

MFGC Annual Convention

Sharjah : 7 to 9 April | Dubai : 10,12 and 13 April | Ruwais : 14 April | Salalah : 15 and 16 April



Precious gift from God

Psalms 127:3 says "Children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward". Br. Girish and Sr. Devu were blessed with a baby girl.

Congratulations to the proud parents. May God bless your precious bundle of joy.

Baptism

In obedience to the Scriptures, Sr. Shiby and Sr.Sujatha proclaimed the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



We express our deepest condolence on the sad demise of
 • Br. Thomas, father of Sr.Lovely

May the Lord fill the families with the peace that surpasses all understanding to bear this irreparable loss.



Special message by Pr.Steve (U.K) on 18 April 2014

Church Program Schedule

Friday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai
 Malayalam Service - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
 Children's English Service - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
 Scripture Class - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

St.Peter's Hall, St.Martin's Church, Sharjah

Malayalam Service – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Youth Worship - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 Scripture Class – 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

English Worship

Oud Metha Road, Dubai 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Bible Study

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai
 Malayalam - Mon 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 English - Wed 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 St. Martin's Church, Sharjah
 Malayalam - Wed 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

B.Th Class

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai
 Sat - 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Care Cell Meeting

Various locations

Personal Counselling

Sharjah parsonage
 Thu - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM



KiDs corner

Unscramble the letters to find the word in our



Esther the Queen Anagram

Word List brave, courage, crown, fasting, jealousy, Jewish, Mordecai, prayer, Queen, saved.

- aberv
- acegoru
- ehijsw
- eenqu
- aeprry
- acdeimor
- adesv
- cnorw
- afginst
- aejlosuy

Bible Quiz - 39

What shall scoffers be saying in the last days?

- a). "Eat, drink, and be merry!"
- b). "Show us a sign that we might believe"
- c). "Seek ye first the kingdom of God!"
- d). "Where's the promise of His coming?"

Send your answer to : mfgcchronicle@gmail.com

Champs - Bible Quiz - 38

•Daniel J Thomas •Ruth Sumod •Savan Sabu

BQ – 38 Answer: Peter

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Pastor Juxy Mathew

Upcoming Events

23 May
 Scripture Class Rally



SHEPHERD'S VOICE

The Church that I Perceive – Part 3

In the first and second parts of this article, I had mentioned that the church that I perceive is the one that glorifies and lifts up Jesus Christ, and holds fast sound doctrine. The third important characteristic of the church that I perceive is a church where everyone receives abundant and great grace.

Acts 4:32, 33 – "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

The grace of God is better than gold and silver. Even if we have no material possessions in this world, if we have the grace of God, then we will have everything we need. In the early church, we see that the grace of God was bestowed

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need the fire inside you, that burning desire in you, to share the good news with others. Rom 12:11 – “Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord”

3. Actively care for one another - Acts 4:32, 33 – The early disciples gave priority to meeting the physical and practical needs that were evident in the community. Likewise, we need to understand the needs of others and care for one another.

4. Share possessions – Acts 4:35 – “And laid them down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.” It pleases God greatly when we are filled with a passion to share His goodness with others. The great grace of God helps us to see our fellow brethren’s needs and share our blessings with the less fortunate.

5. Experience great joy even in the midst of sufferings - Acts 5:41 – “And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.” The early believers experienced the height of joy even in the midst of suffering and persecution. In our Christian walk, it is expected to have pain and suffering. But if you have the great grace of God, even these sufferings will be a source of joy. The Lord will lead you to ultimate victory and joy in His everlasting home.

The great grace enabled the apostles and believers in the early church to perform miracles, to testify for Christ even before governors and kings, to pray together, to strive for unity, to be generous and to suffer nobly and well for Christ.

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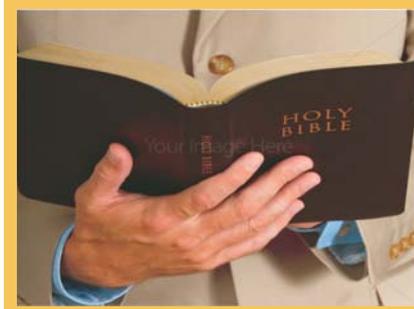
Great grace was not only upon the apostles and ministers, but upon the whole church. This great grace is available in this age as well. Today, I pray that each one of us be filled with the great grace of God through the abiding presence of Jesus Christ. May our lives be transformed and bear fruit for our Lord and Saviour! ————— ★



...*"Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the Israelites to move on."* - Exodus 14:15

Moses had brought the whole nation of Israel to a dead end in the desert. Israel was stranded between Pharaoh's pursuing army and the Red Sea. The defenseless Israelites cried out, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die?...It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" (Ex. 14:11-12) Then God said, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the Israelites to move on."

Welcome to the MFGC family! First Time visitor?



We believe that you came here neither by chance nor by yourself, but God has brought you here with a great purpose. We are glad to see you today and we thank you for joining us for worship. Please join us in the coming days, as we commit our lives in prayer, lift our hearts in worship, and extend our hands to serve in His name.

editor's desk

God sometimes brings each of us to a "Red Sea" in our life. It may be a work problem that can't be solved. It may be a financial burden that is too big to pay up. It may be a debilitating disease. There could be challenges so tough that you may be tempted to walk away from faith. But God says, keep moving on. "But Lord, the Red Sea is before me." "Keep moving." There will be times when the pain feels too great, when God feels so far away. But God says, 'keep trusting, keep moving'.

There was no way open to the Israelites but upward and that's where their deliverance came from. When we trust God in impossible situations and move on in obedience to His command, then the hand of God will remove all that has been blocking our way. Whatever is our Red Sea, God tells us one thing: "Keep moving". ————— ★



The Dead Sea

The Dead Sea is a large inland lake which measures about 80 kilometers long and 16 kilometers wide. It is located in Judea, in southeastern Israel. Known through the Bible as the Salt Sea, the Sea of the Plain, The Eastern Sea or the Sea of Arabah, it today forms part of the international boundary with the Kingdom of Jordan.

The Jordan River is the main source of water for the Dead Sea, with a few smaller rivers also emptying into it. The lowest point of dry land on earth is the shoreline of the Dead Sea at 1300 feet below sea level. That the lake is at the lowest point means that water does not drain from this lake.

The Dead Sea water has a density of 1.240 kg/L, which makes swimming similar to floating. Daily 7 million tons of water evaporates but the minerals remain, causing the salt content to increase. The evaporation leaves behind concentrated calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium chlorides, giving the Dead Sea the highest salinity of any body of water on



The Dead Sea

earth. The salt content of the Dead Sea has been measured as 5 times that of the oceans. The high salinity is the reason that very little life is found in the waters - it truly is a dead sea.

But one day, Scripture promises, the Dead Sea will live again. When Jesus rules the earth in the Millennial Kingdom, water will flow from Jerusalem's Temple Mount and fishermen will line the banks of the Dead Sea.

"Then he said to me, "This river flows east through the desert into the valley of the Dead Sea. The waters of this stream will make the salty waters of the Dead Sea fresh and pure. There will be swarms of living things wherever the water of this river flows. Fish will abound in the Dead Sea, for its waters will become fresh. Life will flourish wherever this water flows." - Ezekiel 47:8-9 ————— ★



Shepherd's Voice cont...

upon the disciples in full measure. This grace enabled them to do signs and wonders and overcome great persecutions. Even today, for every problem that we face, our solution is the grace of God. This grace will help us overcome every hurdle and every mountain in our lives.

What can great grace do in our lives?

1. Enable to do miracles – Acts 4:33 - When you receive the grace of God, the power of God will be revealed through you. Grace is the empowering presence of God enabling you to be what God has created you to be, and to do what God has called you to do. It is God's grace that enables and qualifies us to perform miracles, signs and wonders.

2. Inspire to evangelize – The apostles were not forced to share the gospel. But when they received the grace, they witnessed the resurrection of Christ with great power. Every sermon in the early church was centered on the resurrection of the crucified Christ. Acts 5:42 – “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” And once you have the great grace of God, the opportunities to share the gospel are provided by God Himself. But you