

## Special Edition – Word Search

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This is a special edition in celebration of Tamil UCC successful completion of another year in service.

Find these words related to our church

### Clues

Our Jerusalem? (11), Years in service (3), VBS theme about North circle (6, 4)  
Home state away from home (9), Word of God (5), Shepherd (6, 1, 3)  
Gathering of believers, in basement? (10), Christmas songs in circles (5, 6)  
Our church, in short (4), Honor God through singing (7)



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"So let us celebrate the festival, not with the old bread of wickedness and evil, but with the new bread of sincerity and truth."  
I Cor 5:8 (NIV)

## Editor's Note

One year completed...

I still remember the invitation to all the 'budding journalists' and setting the goals for TUCC Newsletter. Since then we've been busy working towards them. New thought provoking series have been included. We have more involvement now than when we began. Also, now that we have the newsletter on our website it has given easy access to many. Consistent team effort has made this possible.

While we've made progress, what we have done till now pales in comparison to what we have yet to achieve. We need to learn more effective ways to reach out to our families and friends through this newsletter. I'm looking forward to

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another exciting year of spiritually uplifting articles, comforting songs, teachable stories, brain racking crosswords and so much more.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". Let us work for the glory of Our Lord and His Kingdom.

Yours in Christ  
Preethi Samuel

## In the eleventh year...

Ten years ago when the Bulls won their last NBA championship Tamil UCC began meeting at this Westchester facility. Since then the Bulls have been building and rebuilding! And so have we.



I love my church. I want to invest everything in my church and I want my church to invest everything in God. I make sure that I do my best for the church and the church does the same. It sounds simple. But it is as selfish as it sounds. In the movie Ben-Hur, Messala, the Roman friend of Judah Ben-Hur angrily shouts at a centurion for not respecting Ben-Hur, "This was his country before it was ours. Don't forget that". I can imagine God chiding me, "This is my church before it was yours. Don't forget that. And it will always be".

**In the eleventh year..., the temple was finished in all its details according to its specifications. (1 Kings 6:38)**

Every time I think of this as my church, I've learnt to realize that it is God's church, a small part of his universal church. There is no room for my personal wishes,

preferences, feelings or agenda. The body has many members. Every part has to do what it is supposed to do and stop worrying about the others.

Scott Skiles was fairly successfully in the post-Jordan era. He coached the Bulls to three consecutive playoffs seasons. But I read somewhere that he was fired this year because he lost faith in the players. Looking back at the past six years I've been here, I must admit that I had given up hope a few

times. I had looked at events and people. I had been quick to judge and I had judged without mercy.

I've realized that it is no use beating up people (figuratively!) for the good of the church. After all, people are the church. Paul's advice to the Philippians to consider others better than themselves makes sense. My righteousness, filthy rags as Isaiah calls it, doesn't benefit me. It is of no use to God and it is a stumbling block to my brother. I'd rather lose my righteousness and lift up my brother than thump the Bible and prove my point.

So, what have the Bulls achieved the past ten years? Not much frankly, but they have built a team. They've played like a team. And as long as they are a team there is still hope. They might not win the NBA championship for a few more years but they will continue to play and so will we.

- Samuel Davidson

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## Crossword No. 13

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### Tips

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.

### Down

- 1 Egyptian city and home to Graceland (7)
- 2 Meat is not possible for a tongue (4)
- 3 Hand him over and ye relax (9)
- 4 Peter lacked these livers (6)
- 5 Morning by morning me sees, me cries (7)
- 6 Unclean crawler, I am no leech (9)
- 10 Brought out of your home (2)
- 11 David's step ancestor added oil on chin (7)
- 14 A third of the remnant have this optimism (4)
- 15 Do it to get something, like a question (3)

### Across

- 1 Priest of Baal at a mountain, in short (6)
- 7 Abe bury her before you arm me (5)
- 8 Get giant clusters at Chloe's (6)
- 9 He makes him speak, this dumb one (4)
- 11 I went to ant and I scorned her (8)
- 12 He turns to deserts the waters (6)
- 13 Intolerant and resentful of NV eaters? (4)
- 15 Notorious priest of elder brothers? (5)
- 16 Jesus used these pro-action words (8)
- 17 Sarah did this to satisfy the angels' need (5)

### Congratulations!

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### Solution to Crossword No. 12

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## News Briefs

### KadhaKaletchebam



It was probably not the best singing or the best music Tamil UCC has seen. But it was unarguably the most emotional and touching performance ever. It literally brought some of the audience to tears, not that it is surprising here! Congratulations to the music team and Shajan in particular for showing us that we do have what it takes to move people for Christ. Keep it coming! Audio recording of this event is available online under the activities tab in the past events section.

### Octet Cantabile



Right on the heels of our own Thaveedhu Isaikuzhu's performance was the concert by Octet Cantabile and it was probably the best singing Tamil UCC has ever seen. Special thanks to Sampath annan for doing a wonderful job at the mixer. Audio recording of the concert is available online under past events.

### VBS 2008



VBS promises to be much fun and learning as kids and adults alike can enjoy a wonderful Amazon Expedition from Aug 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Explore the Bible from creation, dinosaurs and the flood to Christ and salvation. Not only will be the kids know the Bible better, they will also be better prepared to stand up for the truth.

## Annan Thambi

- தகாத சிந்தனைக்கு ஒப்புக்கொடுக்கும் தேவன்.



அண்:	என்ன தம்பி எப்படி இருக்க? சவுக்கியமா?
தம்பி:	நா நல்லா இருக்கேண்ணே. அண்ணே எனக்கு ஒரு டவுட். என் பிரண்டு ஒருத்தன் சொன்னான், தேவன் நம்மள நல்லது செய்யவும் அனுமதிப்பார் கெட்டது செய்யவும் அனுமதிப்பாருன்னாண்ணே. தேவன் ஒருபோதும் நம்மள கெட்டது செய்ய அனுமதிக்க மாட்டாருல்லண்ணே.
அண்:	அது... நம்ம தேவனோடு எப்படி ரிலேஷன்ஷிப் வைத்திருக்கோம்கிறதப் பொறுத்து இருக்குப்பா.
தம்பி:	என்னண்ணே, நீங்களும்மா என் பிரண்டு சொல்றது சரிங்கிறீங்க?
அண்:	தேவன் தனக்கு பிரியமா நடந்துக்காத ஜனங்களை "இழிவான இச்சைரோகங்களுக்கு ஒப்புக்கொடுத்தார்"ன்னு ரோமர் 1:26ல சொல்லியிருக்குல்ல தம்பி?
தம்பி:	ஏண்ணே, சாத்தான் தானே நம்மள கெட்ட காரியங்கள் செய்ய வைப்பான். தேவன் கெட்டது செய்ய அனுமதிப்பாருன்னா அவர நல்லவருன்னு சொல்ல முடியாதுல்லண்ணே.
அண்:	அப்படி இல்லப்பா. IIநாளாகமம் 15:2ல "...நீங்கள் கர்த்தரோடுருந்தால் அவர் உங்களோடுருப்பார்; நீங்கள் அவரைத் தேடினால், உங்களுக்கு வெளிப்படுவார்; அவரை விட்டமர்களாகில், அவர் உங்களை விட்டுவிடுவார்."ன்னு சொல்லியிருக்கும்போது." தேவன் கெட்ட காரியங்கள் செய்ய நம்மள தூண்டுகிறவர் அல்லவே அல்ல. ஆனா அதே நேரத்துல, நாம அவர தேடாம அவருக்கு பிடிக்காத காரியங்களை செய்ய நினைக்கும்போது நம்ம இஷ்டப்படி கெட்டதைச் செய்ய நம்ம போற போக்குல விட்டுறோரு. அதுதான் அதின் அர்த்தம்.
தம்பி:	வழக்கம்போல கன்பியூஷனா இருக்குண்ணே, கொஞ்சம் புரியும்படியா சொல்லுங்கண்ணே.
அண்:	தம்பி.... நாம எப்படி இருக்க ஆசைப்படுறோமோ அப்படியே இருக்க தேவன் அனுமதிச்சுடராரு. ரோமர் 1:8ல "தேவனை அறியும் அறிவைப் பற்றிக்கொண்டிருக்க அவர்களுக்கு மனதில்லாதிருந்தபடியால், தகாதவைகளைச் செய்யும்படி தேவன் அவர்களைக் கேடான சிந்தைக்கு ஒப்புக்கொடுத்தார்"ன்னு சொல்லியிருக்கும்போது தேவனைப் பற்றிக்கொண்டிருக்க மனதில்லாம கேடான சிந்தனையோடு இருக்கிறவுங்கள் அப்படியே இருக்கும்படி தேவன் விட்டுறோரு. நாமும் அவுங்களப்போல இருந்தோம்னா நமக்கும் அதே கதிதான்.

தம்பி:	இப்போ நல்லா புரிஞ்சுதுண்ணே, தகாத சிந்தனை இல்லாம தேவனுக்கு பிரியமா எப்போதும் நடந்துக்குவேண்ணே.
அண்:	ரொம்ப சந்தோஷம் தம்பி, அப்புறம் பார்க்கலாம்.
தம்பி:	சரிண்ணே அப்புறம் பார்க்கலாம்.

- Joe Kingsly

இந்தக் கதையில் தவறிருந்தால் நான் திருத்திக்கொள்கிறேன். இல்லையேல், கதையின்படி நாம் திருத்திக்கொள்வோம்.

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## திருமறையும் திருக்குறளும்

திருக்குறள் says,

பொறுத்தல் இறப்பினை என்றும் அதனை  
மறத்தல் அதனினும் நன்று (குறள் #152)

வரம்பு கடந்து பிறர் செய்த தீங்கை எப்போதும் பொறுத்தல் நன்று, அத்தீங்கை நினைவிலும் கொள்ளாமல் மறந்துவிடுதல் பொறுத்தலைவிட நல்லது.  
Forgiving trespasses is good always; forgetting them hath even higher praise.

திருமறை says,

யாக்கோபு 1:2-4ல் நீங்கள் பலவிதமான சோதனைகளில் அகப்படும்போது, உங்கள் விசுவாசத்திம் பரீட்சையானது பொறுமையை உண்டாக்குமென்று அறிந்து, அதை மிகுந்த சந்தோஷமாக எண்ணுங்கள். நாம் பொறுமையாய் இருந்தால் கர்தருக்குள் முழுமை அடைகிறோம்.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

- தேவப் பிரியன்

## They were there...



**Ulahanathan :**

I took responsibility for the carol rounds, preparing the schedule and contacting everyone.

**Sashi:**

I started helping out in the Sunday school from January of 2001 after the person responsible for the Sunday school left. We were a team of about three volunteers.

The ulahanathans are the oldest family in our church, not by age but by attendance and membership! They have been attending our church since November of 1998. In fact, only pastor has been here longer than them. In recognition of their long service to this church here is a short interview with them about their experience with our church.

**Preethi:**

What made you stay?

**Ulahanathan :**

It was the Tamil fellowship. We were so happy to be in a group of our own people.

**Preethi:**

Do you miss anything now that you had then?

**Ulahanathan :**

There were some elderly people in our church before. They were like father figures to me. I was touched by their hospitality and affection. I miss that kind of a fellowship.

**Preethi :**

How and when did you first come to our church?

**Ulahanathan :** The first event I attended was the Monthly Tamil fellowship. I was asked to give a ride to that day's speaker by someone at the church I was attending. That is how I came to know of this church.

**Preethi:**

What was your first reaction and experience at this church?

**Ulahanathan/Sashi:**

We both enjoyed the Tamil fellowship very much. It was very different from the experience at the American church we were attending.

**Preethi:**

What was your first involvement at this church?

Challenge to  
all the men of  
TUCC on

Father's day, beat the women  
at tug-of-war for once!

