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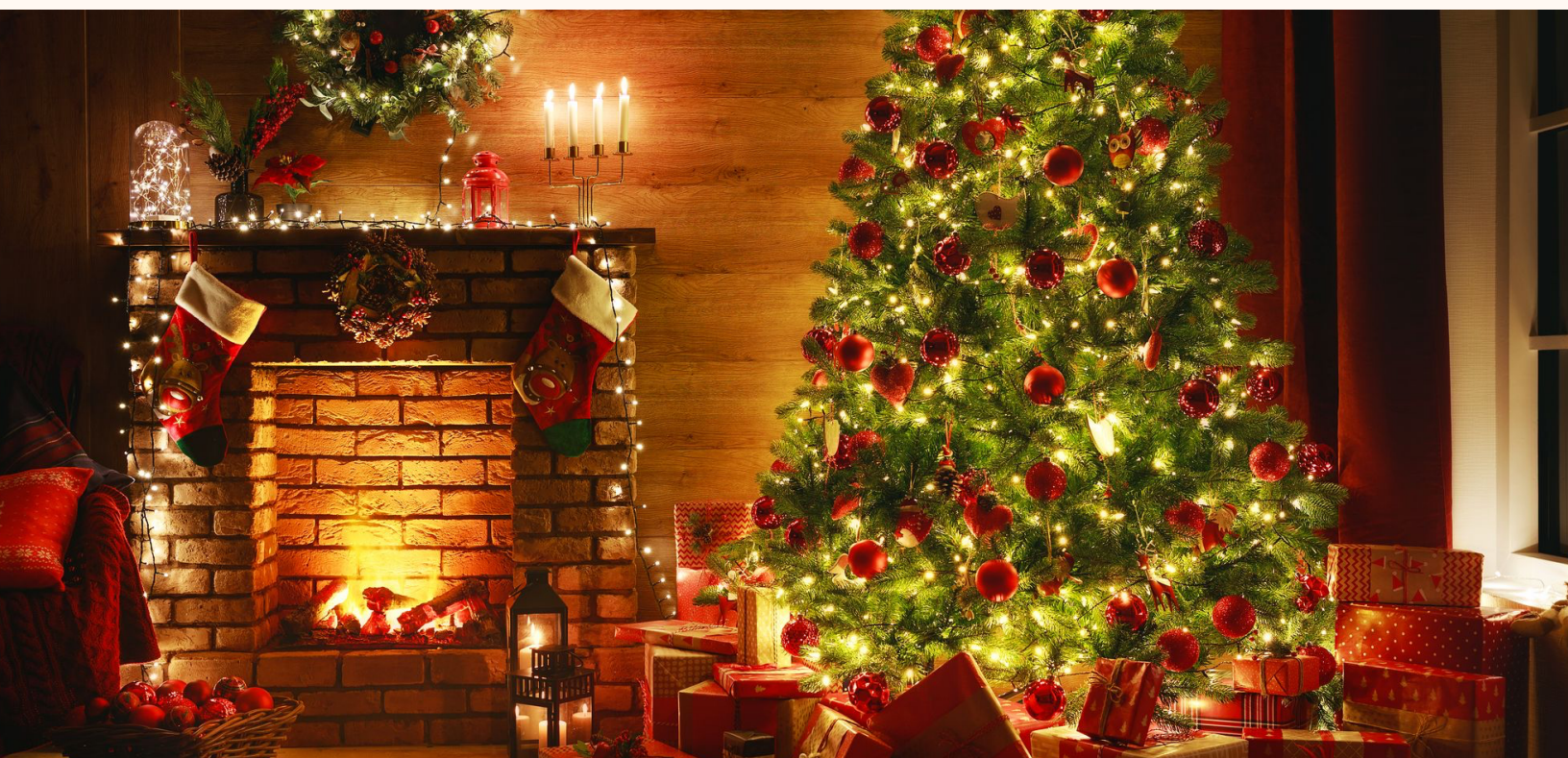
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Advent

BY PASTOR SOLOMON KARUNAKARAN

We have heard it being said 'How Time flies' as we witness the passing of time in different scenarios. It seems very recent that we entered into 2021 and now we have reached the last month of the year. Unfortunately, we do not have control in this matter. Our Lord is the creator of time and the one who functions through that time though He lives apart from the time-space continuum.



The last days according to the Scriptural timeline started after the ascension of Jesus. The angels said to the disciples who watched this amazing event, in Acts 1:10-11, 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” We are living within this time gap. We are looking forward to the culmination of this great event that has been set in motion. Time is flying.

We have entered into the time period called ‘Advent’ in the Christian calendar. In Latin, the word is ‘adventus’ and it means ‘arrival’. We celebrate the arrival of Christ as a child into the world but more importantly we need to remember the promised return of Christ as the King of Kings. In this context, Peter writes, in 2 Peter 3:3-9 “ 3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” As we celebrate Christmas joyfully, let us ensure that we are ready to meet our savior

Thanksgiving Service & Auction

2021



By the grace of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, we had our annual Thanksgiving service on Nov 21st 2021 held at Tamil Gospel Church. It was a blessed time of worship, followed by auction.

We wholeheartedly thank all the church members and volunteers who made this happen. May His name be glorified.



TGC Women's fellowship Annual Retreat - 2021



TGC Women's Fellowship Annual Retreat 2021 "Queens of His Heart!" was held in Lancaster PA this year. It was an overnight retreat combined with watching the 'Queen Esther' show at the Sight and Sound theater.



It was truly a weekend of abundance of food, fellowship, gifts, love, laughter, forgiveness, worship, testimonies, presence of God and most of all His mighty grace and protection the entire time. We want to thank each queen of His heart who was part of TGC Women's Retreat 2021! We give all glory and honor to our God Almighty for the wonderful women's retreat!



William Ault – Missionary Story

COMPILED BY SIS. KAMATCHI BILSON

The person who finished reading bible 6 times by the age of 7; William Ault was born to a shoemaker in West Bromwich in 1778.

At the age of 17 William was already jointly running a bible school in his home town. He had a passion to become a missionary. It was required of him to get married before he could become a missionary. He soon got married to Sarah. Just after 5 days of their marriage, they set sail along with Thomas Coke to Asia on a missionary trip. The sail made Sarah very sick & with in 5 weeks Sarah died. Sarah was laid to rest on the sea.

Thomas Coke, who ordained Ault also died during the sail & this left Ault & his 4 colleagues lonely to implement Coke's mission plan.

Nothing stopped Ault. He landed in Ceylon Srilanka. Ault learnt tamil to the level of preaching in the language within 5 weeks. In 8 months Ault established eight schools in 8 villages, 1 college and built a congregation of 150 members. He worked around 20hrs a day.

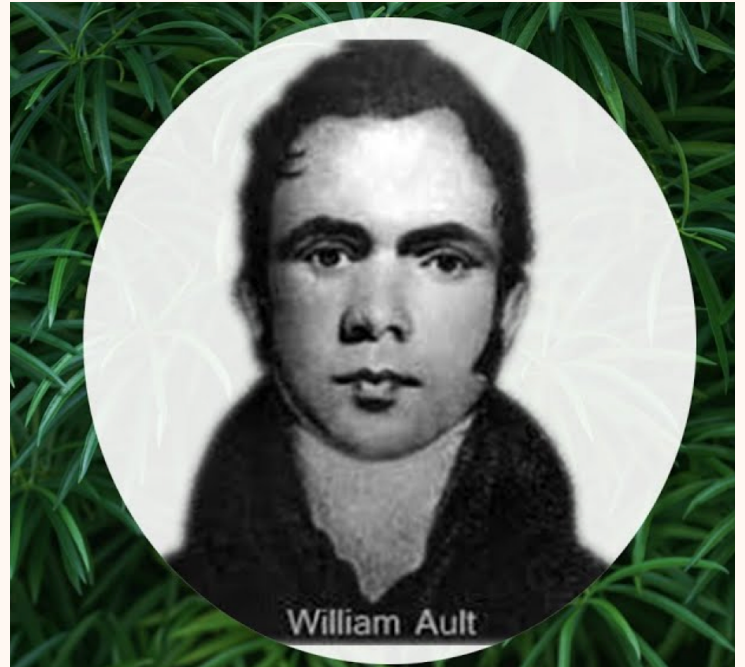
The harsh climate, worst living conditions & non stop work in Srilanka only made Ault sick and he passed away in the year 1815 at the age of 37. He was buried in the Dutch church with the local population erecting a monument to his memory.

Mark 10:45:

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Reflection:

Lord as we remember your birth; help us to remember your life & resemble you in our lives. Help us to lead a selfless life like Ault to serve the needy.



TGC Small Groups Ministry Update:

By the grace of God, the Season 4 Small Group study on the book of Hebrews is complete. Season 5 will begin in 2022 with another study topic. Signups and other details will be shared via email in the upcoming weeks.

AICC Sports Fest - Nov 13th 2021



Highlights -

- TGC Throwball Team Blue Belles won the CHAMPIONSHIP
- TGC Throwball Team Serving Angels finished in 3rd place
- TGC Volleyball teams : J-Walkers, The A Team and Block Busters. Block Busters finished in 4th place

Congrats to all the team players



Christmas Carols 2021



We are glad to update that Christmas Caroling is back. We started on Nov 27th and it was a blessed caroling time to our church members' homes. Stay tuned for more updates for the upcoming Schedule for carols and outreach carols.



December Birthdays

Stanley Maharajan	December 01
Solomon Thangaraj	December 01
Beaulah Dominic	December 02
Meryl Thomas	December 04
Allen Andrew	December 04
Jonathan Jayaraj	December 07
Shelonitda Rose	December 08
Santhosh Kumar	December 08
Solomon Rajkumar	December 12
John Ebenezer Narayanan	December 12
Freya Brigilin	December 12
Robin Solomon	December 14
Soni Premkumar	December 15
Christobla Merline	December 15
John Wycliff Joseph	December 17
Elijah Simon Jayaraj	December 17
Ashlyn Albert	December 18
Melissa Thomas	December 19
Inika Mathad	December 19
Jeni Adlina Jagan	December 20
Annet Jarish Leeban	December 21
Christopher Newton Job	December 22
Arockiasamy Devasagayaraj	December 23
Suthamathi Samuel	December 24
Sheela Christy	December 24
Kingsley Lawrence	December 26
Giftson Samraj	December 27
Lisa Immanuel	December 27
Mary Jones Joseph	December 27
Rebecca Devaraj	December 28
Rhenita Joseph	December 28
Pavithra Jebaraj	December 28
Yogapriya Premkumar	December 29
Gia Praveen	December 30
Sharon Ebenzer	December 31
Priya Thangaraj	December 31
Ranjitham	December 31

December Anniversaries

Steve Jesukanth & Helena Jesukanth	December 01		
Kingsley Lawrence & Amutha Kingsley	December 04		
Pastor Solomon Karunakaran & Preethi Solomon	December 05		
Samuel Baskar & Suthamathi Samuel	December 05		
Jagan & Sheeba Jagan	December 09		
Mr and Mrs Mohan Gopal	December 10		
Kingsly & Sherline Kingsly	December 19		
Rajesh Jebaraj & Pavithra Jebaraj	Silkson & Jansi Silkson	December 20	
Dhinesh Paul & Praveena Dhinesh	December 27		
Christopher Vedaraj & Praveena Vedaraj	December 28		
Albert S Robertcecil & Anila Albert	Franklin S Abraham & Gracia Amirtharaj	Solomon Rajkumar & Nesamalar Solomon	December 29

Announcements

Sunday Service
Every Sunday @ 5:00 PM

Christmas Service
Dec 25th @ 8:30 AM

Fasting Prayer
Dec 11th @ 11:00 AM

New Year Watch Night
Service
Dec 31st @ 11:00 PM

Family Carol Service
Dec 19th @ 5:00 PM

Kids Carol Service
Dec 12th @ 5:00 PM