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HONOR SYSTEM

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One of the things about America that impresses me a lot is the trust or honor system. The authorities trust people and people trust each other thus honoring one another. Yes, this system does work, but knowing fallen human nature not all people live according to it. We always run the risk of being lied to or cheated. With the recent CDC recommendation regarding masks (May 13, 2021) living by the honor system has come to the forefront. With the mask requirement politicized and with the present recommendation, if people follow it truthfully, it will reveal who is vaccinated and who is not. When there are no checks for whether you are vaccinated or not being made except in certain places, how do we trust the other person? We trust them based on their word/action – this is called the ‘honor system/code’. I read in the news already that the honor system is not working and that there are fake vaccination cards in production and circulation. At the beginning of the pandemic last year, the Lord impressed upon my heart that the pandemic is a critical test for those who claim to be Christ followers. This pandemic test continues to reveal our spiritual understanding and maturity level. We all have room for growth. In this situation, how do we live as Christ followers?

The Scripture says in Ephesians 4:15,25 “15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” Speaking and living the truth in love is a significant growth marker in our spirituality. The primary place where we all can trust our dear brothers and sisters and live by the honor system without our faith being evaluated based on mask wearing is our Church, when we gather together for worship as Christ followers. If truth be told in love, we tend to believe our neighbors in the malls, grocery stores and other places rather than our brothers and sisters in our church. It is time for change and spiritual growth in all of our lives to first trust the Lord and then allow that trust to enable us to grow in trusting each other to the glory of God.

Note: On May 28, 2021, the NJ Governor lifted the mask and social distancing mandate for all those vaccinated based on science, data and facts. He also strongly urged those not vaccinated to continue to mask and social distance indoors. It is now everyone’s personal responsibility to follow the protocols regarding masks and social distancing based on their vaccination status, preferences, and health concerns.

NAVANEETHAR

MISSIONARY STORY

He was born with a silver spoon in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. His dad was a business man. Brother Navaneethar has an elder brother & a younger sister. When he was 2 years old, his parents were poisoned to death by someone in order to loot all the money they had. The murderer also went to court to take custody of the three kids aged 3yr, 2yr & 1yr old. Brother & his siblings grew up for a few months in the house of the murderer who killed their parents. Later the murderer left the kids on the streets of Madurai as orphans. An old lady gave shelter for the three kids in return for their hard work in her animal farm. At that young age he had to work hard from morning 5am till 12am in the night & manage his schooling & work in the farm. The old lady was not an easy task master & often hurt the kids violently. When he was in 8th grade his teachers & school Principal recognized his extra ordinary drawing skills & helped him graduate in Art. By the time he was 16 yrs. old he was qualified to be a professional artist. At that age, he met one of his relatives who revealed the truth about his parents' death. This triggered just one thought again & again in his heart that he has to kill the person who killed his parents. He got a relief only during the times when his focus was on art.

He became an art teacher in a school and earned well. He became addicted to alcohol. He drew pictures of gods & goddesses, film artists, women & gave it for sale. He even joined with some terrorists groups requesting them to find the whereabouts of the person who killed his parents. He lost all his peace & decided to commit suicide. During this time he met Mr. Manikavasagam who told him about God's love. Mr. Manikavasagam mentioned that Jesus didn't come for the righteous but for the confused people. This created an impact in him. Mr. Manikavasagam's tender smile & gentleness touched him. Mr. Manikavasagam invited him over to a missionary meeting. After this meeting brother started praying to Lord Jesus Christ & begging the true God to reveal himself.

He stopped drawing pictures of film artists, gods & committed his artwork for God's kingdom. But still he couldn't take away that hatred towards that murderer. However, he was so touched after reading a missionary book one day, and he immediately prayed to God and realized that he became one with God. Then he had peace at heart. He got the address of the murderer at this time. He went in person to see him, gave gifts to that person & prayed for his family. He even shared the good news with that family. He truly forgave him & had peace at heart. The murderer's entire family got saved as well. He received God's anointing & joined FMPB missionary work. He got married to an artist and they are blessed with four kids.

He had a vision of God's calling for missionary work to north India. He started Gospel Ratham & went to almost 16000 villages with his team & spread the gospel through stage dramas. He told the people short stories about Christ in his dramas. Many times people tried to kill him & tortured him & his team members, but he took his cross for Jesus joyfully. Year after year many young men joined him & grew with him as great missionaries & are serving in North India. He served FMPB for more than 42 years & retired. Even today in his 80 years, he is continuing to do God's work using his art & drama talents for God's kingdom.

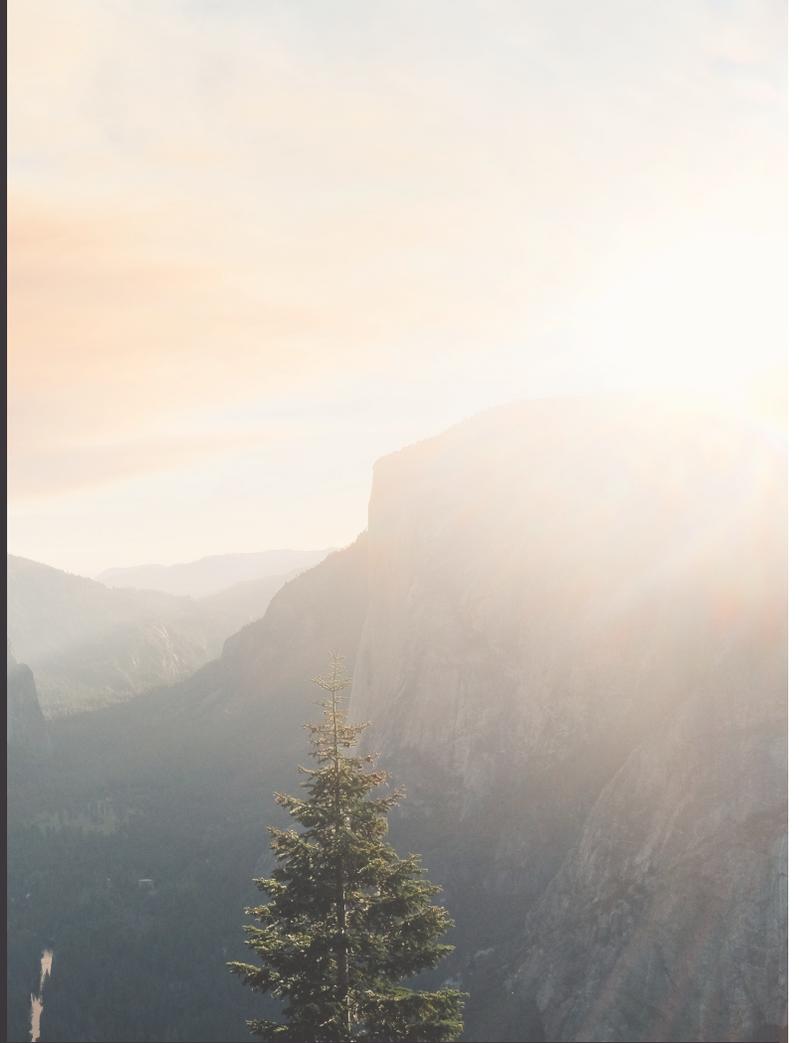
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Brother Navaneethar was able to forgive a murderer who completely destroyed his childhood. Are we having hatred against anyone in our heart today? Are we able to forgive the small mistakes of our parents, in-laws, spouse, kids, co-workers, friends in our day-to-day lives?

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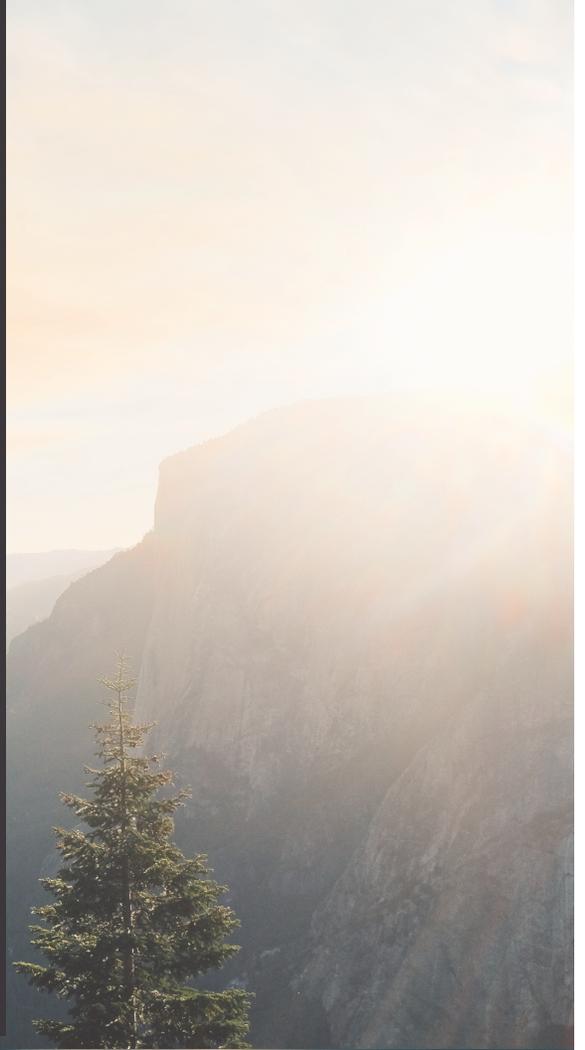
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June Birthdays

For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.

PROVERBS 9:11

EDWARD SAMRAJ & ANITHA EDWARD	JUNE 05
THOMAS VIJAY & ALICE PRIYA THOMAS	JUNE 05
MANOJ JOSHUA & SHALIN MANOJ	JUNE 05
ENOCH ANAND & SHAKINAH ANAND	JUNE 09
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RAJA GEORGE & CHITHANNA GEORGE	JUNE 24
IMMANUVEL SATHYAN & SHARLIN SANGEETHA	JUNE 24
JOHN RAJOO & JASEE JOHN	JUNE 27



June Anniversaries

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

ISAIAH 40:31

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

JUNE 06 @ 5:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY @ 5:00 PM

SUNDAY CLASS

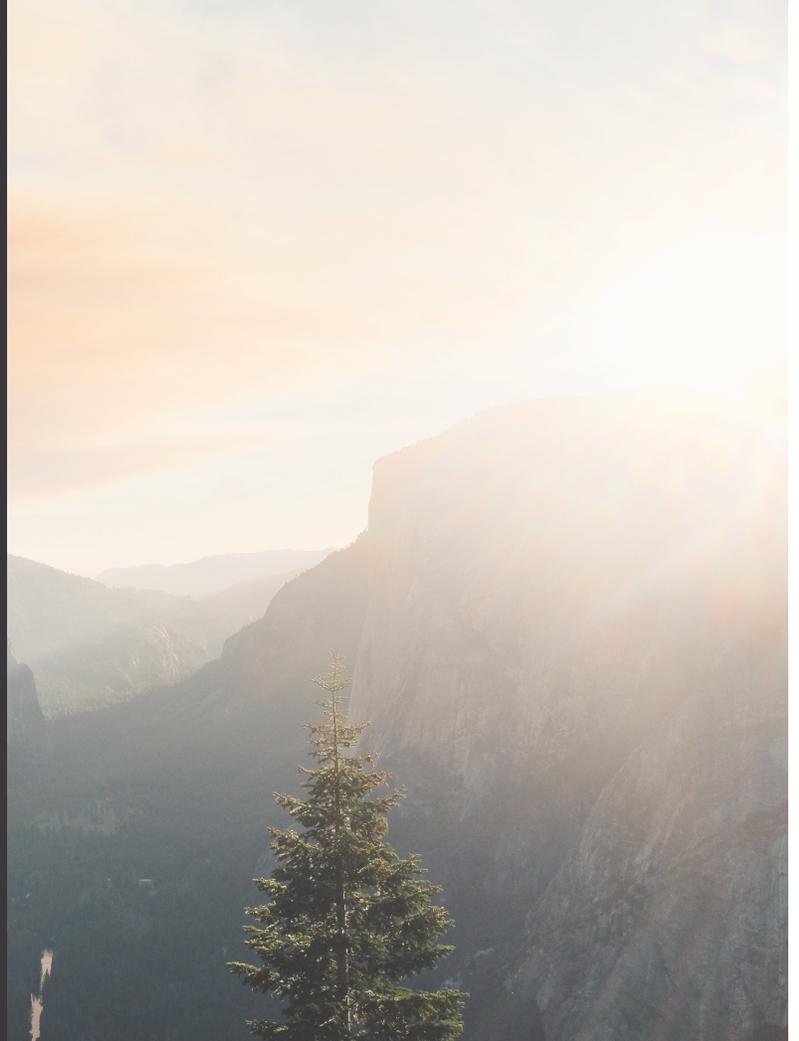
EVERY SUNDAY FROM
2:30 PM TO 3:30 PM

YOUTH GROUP

EVERY SUNDAY FROM
3:00 PM TO 3:45 PM

FASTING PRAYER

JUNE 12 @ 11:00 AM



WEEKLY PRAYER

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 08:30 PM

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