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FIFA World Cup 2026

Pastor Solomon

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New Jersey is a buzz with the FIFA WC matches being played at the MetLife stadium. The whole world is engrossed in watching this most popular sport called Football (the real sport that aligns with its name unlike the improvised sport called NFL the Americans invented) currently underway in the USA, Canada & Mexico. In a 1986 quarter final match between England and Argentina, I remember watching a marquee player called Diego Maradona – score a controversial first goal that created headlines in their win because his hand and head were involved in the goal. It was called the 'Hand of God' goal. In fact, he scored a second goal, which was called the 'Goal of the Century.' But nineteen years after the goal was scored, Maradona wrote an apology in his autobiography that it was not a fair goal stating that, "Now I can say what I couldn't at that moment, what I defined at that time as The Hand of God. What hand of God? It was the hand of Diego!." In the context of this sport, I present to you three principles for our Christian life.

Offside – is considered a foul when the opponent player is nearer to the goal line ahead of the ball and the second last defender. We can say ‘running ahead.’ In our walk with the Lord, we are called to be in step with the Spirit and not run ahead, Galatians 5:25, “ 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” This runs against the grain of our human nature. Let us examine our hearts as to whether we are guilty of running ahead and doing things without waiting on the Lord in prayer.

Ball Control – In this sport, controlling the ball with your feet is a significant skill. This skill sets the greats of the game apart. When the ball is in the control of certain players like Diego Maradona, Cristiano Ronaldo, David Beckham, or Lionel Messi it is a treat to watch. Their maneuvers mesmerizes those who watch the sport. Similarly, when we are truly and totally controlled by the Holy Spirit the world will watch with amazement and say, what they said about Paul & Silas in Acts 17:6 “ These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,” Are we living under the influence of our flesh or the Holy Spirit? As it says in Galatians 5:17, “For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.” We need to examine our actions in the light of this battle.

Honesty – As we noticed, it took 19 years for the world to receive the honest confession of Maradona that it was not fair play. The results were not going to be affected but his honesty would have set him free. The scripture teaches that integrity is to be a way of life. Proverbs 24:26 says, “An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.” Are we living a life of honesty? When we do, we need not fear as to what people would say about our lives and we can be free of guilt.

Dear TGC family, while you are watching the FIFA World Cup matches, please consider living by the scriptural principles to the glory of God.

PS



Drawn to God's Word - The Moses Series

Episode 1 - The making of Moses



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Jeremiah George	July 06
Vijay Kumar	July 07
Richard Devasagayaraj	July 12
Evaan Bilson	July 12
Israel John Samuel	July 13
Golda Praveen	July 14
Sharmila Samuel	July 14
Alice Priya Thomas	July 15
Subu Caleb	July 24
Shanon	July 24
Stephanie Joy Jebastine	July 25
Anugraha Franklin	July 26
Rajasingh Fredrick Nagarathinam	July 27
Lukah Arul Stephen	July 27
Edward Samraj	July 29
Preethi Solomon	July 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Aravinchand Chandra Theodore & Ami P Selvamani Vijayaretnabai	July 04
Ham Jeen & Anugraha Franklin	July 06
Karthikeyan RM & Shyamala Karthickeyan	July 08
David Livingston & Preetha David	July 08
Samypillai & Elizabeth Jayaraj	July 10
Arockiasamy & Josephine Devasagayaraj	July 15
Caleb Benjamin & Subu Caleb	July 18

Happy 250th B'day USA



JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	29 6 pm: 	30 6 pm: 	1 6 pm: 	2 6 pm: 	3 6 pm: 	4 7 am: First Saturday Morning Prayer (Zoom)
5 5 pm: - Sunday Service - Sunday School - Tamil Class	6	7	8 8 pm: Wednesday Night Prayer	9	10 5 pm: Retreat	11 7 am: Retreat
12 9 am: - Retreat - Sunday Service - Sunday School	13	14 7 pm: Elders Meeting	15 8 pm: Wednesday Night Prayer	16	17	18 8 am: - CUP Outreach 5 pm: - Baptism Service
19 5 pm: - Sunday Service - Sunday School - Tamil Class - Youth Group - HS Graduates Prayer	20	21	22 8 pm: Wednesday Night Prayer	23	24	25
26 5 pm: - Sunday Service - Sunday School - Tamil Class	27	29	30 8 pm: Wednesday Night Prayer	31		

July 5th Sunday Service

GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR JOSEPH NAVEEN
(THE ALTAR CHURCH IN CHENNAI, INDIA)

JULY 5TH 2026 AT 5PM

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TGC RETREAT 2026
PRESSING ON
PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 NIV

GUEST SPEAKER
DR. SAM BAKHTER JOHN
(SENIOR PASTOR AT FAITH MINISTRIES CHURCH)

JULY 10th to 12th, 2026

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