

# TGC TIMES

## TGC Monthly Newsletter

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Our regular Sunday Service is at 5:00 PM. We meet at the following location  
142B, Sandhill road, Monmouth Junction, NJ  
Visit us online at  
[www.tamilgospelchurch.org](http://www.tamilgospelchurch.org)

## Growing in Christlike Character

Pastor Solomon Karunakaran

Growth or change is always an uncomfortable process. I've heard of people leaving a church because they were directed to a different seat than the ones they usually sit or someone else sat in their seat and therefore they became upset with them. With our understanding of the Church, we know they did not leave the Church but were offended and left the community of believers. They are still under construction as a church, just like us. Change is inevitable, but most resist change. Physical change or growth is uncontrollable until a certain time because it is a natural process. Of course during this 'lockdown time' we all need to watch our 'sideways' or 'circular' growth. My daughter says that the overgrown hair on my head looks like a 'mophead.' However the other facets of our growth such as, spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and social are partly under our control. I

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HAPPY  
Mother's  
Day

**Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.**

Proverbs 31:10

**Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.**

Proverbs 31:31

**Be Prepared. Prepare.**



Tamil Gospel Church is a nonprofit religious corporation organized exclusively for religious purposes and served mostly by volunteers of their time and service. The main purpose of the Tamil Gospel Church shall be to reach out the Indian Tamils and all other Tamil speaking communities with the aspiration of sharing the gospel of Christ and winning souls for our Lord, for "it is the will of our Lord and Savior that none should perish but to have eternal life."

# Ruth

BIBLE  
FACTS

## The Big Idea

God does amazing things through unlikely people.

### How Ruth Fits Into God's Big Story

- Don't give up on God. When we think He has given up on us, He just might be preparing to do something better than we expect.
- God's kindness moves us from emptiness to abundance.
- The more the world seems unstable, the more we see God's love is stable.

### How Ruth Fits Into My Story

- God always provides a place for us to belong and people to belong to.
- Friends and family help us through hard times.
- God brings us to our next step at the right time, in the right way.

1150 BC

Famine breaks out in Israel. Naomi's family moves to Moab.



Between 1140  
and 1040 BC

Ruth and Boaz give birth to Obed. Obed and his wife have a son, Jesse.



1010 BC

David becomes King of Israel.



1140 BC

Naomi and Ruth move to Israel, and Ruth marries Boaz.



1040 BC

David is born to Jesse.



1000 BC

Unknown author writes Ruth.



Events in Ruth happened in modern day Israel and Jordan.



## Events

### Mother's Day Special Online Service

May 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM

### Online Night Prayer

May 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30 PM

Online meeting details for all events will be shared through email and will be posted on our website.

## KIDS CORNER



### Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

### Mothers in the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

#### QUESTIONS

- \_\_\_ Who was Jacob's mother?
- \_\_\_ Who was the mother of Isaac?
- \_\_\_ Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin?
- \_\_\_ Which mother in the Bible had a set of twins?
- \_\_\_ Who was John the Baptist's mother?
- \_\_\_ Who was the first mother mentioned in the Bible?
- \_\_\_ What was the name of Yeshua's mother?
- \_\_\_ Which female judge said she was "a mother in Israel"?
- \_\_\_ Who was the mother of King Solomon?
- \_\_\_ Whose mother placed him in a basket made from bulrushes?
- \_\_\_ What relationship was Naomi to Ruth?

#### ANSWERS

1. Sarai (Sarah)
2. Mary
3. Elizabeth
4. Deborah (Judges 5:7)
5. Eve
6. Rebekah
7. Rebekah
8. Moses
9. Rachel
10. Bathsheba
11. Mother-in-law

See if you can unscramble the names below to discover some of the women in the Bible.



## Unscramble

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. biAliga _____   | 11. bhoraDe _____ |
| 2. araSh _____     | 12. nnhHaa _____  |
| 3. sahbehtaB _____ | 13. huRt _____    |
| 4. aHgra _____     | 14. haLe _____    |
| 5. yMr _____       | 15. lhceaR _____  |
| 6. reshtE _____    | 16. bihtaaT _____ |
| 7. bhaRa _____     | 17. mMiira _____  |
| 8. olmaeS _____    | 18. oamiN _____   |
| 9. artMah _____    | 19. rocsaD _____  |



## Growing in Christlike Character

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..know through experience that God allows hardships, difficulties and trials as 'growth spurts' rather than times of pleasure and happiness when growth is gradual or slow, for our spiritual growth and maturity. This pandemic lockdown is a strategic time in the Lord's timetable for us as believers to experience a 'growth spurt' in our spiritual life. We ought not to remain the same spiritually after the lock down ends. We should have experienced a change. If not, we have not yielded to the Lord's deep work in our lives.

The ultimate goal for a Christian believer is to become Christlike in character. We read in **Romans 8:28-29**, "<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For **those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**, . . ." I've heard that even in Christian communities, relationships between married couples, parents and children, and families are becoming strained at this time. We can either grow or shrink spiritually. This time in our life, when our contact with the outside world is low, can become a conducive atmosphere for the fruit of the Holy Spirit: **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control (Gal 5:22-23)**, to grow practically in our lives. My prayer is that during this time the Holy Spirit will cultivate the Christlike character in us and change us for the glory of God!

PS

### Covid-19 TGC activities

**TGC Special Prayer**

**Every Wednesday from 7.00 – 9.30 PM.**

**Covid-19 Runners for Christ**

**for COVID-19 impacted TGC members, extended guests, friends**

**TGC Coronavirus Relief Fund**

**Please contact Pastor or any of the council members for more details**

# Celebrate With us BIRTHDAYS

Iniya Premkumar	2-May
Emmanuel Jebaraj	2-May
Shakinah Anand	3-May
Ami(Priya) Aravin	6-May
Suresh Gautham	10-May
Shobana Giri Abraham	10-May
Elliana Fredrick	12-May
Elda Williams	13-May
David Livingston	14-May
Sasi	14-May
Nirmal	15-May
Anitha Joe	16-May
Brian Samuel Richy	16-May
Johnathan Paul	17-May
Chelsia Angeline	17-May
Christy Aarathana David	18-May
Samypillai Jayaraj	18-May
David Narayanan	22-May
Joshua Raj	23-May
Percy Senthil	24-May
Sadhana Giftson	26-May
Preetha David	26-May
John Devakadatcham	27-May
Stephen Kirubakaran	28-May
Jasmine Shamine Andrew	28-May
Mohan Gopal	29-May
Ranjith Jayapandian Jothimani	30-May
Rebeccah Johnson	31-May



## Road Trip

Journey of the ark  
of the covenant

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Dhinahar Raj & Bhuvana Dhinahar	5-May
Giftson Samraj & Sadhana Giftson	9-May
Christopher Newton Job & Shanthi Newton	11-May
Immanuel Anand & Christilda Immanuel	13-May
Jefferson & Anu Jefferson	13-May
Rajasingh Fredrick Nagarathinam & Jerrina Jayapaul	14-May
Vijay Kumar & Sheela Christy	16-May
Giritharan Abraham & Shobana Giri Abraham	23-May
Praveen Kumar Devakadatcham & Esther	23-May
Richy Gerard & Angel Richy	23-May
Jebastine Vetharaj & Alice Swarna Rathnakumar	25-May
Vigesh Solomon & Jeyashree Vijesh	26-May
Andrew Yesuraj & Jasmine Shamine Andrew	26-May
Krishnamoorthy Chinnathambu & Jagatha Seenivasan	28-May

