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ICA SUNDAY SERVICE
Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am
Sunday School @ 11:15 am



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WELCOME TO
ICA SUNDAY SERVICE
Date : August 24, 2014

WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS
Wednesday, 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting @ICA
Friday, 10:30 am Fasting & Prayer @
Pastor Samuel John's Residence
Saturday Night Meeting @ ICA



My House...a House of Prayer

If a Christian is asked what his/her church is called, how it is known and/or what happens there, what would be the answer? Most probably the answers would be the name of the church or the denomination it belongs to or something like that, and may be a list of activities would be mentioned, especially what one thinks is important or which impresses others. I suspect if the answer would be 'house of prayer' and prayer mentioned as an important or prime activity in the church. Remember what Jesus said about the temple? He said it shall be called a house of prayer.

The temple which was meant for genuine worship and honoring God was hijacked by the priests and other leaders for their gains. In the name of worship and honoring God many things were going on in the temple. There was worship, there was sacrifice, vows were being honored and fulfilled, and one group of people was happy and satisfied. However, it was all to fatten the wallets of the teachers and priests. True worshippers and true worship had no place in the temple. We know what was the attitude of Jesus towards what was going on in there and how he dealt with it.

What would Jesus say about our church (es), if he were to visit us on a Sunday morning? What do we say about our church? We have tradition to speak about, we have legacy to speak about, we have doctrines to boast about, we have accomplishments to brag about. But would we say our church is a house of prayer? We have mission and missionaries, we are very charitable, we give a lot of money for various purposes (I hope I will still give if tax deduction is not allowed), we have a lot of programs in which we are involved. Our church is great. We are very proud of our church and who we are. But would prayer be the prime activity of our church, would other people know there is a house of prayer? If we stopped all other activities and opened the doors of the church twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week continuously just for prayer, what would the attendance look like? How eager we would be to be in the house of God?

Oh, I pray God will give me a great burden to pray all the time. I pray that he would make me a 'man of prayer'- an intercessor. I pray that God would stir my heart and make me uncomfortable when my brethren are being persecuted and martyred in some parts of the world. Oh, that I would understand even a little, the

longing of many believers who do not have the freedom and the resources to serve and worship God. If my freedom is taken away how would I react? Would I still serve God and be faithful to him? I wish I could pray like Jesus did and be conformed to his nature.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us become men and women sold out for prayer. Let prayer be vital in our life like the air we breathe. Let us come together (church as a whole) and pray. Let us have the confidence to say our place of worship is a 'house of prayer'.

Samuel P.A

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Valsamma John's mother, Ammini George, Babu Thannickal
Leelamma Thomas - N J (Sister-in-Law of Kurian T Thomas
Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair)
Roselin Johnson (Friend of Somy Mathew)
Shiny Chacko's mother,
Sam Mathew, Pr. Bally (Trinidad), Shiny Chacko,
Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol)
Ms. Pearl Jacob (17 yrs. Leukemia Patient, Toronto)
Gene Hernandez (Friend of C.V. Varghese)

Mission Sunday September 14

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

September 4 – 6 Special Meetings @ ICA
September 20 Sunday School Anniversary
**October 10 – 12 IPC Eastern Region Convention @
Chaminade High School**