

INDIA CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS FOR 2017

Charity Lunch	April 30
Musical Night	April 30 @ 6.30pm
Sunday School Field Trip	May 27
Family Breakfast	June 03
Retreat	July 14-16
VBS	July 17-19
Mission Trip	Aug 01-07
Picnic & Cookout	Aug 12
Blood Drive	Aug 19
Sunday School Anniversary	Sept 16
Charity Night	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day Service	Nov 25
PYPA VBS	July 05-07
PYFA Conference	Aug 11-13
IPC Eastern Region Convention	Oct 06-08
PCNAK	June 29-July 02
IPC Family Conference	July 27-30

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 10:45 am
Sunday School @ 09:30 am

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WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : April 16, 2017



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY - NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA
FRIDAY - FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA
SATURDAY - LADIES MEETING @ 05:00 PM AT ICA
SATURDAY - PRAYER MEETING @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Ushers: Sam Thomas & Leslie Abraham

CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

Saji Pathalil and Family

WEEK OF 04/23/2017

Thomas K. Kurian and Family

The Significance of Resurrection

Bro. P A Samuel

Resurrection is the bedrock of Christian faith. Resurrection is the reason for our eternal hope. Resurrection is the reason for our unshakable faith. Resurrection is the reason for the joy in many a heart in spite severe persecution.

Last week I got to think more about the significance of resurrection for a Christian, the hope we have even in the face of death and how we view death. While attending the funeral service in Florida last weekend we could all feel the peace and comfort everyone has even when bidding farewell to a husband and father. That is brought about by the resurrection of Jesus and the great hope that we all will one day be resurrected. The words and phrases we use when announcing the death of our dear ones caught my attention while reading the Facebook post of IPC Orlando. I may have read those words hundreds of times before but this time it made me pause and think of the significance of those words and how Christ made it possible for us to have a real heavenly perspective of our life on this earth and beyond.

We say, 'went to be with the Lord'. These words have an underlying suggestion that we are supposed to be with the Lord. It does not say that we are lost or gone into some never returning state. Being with the Lord is much better than being in the world. Paul affirmed that to the Philippians. The experience of being in the presence of God transformed Moses, even made his face shine with God's glory. Peter said it is good to say where they were when he saw the radiance surrounding Jesus. Daniel and John felt almost dead before the intense glory of God, such marvelous is the presence of our God. So it is definitely good and pleasant to 'go to be with the Lord'.

'Homegoing service'. The soul has already gone home, yet we call it a home going service when we bid farewell to the mortal body. Since it is a home-going service we proclaim that this earth is not our home. We acknowledge that we are just passing through this world. We confess that we are strangers living in a foreign land for a short while. Just like a visitor has a longing for the home town or country we should have a great longing for our eternal home and always be ready to depart without even a moment's notice. As Paul says let us always be conscious and mindful of things above and our heavenly abode.

On a side note: when people say we lost some one, I always say it is not a loss if the person lived and died in Christ. But when Mini testified of the prayer life of their father (in the meeting at their house) I sensed that we lose the hedge of prayer of our loved ones surrounding us. Suddenly the banker in me concluded that they have made huge deposits in the heavenly bank and we are privileged to withdraw from those deposits. We have to be mindful of two things: would we deplete the deposit soon? And, how much are we depositing

for our future generations?

Resurrection is very significant for our Christian life. It guarantees our future in eternity and the great hope of eternity helps us to live a meaningful and fruitful Christian life even in the midst of fierce trials.

Diocese of Chengalpet. Good Friday service conducted at the usual place, amidst hundreds of police peacefully was disturbed by RSS .Could not complete the Communion service. Altar and Holy Communion pulled, Priests and people, women, nuns and children aggressively pulled away from the hill. People are in dharna asking for justice and their right for worship Today .President of India extends Easter Greetings and asked to remove hatred. www.persecution.in

On 9 April 2017, which was also Palm Sunday, at least 5 incidents targeting Christians were reported from Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Targeting Christians on special days of worship as Palm Sunday and Christmas is condemnable. We urge the respective State Governments and the Central Government to intervene in the situation and to control the non-state actors who seem to operate with impunity. www.persecution.in

Prayer Needs:

- ◆ **Spiritual growth** ◆ **Healing** ◆ **Financial security**
- ◆ **Marriage of children in our community**

Please pray for

- **Bro. Rajan Koshy's 10-month old grandson who is in hospital.**
- **Bro. John Pappy's granddaughter (Sheeba's new born baby) who is in hospital**

Bible Reading Plan Week 16

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
April 16, 2017	1 Kings 19-20	Michigan
April 17, 2017	1 Kings 21-22	Minnesota
April 18, 2017	2 Kings 1-3	Mississippi
April 19, 2017	2 Kings 4-5	Missouri
April 20, 2017	2 Kings 6-8	Montana
April 21, 2017	2 Kings 9-10	Nebraska
April 22, 2017	2 Kings 11-13	Nevada