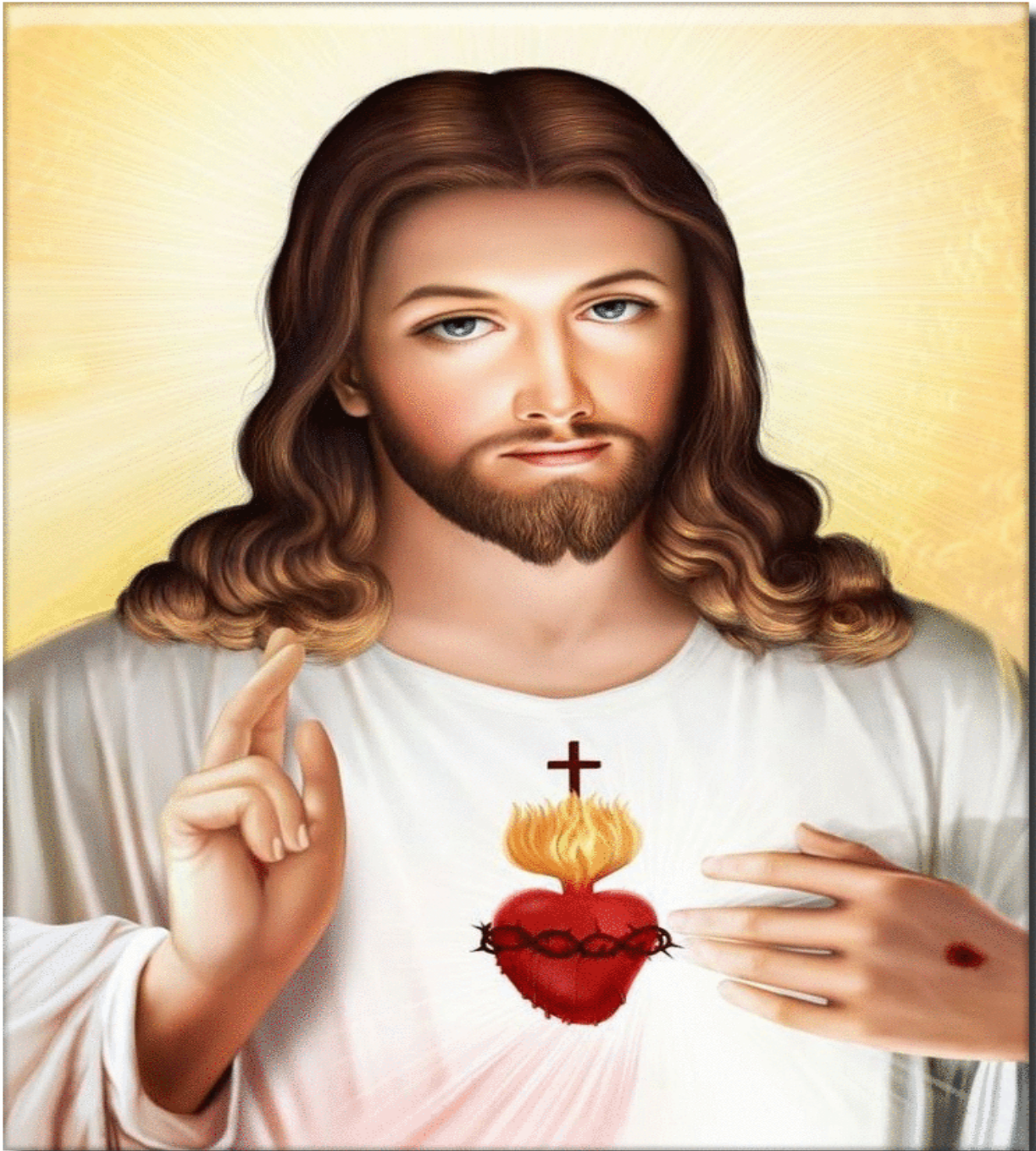




IMMANUEL
MARTHOMA CHURCH
HOUSTON



NEWS LETTER
October 2021



**From the Vicars Desk**

Overcome the Pandemic...Conquer our lethargy.

Praise be to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

Beloved brothers, sisters, young friends and children in Christ, greetings to one and all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are entering into the tenth month of 2021. We have a totally different world from what we had two years ago. The pandemic and the geopolitics changed the very way of life in a drastic way. The zoom and live streaming helped us to continue our worship, fellowship, and spiritual nurturing. But as the time pass by, the same is becoming a challenge as the media culture changed our attitude towards worship and spiritual fellowship. Pandemic has made us lazy and lethargic.

We attend the worship as we watch movie and entertainment program. Even though the situation changed, vaccine including booster dose made available, schools and colleges opened, everyone started going for job, we find an excuse in COVID 19 to avoid coming to church and participate in spiritual gatherings. We attend marriages and ceremonies, travel and enjoy. There is no pandemic for any of these. But for worship and spiritual gatherings we have set a distance.

We must wake up from this slumber and enliven our spiritual activities with much dedication, energy, and enthusiasm. We must start our area prayer meetings. We can gather in the church for the area prayer meeting, where there is space for social distance and safety can be ensured. Organizational meetings need to be planned in person, strictly following the safety protocol. We will have to pay heavily for the spiritual inertia. God is a healing God. God is healing the world. God is calling us to participate in this healing ministry. God is inviting us to be the channel of His blessing. Let us come together to serve the Lord and heal the world.

**May God Bless us all!
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WORSHIP SCHEDULES OCTOBER 2021

3-Oct	10.30 AM	(Voluntary Evangelist's Day - Carriers of the Gospel) English Holy Communion, assisted by Ebenezer Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel	Gen 12:1-9 Rom 1:8-16 2 Tim 4:1-6 Matt 28:16-20
10-Oct	10.30 AM	(Christian Approach to the Differently Abled) Malayalam Holy Communion, assisted by Edavaka Mission	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel	2 Sam 9:1-12 Acts 3:1-10 2 Cor 12:1-10 Matt 15:29-31
17-Oct	10.30 AM	(Youth Sunday - Youth: Search for a Meaningful Life) English Holy Communion, assisted by Hebron Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel	Dan 1:1-7 Eph 6:10-18 1 Tim 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-22
24-Oct	10.30 AM	(Christian Family Dedication Sunday - Family: Replica of the Kingdom of God) Malayalam Holy Communion, assisted by Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel	1 Sam 1:21-28 Col 3:18-25 Eph 3:14-21 Luke 2:41-52
31-Oct	10.30 AM	(Koodosh Eetho - Sanctification of the Church, Beginning of Liturgical Year) English Holy Communion, assisted by Horeb Area Prayer Group	1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel	Jonah 3:1-10 Heb 9:11-23 1 Pet 1:13-19 Matt 21:12-17

Church Services can also be viewed via YouTube. YouTube can be accessed from church website www.immanuelmtc.org



STORY TIME



The Holy Bible is filled with amazing stories of Faith. Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. There is an undeniably miraculous movement of God in response to the act of Faith.

One such amazing story is the story in which Abraham’s Faith was Tested by God. (Genesis 22):

For all parents, this is perhaps the most gut-wrenching story in the Bible. It is difficult to comprehend the Faith it would take to offer the life of our own child to God. And yet this is exactly what Abraham was prepared to do in obedience with his own son, Isaac. The tension in this passage is excruciating when Isaac realizes that something is wrong and asks his father: “the fire and wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

Abraham, having nothing other than Faith in the character and goodness of God, replied: “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” After journeying to the top of a mountain, Abraham placed his bound son upon the altar and raised his knife. Suddenly an angel of the Lord cried out from heaven “Abraham! Abraham! Do not lay a hand on the boy.” Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket. God had provided the sacrifice. Isaac was set free to new life.

This story comes as one of the strongest examples of Faith. Not only because of Abraham’s faith, which came at the cost of unimaginable emotional pain and suffering. But also, because it is one of the clearest Old Testament pictures we have of the Gospel: A loving father who was willing to sacrifice his one and only son, only to have this son returned to him alive.

Faith can move mountains. The Promises of our God always hold true for those who believe with all their heart.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

Name	B day	B day	Name
Rosie Mathew	1-Oct	7-Oct	Joe P. Varghese
Anisha Philip			Riya Dena Robby
Ajo T Koruthu	2-Oct		Shanthi Cherian
K. J. Abraham			Kuruvilla Velangadan
Varkey T. Varkey	3-Oct		Sara Chacko
John Kurien			Aji Varghese
Nakul P. Joy			Stephen Kattuvelath Varghese
Terish Mathew Thomas		8-Oct	Chandler J. George
Rincy Jacob			Sherline R David
Varghese K. Idiculla	Timothy Ajay Thomas		
Marykutty Jacob	4-Oct	Daniel Varghese	
Samuel K. Samuel		Anugraha Ann Jeffrin	
Nevin Kiran Roy		9-Oct	Stanley Jacob
Acsah Beth Joseph			Sheeba M. Varghese
Sosamma Varghese			Suji George
Jissan Cherian	5-Oct	Shawn Samuel Oommen	
Reyan Abraham		10-Oct	Albin Jacob
Nikhil Raphael James	Elachiamma Valayil		
Ishaan Joseph James	Arun Abraham		
M.M. Thomas	Sarah Marie Thomas		
Jacob Thomas	Ajo Thomas		
Sheena Abraham			
Rupesh Koshy	Sachin Kulkarni		
Gijitha Jacob			

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name
Christina Ann John	11-Oct	16-Oct	Febin Jose
Jesun David			Acha Ann Grace Jacob
Brady Varkey Mathew			Leah Philip
Mercy Varghese	12-Oct	17-Oct	Jewel Elsa George
Varghese T. Mathai			Sosamma Mathew
Benjamin M Ninan			Nidhin Mathew Varghese
Liam Jacob			Minal Thomas
Yohannan Mathunny	13-Oct	18-Oct	Aannamma Daniel
Angel Annie Philip			Crystal N. Samuel
Thomas Koshy			Neethu T Kourth
Baizil S. John			Shibu John
Belinda Roy Thomas			Jaeron George Mathew
Robin John Kaarikottu			Johan Sajeev
Naveen Varghese	14-Oct	19-Oct	Chris Sajeev
Shane V. Matthew			Sneha M. John
Sharon A. Matthew			Mereena Mathew
Annamma Mathai		Ethan Joji	
Shogan Reni Kavalayil		George P. Thomas	
Josiah Jacob		20-Oct	Selah Ann Jacob
Cyril Thomas			V.J. Thankachan
Joel M. John	15-Oct	21-Oct	Saramma Rajan
Mariam Vicky Varghese			Caroline Suzanna Chacko
Shibi Babu			Sindhu P. Mathew
Reena George			Thomas O. Keerikattu

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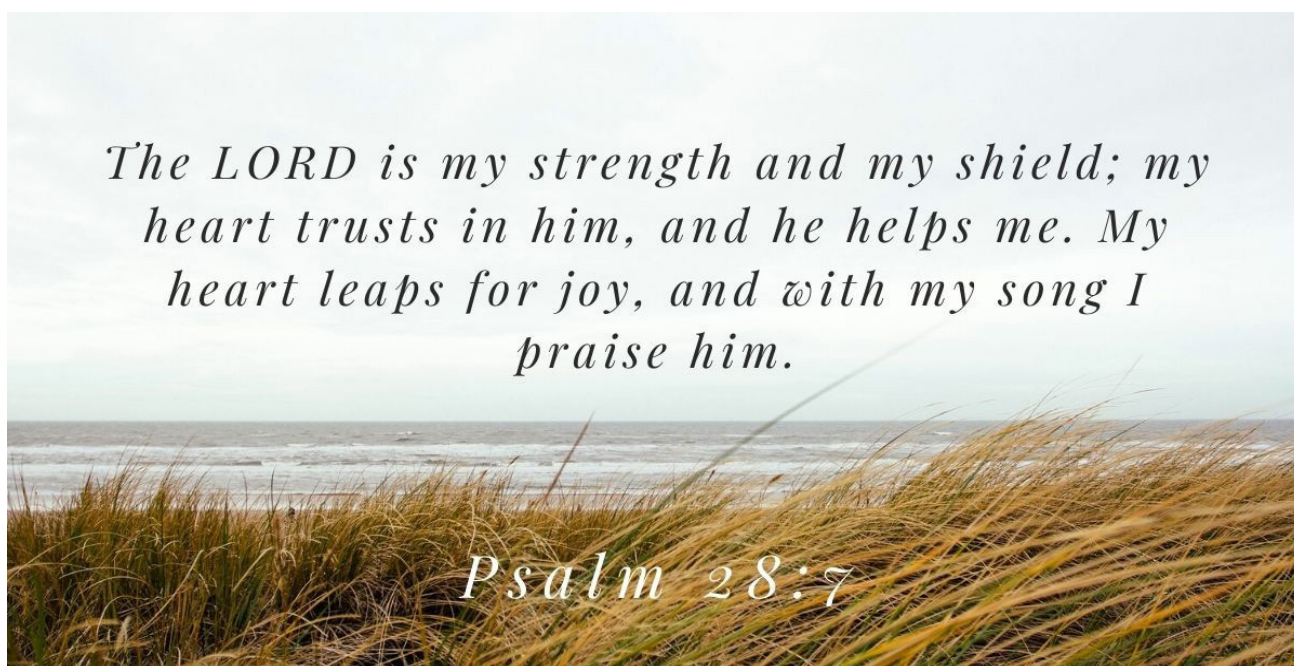
Name	B day	B day	Name
Anil K. Oommen	23-Oct	27-Oct	Thomas Mathew
Elias Koshy			Dannie N Jacob
Shawn B. Varghese			Dr. Varghese George
Neil Abraham			Gracy Thomas
Mathew Daniel			Riju Kuruvilla
Gena Ceana Abraham		28-Oct	Susamma Oommen
Dr.Tara Ninan			Ruby Varghese
Elizabeth Thomas			Shiney SusanThomas
Neha Abraham			Daniel T. Mathew
Thomas Samuel			Reuben Kurian Thoams
Lincy Ann Alexander	P.I. Cherian		
Manoj George	29-Oct		Daisy A. Philip
Julie Varghese		Shane V. Jacob	
Sosamma George		Dr. Anitha T. Abraham	
Jonah Mathew		Shiju Kuruvilla	
Christopher Chacko		Abel Philip	
Joslyn Joe		Ann Philip	
Koshy Thomas	25-Oct	30-Oct	Thomas Varghese
Dr. Thomas Kannankara Abraham			Sherin E. Varghese
Caleb George Eapen			Emmanie Olivia Thomas
Tony V. Philip	26-Oct	Jince Jacob	
Magie M. John		Jacob K. Alexander	
Riya Regi		Tessy Eapen	
Justin J. Samuel		31-Oct	Shibu Thomas
			Joyce John

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ID	Name	Spouse	Wed day
221	Naveen Joseph Varghese	Christina	3-Oct
538	Siju Philip	Nisha	4-Oct
302	John Kurien	Mariamamma	5-Oct
202	Jacob Thomas	Lally	6-Oct
419	Mathew Jacob	Sumy	
310	Preven C. Jacob	Tina	7-Oct
400	Reji V. Kurian	Mini	
273	Dr. Abraham Chacko Jr.	Priya	8-Oct
220	Zachariah Koshy	Grace	9-Oct
405	Sam Rajan Daniel	Courtney	12-Oct
354	Saji Mathew	Mereena	16-Oct
584	Santhosh Paul Joseph	Roshini	
519	Varghese Koshy	Jessy	17-Oct
136	John Joshy	Aleykutty	18-Oct
551	Saji John	Anitha	
262	Ricky Kuruvilla	Monica	20-Oct
522	Philip Thomas	Susha	
239	Samuel Samuel	Mariamamma	21-Oct
110	Oommen K. Mathew	Mariamamma	23-Oct
207	M. A. Varughese	Annas	24-Oct
450	Toby C. Thomas	Jamie	25-Oct
371	George Jacob	Reena	26-Oct
508	Vinod Abraham	Manju	27-Oct
525	Dr. Sajan K. Eapen	Julie	
306	Jacob Sam	Jessy	28-Oct
427	Santhosh J Kalathra	Jiny	
484	Jacob John	Gemini	29-Oct
536	V.J. Thankachen	Mariyamma	30-Oct

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Edavaka Mission	Edavaka Mission Prayer meeting is scheduled for October 7, October 14, October 21 & October 28 @ 7.30 PM via Church Zoom.
Sevika Sanghom	Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting is scheduled for October 9 & October 16 @ 9.30 AM via Church Zoom. Southwest Region Center B, Suvi-sesha Sevika Sanghom half day Retreat will be held on October 9, between 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM @ St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Houston.
Sunday School	Sunday School Classes for October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24 & October 31 between 9.00 AM-10:15 AM @ Church.
IMAFF	IMAFF monthly meeting, is scheduled for October 24 @ 7.00 PM via Church Zoom.
Senior Fellowship	Senior Fellowship meeting, is scheduled for October 6 @ 10.00 AM via Church Zoom.
YFF	YFF meeting, is scheduled for October 23 @ 6.30 PM.
YF	YF monthly Elevate meeting, is scheduled for October 16 @ 6.00 PM.
Area Prayer Meeting	Sehion Prayer Group, Area Prayer Meeting is scheduled for October 17th @ 6.30 PM at our Church.



BIBLE QUIZ FOR OCTOBER 2021

Bible Portion 2 Kings 11-20 Chapters

1. Who saved Joash son of Ahaziah from Athaliah and how?
2. For the first time who started using an offering box (a chest with a hole in its lid) to collect money brought in to the temple of the Lord?
3. Who are the people settled in Samaria to replace the Israelites who were taken in to exile?
4. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. Who is this person?
5. Who was given 15 more years to his life when God saw his prayer and tears?



Answers September Bible Quiz 2 Kings 1-10 Chapters

1. 1:1-2, 2. 2:17-18, 3. 4:35-37, 4, 5:11-12, 5, 10:18-28.

CONDOLENCES



Mrs. Ammukutty Samuel 79 years old, mother of Mr. Saban P. Samuel ID# 414 of Bethel Area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.

Mr. Jacob John 75 years old, father of Mr. Anil Jacob John ID# 577 of Hebron Area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.



Mr. V.V. Jacob 95 years old, brother-in-law of Mr. John Kurian ID# 302 of Horeb area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Pune, India.

Mrs. Annamma Chandy 87 years old, mother of Mrs. Jolly Zachariah ID# 252 of Shall-Aim Area Prayer Group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.



Mrs. Podiamma Israil 74 years old, sister-in-law of T.I. Rajan ID# 103 of Sinai Area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.

Mrs. Rachel Samuel 79 years old, wife of Mr. Baby Samuel ID# 606 of Hebron area prayer group and Mother of Mr. Reno Samuel ID# 481 of Sehion area prayer group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Houston.



The Vicar & Members of the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Houston express our heartfelt condolences to all the bereaving families. Kindly uphold the bereaving families in your prayers, for heavenly peace.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Morning prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Fasting Prayer from 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM via Church Zoom	2
3 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (9.00 AM-10.15 AM) @ CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE IN ENGLISH @ 10.30 AM (ASSISTED BY EBENEZER PRAYER GROUP)	4 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	5 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	6 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	7 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 PM via Church Zoom	8 Morning prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Fasting Prayer from 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM via Church Zoom	9
10 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (9.00 AM-10.15 AM) @ CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE IN MALAYALAM @ 10.30 AM MISSION SUNDAY (ASSISTED BY EDAVAKA MISSION)	11 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	12 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	13 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	14 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 PM via Church Zoom	15 Morning prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Fasting Prayer from 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM via Church Zoom	16
17 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (9.00 AM-10.15 AM) @ CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE IN ENGLISH @ 10.30 AM (ASSISTED BY HEBRON AREA PRAYER GROUP)	18 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	19 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	20 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	21 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 PM via Church Zoom	22 Morning prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Fasting Prayer from 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM via Church Zoom	23
24 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (9.00 AM-10.15 AM) @ CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE IN MALAYALAM @ 10.30 AM (ASSISTED BY YUVAJANA SAKHYAM) YUVAJANA SAKHYAM SUNDAY HEALING PRAYER	25 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	26 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	27 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	28 Morning prayers. @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 PM via Church Zoom	29 Morning prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Fasting Prayer from 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM via Church Zoom	30
31 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (9.00 AM-10.15 AM) @ CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE IN ENGLISH @ 10.30 AM (ASSISTED BY HOREB AREA PRAYER GROUP)						

IMPORTANT DATES/DAYS:

Healing Prayer on October 24th.

Edavaka Mission Sunday on October 10th.

Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday on October 24th.

Friday Fasting Prayer @ 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM via Church Zoom.

Monday through Friday, Morning prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom.

Sehion Area Prayer Meeting is scheduled on October 17th @ 6.30 PM at Church.

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Faith does not mean
trusting God to stop the storm.
It means trusting him to
strengthen us as we walk through
the storm.



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