.

****** Note the Sharefest Project April 19. We will be helping out the "Oklahoma League for the Blind." Please make plans to come and help out. We will be helping to dispose of some old furniture. Sign up sheet in back.

****** The cost for the Men's "Whateveryawannacallit" is \$55.00 per person. Please give your money to Roger.

****** Note the garage sale. It is to raise money for missions. See Mechelle Martin.

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The Lord's Table

The Keys to Life

THOMAS AND MARYKUTTY SAMUEL
Quiet Corner India
April 2008

The following is an email from Thomas Samuel requesting prayer.

Dear Faithful Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
 This is an urgent request seeking your prayers for my health.

For the last few years people have constantly complimented me for the good health that I do enjoy at this age of 78? Seldom has any one guessed my age beyond 65 and I am thankful to God for it. In recent years I have been constantly traveling and doing everything I could in getting God's word, the Bible, into Bible less homes, a vision and passion of my life.

However, it seems that I have some problem with my heart now and the doctors have suggested an "angiogram". Please do pray that I would know the mind of the Lord in this. I know for sure that He can heal me completely and your prayers are valuable for me at this time, hence this personal letter. When you pray for me, remember my wife too for her health and she needs it. I know many of you have been praying for me over the years and I am so thankful to God for that.

Your fellow Brother in Christ,
 Thomas Samuel.

GOD CALLS HIS CHURCH TO PRAY--CONNECTING WITH GOD

"Internet connections down, India Inc. badly affected....." screamed media headlines a few days back. Suddenly the linking of message at a very quick pace to people millions of miles away in a span of seconds was out, leaving everything from businesses to personal relations frustrated and disgusted. And like the internet, what about our link with God, our Father? Do we show the same concern, the same angst when our personal link with God breaks down? No, not really, for that God-link may not be vital to many of us. Networking with God through Prayers always takes a backseat, when we are flooded with innumerable must-do's in our daily to do lists in the hustle bustle of our lives Prayer - i.e., to commune with God may not at most times be a part of our daily commitment or could just be a five second just before bed-time ritual. A recent study by Dr. Michael Zigarelli only confirms how globally Christians are simply becoming too busy for God." The U. S. based Professor in his five year worldwide survey found how Christians were increasingly being "brainwashed into adopting a way of life that relegates God to the periphery", and how important it was for us Christians to "break this cycle" of busyness and rushing from task to task without even sparing a moment for God. Fortunately connecting to God is not like internet connection, which if it breaks downs due to technical flaws takes time to reconnect. God, the Almighty being omnipotent and omnipresent is waiting for us - for you and me to forge and reestablish that link with Him- only we have to have that burning desire within us to seek God. And when we take that first step we will be led to him.

Unlike the internet, "...prayer knows no limitations. It ignores space. ...It goes directly by the telegraphy of spirit, into men's hearts quietly passes through walls, and past locks

unhindered, and comes into most direct touch with the inner heart and will be affected.:", writes S. D. Gordon in his work Quiet Talks on Prayer.

Even when we have an internet connection constantly at our disposal to get onto the web, we always need software to reconnect when we sign out. Likewise having connected with God, doesn't mean we should rest on our laurels. We need to reconnect every moment just like the Christian saints of yore who even after having found God, continued to fan the flames of desire in seeking God constantly and renewing that vital link.

The Bible Vision is one such effort to reveal God through the gifting of Bibles to non-Christians. But we need to pray steadily for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of all those non-Christian brothers and sisters who have over the years received the Bibles from us. In the year that has gone by, our teams have ministered to over thousands of people in some eight states of India as detailed in the following pages.

When nurtured spiritually, their lives transform and they become torchbearers of their new life in Christ. This was amply demonstrated in our various Christmas events at the different churches of our ministry in the Nilgiris. Most of the participants in the churches were first generation believers. It was uplifting to experience with them the joys of true salvation through their song and dance performances and testimonies.

Tailoring Girls Await Their Passing Out Day - Students of our Tailoring programme have almost reached the end of their one year long training programme in sewing and craft. Fifteen girls from extremely poor backgrounds have acquired the needed skills to sew a variety of clothes both for men, women and children as well as craft a number of articles out of wool, plastic wires and cloth. More than teaching them life skills it has in a major way led them to the Lord to cast out some of their old selves. Thanks to the steady nurturing and spiritual guidance under their teacher Soji and the fasting prayers held regularly on Fridays under the guidance of pastor Vasu and his wife Joyce, the girls have begun their slow but steady walk with Christ. The testimonies of one of the students (Refer Below) bear witness to the fact that the tailoring programme is bearing fruit for Christ.

An Ordinary Girl Makes a Mark With Jesus In Her Heart. -- Rajeshwari, daughter of poor agriculture labor parents worried when her mother grew seriously ill and was almost dying. She knew that when she would die she would go to the Lord but not her mother. She had a burden then where she asked the Lord, "Please Lord give me some more days to commit my mother to you." The following being a Friday was one of fasting prayer at the Masinagudi church where the tailoring programme is held. Rajeshwari shared this burden to all gathered at the prayer meeting. The very next day her weak and bed-ridden mother got up and sat in bed. The prayer for the mother continued and gradually each day she started showing signs of improvement. In three weeks time ever since the prayer had started she was fit to go back to work. In the beginning Rajeshwari's parents strongly opposed and taunted her whenever she prayed at home or read from the Word. With her miraculous recovery, her mother has begun to have some faith. The family has even welcomed wholeheartly the QC pastors to visit them and even pray for them a couple of times. They now have a family devotion time too. Rajeshwari's faith in Jesus is immense and during her mother's illness she pleaded with Jesus that changed the hardened hearts of the family of Irula tribal who allowed into their lives and homes, after much opposition the word of God.

Genesis 1:1

Gen 1:1 = Original Creation

1:1 C.T. = In a beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Summary:

1. **The Order of Beginnings:**
 - A. **The "Word" preceded the creation of the heavens and earth. John 1:1-4**
 - B. **Original Creation. Gen 1:1; Psa 33:6**
 - C. **Fall of Satan. John 8:44**
 - D. **Man. Matt 19:4**
 - E. **All usages of "beginning" lack the word "the" and hence are indefinite. There was an "uncaused Cause" of all things who has always existed.**
 - F. **It is referring to the outset of a particular event.**

2. **Creation from nothing:**
 - A. **Was done when God spoke all things into existence. Psa 33:6**
 - B. **Was instantaneous. Ps 33:9**
 - C. **Is the source of all animal life on the fifth day. Gen 1:21**
 - D. **Is the source of mankind on the sixth day. Gen 1:27**
 - E. **Became the progenitor of all other life. Gen 2:3**

3. **Since no human was present at original creation it is a matter of faith, just like any other cosmogony. Heb 11:3**

4. **The attack on creation from nothing by Elohim was prophesied through the apostle Peter. 2 Peter 3:3-6**

5. **The entire creation is called upon to praise the Lord. Psa 148:1-6**

6. **Note the propositions set forth in this verse:**
 - A. **Who? A conscious Being named God did it.**
 - B. **What? Creation from nothing.**
 - C. **When? Sometime in antiquity past.**
 - D. **Where? Everywhere.**
 - E. **Why? Need more information at this point.**
 - F. **How? He spoke.**

7. **The Bible does not argue for the existence of God but assumes that a personal, conscious Being is the Cause of all things.**

8. **This establishes what is called the horizontal or "KALAM" Cosmological Argument which reasons back to a Cause for the beginning of the universe. Simply stated, "anything that comes into existence has a cause."**

9. **The vertical Cosmological Argument reasons from the universe as it now exists and argues for a Sustaining Cause.**

The Keys to Life

3. **The Case for a Creator: Question #1 Expansion. Read Psa 19**
 - A. **Evolution:**
 1. **Introduction:**
 2. **Authors and early proponents:**
 3. **Requirements of Evolution:**
 - a. **Geological Uniformitarianism:**
 - b. **Environmental Determinism: (from Lamarck)**
 - c. **Natural Selection (Inbreeding):**
 - d. **Endocrinology: (Comparative embryology)**
 - e. **Missing Links: (still missing).**
 - f. **Biological Mechanism: (how species changed)**
 4. **To believe evolution one must believe:**
 - a. **Nothing produces everything.**
 - b. **Non-life produces life.**
 - c. **Randomness produces fine-tuning.**
 - d. **Chaos produces information.**
 - e. **Unconsciousness produces consciousness.**
 - f. **Non-reason produces reason.**
 5. **That is an astronomical leap of faith.**
 - B. **The Case for a Creator.**
 1. **Arguments for the existence of God.**
 - a. **Cosmological: Cause-Effect**
 - b. **Ontological: Perfect Being**
 - c. **Anthropological: Life to Life.**

- d. **Teleological: Design to Designer.**
- e. **Moral: Innate moral law to Law Giver.**

2. The Design Hypothesis:

- a. **The evidence of Cosmology.**
- b. **The evidence of Physics.**
- c. **The evidence of Astronomy.**
- d. **The evidence of Biochemistry.**
- e. **The evidence of Biological Information.**
- f. **The evidence of Consciousness.**

3. Who is this Creator?