

Leading To Christ

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My dear International Church family, Greetings!

We had a wonderful time with Pastor Michael Mathew last month. He will be our guest speaker for our annual convention this year. Another important event for this year is Brother K. Philip will be visiting the international Church in the month of October.

God given us the privilege to serve some of the homeless of Atlanta. May the Lord reward those who serve in that ministry. This reminds me a passage from the book of Ezekiel chapter 16: 49. Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

We normally associate Sodom with homosexuality. In this scripture we see the sins of the people of Sodom. First of all the root of Sodom's sin was pride. Pride is identified by the letter *I*. I can do it. I can get through this day successfully. I can handle my job. I can raise my family. We need to understand the secret of our success is, it is simply that God has shown grace to us. The second sin of Sodom was fullness of food. And the third sin of Sodom was abundance of idleness. We are witnessing a society putting a high priority on sports and recreation. The problem with this is that we no longer have time to pray, study the word or serve the Lord because we are too busy with our recreation. The fourth sin of Sodom was they have no heart for the poor and needy. Sodom had no time or resources for the poor and needy and they were selfish.

What was the sin of Sodom? It was not only their homosexuality, that was simply the fruit of their pride, fullness of food, abundance of idleness and neglecting the poor.

So what is the solution? The solution is simple and you can find it in II Chronicles 7:14.

May the Lord bless us.

—Alexander Thomas

International Church, Annual Convention. August 27 - 29, 2010

Friday August 27, 7:30 PM

Saturday August 28, 7:00 PM

Sunday August 29, 11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Pastor Michael Mathew

His Godliness and holiness of life is a pattern for many young men and women to follow. A powerful preacher and a great musician!

Kingdom Generation Ministries, Washington DC

Praise report & Prayer requests

- Thank the Lord for His faithfulness through out the half of this year.
- Please pray for good health for Bro. Harold and his mother—Sis. Sumathi.
- Please continue to pray Bro. Emmanuel Eadeh.
- Please pray for salvation to Bro. Prakash and family, Sis. Keertan and family, Sis. Sukhpal and family.
- Please pray for the Lord's favor and guidance to those with immigration issues and those looking for jobs.
- Please pray for Brother Iqbal and family.
- Please pray for the annual convention.
- Please pray for the homeless ministry.

International Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am
 Sunday School for young and adult 10:15 am
 Bible Study Tuesday (Tucker) 7:30 pm
 Bible Study Wednesday (Church) 7:30 pm
 Bible Study Thursday (Dunwoody) 8:00 pm
 Healing Service Friday 7:30 pm
 Woman's ministry 7:30 pm, 2nd Friday of the Month
 Youth Ministry 4:00 pm, last Saturday of the Month

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sunday July 25, 2010, 11:00 AM
 Guest Speaker: Pastor Sushruth Pradhan (Hyderabad)

August 27 - 29, 2010
 Guest Speaker: Pastor Michael Mathew
 Kingdom Generation Ministries, Washington DC

October 1 - 3, 2010
 Guest Speaker: Brother K. Philip (www.ecm.org.in)

November (Date to be announced)
 Dr. Joicy Koshy (Carmel Assembly of God, New Delhi)

November 26 - 28
 Guest Speaker: Pastor Andrews P K (Yonkers International Church, New York)

Kids Corner

Now that many of us are on summer vacation, we find that we have more time to do the things we want. When this happens, it always seems like we have plenty of time to catch up on reading God's word, praying, and spending more time in His presence that we may have been lacking during the school year. However, it's so easy to get caught up in the things of the world. Summertime means hanging out with your friends and having fun, and that's not a bad thing. We should enjoy the life that God has blessed us with, but never forget where that life comes from. Remember to give back to God with your time and your talents.

—Eden Thomas

Recent Events / Reports

The second Sunday of the month Pastor Michael Mathew (Kingdom Generation Ministries Washington, DC) was the guest speaker at the church.

The third Sunday of the month, Brother Danny Hughes (Cleveland, TN) was the guest speaker at the church. Also on the third Sunday, four members of the International church were baptized.

This month Brother Guru and Sister Jyostna were joined by their daughter, Rachel, who will be visiting from Mumbai. We are happy to have her with us during this time.

The last Saturday of the month of June, we had a Youth meeting. Brother Vineeth organized the youth meeting. Youth of the International church displayed their talents with singing, reading of bible stories, memory verses, bible quiz etc. Rama Pavoov gave a touching message on God's love. Refreshments were served after the youth meeting.

This month we served nearly 40 homeless brothers of Atlanta.

Other Events / Birthdays

God has blessed Brother Sanjeev and Sister Hecpiba with a baby boy on June 18, 2010.

John celebrated his birthday in June. —Naveen Pavoov

- ◆ Christ is a substitute for everything, but nothing is a substitute for Christ.
- ◆ No one who really wants to count for God can afford to play at Christianity.
- ◆ Time is given us to use in view of eternity. Pride is a barrier to all spiritual progress.
- ◆ The testimony of the lips indicates the state of the heart.
- ◆ It is more important that God be glorified than that I accomplish certain things in the line of service.

—Harry Ironside (1876-1951)

(Ironside was an American Bible teacher, pastor, and author. For 18 of his 50 years of ministry, he was pastor of the Moody Memorial Church in Chicago. He is buried in Purewa Cemetery, Auckland, New Zealand.)