



# TUCC Newsletter

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Photo credit: Shajan, Family Camp at Reynolds Woods

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."  
Matt 7:14 (KJV)

## Editor's Note

Noah saved enough food for his family and every animal on the ark. Joseph saved Egypt from 7 years of famine by storing food in the granaries during the seven years of plenty. Ants gather food during harvest for leaner days. People work hard to save for their future and for their children's future.

Recently, 'Norway's Ark' caught my attention. A vault is being built on the Norwegian island of Spitsbergen, to safeguard around 3 million seeds from important food crops against the potential ravages of war, epidemics or cataclysms. It is carved under the Arctic island's permafrost skin and can withstand even nuclear disasters. So just in case if we ever run out of food we can always go to the cold storage!

Yet, Jesus says do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own!

Yours in Christ,  
Preethi Samuel

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## Pastor's Message

Friends, it is another new month, with new challenges and blessings. Our Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is able, and will enable us to overcome the worldly desires, struggles and temptations and prepare us to be the children of the Kingdom of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus urges us to choose faith over doubt. Mustard seed faith, he says, can move mountains (Matthew 17:20). Faith believes that despite all the bad stuff in the world nothing can separate me from God's love; that God knows my every need and desire; that I can and should live gladly because of the knowledge of his love and that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Faith isn't hoping for the good. It's not a leap into the irrational, or "believing what you know isn't true." Rather, it's what you give your heart to, and at least in this sense everyone has faith in someone or something, even an atheist.

Habakkuk chose faith and decided to watch and wait: Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. (Hab.3:16-18)

Habakkuk and others challenge us to wait upon God rather than complain and murmur. We need faith to 'wait', because God is in control of everything - our lives, our family, our church and the whole World. How much faith do you need

to do this? Jesus says, 'Mustard seed Faith'. May our good Lord bless you all during this new month with His riches in glory. Amen.

- Pastor Godwin

## Songs that Speak

ஏனெனில், இரண்டுபேராவது முன்றுபேராவது என் நாமத்தினாலே எங்கே கூடியிருக்கிறார்களோ, அங்கே அவர்கள் நடுவிலே இருக்கிறேன் என்றார். மத் 18:20

### தேவ சமூகம்

பேரின்பமே உம் சமூகம்  
தேடிடுவேன் எந்ந நாளும்  
எண்ணில்லா மாந்தர்க்கு இல்லாத  
பாக்கியம் எந்தனுக்கு ஈந்தாரே தேவன்  
- ஆவா

தோத்திரம் இயேசு நாதா - 3  
தோத்திரம் தேவனே

திக்கற்ற காட்டில் நான் சென்றேனே  
திடீர்ந்து சோர்ந்து போனேனே  
வழித்துணை தேடி நின்றேன் -  
எந்தன் வழியாய் ஆவீரியா

ஒப்பற்ற அன்பை நான் ருசிக்கின்றேன்  
ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் நினைக்கின்றேன்  
சத்திய வாழ்வில் முன் செல்வேன் -  
எந்தன்  
சர்வமும் நீர்தானய்யா

மாசற்றோர் கேண்மை நான்  
கொள்கின்றேன்  
மானுடத் துன்பம் தொலைக்கின்றேன்  
ஒரு குடும்பமாய் ஆனோம் - எம்மில்  
ஒருமனம் தந்தீரியா

This song has been composed by Ulahanathan Santhanackumar. It speaks of God's presence among the family of believers. It has been set to tune and should be released shortly.

## Driving Lessons

I consider myself a defensive driver. I do not honk at people if they cut me off, I jam the brakes the moment the light turns amber and I follow the speed limits. But recently I realized how much I had to learn from my driving.



guy.

When I change to a faster lane I get frustrated if the slower lane starts to speed up. I wish it would remain slow, even though my situation would not get any better by them staying slow. When some body drives well below the speed limit on the left lane, I wish I could smack them on the back with the sign that says "Slower Traffic Keep Right". I even give them a cold stare as I pass them. When I get to the mall, I try to find a spot as close to the entrance as possible. I seldom think of the old people who might need the spot more than me. When I see a parked police car, I automatically take my foot off the gas pedal and slow down. It is not the "Move Over or Slow Down for Stopped Emergency Vehicles" rather it is the fear of attracting the cop's attention.

Some of you might be able to relate to me. You might be maintaining a stand at work or in the church or with your friends just because others expect you to. It might not be your real self. It is better to run a check and see if you are really who you are. You never know when you'll run into an unmarked police car.

And for the record, I do drive over the speed limit quite a few times.

- Samuel Davidson

**For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Eccl 12:14**

So how could a fairly decent, defensive driver like me end up being a not-so-nice guy on the road? I don't mind if others get ahead of me in life. People are not a nuisance that I try to get around or avoid. I try to help people as much as I can. I don't need the best seat or spot or dish or whatever at a dinner. I would skip a meal for others. I pride myself on having a servant heart. But there's one thing that I missed. I was being myself while driving. I did not have to put up a show until I saw the cop's car. This was the real me, a jealous, rude, and selfish guy masquerading as a nice

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## Annan Thambi - உபவாசமா பட்டினியா?



தம்பி:	அண்ணை எப்படி இருக்கீங்க? ஈவினிங் பார்க்கலாம்ணே, இப்போ நான் வேலைக்குப் போய்க்கிட்டு இருக்கேன்.
அண்:	ஓ அப்படியா, சரி ஒரு காபியாவது சாப்பிட்டுட்டு போப்பா. அவசரம்.
தம்பி:	அவசரம்லாம் ஒண்ணுமில்லைணே. இன்னைக்கு எதுவும் சாப்பிடமாட்டேன் ஏன்னா நான் பாஸ்டிங்ல இருக்கேன்.
அண்:	என்னது பாஸ்டிங்கா? இப்போவா?
தம்பி:	ஆமாணே பாஸ்டிங்தான், பாஸ்டிங் இருந்தா நல்லதுதானண்ணே
அண்:	பாஸ்டிங்குன்னு சொல்லிட்டு வேலைக்குப் போய்டு இருக்கியே, அதான் கேட்டேன்.
தம்பி:	நான் இப்போ ஆபீசுல புல் பிளியாயிருக்கேன் அதனாலதான் பாஸ்டிங் இருந்துகிட்டே வேலையையும் பார்க்கலாமுன்னு நினைச்சேன். அதுல என்ன தப்பிருக்கு?
அண்:	வேலைக்குப்போனா பாஸ்டிங் எதுக்காக இருக்கிறீயோ அது பலனில்லாமல் போய்டுமே
தம்பி:	அது எப்படிண்ணே. இந்த பிஸி நேரத்திலேயும் பாஸ்டிங் இருக்கிறேண்ணென்னு கர்த்தர் என் மேல சந்தோஷம்தானேண்ணே படுவார். பிறகு எப்படி பலனில்லாமலிருக்கும்?
அண்:	தம்பி, ஏசாயா 58:3ல "நாங்கள் உபவாசம்பண்ணும்போது நீர் நோக்காமலிருக்கிறதென்ன? நாங்கள் ஆத்துமாக்களை ஒடுக்கும்போது நீர் அதை அறியாமலிருக்கிறதென்ன என்கிறார்கள்; இதோ, நீங்கள் உபவாசிக்கும் நாளிலே உங்கள் இச்சையின்படி நடந்து, உங்கள் வேலைகளையெல்லாம் கட்டாயமாய் செய்கிறீர்கள்" என்று கர்த்தர் செல்லியிருக்கிறாரே. உபவாசம் செய்யும் போது நம்முடைய எல்லா வேலைகளையும் ஒதுக்கி வைச்சிட்டு, உபவாசமிருக்கிற முழு நேரத்தையும் கர்த்தருக்கென்று செலவு செய்யணும்.
தம்பி:	அப்படினா வேலை செய்து பாஸ்டிங் இருந்தா அது வீணா?
அண்:	அப்படி பாஸ்டிங் இருந்தா அதுக்கு பேரு பட்டினி. பட்டினி இருந்தா கொஞ்சம் உடம்பு குறையும், சாப்பாடு காசும் மிச்சம். உபவாசத்திற்கேற்ற பெலன் கர்த்தரிடத்தில பெற வேண்டாமா?
தம்பி:	இப்ப புரிஞ்சுதுண்ணே. நாளை லீவுல, நிறைய வீட்டு வேலைகள் செய்ய பிளான் பண்ணியிருந்தேன். அதெல்லாம் ஒதுக்கி வச்சிட்டு கர்த்தருக்கென்று முழு நாளையும் செலவழித்து பாஸ்டிங் இருந்து ஜெபம்பண்ணப்போறேன்.
அண்:	இத கேட்கும்போது சந்தோஷமாயிருக்கு தம்பி. சரி கர்த்தருக்குச் சித்தமானா பிறகு பார்க்கலாம்.

-Joe Kingsly

## News Briefs



Our very own editor organized a host of games and was crowned the Director of Boring Games! Volleyball and swimming were fun. Unfortunately, there were no board games or tennicoit for the elders! Hats off to Bro. Israel Rajkumar for successfully pulling off this year's family camp. Next year might be a whole different story.

### Drummers for Jesus

It was a clash of cultures on September 8<sup>th</sup>, when the Wisconsin chapter of Drummers for Jesus performed at Tamil UCC. It was not a day for the faint hearted. Pastor Jerome danced to the rhythmic drum beat and acted out



Nebuchadnezzar's pride, fall and revival and delivered a wonderful message. It was a great evening.

## Missionary Story

Missionaries have always been a great inspiration in every Christian's life. Many people believe martyrs belong to bible times and the early Christianity days. Graham Stuart Staines martyrdom caught the attention of millions on Jan 23 1999.

Staines (1941-1999) was an Australian missionary who had been working in Orissa among the tribal poor and especially with leprosy patients since 1965. He worked with Evangelical

### Family Camp

Family camp was a good break. Special speaker, Rev. Dr. Desmond Francis shared God's word. Mr. Robert Samraj, a notable song writer led worship. Hayride for the kids, a juggler's show and a fruit carving exhibition were all new at this year's camp. Also new this year was a college planning session for eager parents.

During his ministry he faced lots of obstacles by from the Hindus of Sangh Parivar. On January 23rd of 1999, Graham and his two sons, Phillip (11 yrs.) and Timothy (6 yrs.) were murdered by a large mob of militant Hindus. They had gone to a Christian camp in the jungle, where Graham was ministering. At midnight the mob attacked, setting fire to the jeep in which Graham and his sons were sleeping. They were burned alive.



one message for the people of India. I'm not bitter. Neither am I angry. But I have one great desire: that each citizen of this country should establish a personal relationship with Jesus Christ who gave his life for their sins...let us burn hatred and spread the flame of Christ's love."

The death caused a profound change in the hearts of many but the response of his wife Gladys, made many more get a glimpse of Christ's love and forgiveness towards mankind. Gladys said, "I have only

## Kid's Corner

Unscramble these words to find the fruit of the spirit

S	O	N	G	O	D	E	S
O				O			

T	A	N	E	C	I	P	E
	O		O				

V	O	L	E
O			

C	E	P	A	E
		O		

S	T	I	F	F	U	N	S	H	A	L	E
	O		O								O

Unscramble the letters that fall into the circles to get a book of the bible.

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# Crossword No. 5

1				2		3				4	
5		6				7					
								8			
9			10			11					12
13		14									15
16											17

### Tips

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 The first part of the clue is mostly from the Bible. Bible clues are usually from NIV or KJV. The second part of the clue is more general and jumbled up or an acronym or phonetically similar to the solution or hidden in a combination of words. Also, Look for give away verbs like remove, twist, hide, etc.

### Across

1. Fell before ark, an god? (5)
3. Came between snake and woman, no friendship (6)
5. It is everything to a preacher, like a mirror (6)
7. Goliath's nemesis in other tones (5)
9. Shepherds unfading gift, honor headdress (5,2,5)
14. Moses has entry in this living tome (4,2,4)
16. Site of Elijah's slayings, ok shin (6)
17. Prepared in enemy's view, a belt (5)

### Down

1. Permitted by hardness as a clamped rod and vice (7)
2. Anointed king of Israel, Astle of NZ (6)
4. Simon says, "I am a skin specialist" (6)
6. Summit in Moab, a fixed bone (4)
8. Heavenly sound, you ail Ella (8)
10. Oldest oil seller? Missing better half (5)
11. Samuel grew in this, help request (5)
12. Solomon laid it heavy, not an egg (4)
13. He'll inherit the Earth, but it calls him a doormat (4)
15. He says no God, can't be wise (4)

### Congratulations!

Correct entries by  
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### Solution to Crossword No. 4

J		M		P			D	U	T	Y	
A	L	A	B	A	S	T	E	R			I
V		C		L			M				A
E	B	E	D	M	E	L	E	C	H		M
L		D					T		A		T
I	D	O	L			B	R	A	N	C	H
N		N		B			I		A		E
		I		O		B	U	R	N		W
A	G	A	B	U	S		S		I		A
	A			N		N			A		Y
G	I	A	N	T		O	A	T	H		
	N			Y		B					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	2 7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	3	4	5	6 10:00 apm – Fasting Prayer at Anandhi's residence
7 1:30 pm – Worship Service	8 7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	9 7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	10	11	12 9:00pm – Friday Night Prayer at Prabakar's residence	13 6:30pm – Monthly Tamil Fellowship
14 1:30 pm – Worship Service	15 7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	16 7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	17	18	19 9:00 pm – Friday Night Prayer at Israel's residence	20
21 1:30 pm – Worship Service	22 7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	23 7:00 pm – Satellite Bible Study at Israel's residence	24	25	26 9:00 pm – Friday Night Prayer at Shajan's residence	27
28 1:30 pm – Worship Service	29 7:30 pm – Monday Bible Study at Pastor's residence	30 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 the Order of Service for that week.



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