



TUCC Newsletter

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Fathers day celebration June 2007
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“...nothing
is better
for a man
under the
sun than to
eat and
drink and
be glad”
Ecc1 8:15
(NIV)

Editor's Note

Time really flies when you are having a good time. I thought summer had just started and already the longest day of the year has passed us by. Now the days are becoming shorter and before we know it we will start writing down New Year's resolutions!

A wise king once said that it is good for people to enjoy the life God has given them. The critic in me reminds me that he also said, “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless”. But, if we carefully read Ecclesiastes, it has been beautifully concluded that fearing God and keeping his commandments is the whole duty of man.

Research has shown that as you grow older your internal clock slows

down and life seems to speed up. Apparently, you do not get the same “time” from a minute as you used to when you were younger. No wonder Paul urges us to redeem the time. While you ponder on that I'm going to make each moment count!

Yours in Christ,
Preethi Samuel

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Pastor's Message

Our Lord is good. He has enabled us to see another month. In this issue I would like to talk about the importance of “Conviction of the Holy Spirit”. We have moved away from the three basic elements of salvation in an attempt to avoid negativity. This has given many, a false sense of security. I believe that many in our churches today have never experienced genuine salvation. Many of the saved are living weak, anemic and defeated lives because they have ignored these three elements, which are crucial to our salvation.

Conviction + Confession + Conversion = Salvation

Many have experienced conviction without confession or conversion. Some have made confession without conviction or conversion. Others have sought conversion without conviction or confession. All three elements are necessary for true biblical salvation. I will write about Conviction in this issue and hopefully will continue with the others in the following issues.

Before a person comes to Christ, he must have an awareness of his sinfulness and his lost condition. The World has diluted the concept of sin. We use “sexually active” for fornication, “chemical dependency” for drunkenness. We no longer lie; we stretch the truth. Children are no longer unruly or disobedient; they have either Oppositional Defiant Disorder Syndrome or Antisocial Personality Disorder Syndrome.

As long as we are ignorant of our sin, condone our sin, call our sin a disorder, weakness, or syndrome we will never find resolution or deliverance. Do you recognize sin as sin in your life? Mere consciousness of one's sin is not conviction. A guilty conscience is not conviction. In Matthew 27:3, when Judas saw Christ bound, taken tried, and condemned, he was overwhelmed with disappointment, sorrow, and remorse. He felt guilt and sorrow but not godly conviction. Overwhelmed with remorse and the vast guilt, he committed suicide. In Matthew 26:74-75, when Peter denied the Lord for the third time, great guilt overwhelmed him with the remembrance of Christ's words, and it pierced his heart with many sorrows. Peter's remorse brought bitter tears of sorrow and repentance and lead to restoration.

So what then is conviction? Conviction is a work of the Holy Spirit and comes only through the power of the Holy Spirit. John 16:8 says, “When He (Holy Spirit) has come, He will convince the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment.” The word “convince” is used seven times in NT. This word is the key to understanding conviction. One who is convicted is convinced of sin or error. In its simplest meaning, a conviction is something about which we are convinced. In most of the cases where convince is used in the Bible, it is used as a synonym of the word convict

**“Therefore
encourage one
another and build
each other up, just
as in fact you are
doing”.**
1 Thess 5:11
(NIV)

and deals with those who are convinced of sin.

Oswald Chambers said, "Conviction of sin is one of the rarest things that ever strikes a man. It is the threshold of an understanding of God. Jesus Christ said that when the Holy Spirit came He would convict of sin, and when the Holy Spirit rouses the conscience and brings him into the presence of God, it is not his relationship with men that bothers him, but his relationship with God."

The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to reveal sin in a person's life, which brings conviction. When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, they that heard God's Word were pricked (convicted) in their heart: (Acts 2:37). The Holy Spirit convicts us in our mind and hearts that we lack true righteousness, the quality and condition of life necessary to live in God's presence. This conviction comes upon us in the form of a sense of guilt, remorse, uncleanness, unworthiness, and ungodliness.

Conviction is not sorrow for personal hardship brought on by sin, but rather remorse over the hurt we have caused a loving, forgiving God. Too often we try to do the work of the Holy Spirit. Conviction is not the persuasive work of an eloquent preacher or personal worker. A prime example is the preaching of Jonah, emotionless and matter-of-factual, yet God's spirit brought conviction and repentance. Let the power of the Holy Spirit make us understand the importance of this message and lead us to true Salvation. Amen.

Also read John 15:22, Gal 5:19-21, John 8:9, Acts 2:37, Heb 4:12, II Cor 7:10, II Cor 7:9, 10, I Cor 2:4, 5

- Pastor Godwin

Happy 4th of July



**"In Freedom
we're born and in
Freedom we'll
live"
- Liberty Song**

When America celebrates her Declaration of Independence, let us remember a far greater freedom that has been won for us, a freedom, greater than any social, economic or political freedom. It is the freedom from sin. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death". Rom 8:2 (KJV)

News Briefs

- June 22nd – 26th
26th General Synod of UCC at Hartford, Connecticut
- June 24th
Combined outdoor worship service with Westchester Community Church
- Aug 3rd – 5th
Vedanayagam Sasthriyar will be ministering in our church



Aug 8th – 11th

If you would like a copy of the newsletter mailed or e-mailed to your friends or family please gives their details to The Editor.

Songs that speak

Many a times a simple hymn has been used by the Holy Spirit to minister to our needs. One such hymn is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Its simple truths have brought comfort to innumerable God's people since it was written in 1857.

Joseph Scriven was born in 1819 of prosperous parents in Dublin, Ireland. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. Tragedy came early to Joseph, when on the night before his wedding; he was alone while elsewhere, his bride-to-be accidentally drowned. Later in life, a second engagement ended when his fiancée died of an illness. Also during this time, Joseph Scriven became estranged from his family. Here was a man who truly needed a friend.

At the age of twenty-five, he left his native country and migrated to Canada. From that time on, Scriven developed a totally different pattern of life. He took the Sermon on the Mount literally. It is said that he gave freely of his limited possessions, even sharing the clothing off his own body, if necessary, and never once refused to help anyone who needed it.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was never intended by Scriven for publication. When he was ill, a friend who came to visit chanced to see the poem scribbled on scratch paper near the bed. The friend asked Scriven if he had written the words. With typical modesty, Scriven replied, "The Lord and I did it between us."

Joseph Scriven died in 1886, also in a drowning accident.

My first memory of this Hymn was my grandmother (Daisy Patiamma) singing this to me when I was little. I would sit on her lap, rocking with her on her rocking chair while she sang it to me,

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything
to God in prayer.*

To me, this hymn has "comfort" written in it, comfort to know that even if the whole world seems hostile and unfriendly, there is a friend who knows us and understands our innermost feelings. Just as it comes natural for us to trust in a friend and find comfort in his/her presence, Jesus is our ultimate comfort. A peace maker, soul hugger, tear dryer, sigh hearer, cloud lifter, soul soother, light shiner and so much more...

- Sujaya Robin



**Family Camp
Aug 31st –
Sep 2nd**

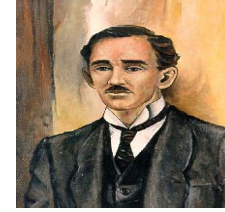
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disclosed or undisclosed) and
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- அண்ணன்: தம்பி எப்படி இருக்க? சவுக்கியமா?
- தம்பி: கடவுள் ஹிருபைல நல்லா இருக்கேண்ணே, ஆனா ரெண்டு நாளா ஒரே தலைவலி. உயிர எடுக்குதுண்ணே. இந்த தலைவலிக்காக கொஞ்சம் பிரே பண்ணிக்கோங்கண்ணே.
- அண்ணன்: நா ஒரு கேள்வி கேட்கட்டுமா, கோபிச்சுக்கமாட்டியே? நீ ஒரு வளர்ந்த கிறிஸ்தவன்தானே?
- தம்பி: அதுல என்னணே சந்தேகம், ஏண்ணே இப்படி ஒரு கேள்விய கேட்குறீங்க?
- அண்ணன்: தலைவலிக்கு பிரே பண்ண சொன்னியே அதான் கேட்டேன். நீ மட்டுமல்ல நிறையப்பேர் இப்படிதான் காச்சலுக்கும் தலைவலிக்கும் பிரே பன்றாங்க. இதுக்கு ஒரு லிமிட்டே இல்லாம போகுது
- தம்பி: ஏண்ணே, *மத் 21:22 ல, நீங்கள் விசுவாசமுள்ளவர்களாய் ஜெபத்திலே எவைகளைக் கேட்பீர்களோ அவைகளை யெல்லாம் பெறுவீர்களென்று* இயேசுவே சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்ல. அதுனால ஜெபிக்கிறது தப்பில்லையே. ஜெபிக்கிறது தப்பு இல்ல, நம் இயேசுவால நிச்சயமா சுகம் கொடுக்கவும் முடியும். அதுல சந்தேகமேயில்லை. பவுல் இப்படித்தான் ஒரு முறை, தனக்குள்ள முன் நீங்கும்படி ஒரு தரம் அல்ல, மூன்று தரம் கர்த்தரிடத்தில பிரே பண்ணினார். என்ன ஆச்சு? "என் கிருபை உனக்குப்போதும்; பலவீனத்திலே என் பலன் பூரணமாய் விளங்கும்" என்று கர்த்தர் சொல்லிவிட்டாரே.
- தம்பி: அது வந்து... பவுலையும் நம்மளையும் கம்பப்பர் பண்ணாதீங்கண்ணே. அவர் பெரிய விசுவாசினனே.
- அண்ணன்: போச்சுடா. ஆரம்பிச்சுட்டியா. அப்படில்லாம் இல்லப்பா, விசுவாசத்தில வளர வளர நாம் இந்த உடலுக்காக ஜெபிக்கிறதுக்குப் பதிலா நம் உள்ளத்துக்காக அதிகமா ஜெபிக்கணும். அதைத்தான் கர்த்தரும் எதிர்பார்த்துக்கிறார்.
- தம்பி: அண்ணே, நீங்க சொல்றது என்னமோ சரிதான். உள்ளமும் முக்கியம் ஆனா உடலும் முக்கியமில்லையா?
- அண்ணன்: உனக்கு வேணும்னா ரெண்டும் முக்கியமா இருக்கலாம். ஆனா கர்த்தருக்கு உடலைக்காட்டிலும் நம் உள்ளம்தான் முக்கியம். *மத்தேயு 5: 29* ல இயேசு என்ன சொல்லியிருக்கிறார் தெரியுமா? *"உன் வலது கண் உனக்கு இடறலுண்டாக்கினால் அதைப் பிடுங்கி எறிந்து போடு. உன் வலது கை உனக்கு இடறலுண்டாக்கினால், அதைத்தறித்து எறிந்துபோடு. உன் சரீரம் முழுவது நரகத்தில் தள்ளப்படுவதைப்பார்க்கிலும் உன் அவயவங்களில் ஒன்று கெட்டுப்போவது உனக்கு நலமாயிருக்கும்"* னு சொல்லியிருக்கும் போது உடலைக்காட்டிலும் உள்ளத்துக்கு எவ்வளவு முக்கித்துவம் கொடுக்கிறாறனு புரியுதா?
- தம்பி: நல்லா புரியுதுண்ணே. இயேசுவை எப்போதுமே சுகம் கொடுக்கிறவராவே நா நினைத்தால நம்மை ரட்சிக்க வந்ததையும் நாம் பெற்ற ரட்சிப்பைக் காத்துக் அவர் ஜெபிக்கக் கற்றுக்கொடுத்ததையும் மறந்துட்டேன்.
- அண்ணன்: கேட்கிறதுக்கு ரொம்ப சந்தோசமா இருக்கு. இப்போ தலைவலி எப்படி இருக்கு தம்பி
- தம்பி: பரலோகத்தை நினைக்கும் போது, இந்த தலைவலி எல்லாம் நத்திங் அண்ணே. என் ஆத்துமாவைக் காத்துக்கொள்ள பெலனுக்காக ஜெபம் பண்ணுங்க அண்ணே, அது போதும்.
- அண்ணன்: கட்டாயமா இந்த காரியத்துக்காக ஜெபிப்பேன் தம்பி.
- தம்பி: சரி அண்ணே, உங்கள சந்திச்சதுல எனக்கும் ரொம்ப சந்தோசம். கடவுள் சித்தமானா பிறகு சந்திக்கலாம்.

-Joe kingsly

C. T. Studd



"Some wish to live within the sound of Church bell; I want to run a Rescue Shop within a yard of hell"

C. T. Studd, the son of a wealthy indigo-planter, was an excellent cricket player and at the age of nineteen was captain of the team at Eton. In 1883, Studd heard Dwight L. Moody speak. His soul was stirred and immediately, he began to tell others about Christ.

Two years later, he sailed for China to join Hudson Taylor and served the Lord. When he turned twenty-five he inherited a large sum of money. While reading the Bible and praying, he felt convinced he should give his fortune away to show the world that he relied not on money but on a living Lord.

Ill health forced him and his wife, Priscilla Livingstone Stewart to return to England, where they turned over their property to the China Inland Mission. Studd and his wife toured the world to raise funds for missions. While touring southern India he found a climate suitable for him and his wife. He served six years, as

Pastor, in Ooty, and afterward returned to England.

Later, out of his concern for Africa Studd was led to set up the Heart of Africa Mission. In 1931, still laboring for the Lord in Africa at the age of seventy, Charles Studd died, but his vision for China, India and Africa had expanded to reach the whole unevangelized world.

C. T. Studd's answer to critics who said he went overboard in his zeal was simple. "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."

VBS (Avalanche Ranch) Aug 8th – 11th

Kids get ready for a wild ride through God's word. This exciting celebration of God's love is set on a rocky mountain ranch

Family Camp Aug 31st – Sep 2nd

This year's family camp will be used an outreach opening for reaching non-Christian families

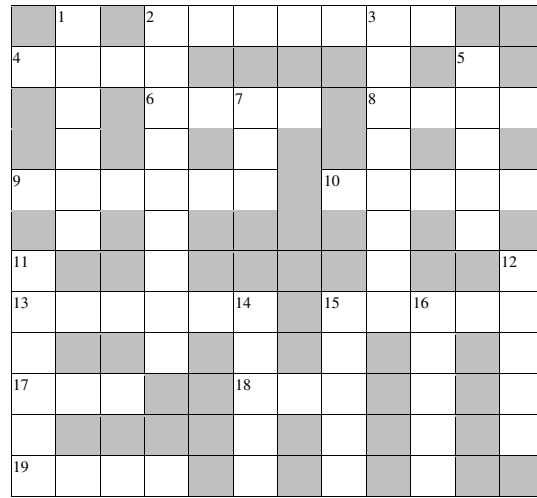
Drummers for Jesus Sep 8th

Drummers for Jesus, a world wide network of drummers and percussionists who use their drumming to spread the message of Jesus Christ is coming to TUCC.

Name Contest

Going once, Going twice... Here is a second chance for you to submit your choice of names for the newsletter. Submit your choice of names to the editor or e-mail your preferences to newsletter@tamilucc.com.

Crossword Puzzle No. 2



Send completed answers, comments, corrections, feedback, suggestions and articles to,

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Down

1. Crude paint brush; why shops? (6)
2. Bare Jubal's act against his father's altar. (9)
3. Worst sermon- napper? Cuss you teal (8)
5. "Salvation to gentiles" was part of this statement. End of term paper (5)
7. Ephraimite who bore Moses's servant; she monk (3)
11. Jacob's home away from home; egos he never had. (6)
12. Precedes destruction. Lions roam in. (5)
14. Anti Jacob's uncle, catch Al. (5)
15. Satan comes out of here; hole with no end. (5)
16. God's mountain; fix he, bro. (5)

Across

2. Elijah's protection; N4T in this Roman god. (7)
4. Praise tool, one that hides the truth? (4)
6. Do it to your heart not clothes. RIP (4)
8. Enoch's great grand son comforts in this strenuous labor. (4)
9. A gift; Bon Arc (6)
10. Fell for gold and silver unlike Clay Aiken (5)
13. Titus's duty in Crete; mix part of ordinary (6)
15. Provider of king's food; maker of ash? (5)
17. God's command to Moses to replace the broken commandments; to cut (3)
18. Elizabeth's baby, a lad? (3)
19. Fingertip, held him to the cross. (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 1

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Congratulation!

Correct entries submitted by
Kavitha Kingsly
Caroline Immanuel, Boston
Edith Andrews, Chennai

Starting this issue if there is more than one correct entry, the winner will be drawn by lot

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1:30 pm – Worship Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	11	8:00pm - Church Council Meeting at Sam's residence	9:00 pm - Friday Night Prayer at Sam's residence	6:30pm– Monthly Tamil Worship & Fellowship
1:30 pm – Worship Service	7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	18	7:00 pm – Des Plaines Small Group Meet at Noel's residence	9:00 pm – Friday Night Prayer at Israel's residence	21
1:30 pm – Worship Service (Mission Sunday)	7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	25	26	7:30 pm – Sing Song at Ulahanathan's residence	28
1:30 pm – Children's Worship Service	7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	31			

Please note that this is a tentative schedule. For exact time and location, refer to Order of Service for that week.