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Coming up...

Saturday 7th June
MYAF Retreat

Sunday 15th June
MMF Sunday

INTOUCH

JUNE 2025

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Dear All,

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PASTOR'S Desk

Greetings in the name of the Holy Triune God!

This month, we will reflect on the **Person of the Holy Spirit**. Male expressions are traditionally used when describing the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is also known by many other names, including the Holy Ghost, Spirit of God, Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, the Counsellor, and the Sanctifier. He is sometimes symbolized as a **Dove**, recalling the moment when He descended upon Christ in this form at the Jordan River (Mark 1:10). Though distinct from the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit is coequal and coeternal with them. Through what is called a "single aspiration," the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, as from one shared source.

The Hebrew term **ru'ach** and the Greek word **pneu'ma**, which relate to God's active force, or Holy Spirit, are the sources of the English word "**spirit**." Rûah is a Hebrew term that can also be rendered as wind,

breath, mind, or the spirit. It is also written as **ruach**, **ruakh**, **ru'ah**, and **ruwach** in English translations. Jesus embodied the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John by acting as a guide and a **pa·ra'kle·tos**. In John 16:7–15, Jesus employed masculine personal pronouns, but according to John 14:16–17, the term "pneu'ma" is employed as the genderless pronoun "it."

The wind and breath are invisible, and so the Spirit of God is invisible. Wind is powerful and God's Spirit is powerful. Everything that happens between God and humanity happens through the work of the Holy Spirit. **He speaks, hears, declares, glorifies, and receives. The Holy Spirit gives people the power to do what God wants.** The Holy Spirit is the divine, living energy active in the world and in our hearts, providing intimacy with the Father and the Son, conveying God's thoughts to us as well as teaching and reminding us of what we need to know and do (*John 14:26, 15:26, 16:12-15; Act 2:17, 19:6; Ephesians 3:22*).

God's *Ruakh* (Spirit) empowers individuals uniquely for specific tasks.. Joseph was given the ability to comprehend and analyse dreams by the Spirit of God. In order to create lovely things in the tabernacle, the artist Bezalel was bestowed with knowledge, abilities, and creative genius. However, the Holy Spirit only worked through a small number of chosen people at different points in the Old Testament (*Genesis 1:2; Exodus 35:30–33; 1 Samuel 10:6*), but His mission has gained prominence since His outpouring on the day of Pentecost and beyond. He is now constantly present in every believer (*Acts 2:1–13; Joel 2:28, 29*).

One of the most important characters in the Bible is the Spirit of God, who stands for the authority and presence of God. The Spirit has been involved in creation since the beginning (Genesis 1:2). Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the Holy Spirit is involved in empowering leaders, inspiring prophets, and leading God's people. Spiritual rebirth is a core belief in Christianity. Believers undergo regeneration—a metamorphosis that results in new life—through the operation of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3).

The Holy Spirit bestows spiritual gifts upon believers for the edification of the church and the advancement of God's kingdom. These gifts are diverse, including wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, and more, as outlined in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. The Bible acknowledges the reality of spiritual warfare and calls us to stand firm against the forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12). The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—is a sign that the Holy Spirit is present in a believer's life (Galatians 5:22-23). The Spirit—who leads, empowers, and sanctifies God's people for His purpose—is a reality experienced both personally and collectively.

With Blessings

Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan

Senior Pastor

June - 2025

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Annual Theme

“You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy”
(Leviticus 19:2)

Monthly Theme : HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 1:8)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

1 Jun 2025

7th Sunday after Easter

7.00 AM

Theme: Power of the Spirit

Text: Acts 1:1-8

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan

Bible Reading :

Mr. Samuel Jebakumar

9.00 AM

Theme: Power of the Spirit

Text: Acts 1:1-8

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan

Bible Reading :

Mrs. Nirmala Sujeevandas

6.00 PM

Theme: Praying in the Spirit

Text: Romans 8:14-27

Preacher:

Mr. Vijaykumar

Bible Reading :

Mrs. Betty Peter

8 Jun 2025

Day of Pentecost

7.00 AM

Theme: Day of Pentecost

Text: Acts 2:1-13

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading :

Mr. K.T.Kuruvilla

9.00 AM

Theme: Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Text: Galatians 5:19-22

Preacher:

Dr. Philip Anbarasan

Bible Reading :

Mr. Samuel Chrysostom

6.00 PM

Theme: Day of Pentecost

Text: Acts 2:1-13

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading :

Mrs. Sarah Sahu

15 Jun 2025

Trinity Sunday

5.00 AM

Theme: Expression of Trinity

Text: Isaiah 11:1-5

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan

Bible Reading :

Ms. Shobana Lazarus

9.00 AM

**MMF
SUNDAY**

6.00 PM

Theme: Expression of Trinity

Text: Isaiah 11:1-5

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan

Bible Reading :

Mr. Ravi Joseph

22 Jun 2025

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

7.00 AM

Theme: Fivefold ministry of the Holy Spirit

Text: Ephesians 4:7-13

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading :

Ms. Judith Mercy Sither

9.00 AM

Theme: Fivefold ministry of the Holy Spirit

Text: Ephesians 4:7-13

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading :

Mrs. Nalini Raymund

6.00 PM

Theme: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Text: 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Preacher:

Mr. Neil Vimalkumar

Bible Reading :

Mr. Albert Devakaram

29 Jun 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

7.00 AM

Theme: Samson, a case study

Text: Judges 13:25, 14:6,19 & 16:18-21

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan

Bible Reading :

Mr. A.N.J. Jayaprakash

9.00 AM

Theme: Samson, a case study

Text: Judges 13:25, 14:6,19 & 16:18-21

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan

Bible Reading: Dr. Jacob Dharmaraj

6.00 PM

Theme: Singing in the Spirit

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:13-15

Preacher: **Mr. Andrew George**

Bible Reading : Mrs. Ezhil Israel

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Worship Services:

at 7.00 am, 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Holy Communion:

First day of every month at 6:30 am

1st Sunday at 9:00 am

2nd Sunday at 7:00 am and 6:00 pm

Sunday School: at 9:30 am

Junior Choir: at 11:15 am

MYF: at 11:15 am

MYAF: 2nd Sunday at 11:00 am

Outreach Evangelism:

3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm



 **Anna Nagar Methodist Church**

Welcome to WSCS
On 7th June at 5pm

SPIRITUAL GIFT OF
COMPASSION & COMFORT

Message by:
Dr. Daisy Dharmaraj

Venue: Basement
Come and be blessed 🙏🌟

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Hour of Power

Mon to Fri 5:30 to 6:00 am

Prayer Station

Monday 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Prayer Walk

4th Monday 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Bible Study

Thursday 7:00 pm on Zoom

Wesley Cell Groups

Mon, Tue and Fri

7:00 pm on Zoom

Time of Prayer

1st Friday 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

WSCS Fellowship:

1st Sat at 5:00 pm

Methodist Men Fellowship

2nd Sat at 7:30 am

Elder's Fellowship

3rd Sat at 5:00 pm

MEMORY VERSES



June

Jun 1st

COMMAND

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Jun 8th

PROMISE

It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. Isaiah 65:24

Jun 15th

COMMAND

Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High. Psalms 50:14

Jun 22nd

PROMISE

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. Psalms 50:15

Jun 29th

COMMAND

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Romans 15:7

NKJV Version

REPORT OF THE VBS 2025

In Ps 34:3 the psalmist exhorts the name of the lord saying "O magnify the lord with me. let us exalt His name together"

On behalf of the Pastors, the PC members, Directors and the committee on Christian education and nurture, I am here to magnify, exalt, praise and thank the Lord for the marvellous way God has enabled us to conduct the VBS 2025 both in AMC and the outreach Churches in V.Koil and Chidambaram.

AMC VBS

It was

- 1) Conducted from : 1st-7th may
- 2) Directors: Mrs. Daisy Pradeep & Ms. Kavya Elizebeth
- 3) Theme Magnified based on Ps 34:3
- 4) Gods chosen children who attended were 125 out of which 5 were from other faith. it was meticulously planned and organised and the final day programme not only showcased the talents of the children but also exhibited clearly what they had mastered the seven days to build their faith and the need to magnify the lord in all circumstances for his greatness.

Outreach VBS

With the support and cooperation of the Pastors of those Churches Pastor Obed Prabhakar and Jessimen Wesley, it was conducted from: 13-16th May

Theme : The voice of wisdom based on James 1:5
by: Pastor Meschak and team who are involved in children's ministry for 40 years.



Due to all our prayers around 71 children in V.Koil and 25 children in Chidambaram attended the VBS. Most of them were from other faith.

It was so heart warming and touching to teach the children eagerly learning, reading, reciting the word of God and also dancing to the songs they learned and we as AMC family could reach out to them was so satisfying.

I record my thanks to our Church Secretary Mr. Sujeevandas Annan and Mr. Luther Dhanasingh for accompanying me which was a great blessing.

I thank all of you for your incessant prayers and sacrificial giving for this ministry.

Dr. Mrs. Sujatha Luther
Chairperson, ECN Committee

"MAGNIFIED"

AMC VBS 2025 REPORT

Greetings in the name of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

We praise and thank God for His faithfulness in helping us conduct the AMC VBS 2025 successfully from 1st to 7th May. The teaching material was obtained from LifeWay Publishing India Pvt Ltd. The theme this year was *MAGNIFIED* (magnifying the bigness of God in the smallest of things)



Theme verse: *"Proclaim the LORD's greatness with me; let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:3.*

A total of 124 enthusiastic kids (5 non-Christians including) attended our VBS. Over 75 volunteers were involved in organising one of the biggest annual event of AMC. People served in various teams, namely, The

Registration team, The Refreshment Team, The Transport Team, The Music Team, The Skit Team , The Technical Support Team, Devotion Leaders, Teachers, panelists and General volunteers.

Magnified Music ,Skit & Decor- Talent Galore!

AMC is gifted with an abundance of talent at all levels. Our VBS was proof of it.

Team Magnified Music was ably led by Mrs.Priscilla Sheal, with vocalists, musicians, and action leaders including. **Jerusha Paul, Florina Jane, Kavya Elizabeth, Shecaniah Levi, Jacob Elias, Daniel Jonathan**, and others. Team Magnified Music began practice sessions as early as February! The young team consisted of our Sunday School children, our youth and a couple of young adults too. The team helped begin each day with enthusiasm and vibrance. The Songs with the actions definitely etched out the valuable lessons in the young minds.

General sessions are incomplete without skits. Our multi-talented **Magnified Skit Team** , headed by Ms. Kavina Jeyakaran, churned out original scripts that were not just fun-filled but thought provoking as well. The lively performances of “Pandi athai, T-Rex (Emmanuel Praveen) and Javed (Ritik Samuel)” along with “the Sangi-Mangi tribe and their Chieftain” kept the kids engaged and expecting new twists and turns.

Team Magnified Decor went all out to make the theme alive. With giant flowers, huge butterflies, bees, lady bugs , dragonflies, glow worms and caterpillars all

over literally “magnified the smallest beings” and made everyone to pause and examine the beauty of God's creation. Again it was a great team effort from some kids, volunteers, teachers, Co-Director and the sexton, Mr.Paul Venkatesh, under the guidance of Mrs.Daisy Pradeep, the VBS Director. Not to forget the handmade backdrop with a giant magnifying glass and the theme spelt out in puffed lettering in metallic hues.

Magnified Logistics

- Registration Team did a neat job handling the initial pressure and sorting out children age-wise into classes. Mrs.Teena David and Mrs.Ivy Jawahar ensured that there was no confusion in this department (with the help of a couple of volunteers on Day 1)
- Refreshments Team handled the distribution of snacks and juice everyday in a composed and harmonious way by, Mrs.Jeevalatha Chakravarthy, Mr.Stephen Chakravarthy, Mrs.Cynthia David and Mrs.Caroline Martyn.
- VBS Transport is a humongous task and it was organised with much planning and coordination by Mr.Shaboo Thomas, who was assisted by Mr.Sabin Augustine and Mr.Johan Jaikar . Both Pick up and dropping back was done on time ensuring utmost safety.

Team Magnified Teachers

On 12th April, teachers retreat was organised. We had eminent Resource persons like, Dr.Joan Ilango & Mr.Ilango Periaselvam. Focus was on 'The purpose of

VBS ' and " Lesson Planning". A team of 17 committed women invested their time and efforts to sow God's Word in the hearts and minds of the children. Many were first timers but did their jobs like professionals.

Notable among our first timers were Ms.Jennessa & Ms.Abigail Ritika, (both just 19 yrs of age!) were the beginners Co-teachers. They amazed everyone with their puppet show everyday. They taught songs and introduced each day's theme and lesson through their puppets. The 3-6 year olds were in rapt attention and awe throughout. The veteran teachers gave their best as always.

Magnified VBS Curriculum

Children from Beginners to Seniors explored the following truths :-

Day 1: Magnify God: Jesus and the Children (John 1:1-3,12; Mark 10:13-16)

The Big Truth: God created everything there is, and yet He still wants to spend time with me.

Day 2: Magnify God's care: Jesus Calmed the Storm (Mark 4:1, 35-41)

The Big Truth: God keeps the whole universe going, and yet He still cares about what's happening to me.

Day 3: Magnify God's love: The Woman at the Well (John 4:1-42)

The Big Truth: God is not OK with sin, and yet He still loves sinners like me.

Day 4: Magnify God's forgiveness: Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-21; 18-20; 1 Corinthians 15:6)

The Big Truth: Jesus came to save the world, and that includes me.

Day 5: Magnify God's faithfulness: Jesus Taught about Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

The Big Truth: God is faithful with the big things in my life, and He will be faithful with the small things too.

Magnified Special Days !

Love Feast Day—3rd May

Children attended the general session at church before leaving to **Green Valley Central School**, Mogappair. It was a convenient and comfortable getaway for all participants of AMC Magnified VBS ! True to its name the school was full of shady trees, a respite from the summer heat ! And the playground was the kind of space our kids were waiting for . Classes went on as usual until 12:45 pm in well-kept classrooms . Lo ! It was time to share their lunch...and what a feast it was! So much joy in sharing we witnessed.

- Beginners too were part of this little picnic but were sent home by 12:45pm after their classes and outdoor games.
- In the afternoon Activities for Primary & Juniors , included some much awaited Outdoor games ,followed by “Sharing the Gospel by way of a Magic Show by **Mr. Justin Raj** & balloon art by **Mrs. Mereebah Justin** .

- **The Inters & Seniors** attended a Panel discussion with **Mr. Neil Vimalkumar Boniface**, **Mrs. Henrietta Boniface**, and **Mr. Sathish Luke**. The kids had posted questions in advance via a Padlet link .Topics included how to relate to God, dealing with sin, and understanding faith, How to prove Jesus is God to others ?, is LGBTQA... right / wrong and much more. The panelists answered each query with wisdom, patience, and encouragement. They also shared some of their personal experiences which helped shed deeper insights in their responses to the questions. Time was insufficient for the questions that kept coming. We hope to have a follow up session soon.
- Outdoor games were organised for inters & Seniors too by energetic Mr.Shaboo Thomas.

Labour Day – 6th May

Children were encouraged to do chores at home from Day 1 and earn some money. They donated their earnings on 6th May. The collection is being given to a social welfare organisation.

Thanksgiving Dinner – 6th May

Attended by 60 teachers and volunteers, the dinner included a time of Worship , Sharing of testimonies and thanksgiving.

We also had a time of fellowship with games (led by **Mr. Philip Sanova**) . Each attendee received a scented candle made by **Ms. Ritika Joanna**, with the words -“*You may never know the full impact of your service- but God*

does , and we thank you for Magnifying Him so beautifully “.

Final Day Programme – 7th May

A culmination of all that the children learned at VBS was featured **at the program. The program included meaningful** Action songs, reciting memory verses & Books of the Bible, General Questions and Answers to them from the Bible verses (pertaining to salvation) , special song (*Death Was Arrested by inters children*) and a Skit (original script by the Senior children).

An interactive short message based on the theme was rendered by **Mrs. Daisy Pradeep**. And the VBS Report (in video form) cum Vote of Thanks was delivered by **Ms. Kavya Elizabeth** cheerfully.

Rev. R.J. Christopher appreciated the children, teachers and volunteers and closed the VBS 2025 with prayer and benediction.

What we hope that the kids would live out is summed up in the words of *John Piper* (American theologian & preacher) , “*The whole duty of the Christian can be summed up in this: to feel, think, and act in a way that will make God look as great as He really is.*”

By

Mrs. Daisy Pradeep

Miss. Kavya Elizabeth

Directors VBS 2025

Prayer Pointers



- ❖ The Episcopal Leaders -
Bishop Dr. Anilkumar Servand and District Superintendent Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi.
- ❖ The Pastors and Office Staff.
- ❖ Ministries of Christ Methodist Church,
Vaitheeswaran Koil
- ❖ Parsonage Construction at Chidambaram.
- ❖ Those who are sick and in pain, especially
Mrs Priya David, Mrs. Janette Michael and
Ms. Adline Shuba.
- ❖ Those seeking job and life partner.
- ❖ The Sunday School, MYF, Young Adults,
WSCS, Methodist Men, Elders Fellowship,
Cell groups, Bible Study, AMC choirs, Prayer
walk, Prayer station, Seekers Care Group
and Aspire Group.
- ❖ The Union and State Governments.
- ❖ The Global affairs - economy, ecology,
peaceful atmosphere.