

Can we help you?

Pastors and Elders of Good News Church would be glad to pray with you and offer any spiritual counseling. Visits to the sick and hospitalized can also be arranged through Benita on ☎ 39871726

January & February at a glance

Praise & Worship Service

Every Friday, 3:30 pm at NEC, Fellowship Hall
Communion Service – 2nd & 4th Friday of every month

Healing Service – 1st Friday of every month

Children's Friday School

Every Friday, 4:45 pm during Worship Service at NEC

Youth Meeting

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Every Sunday, 7:30 pm

Home Group Meeting

Every Thursday, for details contact: Benita Joseph 39871726

Ethiopian Church

Friday, 12:30 pm at NEC(Fellowship Hall) & Sunday, 8.00 pm

Eritrean Service

For more details: Contact Ps. Shewandagne (39668204)

Hindi Gospel Meeting

Every Friday, 4:45 pm

Night Watch

First Thursday of every month, 8 pm

Encounter Seminar in Feb (Dates to be announced)

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The Beacon

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"Get up! Pick up your mat and walk!"

In John 5, Jesus asked what seemed to be the most obvious question of a bedridden person. *"Do you want to get well?"*

But Jesus' cutting questions compel us to think deeper. Such as: "Who do you say I am; Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say; Why are you so afraid, do you still have no faith; Can you drink the cup I am going to drink; What can a man give in exchange for his soul; and most importantly, "Do you love me?"

It's good to "examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith" otherwise we can end up being spiritually blind, lame and paralyzed. Blind, because when we read the Bible we might be reading only what we believe in (pre-conceived ideas); Lame, because of walking in disobedience; and paralyzed, due to doubt and unbelief. Like the invalid, we don't need to wait for some sign from heaven, a fiery preacher to stir up faith... Because Jesus is already here and he's asking "Do you really want to get well?"

Jesus didn't have a word of sympathy to make him *feel* good – rather – *"Get up! Pick up your mat and walk"*. Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us (Hebrews 12:2).

His will and command for us is to overcome fear, resentment, past hurts, rejection, bitterness, and addictions. Let's move on. Take up our cross and follow Christ!

Be blessed,
Biju Thomas

Christmas Celebration



A New Year With The Lord



A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord



Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware



For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within



What God has placed within our hearts
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
We'll see the door to go through



We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace



- By M.S. Lowndes

New Year Quotes

A Solution - Mary Fairchild

Instead of making a New Year's resolution consider committing to a biblical solution

A New Soul - G. K. Chesterton

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul.

Humor

The preacher was invited to supper by an elderly couple. He noticed that the man used terms of endearment with every statement he made to his wife. He used, "honey, dear, my love, precious, sweetheart," etc. The lady went into the kitchen for something, and the pastor thought he'd compliment the man. He said, "I'm sure glad to see that your love for your wife is still expressed by terms of endearment after all these years of marriage." The man leaned over and whispered, "Well to tell ya the truth, I forgot her name 10 years ago!"