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SHELTER HOUSE CONFERENCE 2018

The 7th Edition of Shelter House Annual Conference was held from the 22nd to 24th of February 2018 at the Ecumenical Christian Centre. In keeping with the spiritual objective to ensure communion with the perspective of our Sovereign God, the theme for the Conference this year was based on Romans 12:2 - "Be ye transformed".

The Conference started on 22nd evening with a word of welcome and introduction to the theme by Pastor Ashley Benjamin. He spoke about how God's anointing could qualitatively change the innate character of those who trust in His transforming power. To explain this aspect he drew a parallel to the life of Saul who was completely transformed to serve the Kingdom of God, on being anointed by prophet Samuel. His expositions were motivational and inspiring to aspire for higher spiritual objectives. Pastor Ashley's morning devotions were very insightful and gave us the right impetus to ponder God's Word for the rest of the day.

Dr. John Joseph, the Founder President of The Repairers of The Breach Ministries, Trivandrum, effectively explained the imperative to apply transformation to personal and family life. He reiterated that transformation of our identity to be with that of Christ and the consequent transformation in personal life can alone reflect our true transformation as ascribed by the scripture. He also shared on how to model out family life in Jesus and provide Godly leadership in our homes. Furthermore, he also expounded on living with a transformed vision and purpose for the glory of God's Kingdom.

The worship time led by Pastor Gabriel Thomasraj, the Founder CEO of Impact Foundation, Chennai was immensely spiritually impacting and the abiding presence of God was obviously felt. He also enlightened upon us on how God changes us, refines and transforms us by His Truth. He went on to explain that God's provision must be combined with our commitment to His will inspite of trial and test of faith, in order to achieve spiritual transformation. He emphasized the fact that transformation is a constant and continued process that facilitates progress in the life of a Christian.

Sis. Sheba Ashley shared her testimony and thoughts on how to bring about moments of breakthrough in one's life by going the extra mile to please God and fulfill His expectations in each of our lives.

The children had their share of blessings as they learnt many truths from the scripture aided by the CEF team. The Conference ended in the noon on 24th February with everyone participating in the Lord's Communion.



- Sis. Christy Samuel

Pastor's Desk



Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank God for His goodness in our lives that helped us to see great things in and through the ministry. We could go to many places in His name and declare the good news and strengthen the believers. We also had a memorable Conference that changed the outlook of all who attended. Besides starting off the activities of various departments in the Church operations, we could see the goodness of the Lord revealed in many believers as they were healed and strengthened. We also recognise the responsibility that lies on us as to whom much is given, much is expected. Responsibility is a theme that runs through the scriptures. Man always tries to run away from responsibilities whereas God expects us to take charge. When man sinned, he passed the blame on to "the woman whom you gave to be with me". God asked Cain, "Where is thy brother" and Cain replied as to whether he was his brother's keeper. Joseph stood apart as he took responsibility to feed his people who were starving. Mordecai encouraged Esther to take responsibility and do whatever possible so that an entire nation would not perish. We are responsible for our families, church and communities where He has placed us. He expects us to be responsible and also go beyond our boundaries to the whole world preaching the good news and making disciples. If we hide from our responsibility and run away from it, many souls would be in danger.

St. Paul says, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16).

The message thus is clear - the responsibility lies with you and me! Let's move forward by the power of the Holy Spirit to influence lives and impact generations.

Blessings!

Pastor Ashley Benjamin



MISSION TRIPS



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KANNADA PRAYER SERVICE

The Kannada Prayer Service was started on 16 March. The church gathered to seek God's face for the revival in our country and for God to heal our land. The Kannada prayer service will be conducted once in a month. Do join and be blessed!



Epaphras Men's Fellowship

A special event on leadership called "LIFE SESSION" was conducted by the Men's wing of Shelter House Church on 10th February 2018. The session was primarily focused on sharing insights on some of the key cutting edge technologies and path breaking innovations which are currently revolutionizing the world. The event began with an introduction speech by Bro. Wilson. It was later followed by two wonderful tech talks delivered by two senior members of EMF. Bro. Bewin, who is a Senior Technologist at Schneider shared a brief introduction on various processes adopted by corporates for their seamless project execution and an overview of the latest and most widely used process methodology called "AGILE". Bro. Mark Samuel, Deputy General Manager at DailyHunt expounded on the latest technological revolution - the Artificial Intelligence, its growth, opportunities and threat. In the last session, Pastor. Ashley Benjamin shared a powerful and inspiring message on "Being a CATALYTIC Leader". The event was finally concluded with few concluding remarks by Bro. Vijay Kumar. Without any doubt this session was enlightening, thought provoking and above all a great blessing to all men who attended.

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PASSION SESSIONS & GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Passion Sessions were conducted every Wednesday during the lent season where the preachings of great men of God were projected on the big screen.

The Good Friday Candlelight Service was held on 30th March where the Church gathered together to commemorate the sufferings of Jesus on the Cross. The seven sayings of Jesus on the Cross was meditated and Pastor Ashley spoke on how we are entitled to the healing because of the stress in the soul of Jesus, stripes in His body and streams of blood and water that flowed from His side. The service ended with a special prayer for everyone who needed a healing touch from God and it was a blessing to everyone who attended.



VESSELS OF HONOR

Throughout the Bible, we've been compared to salt, light, soil, tree and sometimes vessels. We all have that one vessel in our homes that is used the most than others. Jesus has called us to be a vessel to work for the expansion of His Kingdom. Each vessel ought to possess the required attributes, which can only be achieved with the hands of the right potter and process. However, sometimes one isn't enough to serve the needy. That's why VoH functions as a team.



The inaugural session of VoH 2018 was held on the 25th of March and it was a great blessing having directed by our beloved Pr. Ashley. Bro. Bewin shared on how to overcome the challenges that come our way as a youngster with God by our side. Bro. Suphil and Sis. Vinamratha took up the responsibility of guiding and leading the team to bring about a change in the world.

Get To Know

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What does ShelterHouse mean to us:-

Shelter House is the best place to worship the Lord wholeheartedly and listen to the pure preaching of God's word. It has taken our family to the next level of faith. Every Service in Shelter House keeps us amazed, inspires us for rededication of faith. Shelter House truly has helped us to draw closer to God and build better relationship with God.

Testimony

I am Vijaya and I am working as Manager Operations in an MNC in Bangalore.

Psalm 55:22 says "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

During December 2017, two of my team members conspired against me to throw me out of my company and occupy my role as Manager. When I came to know about this plot through another team member, I was totally devastated. Being a mother and sole breadwinner of my family, I was worried and stressed out with tension with the thought of losing my job. That is when I caught hold of the promise in Psalm 55:22 and I sought the help of God. I cast all my burdens on Him and expected Him to fight the battle on my behalf.

I prayed to God and I surrendered my pain, stress and hurts to Him and asked Him to help me in this situation. It was one of the toughest moment in my life and I kept trusting God. Two months later, I came to know that those who conspired against me were thrown out of the company on account of some fraudulent activity. As the Bible tells, "He who touch His children touches the apple of His eyes", God fought on my behalf. I thank God that the weapons formed against me did not prosper. By the grace of God and His love, I was also able to share the gospel of Christ to both of them before they left the company.

Be it any problem, challenge in life, guidance through good shepherd is very important and I am very much grateful to God that I am encouraged and enriched by our dear Pastor's Sunday sermons and prayers.

Hannah and myself are blessed to be a part of Shelter House. When we depend on God for everything, He will guide us to the right place of blessing. I thank God for making me a testimony. All glory to God!



Something Beautiful Women's Fellowship



Something Beautiful Women's Fellowship conducted its first ever gathering for the year 2018 at Mustard Cafe in Koramangala.

This year's meet had women from all walks of life, the young and the elderly, the students, working and the homemakers come for Women's Fellowship. It kicked off with an ice breaker and a beautiful time of worship. The women had an activity which introduced them to the theme of the meeting - "Do you see this woman?" and it's impactful message delivered by Sis. Sheba Ashley. There was also a wonderful session on prayer by Christy Aunty.

The blessed session closed with Pastor Ashley's encouraging words motivating women to pray, lead and serve the Lord for the expansion of His Kingdom.

The ANOINTING Session

On the 26th of January, the Church gathered for a teaching session on the Anointing.

Pastor Ashley spoke on the purpose of anointing and how to have an anointed life and ministry.

The Church learnt about the characteristics of anointing and the different types of anointing and how when the anointing abides in us it teaches us all things.

The Session closed with a prayer for the impartation of the anointing on everyone who attended. It was a blessed time and the teachings encouraged the church to be a kingdom person with the anointing working in their lives.

JOY COMES BECAUSE JESUS COMES - Max Lucado

Maybe it was the way He said her name. The inflection. The tone. The Galilean accent. Maybe it was the memory associated with it, the moment she first heard someone say her name without demons screaming it in her mind.

"Mary." She'd come to the tomb early that morning. Before the sun was up. She found the tomb to be empty except for some angels she mistook for grave robbers. She told them that she would retrieve the body if they would disclose the location.

That's when Jesus spoke her name. "Mary." When she heard the voice she knew the source. "She turned and said to Him, 'Rabboni!' (which is to say, Teacher)" (John 20: 16 NKJV). In a second. In a pivot of the neck. In the amount of time it took to rotate her head from this way to that, her world went from dead Jesus to a living one.

She threw her arms around Him. We know this to be true because of the next words Jesus said: "Don't hold on to me, because I have not yet gone up to the Father" (John 20: 17 NCV).

Maybe she fell at His feet and held His ankles. Maybe she threw her arms around His shoulders and held Him close. And Jesus let her do so. How wonderful that He did! That the resurrected Lord was not too holy, too otherly, too divine, and supernatural to be hugged.

Someone should paint this scene. Capture it in oil and frame it on canvas. The brilliant golden sunrise. The open tomb. Angels watching from a distance. The white-robed Messiah. The joy-filled Mary. Her arms around Him. His eyes upon her. If you are the one to paint this scene, be sure to include the reflection of the sunrise in the tears of Mary. And, by all means, paint a broad smile on the face of Jesus.

"Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things to her." (John 20: 18 NKJV).

To her! Of all the people to whom he could have spoken, He went first to her. He'd just ripped the gates off of the hinges of hell. He'd just yanked the fangs out of Satan's mouth. He'd just turned BC into AD. Jesus was the undisputed King of the universe. Ten thousand angels stood in rapt attention ready to serve. And what was His first act? To whom did He go? To Mary; the weeping, heartbroken woman who once had seven demons.

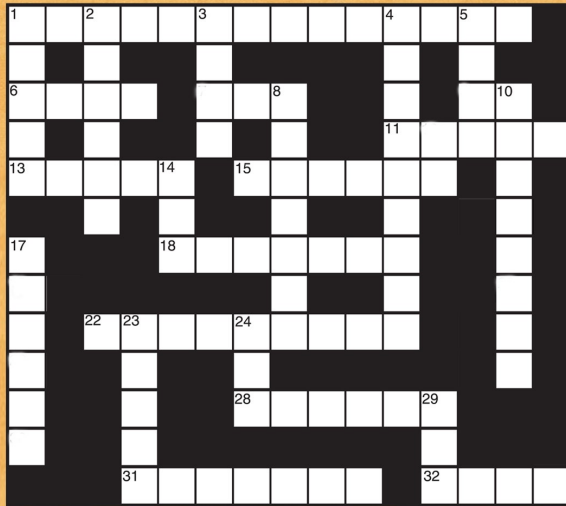
Why? Why her? As far as we know, she didn't become a missionary. No epistle bears her name. No New Testament story describes her work. Why did Jesus create this moment for Mary Magdalene? I can't help but think it was to prove this promise: "Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5 NLT). Joy comes because Jesus comes. If we don't recognize His face, He will call our names. "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." (Isaiah 49:16 NIV).

Your name is not buried in some heavenly file. God needs no nametag to jog His memory about you. Your name is engraved on His hand. You are everything to God. I'm saying that the greatest news in the world is not that God made the world, but that God loves the world. He loves you. You did not earn this love. His love for you will not end if you lose your temper. His love for you will not fade if you lose your way. His love for you will not diminish if your discipline does. You have never lived one unloved day.

"God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love. He doesn't endlessly nag and scold, nor hold grudges forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs. As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is His love to those who fear Him. And as far as sunrise is from sunset, He has separated us from our sins. As parents feel for their children, GOD feels for those who fear Him". (Psalm 103:8-13 MSG).

God loves you and because He does, joy will come.

CROSSWORD



Whatsapp answers to 8971705050 before 20 April.

Correct answers to previous edition puzzle given by: Tia & Sharon Angel

Across

1. Babylonian king who conquered Jerusalem
6. In Hosea, the harvest feast in honor of Baal is called a "harlot's _____"
11. The minor prophet who compares his relationship to his unfaithful wife with that of God and Israel
13. The minor prophet spoken of by Jeremiah and the first to predicted the downfall of Jerusalem
15. The major prophet who wrote about the suffering servant before, during, and after the exile
18. This minor prophet wrote about 460 B.C.E. and insisted that Elijah would return before the Day of the Lord
22. The minor prophet who predicted the Messiah's entry into Jerusalem riding on an ass
28. What Ezekiel had to eat before he could begin prophesying
31. The first prophet to receive his call outside of Israel and described the four cherubim before the throne of God
32. The name for Jerusalem when it is considered the dwelling place of the Lord

Down

1. The opening line of this minor prophet stated that his preaching would be about the fall of Nineveh
2. Jeremiah's private scribe
3. What the Lord God is to me, according to Isaiah
4. This minor prophet preached during the reign of King Josiah, two of his three chapters dealt with the Day of the Lord to come
5. This minor prophet was a shepherd from Tekoa in Judah, but preached in the Northern Kingdom
8. What idolatry brings, according to the prophets
10. This major prophet was told by the Lord to remain unmarried
14. Noah's son, supposed ancestor of the Canaanites
17. The first minor prophet after the exile ended; he encouraged the people who returned from Babylon to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
23. If the Exodus was the central event of the Torah, what was the central event of the prophetic books of the Bible?
24. One of the only two talking animals in the Bible
29. The former name of the shrine of Bethel

Conference Bytes..

- * God's provision should be combined with our participation. Potential without participation won't yield results. - Pr. Gabriel Thomasraj
- * Your image of who you serve determines how you behave and your image of who you are determines with whom you want to spend your life with. - Dr. John Joseph
- * Transformation happens when you face the anointing. - Pr. Ashley Benjamin
- * Our greatest desire should be to have heaven's agenda in our family. - Dr. John Joseph
- * Transformed level of faith is turning our hearts to give rather than receive - Pr. Gabriel Thomasraj
- * Parents must learn to break the children's will without breaking their spirit and cleanse the bad influence at school by the good influence at home. - Dr. John Joseph

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- April 13/June 9 - EMF City Prayer Drive/Sport Fellowship
- April 15 -21 - Mission Trip
- May 22-26 - VBS
- June - Launch of Servant Leadership Course

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