

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH MONTH 2023: Every year September month has been celebrated as the Youth Month. During this period the youth members of churches of Jabalpur come together and participate in different competitions.

This year the theme for the Youth Month was taken from Gospel of Matthew Chapter 25, verse 13, "Be Watchful, and Wait for the Lord".

Our Youth Fellowship members participated and won prizes in the following churches:

- **Hawabagh Methodist Church** - 1st in Duet Song
- **St. Paul's Church, Ghamapur** - 3rd in Group Dance
Overall Championship
- **Disciples Church of Christ** - 3rd in Antakshri
Overall Championship

We are grateful to all the parents for sending their children for the Youth Fellowship and we pray that their numbers keep growing in the coming days. We thank our Pastorate Committee members and our church members for their support during the Youth Month, especially the Youth Week held at our church.

We thank God Almighty for blessing our youth members with many talents and providing us the resources for a successful Youth Month 2023.

YOUTH SUNDAY: On 1st of October, 2023 we will be celebrating Youth Sunday in our Church. The Worship Service will be led by the Youth members.

ORDINATION: On 1st of October 2023 we will be having the Ordination Service in Philip & James Church CNI, Katni. Two candidates will be ordained as a Deacon and one candidate will be ordained as a Presbyterian. Let us keep all these candidates in our prayer as they will be giving their life for the service of God.

OVERCOMMERS CONFERENCE: On 28th September, 2023 the Overcomer's Women's Fellowship organized one day Seminar in our Church. The theme "Honorable vessel in the hands of the Master" 2 Timothy 2:20. Many Churches of Jabalpur participated in this Seminar.

CHURCH FETE: Our Annual Church Fete will be held on 5th of November, 2023 in our Church Campus. If anyone wishes to give any Contributions / donations towards our Church Fete you can contact us. Also we would seek your co-operation and support for the success of our Annual Church Fete.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: We celebrated our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the 10th of September 2023. Our Preacher was Rev. Mrs. Percis Peters professor of the Leonard Theological College.

We along with the members of the Pastorate committee would like to thank God for his blessings bestowed on our Church on the occasion of Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS: We are happy to inform you that Mr. Andrew Lazarus & Mrs. Hina Lazarus were blessed with the baby girl on 17th September 2023. We would like to congratulate them specially the grandparents Mr. Joseph Lazarus & Mrs. Olive Lazarus.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, (C.N.I), JABALPUR



(Est. 1844)

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR OCTOBER - 2023

1 ST	OCTOBER	2023	YOUTH SUNDAY
8 TH	OCTOBER	2023	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
15 TH	OCTOBER	2023	TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
22 ND	OCTOBER	2023	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
29 TH	OCTOBER	2023	REFORMATION SUNDAY

Presbyter's Message

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our text from Philippians 4:10-13 offers some practical help as we move forward in life. Philippians 4:10-13 is perhaps the greatest statement in the New Testament on the subject of Christian contentment.

A) Contentment is the belief that I have everything I need at this present moment.

B) It is also the confidence that if I needed anything else, God would give it to me.

C) It is also the certainty that when I need anything else, God will give it to me.

The first part is the key. True contentment means understanding that at any given moment I have everything I truly need. I almost certainly don't have everything I want.

How do we know this is true? We know it because God has said it is true. He has promised to supply our needs. He has guaranteed that he will feed and clothe us. He has promised to hear our prayers. He has given the Holy Spirit to lead us and the Word of God to guide us. If all that is true, how can we doubt that God will give us what we need when we need it?

That applies to every area of life-to our finances, our job, our health, our marriage, our friendships, our children, our parents, every relationship of life, and to all our dreams for the future. You've got everything you need to be content right now and if you're not, please don't blame God. It's not his fault.

Contentment rests on two great truths:

A. That God has ordained every circumstance of my life.

B. That God will give me strength in every circumstance to do his will.

This is the true meaning of Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Paul is talking about being content in every circumstance-whether he had plenty or whether he had next to nothing. Verse 13 explains how he managed to live above his circumstances. He did it only by the power of Jesus Christ dwelling in him.

You Can Stumble but You Won't Fall

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand" (Psalm 37:23-24 NKJV).

We can summarize the teaching of this text in two simple statements:

1. God ordains every step we take- the good and the bad, the happy and the sad, the positive and the negative.
2. God promises that when we fall, we will not be utterly destroyed.

Here are four practical applications of this truth.

A. Every detail of life is under God's control.

Intellectually we know this is true. If God is God, then he must know about all the things that happen to us, and in some sense we can't fully understand, that "all things" includes both the best and the worst that comes our way.

B. God takes pleasure in our struggle to walk in holiness.

The last part of verse 23 says, "And he delights in his way." The "he" refers to God and the "his" refers to the individual believer." But he rejoices to see her growing and straining to learn something new.

C. God designs our trials so they will not destroy us.

Verse 24 assures us that though we may "stumble" or "fall" temporarily, we will not be utterly destroyed. God will not allow anything to permanently destroy our relationship with him. Not even death itself can sever our strong connection with God. "He knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

D. We will not utterly fall because God will not let go.

Theologians call this the doctrine of eternal security. It simply means that those whom God saves, he saves forever. Though we stumble and fall a thousand times, God's love is firm because his purposes are eternal. Our salvation rests not on our performance but on God's unchanging character

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER

2. Lt. Col. T. E. Daniel
 3. Emmanuel Thangadurai
 4. Vikas Jonathan, Piyush Paul Singh,
 5. Vinay Raj Elias, Edward Palmer, Graham Craig Russell
 6. Michelle Lynn Russell
 7. Aashima Bernard, Sandra Russell
 8. Wayne Kenneth Jones
 9. Col Bhaskar Shinde, Dr. John Page, Shrisha Noel, Skylette Singh, Daliah Manohar
 11. Rt. Rev. Ajay Umesh James, Virender Paul Lal, Ivana Ronald,
 12. Vince Samuel
 14. Donald Peters, Desmond Taylor, Zaina Charles
 15. Pushpa Thangadurai
 16. Aaron Rufus Thangadurai,
 17. Christopher Palmer, Luvy Sathe, Isaac Thangadurai
 19. Matilda Jones, Douglas Russell, Rahul Rodgers
 22. Michael Lal, Romola Simon, Stanley Jones, Avini Vinita Bernard
 24. Dr. E .C. Daniel, Vandana Paul
 25. Yowan Thangadurai, Esther Anna Mary, Rev. Subha Venkataram
 26. J. D. Elias, Christina Mitra
 27. Harshalatha Peter
 28. Aashish Bernard, Regina Kane
 29. Rev. B. J. V. Raj Kumar, Kevin Matthew, Mangla Ellis, Nomita Bagh
 31. Arnold Chauragade, Sanket Charles
- Wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Mr. Rakesh Rao & Kajal Rao
 2. Lt. Col. Jerry & Mrs. Daliah Manohar
 7. Vineet & Pratibha Jemes
 10. Llewellyn & Edith Clements, Samuel & Monishka Jennifer Gregory
 12. Mark & Ronika Samuel
 15. Raphael & Janet Thangadurai
 16. Stanley & Ruby Jones
 17. Nikhil & Ened Soniya Lall
 18. Edward & Michelle William, Vinay & Jackqlene Elias
 21. Dr. Moni & Tajinder Thomas
 22. Solomon & Hannah Thangadurai
 23. David & Deepika Thangadurai
 25. Reuben & Elma Joseph, Michael & Rosy Thangaduari
 26. Rev. Joel & Maria Patrick, Vincent & Mary Joseph, Edward & Angel Palmer
 27. Rev. Arvind Peter & Harsha Peter
 29. Bishop Prem Chand & Nora Singh, Rev. B. J. V. Raj Kumar & Mrs. Hannah Jasmine
- We wish the Couple Happy Long Married Life with God's Choicest Blessings*