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Dear friends,

Yet another Good Friday and Easter, the time when we reflect on our Lord's death and His resurrection and victory over the grave! ...His victory over sin and death... His stamp of triumph over the bindings of His humanity!!



And turn for a moment from His accomplishments and look at where we stand in our relationship with Him... just another memory (or at maximum – a celebration) of something we have always celebrated – right from our earliest days with Easter eggs (or – for that matter – bunnies) – Good Friday with Hot cross buns – no great difference between Good Friday and Easter (if it is an agonizingly long 3 hour service on Good Friday – it is the inordinately early morning sunrise service for Easter)... just another Good Friday and yet another Easter Sunday... what's in it for us... how does all this make a difference in our lives??? Only to the extent that we have more activity... more to do... a little to enjoy... that's all???

How does this whole annual happening make a difference in the way we live? What does this event (or string of events that lead up to Easter) have to make it interesting for you?? Anything personal at all... or personal only to the point of a mental exercise... a routine that repeats year after year with little change in our everyday life... ? How have they transformed life for us since we first accepted Christ???

Seriously ask yourself these questions this year... try and find honest and true answers... pray that the Lord speak to you... and be sure to be submissive enough to take his promptings as seriously as you ought. Ask Him to reveal to you, promising Him seriously to be submissive, disciplined and obedient. He will show you where you require change and growth... ALL OF US HAVE A SCOPE TO GROW. OUR MATURITY SHOULD NOT FORM A BAREER FOR OUR GROWTH – IT SHOULD ONLY BE A HELPFUL CATYLYST TOWARD MORE GROWTH.

HAPPY GROWING!

Regards,

Rev. & Mrs. Immanuel A. Theodore

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JIM ELLIOT - MISSIONARY TO THE AUCAS

Jim Elliot, christened as Philip James Elliot, was born on October 8, 1927 in Oregon. His parents Fred and Clara Elliot were devout and raised their children accordingly, taking them to church and reading the Bible regularly. Elliot professed faith in Jesus at the age of eight and grew up in a home where obedience and honesty were enforced. The Elliot parents encouraged their children to be adventurous, and encouraged them to live for Christ.

Jim was an outstanding student in school and he participated in numerous activities, including the school newspaper, the football team, school plays, and the public-speaking club. In the fall of 1945, Elliot entered Wheaton College, a private Christian college in Illinois. Elliot's interest in missions solidified during the years at Wheaton. During the summer of 1947, after his second year of college, he and a friend together did missions work in Mexico. He stayed there for six weeks, working with and learning from a local missionary family. Later, he met a missionary to Brazil, and this encounter led him to more firmly believe that his missionary calling was to tribal work in South America.

At the beginning of Elliot's third year at Wheaton, he decided to pursue a major in Greek, believing that it would both help him in his personal study of the Bible and make it easier to translate the Scriptures into the language of a people group unreached by missionaries. One of his classmates was Elisabeth Howard, who he later married.

Working with a former missionary to the Quichua people, Jim learned of the Auca people, an indigenous people group in Ecuador that had never had friendly contact with the outside world. His parents and friends wondered if he might instead be more effective in youth ministry in the United States, but considering the home church "well-fed", he felt that international missions should take precedence.

Jim spent the spring and winter of 1951 working with his friend Ed McCully in Chester, Illinois, running a radio program, preaching in prisons, holding evangelistic rallies, and teaching Sunday School. Jim and fellow missionary Pete Fleming left the US and arrived in Ecuador (South America) on February 21, 1952, with the purpose of evangelizing Ecuador's Aucas Indians. They first stayed in Quito studying Spanish, and then moved to the jungle. They took up permanent residence at the Shandia mission station. While working with the Quichua Indians, they began preparing to reach the violent Huaorani Indian tribe which were known at the time as the Aucas. On October 8, 1953, Jim married Elisabeth and their only child, Valerie, was born on February 27, 1955

PASTORAL CARE

If you desire a pastoral visit, kindly inform the pastor of the same. We will visit you at the earliest convenient time. And, if anyone of you is sick/hospitalized/in need of home communion/need any special prayer/counseling, please inform the pastor directly. This will facilitate a speedy pastoral care.

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Jim Elliot and four other missionaries, Ed McCully, Roger Youderian, Pete Fleming, and their pilot, Nate Saint, made contact from their airplane with the Huaorani Indians using a loudspeaker and a basket to pass down gifts. All of them were in their twenties or early thirties and came from different backgrounds and some from different missions, but were united in their love for God and the Auca tribals.

After several months of exchanging gifts, on January 3, 1956, the missionaries established a camp at "Palm Beach", a sandbar along the Curaray River, a few miles from Huaorani settlements. The pilot among them, Nate, kept frequent radio contact with his wife Marjorie back at base where the missionaries' wives and little children were. On January 8, 1956, at 4 o'clock in the evening, when they were supposed to contact them again, there was only silence. No one knows exactly what happened during the last few hours, but confessions of the Aucas later reveal that the friendly men were confronted suddenly by a group of 10 Huaorani warriors who killed Elliot and his four companions.

Entries from Nate Saint's journal tells that one of the last things the five men did together as they waited for the Aucas was join together in prayer and they sang the beautiful hymn, We rest on Thee. The last stanza of the hymn goes :
We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.
Not long after they had sung the above words, they did pass through the gates of pearly splendor as Victors to rest with their God.

The deaths of the men galvanized the missionary effort in the United States, sparking an outpouring of funding for evangelization efforts around the world. Several years after the death of the men, the widow of Jim Elliot, Elisabeth, and the sister of Nate Saint, Rachel, returned to Ecuador as missionaries to live among the Huaorani. This eventually led to the conversion of many, including some of those involved in the killing. Elisabeth Elliot published the books, Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot and Through Gates of Splendor, which describe the life and death of her husband.

Among Jim Elliot's many quotes is the famous entry he made in his journal in the year 1949, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."



Where : Bethel Methodist Church

When : Apr 12th—Apr 18th

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Church Schedule for Apr 2010

Activity	Time & Venue	Contact
English Service	9:30 am EVERY Sunday at BMC	Rev. Immanuel Theodore 9008243206
Choir practice	11.30 am EVERY Sunday at BMC	Mr. Isaac Peterson 9845232807
Kannada Service	4:30 pm EVERY Sunday at BMC	Rev. Immanuel Theodore 9008243206
Prayer Fellowship	6:30 pm EVERY Friday at BMC	Rev. Immanuel Theodore 9008243206
Bethel Shaale	4 pm EVERY Friday and Saturday at BMC	Mrs. Jessica Paul 9980212965
Hoodi Sunday School (Kannada)	2.00 pm EVERY Sunday at Mr. Arul's house	Mr. Arul Dass 9731293243
Methodist Youth Fellow- ship (MYF)	12:00 noon 11th and 25th April Sunday at BMC	Mr. Frank Jayakar 080-41693701
Pastorate Committee	7:30 pm 23rd April Fri- day at BMC	Rev. Immanuel Theodore 9008243206
Women's Soci- ety for Christian Service (WSCS)	11:30 am 11th Apr Sun- day at BMC	Mrs. Angeline Isaac 9886426287

Note : Sunday school remains closed for summer holidays and will reopen in the first week of June.

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Praise God ..

Week 1: General & Personal Items

- For the gift of a new Month (Apr 2010) and life to experience it.
 - For the month that has gone by — March 2010—an all that we have achieved over this month.
 - For WSCS Sunday that happened
 - For VBS prayer that had happened.
- "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."
Psalm. 107:1

Week 2: Church — Specific

- For Bethel Shale that it being a blessing for the under privileged kids.
- For the various departments of the church and for those who have taken responsibilities.
- For every member of BMC who help in the progress of Gods kingdom through their help in church activities.

Week 3: Church — Specific

- Social Concerns Team: Praise God that the Christmas program went well
- Area Fellowships: Praise God for the Regular functioning of our four area fellowships.
- Property and Building: For the amount that has been raised toward Project Build Bethel.

Week 4: Church — Specific

- Pastorate Committee: For those who attended the Pastorate Committee—taking it serious enough to spend precious time on it.
- For the one year and the three year goals that are being set for the church.



**MISSION
SUNDAY**

He told them "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 10 : 2
Apr 11th , Sunday 9:30 AM

Prayer Request..

Week 1: General & Personal Items

- For the month of April 2010, that it would be Christ-Centered.
- For all the people who will be travelling in the month to visit their near and dear.

Week 2: Church — VBS

- God will be glorified in all our effort towards VBS.
- Safety and Protection of the kids and the teachers.
- For Wisdom and knowledge among the teachers to prepare all the lessons for the children
- For children to come regularly and get a transformation in life.
- For ALL the non non-believers, to come to know about the Living God
- Pray for good weather conditions

Week 3: Church — Mission Sunday

- For the missionary organization that is going to come and talk about the missions.
- For members to have a urge to support the various missions and missionary organizations
- For the plans of brining more missionary organization over the months.

Week 4: Church — Youth Camp

- For all the youth in the church to cling on to Jesus.
- For a good travel and a meaningful time in the camp.
- For provision and the funds needed for the camp.

General

- For the pastoral conference of the church.
- For members and teams to prayerfully set their goals for the next year.
- For the combined Easter service that is to be held in Baldwin Girls high school.

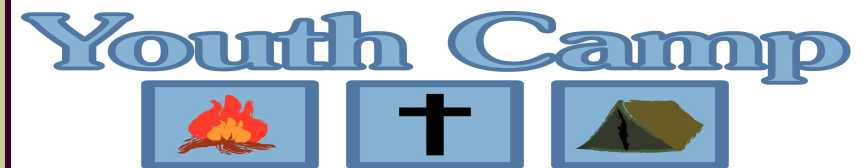


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Tool Box

Brother Hammer served as the chairman. The other members of the tool belt informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy. But brother Hammer said, "If I have to leave this carpenter's shop, then brother Gimlet must go too. He's insignificant and makes a very small impression." (A gimlet is a small tool with a screw point, grooved shank, and a cross handles for boring holes). Little brother Gimlet arose and said, "All right, but brother Screwdriver must go also. You have to turn him around and around to get anywhere with him." Brother Screwdriver turned to the other tools in the belt and said, "If you wish, I will go, but brother Plane must leave too. All of his work is on the surface; there's no depth to what he does." To this brother Plane leveled his terse reply, "Well, then, brother Saw will have to depart too. The changes he proposes always cut too deep." Brother Saw complained, saying, "Brother Ruler will have to withdraw if I leave, for he's always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right." Brother Ruler then surveyed the group and said, "Brother Sandpaper doesn't belong here either. He's rougher than he ought to be, and is always rubbing people the wrong way." In the midst of the discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform his day's work. He put on His tool belt and went to the workbench to make a pulpit. He employed the ruler, the saw, the plane, the hammer, the gimlet, the screwdriver, the sandpaper, and all the other tools. When the day's work was over, the pulpit was finished, and the carpenter went home. All the accusations against each of these tools were absolutely true, yet the carpenter used every one of them. No matter which tool He uses, no other tool could have done the work better.

THOUGHT: We are all "tools" in Jesus' tool box. Each of us has a purpose, ability, and a task to perform. Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are God's fellow workers..."



May 1st .. The church youth are going on a one day camp !! For Further details Contact

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Area	Date / Time	Place	Coordinator
Bethel Nagar	10th Apr 10(Sat)	Publius house	Mary Kalyan 080-6451 7623
	24 th Apr 10 (Sat)	Athee joe's house	
A.E.C.S. Layout	8 th Apr 10 (Thurs)	Shibu house	Joyce Arun 080-2841 6890
	25th Apr 10 (Sun)	Arun's house	
Marathahalli	10th Apr 10(Sat)	Clement's house	Selvin Dorai- pandi 94488 52570
	24th Apr 10 (Sat)	Selvin's house	
Whitefield	10th Apr 10(Sat)	Sanjay's house	Jessica Vasa 99802 12965
	24th Apr 10 (Sat)	Ronald's house	

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Best Sermons !

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday'.

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

Month's Theme: **The Triumph of God in His Relationship with us**

Date	Topic	Preacher
April 1 7:00 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Yet not My Will but Thine	Rev. Immanuel Theodore
April 2 12:00 noon	GOOD FRIDAY	BMC Choir Program Dr. Surendra Parmar
April 4 5:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY	COMBINED SUNRISE SERVICE @ BGHS grounds
April 11 9:30 am	MISSIONS SUNDAY But Go and Tell His Disciples AND PETER...	Missions Sunday
April 18 9:30 am	Reach out your Hand...	Rev. Immanuel Theodore
April 18 6:00 pm	VBS SUNDAY	Special Program by BMC-VBS
April 25 9:30 am	Praise & Worship Service	Mr. Karl V. Paul

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...my word that goes out from my mouth: **It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish** what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. — **Isaiah 55:11**

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