

# Leading To Christ

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## A Godly Father

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

Joshua means "Yahweh saves." Joshua is the Hebrew name that translates into Aramaic as Jesus. Israel had mourned Moses death for 30 days. Now God instructed Joshua to prepare to enter the Land .

God promised Joshua, No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Joshua 1:5 (NKJV) Here God promised Joshua His unfailing power and presence so that he might be completely successful in subduing the enemy. Ownership of the land depending on God's faithfulness, but occupation of the land depended on Israel's faithfulness.

Joshua's responsibility included obedience to the Mosaic Law. This would be the key to his success. Knowing the Law was only the first step. Practicing it was what would make Joshua successful. Throughout the book of Joshua an emphasis on choice—choice that makes a tremendous difference in history, for individuals and families. As a leader as a father Joshua made the right choice and that choice was "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." There is a great responsibility rests upon the father for the spiritual as well as physical welfare of the family. It is the spiritual leadership of the father which determines the direction in which the family will move spiritually.

In taking a definite stand for the Lord, Joshua displayed his spiritual leadership as a father. Regardless of what others decided, Joshua made a commitment to God, he was determined to set an example as a father and as a leader. Family direction rests in the hands of the father. He is the spokesman for his family, as a father Joshua declared "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Wishing you a Blessed Fathers Day.

—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 Michal 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

## Prayer requests

- Please pray for the Annual Convention
- Please continue to pray Bro. Emmanuel Eadeh.
- Please pray for Sis. Suman and family.
- 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 outreach ministry on Saturdays.
- Please pray for the Lord's help and guidance to Sis. Mildred and Bro. Eric.
- Please pray for all the ministries of the Church.
- Please pray for the Baptism service on June 20th

## International Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am  
Sunday School 10:15 am  
Bible Study Tuesday (Tucker) 8:00 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

## Pastor Dethose Cherian

(June 1, 1938 - June 5, 2010)

Pastor Dethose Cherian, Senior Pastor of the Atlanta Christian Assembly went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 5th, 2010.

Pastor Dethose Cherian was born June 1, 1938, and accepted the Lord when he was 16. He was married in 1965 and dedicated his life to the ministry in 1974. He shepherded the Abundant Life Faith Assembly in Bangalore, India, along with several other ministries. In 1991 he became the senior pastor at Atlanta Christian Assembly, the church he remained with until his death on June 5, 2010.

His humble, praying spirit will be an inspiration to us all to finish the work the Lord started in his life.

His funeral was witnessed by a large crowd on Saturday June 12th, 2010.

His legacy remains as an inspirational testimony to us all, and he challenged us throughout his life to live in the love of God. He is survived by his wife and two children.

## Kids Corner

Father's Day takes place in June and it's a day that all of us should take time to consider what our fathers have done in our lives, and to be thankful for them. God has given us an earthly father to love and protect us from the world. Similarly, we also have God as our heavenly father. Some people on this earth don't have earthly fathers, but everyone has a heavenly father. God is there for us at all times, no matter what we're going through. We are all His children and we can always call on Him whenever we're feeling lonely. We have a responsibility to thank Him for all the good He's done in our lives, not only on Father's Day, but every day that we're alive.

—Eden Thomas

## Recent Events / Reports

1st Sunday of the month, brother Benjamin and sister Sunitha dedicated their son Jeremiah to the Lord in baby dedication service at the church. They have provided lunch to all the church after the church service.

The second Friday of the month, we had Women's Ministry. Women of the International church participated in the ministry and Sister Hepcibha; women's ministry coordinator led this meeting as sister Luis shared a special message for the meeting. And all the women spent time in prayer and worship. The second Saturday of the month, we had Minister's leaders meeting at the church as Pastor Immanuel presided the meeting.

The second Sunday of the month Pastor Andrews of New York was the guest speaker at the church. Also second Sunday, sister Rudina gave lunch to all the church members after the church service as she graduated from Emory University. Sister Rudina along with her Parents, Don and Luis thanked the church for all the support provided during sister Rudina stay in Atlanta.

The last Saturday of the month of May, 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. Sister Sunitha gave a touching message. Refreshments were served after the youth meeting.

And this month we brought nearly 40 homeless brothers to the church.

## Other Events / Birthdays

This month five people gave a decision to be baptized.

Pastor Immanuel celebrated his birthday in May.

Sister Grace celebrated her birthday in May.

Eden Thomas celebrated her birthday in May.

Joshua celebrated his birthday in May.

—Naveen Pavor