



Come back to God! He is waiting with arms open wide - Dr. Jebaraj Samuel

A week long fasting and prayer was conducted at Shelter House from September 25 to October 1, 2017, with morning and evening sessions everyday. The month of September was declared as the Month of Prayer and the Church meditated on innumerable things on prayer and was well-equipped and ready to take on the prayer week. From the very first session, the power of the Lord filled each one gathered mightily. The Holy Spirit led everyone into deeper levels of prayer until the Church reached the Holy of Holies, offering prayers in tongues.

The theme for the fasting prayer was from Psalms 147:15 "He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly." The Church received this promise that the Lord was about to command things into place. He was going to command breakthrough in everyone's lives and the Church ministry as a whole. And we received this beautiful insight as to how praising the Lord (Hallelu Yah) can open doors to revelations from God. Since the Word of God runs swiftly, faster than light itself, the Word of the Lord that healed the Centurion's servant, operated miracles in many many families in the Church. This was even before we finished half-way through the prayer week! That shows what happens when we put our faith in God's word!!

The next set of sessions was taken over by Pastor Stephen from Madurai. The Lord confirmed His word from Exodus 14:30 "That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore." It was evident that all the attacks of the enemy over our lives, the causes that have hindered our progress and increase, would be seen lying powerless on the shore in Jesus' name.

The last sessions were a real turnpoint, it was that next level prayer our hearts ached for, our spirits longed for. With Dr. Jebaraj Samuel to preach, there was a mighty release of God's anointing and power that was long due in the Church. The word of God, apt for the end time revival to begin in the city of Bangalore, especially to start through us, came at the very command of the Lord. The Church was brought to the knees at His word, in complete surrender to the mission of the Lord. There was an impartation of God's anointing, burden and glory that set the entire flock of Shelter House Church gathered there on that day of prayer on fire for the Lord never to turn back ever again.

The final day of fasting on October 1, the Church was jam-packed. The Lord gave a second call to all of us to come back to the waiting Lord, to come back to the calling He has called us for and many of us did heed to His call. It was a day of joy and gratitude for all the Lord's mercies towards Shelter House and His servant in being with us for every single session on each of these days of prayer.



- Sharon Angel

From the Pastor's Desk

THE SECRET OF THE PRECIOUS ANOINTING

Greetings to all precious friends and partners of Shelter House in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We live in days filled with uncertainty and tension everywhere. The technology boom has gone beyond our control such that the scientists predict a Third World War caused due to Artificial Intelligence. The nuclear proliferation on the other hand has caused alarming signs specially with North Korea testing the hydrogen bomb. Moral and spiritual decline is another big issue that is threatening us. Yet God promises in His word about a remnant in every time period. Seth, Enosh, Enoch, Methuselah, Noah all were spiritual giants in their generation. The Old Testament records how God stood with the remnant and exhibited His glory.



In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit started moving upon all who call upon the Lord. (Acts 2:21) It is this group that would be saved from the peril the world is going to face. We should never be in a lower spiritual realm. We should pay the price and wait in His presence. As we wait He shall fill us more with His Spirit. It's a promise to our generations as well. Acts 2:39 KJV *"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."* As we call on the name of the Lord, He shall call us to Himself and that's the secret of anointing. This anointing will cause us to usher in a great revival. Let's never substitute anyone or anything for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit that comes as a result of a deep surrender.

Shelter House stands committed for the old golden truths of the Word of God double distilled. Thanks for being with us. You are in our prayers.

Blessings,

Pastor Ashley Benjamin

Epaphras Men's Fellowship



The men of Shelter House Church gathered for a time of fitness and fellowship on the 15th of July.

The men had a few physical activities and it was followed by meditation of God's Word.

Pastor Ashley shared on being a disciplemaker and the seven essential qualities needed to make disciples.

It was a blessed and a refreshing time to all who attended

Launch of Bible Apps

The Kannada Bible along with English Parallel was designed by Bro. Yuvaraj. It was launched at Shelter House Church on the 9th of July.

The other Bible apps - Hindi Bible and English Bible Parallel and The Holy Bible KJV NIV Parallel are also available.

You can download it from Google Play Store.

TESTIMONY

- Bro. Winston

Thousand tongues are not enough to praise God for all that He did. Where would I start, where would I end? A life in this world, me seeing this day, being in good health, a nine year old to call me 'dad', cohesive family, a decent profession, a roof for shade, the daily bread – none of these are by my might nor by my power, but by His grace. The manager (actually a mentor) to whom I reported for years, in my first company used to say 'Winston, you are a self-made man'; and I took lot of pride in that feedback, as I did cross many hurdles, sweat till my glands go dry, burned the midnight oil relentlessly, to climb the corporate ladder. Those were the days where I used to believe 'work is worship' and 'career is key', as and when I got time from work, I checked the 'church' box - more as a formality and for the eyes of the society. Seldom did I realize "Heaven and earth will pass away, but His words will not", what mattered was the year end 'word' (i.e., feedback and rating) and associated appraisal.



Years passed by, pay slips saw increases, responsibilities grew, showcases saw mementos, team size doubled but all those didn't stay for long, very close to a decade I hit saturation. The work that gave all the 'heights', started seeing the 'troughs', future became a question mark, mind never rested – a state of insomnia, when all hope is lost, I looked up to the Lord – there was immense amount of shame and guilt that I was seeking Him only when I needed help, I repented. The one who was a secondary priority all this while, became the primary. I started going to IPA Bethel City Cathedral, Coimbatore regularly, during a service Pastor David looked at the church and asked 'who among you want to submit yourselves to the Lord? Who among you wants the salvation?' and I ran to the front, he blessed me and I was baptized. That was the best decision I ever took in my life, consciously running to front with supplication.

An opportunity came my way with one of the world's largest professional services firm, I cleared all the rounds, received a good offer but had to relocate to Bangalore. Uprooting the family and moving to a new city/state wasn't easy but with a huge leap of faith, we relocated. Not even a week at the new office, I just couldn't find my feet. I came home and never wanted to go back to the office, I didn't sleep, calibrated resignation but who will hire anyone who resigned a company in one week? That was the time when no human could offer help but the comfort and strength came from above. I showed up to office with a new zeal, things gradually changed, year end arrived, I was awarded the top 'CVTPG' ranking - 'consistently very top of the peer group' and was chosen to travel and lead a project in Australia, and won many other accolades. Then moved to another Big 4 organization, went to US etc. But from a spiritual aspect we couldn't settle at a church that quenched our thirst for God and centers around His word.

Many are led to a church by various factors, in my case, it was 'Faith' (my wife's first name), she was the one who found 'Shelter House' on the internet and brought me here. Per the verse "And I will give you pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" – Jeremiah 3:15 we as a family were immensely blessed with the association of Shelter House for almost a year now and counting. This was not a decision we took but we were clearly LED!

'Shelter House', the fellowship and platform it offers for ministry and our beloved Pastor Ashley & Sister Sheba are the 'keys' for me and my family, to the doors of His kingdom. While the pursuit of God and His word is a journey, my spiritual graph after association with ShelterHouse is a testimony itself!

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" - for everyone that reads this testimony, please be encouraged to seek the Lord first, rest all will fall in place by itself! Thank you!

CLIMB LEADERSHIP NIGHT

The Church Leadership Initiative for Motivation and Building (CLIMB) Leadership Night was held on 19th August at Lemon Tree. It was a night exclusively for the leaders and volunteers of Shelter House Church. The welcome note was given by Sis. Sheba Ashley followed by Praise and Worship.

The chief guest of the night Bro. Ebenezer Devasagayam led the first session. He emphasized the need for Godly leaders and the qualities that are needed to be an effective leader. He expounded on the 7B's of an effective leader drawing instances from Biblical leadership.

Pastor Ashley led the second session of the meet. He pointed out that the Church is God's treasure and the vision, fellowship and commitment will cause disturbances to the enemy's camp. Flies come in and become dead caught inside. Such dead flies can spoil our spiritual life and we should be cautious about the dead flies. He highlighted on the dead fly syndrome and how we should identify and eradicate them.

The Vision Board 2017 was reviewed and the progress made by each department was evaluated. Suggestions were given for further betterment. The meet ended with a fellowship dinner.



Get to Know

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Favorite Sports:	Chess	Shuttle
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What does Shelter House mean to us:

God led us to Shelter House during early 2013, ever since we have seen a tremendous and significant change in our lives. We are living as a joint family along with my Brother (Praveen), Sister-in- Law (Bhavani), Mother (Lakshmi) and along with our blessings (Aman and Ayaan) and our Church feeds us on true God's word to stay strong in Jesus and build future generations with spiritual disciplines. We love our Church; a second home to all of us. God indeed has worked miracles in our lives & our Church supports us in all peaks and valleys.

How to Preserve the Habit of Reading the Bible

- Sankari Jegadoss

The very important thing in our life being a disciple of our Lord Jesus is to eat our spiritual food (ie the Word of God) and keep our spiritual life healthy. But are we keeping "Bible Reading" as a discipline in our life? No, not always. We do miss reading Bible some times and we give lame excuses to God. But these excuses will develop cancer inside our spiritual life and make our spirit unhealthy. In this world, we sometimes eat polluted and adulterated food likewise when we eat our spiritual food by reading Bible we pollute it by adding distractions like watching TV, spending time in social network, attending phone calls while reading Bible, not meditating upon the Word of God but reading it just for the sake of doing it and sometimes we don't read Bible at all.



To overcome all these distractions we need to follow these three methods so that we can improvise our Bible reading:

1. HAVE A BIBLE READING PLAN:

"Bible is meant to be bread for daily use not cake for special occasion."

Starting a Bible reading is like starting a new diet. Changing your diet takes discipline. You may find it difficult when you start but if the Bible reading plan is followed daily, it will make your spirit fit and healthy. So follow a Bible reading plan properly.

2. FOLLOW SOAP BIBLE STUDY METHOD:

Scripture: Write down one Scripture that was meaningful to you

Observations: See what was interesting in the passage, what did you learn and what was God saying to you.

Application: Check how you can apply this Scripture to your life and how will you let it change you.

Prayer: Respond to God in prayer, use the Scripture as the guide. Ask God to help you meditate and apply the Scripture to your life.

When the above four steps are followed, you will find the Bible reading interesting and you could explore more about what God wants to talk to you.

3. APPLY 5 P BIBLE STUDY METHOD:

1. POSITION yourself to hear from God
2. POUR over the passage
3. PULL out the spiritual principles
4. POSE the questions
5. PLAN obedience

Try applying the above 5 P Method so improvise your Bible Reading so that we can begin to think like how God thinks.

1 Corinthians 2:16 "But we have the mind of Christ." When the Holy Spirit comes into the believer he receives "the Spirit of sound mind." (1 Tim 1:7) We will have the capacity to think in accordance to God's word. So, let's take an oath to enhance and improvise our Bible reading. Amen!!

Laughter - A good medicine

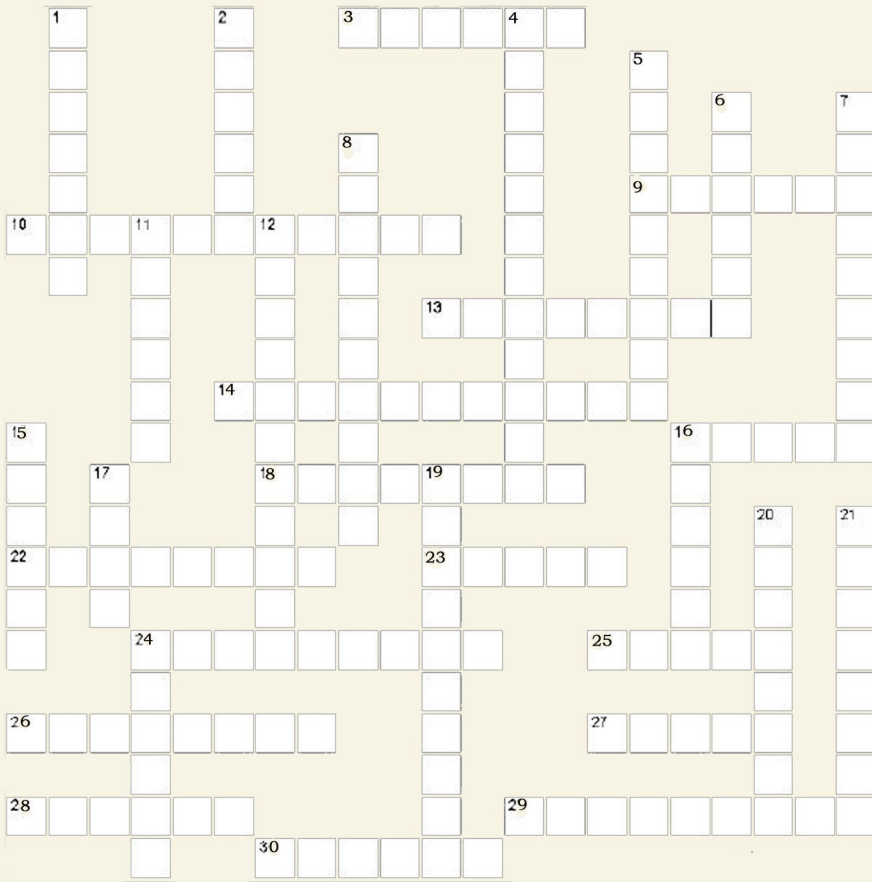
Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church.

Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his sister told him, "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

CROSSWORD - Occupations in the Bible



Across

3. Blind Bartimaeus was one
9. Peter stayed with one in Joppa called Simeon
10. Alexander's , who did much evil to Paul
13. Lydia's
14. Bezaleel was anointed as this and as a stone cutter
16. One was in prison with Joseph and was executed
18. David's job before he fought Goliath
22. Hagar was Sarai's
23. Because the Hebrews had none, Saul's army had no weapons
24. Peter's
25. Rebekah had one named Deborah
26. The name of Israel's children were put on onyx stone by this worker
27. Esther's
28. Aaron was the first high one of Israel
29. Nehemiah was one to Artaxerxes
30. Hiram sent these and carpenters to build David a house

Down

1. Joshua's
2. He makes snares for the birds
4. David's occupation under Saul
5. Paul's
6. Nimrod was a mighty one
7. Joseph Jesus' father's trade
8. The task of an Israelite while a slave in Egypt
11. To receive a prophecy, Jeremiah went to his house to watch him work
12. Demetrius, who enticed a riot in Ephesus was one
15. Ishmael was one
16. One was in prison with Joseph but released
17. Saul was the first one in Israel
19. Noah's occupation after the flood
20. Herod was this in Judea
21. Mary mistook Jesus for one
24. Cain's

Correct answers to previous edition crossword given by: Tia, Christy Aunty, Sharon Angel, Samisha & Shradha.

Whatsapp your answers for the crossword puzzle by 15th October to 8971705050

Upcoming

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- > October 22 Sunday School Annual Assessment
- > October 16-20 - Pastor's training in Himachal and Haryana
- > November 17-19 Church Anniversary Special Meetings with Rev. Pappy Mathai
- > December 16 - Vision Sunday
- > December 24 - Christmas Services
- > December 31- Watchnight Service

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