



SEPTEMBER PRAYER MONTH

The month of September was declared as a month of prayer at Shelter House. The Church gathered together every morning to call on the name of the Lord with zeal. Fasting and prayer was conducted on the last three days of the month with morning and evening sessions everyday. The Session started with a prophetic theme verse from Haggai 2:19 – "Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. From this day on, I will bless you". Pastor Ashley spoke on how Rachel, though called into Jacob's relationship, carried her father's gods with her, because of which Laban visited her tent and other's tent and how she lost the beautiful, blessed life she was called into and how Jacob was meant to be at El Bethel, his place of God's revelation.

During the second day of the fasting prayer, Pastor spoke on the significance of the seven feasts of the Jews and how they are available to us in Christ Jesus. The evening sessions were taken by Dr. Margaret Jayakumari. She stressed that we should be persistent in our prayer life and pray until we receive our breakthrough. She encouraged the church to pray thrice and sing seven songs everyday. She spoke about the seven mysteries for God's people and how we partake in all the privileges of the Israelites.

On the final day of fasting prayer, the Church was jam packed and was blessed by the ministry of Sis. Janet Shanthi from Kovilpatti. There was a mighty move of the Holy Spirit and God's anointing was released in a greater extent. The Church was touched by her passion for the Lord and the testimony that she shared. She led the church in a spirit filled powerful worship session and gave a sermon on how we ought to live as the temple of the living God and not like whitewashed tombs. The Church through these sessions were edified and the passion towards prayer was refreshed and renewed.



- Sherley Roseline

From the Pastor's Desk



TEN YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! When Shelter House was born on November 8, 2008 we never imagined on celebrating a decade. With handful of souls we launched out in faith and God proved His faithfulness in every way. The impact we have made and continue to make is huge as we are impressed in our heart to stand for the precious word of God and its truths, come

what may. We could reach out with His love to the flood affected areas in Kerala by your help and support. We could also minister in the most hostile places with the word of God encouraging the pastors and leaders there besides maintaining a prayer momentum in our church. To God be the glory.

Through the years, we have understood the need of a solid team united in vision and passion to build a community of God's people. Many of us have come to this big city to work in the marketplace and to find better prospects in life. Yet we should never forget the eternal purpose of God behind this. He has hand-picked you to be an ambassador of the gospel of His grace. (2 Cor 5:20). He has equipped you with all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3) and you are His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10) to display His love and power in an evil and corrupt world (Phil 2:15).

Thanks for being a part of Shelter House. Your local church and leadership is with you to propel you into the destiny of God. As we move into the next level and phase of our ministry, let's stand united in purpose. Let nothing divide us as we move forward in winning souls, planting churches and strengthening the body of Christ. You have a purpose, a mission, a task to accomplish. Let's work together for our Master shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand. With God we shall do valiantly. (Psalm 108:13)

Blessings,

Pastor Ashley Benjamin

MISSION TRIPS



Delhi/UP Pastors and Leaders Meet

In the wake of unprecedented floods in Kerala, the Church reached out with Relief materials, provision and financial aid to the affected in Wayanad, Pandanadu and Kuttanad.

SHELTER HOUSE

10 Years

Decade of
Faith & Service

TESTIMONY

Praise the Lord!! I am Vinamratha and I thank God for making me a testimony. Though I was brought up in a Christian family, little did I realize the importance of living for God. God has done innumerable miracles in my life and a thousand tongues are not enough to praise Him for all that He has done in my life.

In the year 2016, I moved to Bangalore to pursue my dentistry studies. During my first year of studies, I freaked out, watched movies and had my own way of living. I forgot God and I didn't pray or read my Bible. When my parents enquired about my spiritual life I told them that I pray and read my Bible. My days passed by and my exams approached. I was disappointed when my results came as I had backlogs in my exams. I kept questioning myself as to why this happened in my life and turned to God for help. At first, I visited four to five churches in Bangalore but I was not happy as no one spoke to me. I felt very discouraged and depressed in my heart. On 15 October 2017, I came to Shelter House with a lot of pain and grief in my heart and I really had a very warm welcome. I felt at home and I decided not to leave the church as God brought me to the right place. After the service, everyone interacted with me and as I started coming to church regularly, situations in my life started to change.

In the month of February, I attended the Shelter House Conference and that was a life changing moment. God led me to understand the importance of reading the Bible, meditating on it and taught me how to pray and have a close walk with Him. After the Conference, I decided to live a life pleasing to God and never to go back to the worthless life I had been living in the past. I wanted to start a new life and I gave my life to Christ and took a decision to take baptism.

In the month of June, Pastor gave me baptism and that was the happiest moment of my life. Both Pastor and Sis. Sheba are the backbone of my spiritual life. They mentor and pray for me and I am blessed to have the church as my family. I thank God for blessing me with a wonderful church. All glory to God!!



VoH Meet

The VoH Meet was conducted on the 05th of August.

The meet started with praise and worship followed by a discussion on how to influence the world through our good works and conduct. The youth of Shelter House also discussed on how to live a life of witness and keep themselves untainted by the worldly pleasures.



LAUGHTER A GOOD MEDICINE

A Child's Point of View!

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

When You Speak, God Hears

- Max Lucado

Those who pray keep alive the watch fires of faith. For the most part we don't even know their names. Such is the case of someone who prayed on a day long ago. His name is not important. He is important not because of who he was, but because of what he did.

He went to Jesus on behalf of a friend. His friend was sick, and Jesus could help, and someone needed to go to Jesus, so someone went. Others cared for the sick man in other ways. Some brought food; others provided treatment; still others comforted the family. Each role was crucial. Each person was helpful, but no one was more vital than the one who went to Jesus.

John writes: "So Mary and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is sick'" (John 11:3, emphasis mine).

Someone carried the request. Someone walked the trail. Someone went to Jesus on behalf of Lazarus. And because someone went, Jesus responded.

In the economy of heaven, the prayers of saints are a valued commodity. John the apostle would agree. He wrote the story of Lazarus and was careful to show the sequence: The healing began when the request was made.

The phrase the friend of Lazarus used is worth noting. When he told Jesus of the illness, he said, "The one you love is sick." The power of the prayer, in other words, does not depend on the one who makes the prayer but on the one who hears the prayer.

We can and must repeat the phrase in manifold ways. "The one you love is tired, sad, hungry, lonely, fearful, depressed." The words of the prayer vary, but the response never changes. The Savior hears the prayer. He silences heaven so he won't miss a word. The Master heard the request. Jesus stopped whatever he was doing and took note of the man's words. This anonymous courier was heard by God.

John's message is critical. You can talk to God because God listens. Your voice matters in heaven. He takes you very seriously. When you enter his presence, the attendants turn to you to hear your voice. No need to fear that you will be ignored. Even if you stammer or stumble, even if what you have to say impresses no one, it impresses God--and he listens.

Intently. Carefully. The prayers are honored as precious jewels. Purified and empowered, the words rise in a delightful fragrance to our Lord. "The smoke from the incense went up from the angel's hand to God" (Rev. 8:4). Incredible. Your words do not stop until they reach the very throne of God.

One call and heaven's fleet appears. Your prayer on earth activates God's power in heaven.

You are the someone of God's kingdom. Your prayers move God to change the world. You may not understand the mystery of prayer. You don't need to. But this much is clear: Actions in heaven begin when someone prays on earth. What an amazing thought!

When you speak, Jesus hears.

And when Jesus hears, the world is changed.

All because someone prayed.

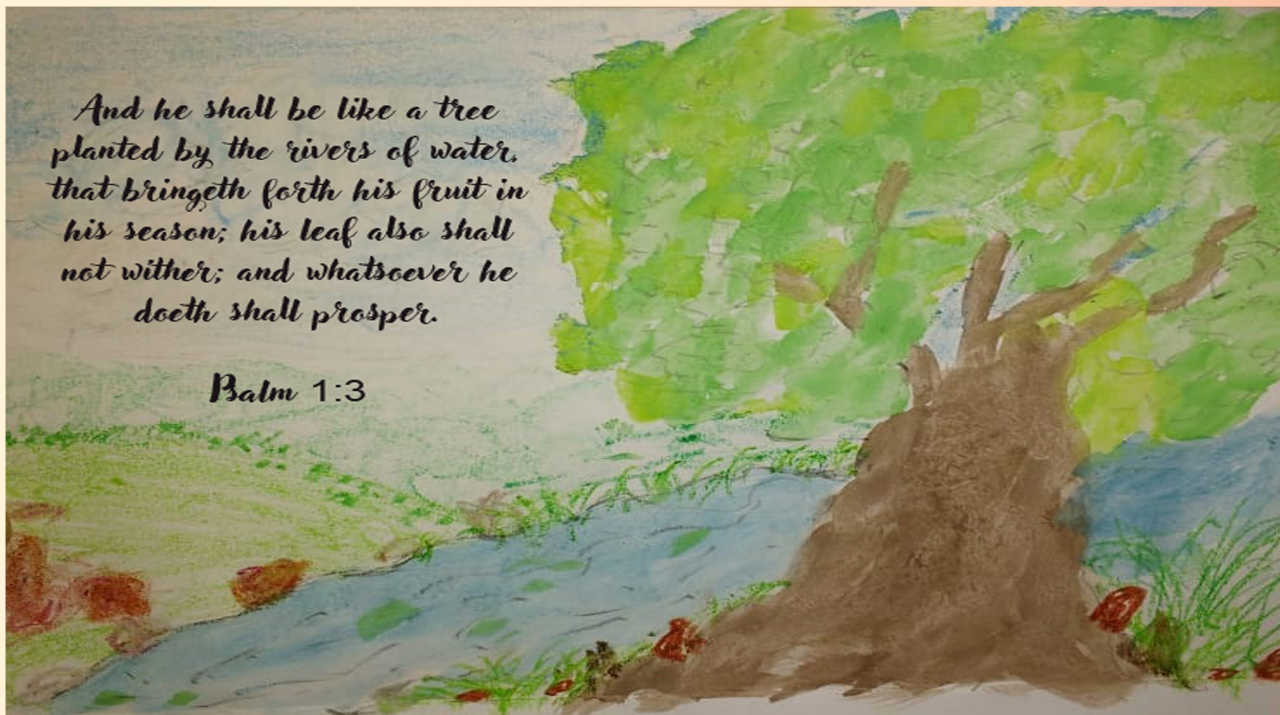
GET TO KNOW

Name:	M. Zebulon Athisayam	Christy Zebulon
Birthday:	25 February	23 December
Wedding :	02 June	
Children:	Sharon, Blessy & Derick	
Working as:	Civil Contractor	Home Maker
Interest:	Building Projects	Cooking
Favorite Food:	Biriyani	Seafood, Salads
Favorite Sports:	Cricket	--
Hobbies:	Driving, travel, watching TV	Writing, shopping



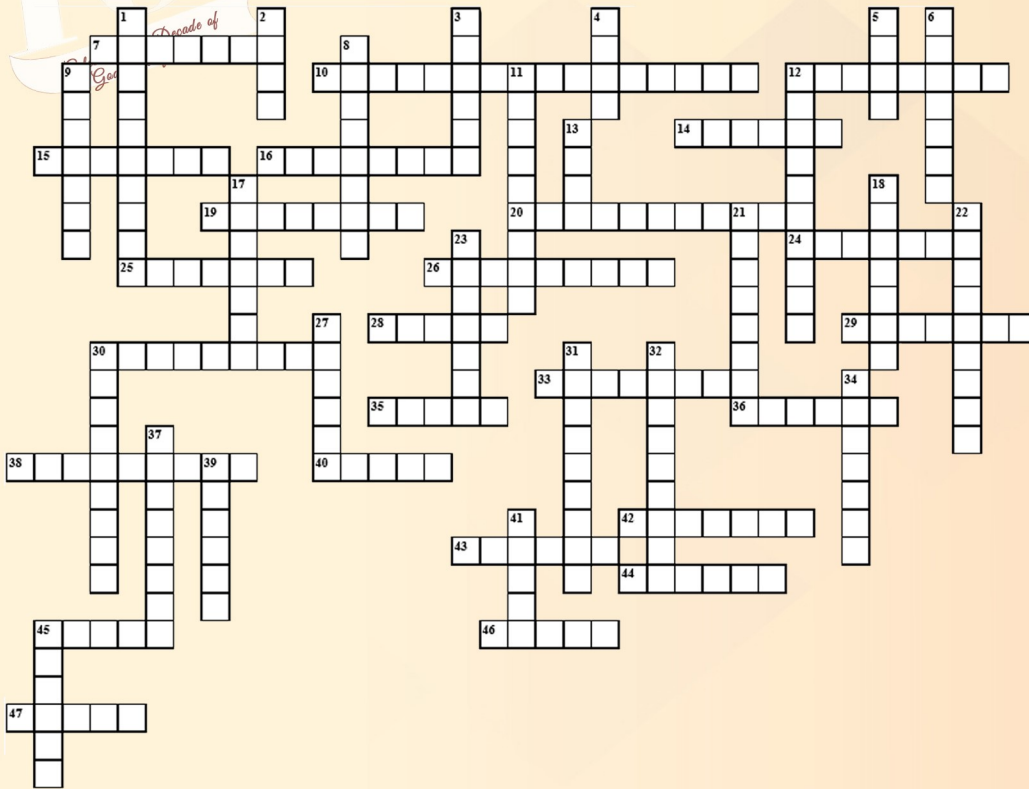
What does Shelter House mean to us:

Shelter House is our chance to meet God at His sanctuary every week. It is our 'Bethel' meaning House of God wherein we are refreshed, revived and empowered to face our world with the power of God.



- Art by Indira Priya

Complete the Crossword on Gospel Geography



- Across:
- 7 Mary, Martha, Lazarus Hometown
 - 10 When Jesus came to _____ He asked the disciples "Whom do men say that I am?"
 - 12 More tolerable for this place in judgment
 - 14 Simon who carried the cross was from _____
 - 15 Jonah's mission to here
 - 16 Mighty works done here
 - 19 Where was Jesus condemned
 - 20 Philip Tetrarch was from _____
 - 24 Lysanias was tetrarch of _____
 - 25 City where Jesus abode in Judea near the wilderness
 - 26 Jesus' city
 - 28 John was in the wilderness of _____
 - 29 Naphtali and this tribe saw a great light
 - 30 The city of Andrew and Peter
 - 33 House of Grace or House of Mercy
 - 35 Weeping heard here
 - 36 Jacob's well here
 - 38 Ten Cities
 - 40 Much water there
 - 42 Where was Jesus crucified
 - 43 Mountain where Jesus prayed
 - 44 Brook near Jerusalem
 - 45 Damascus is in _____
 - 46 Jezebel's hometown
 - 47 Destroyed by fire from heaven

- Down:
- 1 Prayer made in this place of an olive press
 - 2 Destroyed by Alexander the great
 - 3 River where Jesus was baptized
 - 4 Widow's son raised here
 - 5 King's mountain
 - 6 Zaccheus' hometown
 - 8 Jesus' hometown
 - 9 Judas Iscariot's place of origin
 - 11 Joseph was from _____
 - 12 Many healed in this land
 - 13 Place of first recorded miracle
 - 17 Jesus passed through here to Jerusalem once
 - 18 Jesus' home province
 - 21 Another name for the Sea of Galilee
 - 22 The City of David
 - 23 A city of Sidon visited by Elisha
 - 27 Man with the legion was in this place
 - 30 John first baptized here
 - 31 _____, you who killed the prophets
 - 32 House of unripe figs
 - 34 One of the Marys is from here
 - 37 The place of Skull
 - 39 Herod is from this place
 - 41 The wilderness mentioned in Jh 6:49 is located in _____
 - 45 The name of this pool means "Sent"

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Mark Your Calendars:

- October 28 - Sunday School Assessment
- November 1 - Talent Test
- November 4 - Special Sunday Service with Rev. Dr. Jacob Cherian
- November 11 - Special Service with Rev. Billy Graham
- November 17 - Seminar on Church Vision and Leadership - Rev. Sam Varghese
- November 18 - Tenth Anniversary Thanksgiving Service with Rev. Sam Varghese
- December 16 - Vision Sunday
- December 31 - Watchnight Service

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