

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

March & April at a glance

Praise & Worship Service

Every Friday, 5.00 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 during Worship Service at NEC

Youth Meeting

Every Friday, 7:15 pm at NEC

Intercessory Prayer Meeting

Every Sunday, 7.30 pm

Bible Study: Under Cover
Saturday, March 2nd / 9th at 6:45pm

Ethiopian Church

Sunday, 4.00 pm and Friday, 1.00 pm at NEC, Fellowship Hall

Hindi Gospel Meeting

Every Friday, 5.00 pm

Encounter Seminar
April 18th, 19th, 20th
To register contact: Cathy, Sheena, Benita J.

Night Watch

First Thursday of every month, 8 pm

Resurrection Service

Sunday, March 31st at 7:30pm

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The Beacon

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COMFORT ZONE.....Dangerous!

HOW SHARP IS THE KNIFE?

The Spirit of God visited many churches in the book of Revelation. He commended some areas, He condemned some areas. In order that action can be taken...REPENT and RETURN to your first love. A step further, He lives in us to enable us to keep a clear conscience towards God and man, that's if you will obey.

There are willful sins that are being highlighted by the Spirit of Truth. The foremost one is the excuses we make to "fellowship" (i.e. church) a part of our lives. The bible clearly says, "...Do not forsake fellowship of the saints" i.e., church going. Yet we choose to disobey week after week. What is more important? Obedience to His authority or your comfort zone? i.e., shopping, cleaning, cooking, ironing or even a drive out just in time for church, visitors have not been told "sorry I have to go to church". Now you are so tired that going to church becomes last priority. You are in danger of SIN as far as God is concerned.

Ask yourself these Q's and answer them in the sight of the Lord:

1. Am I a part of a Home Group? Why not?
2. Am I a part of the Intercessory Prayer group & night watch? Why not?
3. Do I regularly go to church and on TIME? Why not?
4. Do I pay my tithes? Why not?
5. Are you serving diligently in ministry allotted to you in the church? Why not?
6. Are you part of the Bible study conducted by the church? Why not?

If most of your answers to the above are excuses, YOU MY FRIEND ARE SITTING IN THE COMFORT ZONE, it is strange how people will be on time for work, but not to church. It's a bad habit if you practice this regularly. A one off is acceptable. But week in and week out? This surely dishonours the Lord and you are in SIN. PLAN YOUR WORK, SO THAT YOU CAN HONOUR THE LORD.

Abraham Lincoln was asked, "If you are given 6 hrs to chop a tree, what will you do?" He replied, "I will sharpen my axe for 4 hrs". Do you get it? As Christians, sharpening the axe is staying in the WORD & WORK OF GOD. If you are in the Word, it will keep you from SIN; Or SIN will keep you from the WORD & WORK OF GOD. This includes, hearing it on Friday or reading it rest of the week. Then going out to practice God's command. Being effective wherever you are planted by God. Be it Bahrain or elsewhere.

COME OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE...YOUR COMFORT! YANK YOURSELF OUT OF IT. GOOD CHARACTER MAKES WISE CHOICES. OBEYING GOD BRINGS HEALING AND BLESSINGS.

By Karen Nazareth

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Farewell



Joe Pinto joined GNC in 2007. He served as an Elder.

Sandra has been a member since 2008 and headed the Children's ministry.

The Bible and the Cell Phone

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it as we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?
- What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go ...hmmm ... Where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected ... because Jesus already paid the bill!



*His shed blood means we can live each day in His forgiveness.
His resurrection means we can walk constantly in newness of life.
His presence means we can know His victory in each situation.
His love means we will never face anything alone!
His day of victory makes all our days complete!*

Happy Resurrection Sunday!

Quotes

God will never leave you empty. He will replace everything you lost. If He asks you to put something down, it's because He wants you to pick up something greater

God's purpose is not limited by your past. God specializes in giving people a fresh start.

The one who kneels to God can stand up to anything

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:
1 cross + 3nails = 4 given

Humor

At Sunday school they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny what is the matter?"

Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children one day that whoever among them that wants to go to heaven should raise their hand. All of them raised their hands except a small boy, when his teacher asked him why he didn't raise his hand, he said his mother instructed him not to go anywhere after the Sunday school service.

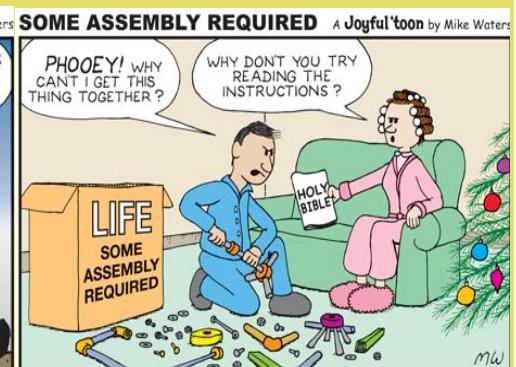
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DYNAMITE



I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him – Mark 11:23

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight. – Proverbs 3:5, 6

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