

I greet you in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am delighted to meet you through this bulletin. We as a family thank and praise God for the ministry we did in Mysore with Calvary Methodist Church for the past 5 years. And we look forward to our ministry at BMC. I always believe that the one who has called us for His service will guide us till the end. I express my thanks to our Bishop for giving us an opportunity to serve God with BMC and IMC as assistant Pastor. Our aim is always to build the Church on the rock (Christ) that the gates of hell shall not prevail.

As far as our ministry is concerned, our priorities would be Prayer, The Word, Evangelism and Fellowship. Rachel and I kindly request you to uphold us in your prayers that our ministry at BMC will be fruitful. Let us work together in one spirit and one mind to fulfil God's plan for the church.

We understand from Deut 10: 12-22 that God does expect a few things from His children. Unless we know what God expects from us and the church we may not be able to fulfil His expectations. What are God's expectations?

**Fear God:** Firstly, God expects us to fear him. We should know that fear of God is the key for godly life. And it is the beginning of all good things. God wants us to fear Him in everything we do and say. Fear of God means that we please God and bring glory to His name through our life. Do we have the fear of God?

**Walk in His ways:** Secondly, God expects us to walk in His ways, not in our ways. He has given us his word to direct and guide our ways. How often do we read and meditate on the Scripture that is in our hands. The word of God alone can make us strong and walk in His ways. Do we have a regular quiet time?

**Love God:** Thirdly, God wants us to keep him at the center of our life, family and church. Where do we keep



God and His word in our personal life and family. Our priority will determine our love for God and His Church.

**Serve God:** Lastly, God expects us to serve Him with humility and with a cheerful heart. We must understand that when we serve Him without any expectation, all our expectations and desires will be fulfilled in His time according to His plan.

As the body of Christ we need to strive hard to fulfil God's expectations, so that we will experience His abundant spiritual blessings. May the Lord grant us grace and strength to be His faithful children. Kindly pray for my wife Rachel and son Allan. May God bless you.

**Rev. Paul K. Royappa**  
Pastor, BMC

### Pulpit Calendar - June 2008

Date	Speaker	Timings
01st June 08	Dr. Rabindra	09:30 am
08th June 08	Rev. Paul K. Royappa	09:30 am (communion)
15th June 08	Rev. Christopher Mohan	09:30 am
22nd June 08	Mr. C.S. Mahind	09:30 am
29th June 08	Mr. J.S.A. Julius	09:30 am

### Area Fellowship

- Bethel Nagar Area Fellowship meets at Mr. Navin's Residence at 6:00 pm on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Contact Mr. Publius for details. (9902010658)
- AECS area fellowship meets every 1st and 3rd Friday evening at 7.00 pm. Contact Mr. Irwin for details (9886771163).



### Prayer Meetings

- Prayer meeting will be held every 2nd Saturday at 6:00 pm at the church premises. For prayer, please contact Mr. Thirunavukarasu at 9980157062.

### Sunday School

- Sunday school (English) reopens from 8th of June and will be held at 8:30 am every Sunday at the church premises. Parents are encouraged to send their kids. Contact Mrs. Iris Irwin for further details (080 41215655)

### Choir Practice

- Choir will meet every Sunday after the English service for a time of practice. Anyone interested to join the choir is requested to approach Mr. Isaac (9845232807).

### Tamil Service

- Tamil Service is held every Sunday at 7:00 am. Kannada / Tamil Sunday class is held at 2.00 pm on all Sundays at the church.

- Praise God for our new Pastor, Rev. Paul Royappa and his family. Pray that the pastor, his wife Mrs. Rachel and their son Allan may be used mightily by God both in IMC and BMC. Pray that Bethel Methodist church may grow under his leadership.
- Praise God for the women's fellowship held last week. Mrs. Rachel, Pastor's wife, shared God's word..
- Praise God for the Area Bible Study that is happening regularly
- Pray that God will put more thirst for fasting prayer and many will turn up for the monthly meetings . Pray for Mr. Thiru as he is coordinating .
- Pray for the new government, that they may govern the people justly and implement good policies.
- Pray for new Bible study area groups
- Praise God for the various wings of the church and all those involved in them: For the choir led by Mr. Isaac, the Sunday School led by Mrs. Iris Irwin, the women's fellowship, the Bible study group in AECS layout coordinated by Mr. Irwin and the Bible study group in Bethel Nagar coordinated by Mr. Publius.
- Praise God for the blessing of a baby boy to Clement and Giftlyn. Praise God for the safe delivery and good health of both mother and child.



- ❑ Pray for the preachers who are on the calendar for this month.
- ❑ Pray for the sanctified and holy lives of the congregation.
- ❑ Pray for the mother church, IMC, and its members and Pastor, Rev. Moses Mamdapur and his family.
- ❑ Pray for good health and safe delivery for Mrs. Joyce Arun.
- ❑ Pray for the purchase of the land adjacent to the church building.
- ❑ Pray for the launching of website for our church
- ❑ Pray for church needs: guitar, keyboard, wooden rack for keeping books, inverter, fans for altar, hymn board, books for the library planned.

## Missionary Story : Evelyn Brand



Evelyn was born in England in 1879. Her father was a well-to-do merchant, and her family was involved in missions, street work, and charities. Evie (as she was called) was the ninth of eleven children. She was a great painter and to the end of her days, she sketched and painted beautiful scenes that she saw.

Evie was 30 when she spent a few weeks in Australia, helping a sister. Sailing home, she sensed a divine calling to be a missionary. Evie saw Jesse Brand at a missionary meeting. He seemed to look directly at her as he described the filth and squalor on the mission field. She heard an unspoken question in his words: could she, a fashionable girl, handle such things? Resolve rose within her. Yes, with God's help she could! Her father took her decision to leave England and go to India as a missionary very hard, but Evie was firm in her decision and eventually her father yielded.

Assigned to Madras in the plains of India, Evie discovered that Jesse Brand had been transferred there too. Language study took her to the hills, and some time later Jesse proposed to her and they were married. They began working in the Kolli range. Jesse taught the people better farming methods, treated their sick, built houses, and fought their tax battles. He showed Evie the five ranges of hills he hoped to win for Christ: their own Kolli, and beyond it Pachais, Kalrayan, Peria Malai, and Chitteris.

They were both greatly loved but the people always pulled back from Christianity for fear of their Hindu priests. A breakthrough came when a priest caught fever. Jesse hurried to his aid. As he died, the priest entrusted his children to the Brands. The Jesus God must be the true one, he said, because the Brands alone had helped him in his hour of death. The people marvelled at a God who made them care for an enemy's orphaned children. Evie eventually became mother to many abandoned Indian children. Through her motherly love, a small Christian community was born.

The Brands had two children of their own, Paul and Connie, and it broke Evie's heart when after their visit to England they had to leave them behind to pursue their education. They communicated regularly with them through letters. Sadly letters were all the children were to have of their father as Jesse died suddenly after just 2 days of Blackwater fever. Evie felt extremely lonely and plunged into extra hard work to try to make up for Jesse's absence. She carried on the work in the Kolli hills alone and retired from the mission board at the age of 70. Her son, Paul, went on to become a doctor. He came back to India to work with the CMC Hospital in Vellore and specialized in leprosy rehabilitation and surgery and became a world renowned surgeon. Connie, her daughter, married and settled in Africa.

At age 70, she began to fulfil Jesse's dream. Everyone called her "Granny," but she felt young. Just as in the old times, she travelled from village to village riding a hill pony, camping, teaching, and dispensing medicine. She rescued abandoned children. The work was harder now and she was thin. She fell down once and hit her head on a rock. She never got her balance back after that and walked with bamboo canes. Yet she was full of joy and laughter.

Despite broken bones, fevers, and infirmities, she laboured on. In fifteen years, she almost eradicated Guinea worm from the Kalrayan range. Through her efforts, the five ranges were evangelized, and a mission work planted on each. She added two more ranges to her plans. Granny insisted this extraordinary accomplishment was God's doing, not hers. Wherever she was, she proclaimed Christ. She carried on with her extraordinary pace of hard work right up to the age of 95 working almost until the day of her death. Jesse's and Evelyn's lives were extraordinary because of their extraordinary love for the forgotten people of the hills, and the fruit of their hard labour and sacrifice can still be witnessed in the people whose lives have changed so much for the better thanks to them.

## Bible Quiz

- 1) What was the name of David's oldest brother?  
A) Shammah B) Abinadab C) Eliab D) Hophni
- 2) What city did Gideon punish because they refused to feed his troops?  
A) Jericho B) Zalmunna C) Succoth D) Oreb
- 3) God's promise to David, that his kingdom would be established forever before him, was made known to David through what prophet?  
A) Nathan B) Samuel C) Gad D) Zadok
- 4) Who was "Sennacherib"?  
A) A king of Rome B) A king of Babylon  
C) A king of Media/Persia D) A king of Assyria
- 5) Who was commissioned by God to root out and destroy all of the wicked in the house of King Ahab?  
A) Jehu B) Amasa C) Joram D) Elisha
- 6) Goliath, the Philistine giant, was from what city?  
A) Ashdod B) Gath C) Ekron D) Hamoth
- 7) Which of the following was not one of Aaron's sons?  
A) Levi B) Eleazar C) Abihu D) Nadab
- 8) The cloud of God's glory was to rest over what object?  
A) The table of shewbread B) The altar of incense  
C) The mercy seat D) The golden lampstand
- 9) What king of Egypt gave refuge to Solomon's enemy - Jeroboam?  
A) Rameses B) Karnak C) Shishak D) Og
- 10) Where did Absalom flee after slaying his brother Amnon?  
A) Hebron B) Hazor C) Geshur D) Riblah

Answers    1)C 2)B 3)A 4)B 5)A 6)B 7)C 8)C 9)A 10)C  
(compiled by Mr. Arun)

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