



Thanksgiving FEST



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Coming up...

Saturday 12th September at 4pm

Thanksgiving Fest

Sunday 13th September 9am

Combined Thanksgiving Service

27th September at 9am

MYAF Sunday

INTOUCH

SEPTEMBER 2026

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From the Senior
PASTOR'S Desk

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

Grace and peace be upon you. Praise be unto God who has blessed us with the privilege and opportunity to be part of this year's **Annual Thanksgiving Fest of AMC** that is scheduled for the 12th (Saturday) and the 13th (Sunday) of September 2026. As individuals, families and as the community of the Annanagar Methodist Church, we gather together to thank God for all the innumerable blessings we have received from God above. Gratitude keeps our eyes focused on God, the source of all good gifts. It keeps our hearts open to continue living grateful lives. May I invite each and every one of you to cheerfully and joyfully to come with hearts full of gratitude. What would be the implications of a life of thanksgiving? It should be Thanks-living!

A. Thanks-living acknowledges our true position:

Gratitude by it's nature is the realization that we have received from a source beyond ourselves. **"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."** (Psalm 24:1; also Psalm 50:10, 11; Haggai 2:8). The Apostle James was inspired to write in his Epistle:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." (James 1:17)

Thanks-living acknowledges that all we have and hold are owned by God and whatever we have are entrusted to our care for faithful stewardship as managers. This is what the understanding of "stewardship" comes from: A steward is someone who manages or administers the property or affairs of someone else as an agent. The message of the Old and New Testaments is that human beings act as stewards of God for creation.

In giving back or in giving thanks, we repudiate the culture of entitlement that believes that we inherently are owed something and that we are entitled. No, all our abilities, opportunities, and possessions come from God, the fount of all blessings.

We either live as those who are ultimately managers and consider how we manage what we have in light of being faithful to God's purposes or we consider ourselves to be the absolute owners and will always be unwilling about any responsibility to give to God's purposes. But a heart of gratitude implies that we have learnt to hold things lightly.

B. Thanks-living reveals our true provisions: Gratitude allows us to see the reality of what brings lasting security and satisfaction the true provision that will last. Wealth, prosperity and material things do not satisfy, they only create a desire in us for more.

Paul's life was filled with many difficulties which he could have complained about, in all fairness. How many

of us would put up with constant stress, confusion, persecution, and beatings that left deep scars and permanent injuries, and still maintain a positive attitude? But Paul had learned an important secret to life. He said, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:11-13). He had learned the secret of not living life based on the conditions around him.

His happiness was not based on situations, it was based on his relationship with Christ. He knew he had all he needed in him, for it was Christ that gave him the strength for life. The Bible says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Notice that it does not say "Prosperity with contentment is great gain." Contentment comes from seeking God, not things. Jesus said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

Contentment comes when you learn that this world can never satisfy you, but that satisfaction can be found in a relationship with God and living for him. It is that relationship which provides us with meaning and security in this life, and an assurance of eternal life where all our deepest needs will be completely satisfied.

3. Thanks-living exhibits our true power: Gratitude realizes that we have the God given power to give. Generosity enjoys exercising that power. E. Fromm, a

German social psychologist says "Giving is the highest expression of potency. In the very act of giving I experience my strength, my wealth, my power." God is a giver. Anytime we imitate God and do the works that He does, we are tapping into the very life, power and being of God. "...remember the words of the Lord Jesus. He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'?" (Acts 20:35)

Those who become more grateful become more generous...and the generosity allows them to sense greater purpose in life. Giving is liberating and it is an antidote to being bound by need and greed, fear and anxiety. Many are anxious about their financial futures because they haven't learned that people who hold tightly to their money will be in bondage to financial concerns, whereas people who open their hands freely in giving will experience emotional liberty in financial matters.

Brethren, **an attitude of gratitude is an act of faith.** It means you are unafraid to live and be happy because you have faith in a God who cares for you and provides for you. He is faithful and his promises are true. **To trust God for all that you need is to thank for all that you have.** It creates an attitude of gratitude. As we come together and participate during this year's Thanksgiving Fest, **may we acknowledge ourselves as faithful stewards, reveal our lasting provision of contentment and exhibit our power of sharing.**

In Gratitude,
Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi
Senior Pastor.

September - 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Annual Theme

“Is the Lord’s hand waxed short?”

(Numbers 11:23)

Monthly Theme

“Feeding Hands”

“What You give them they gather in, You open Your hand, they are filled with good.” (Psalm 104:28)

6 Sep 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Who am I & What is my

Text: 2Samuel 8:18-29 House?

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Ms. Evangeline Jesica Edwin

9.00 AM

Theme: Who am I & What is my

Text: 2Samuel 8:18-29 House?

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Mrs. Idaline Prince

6.00 PM

Theme: From Him, through Him and

Text: Romans 11:33-12:2 For Him

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Mrs. Tijitha

13 Sep 2026

9.00 AM

Combined Thanksgiving Service

Theme: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Text: Psalm 103

Preacher:

Bishop C.G. Dayanand

6.00 PM

Theme: Give Thanks

Text: Psalm 100

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Mrs. Kezia Anand

20 Sep 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Feeding Hands

Text: Matthew 25:35-40

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading :

Mrs. Celin Harris

9.00 AM

Theme: Feeding Hands

Text: Matthew 25:35-40

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading :

Mr. Rajesh Richmond Karawadi

6.00 PM

Theme: Feeding Hands

Text: Psalm 104:27-35

Preacher:

Mr. Andrew George

Bible Reading :

Mrs. Joanita Simon

27 Sep 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Feeding Hands

Text: 1Kings 17:7-16

Preacher:

Rev. Jeyapaul Sittther

Bible Reading:

Mr. Samuel Jebakumar

9.00 AM

**MYAF
SUNDAY**

6.00 PM

Theme: Feeding Hands

Text: 1Kings 19:4-8

Preacher:

Mr. Vijayakumar

Bible Reading :

Ms. Deepti Dinakaran



Anna Nagar
Methodist
Church

*Welcome to WSCS
on 5th September '26 at 4:15 pm*



ARMOUR OF GOD

**READINESS OF
THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**

Message by :

Dr. Sujatha Elizabeth Prasad



Come and be blessed

Sunday Ministries

Worship Services

at 7.00 am, 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Holy Communion

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

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am

Outreach Evangelism

3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm

Weekly Ministries

1st of the Month

Holy Communion 6:30 am

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm on Zoom

Cottage Prayer Meeting

Thursday at 7:00 pm

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



September

Sep 6th

PROMISE

What You give them they gather in, You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

Psalm 104:28

Sep 13th

COMMAND

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17

Sep 20th

PROMISE

He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might, He increases strength.

Isaiah 40:29

Sep 27th

COMMAND

Praying always with all prayers and supplication in the spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

NKJV Version



with the **BREASTPLATE** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Ephesians 6:14

Mrs. Meghala Ratnaiya

“Christians are in a battle ground not in a playground,” said a man of God, A W Tozer. The battle is a spiritual battle. It needs spiritual weapons which is listed out in the Ephesians 6: 10-12. We are reminded in Eph 6: 12 that our battle is not against flesh and blood but against rulers, principalities, spiritual wickedness in high places. It is a spiritual, malevolent enemy who is relentless in his fight against God & His people.

It is a call to put on the spiritual armour all the time! We cannot afford to put off our armour like a physical armour used by a soldier in a physical battle! We are called to stand, not to fight. It calls for trust and obedience to His word!

James 4: 7 reminds us - “SUBMIT yourselves to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you! We put on the whole armor and stand. Each time there was a battle the

people of God faced in the Bible, God fought for them by reminding them that the battle belonged to the Lord!

Now as we look into Breastplate of Righteousness mentioned in Eph 6:14, we need to remember that this is the next piece mentioned after the Belt of Truth. Truth and Righteousness goes together. Righteousness is an outcome of living out God's truth! God is Righteous! Those who follow Him are called to be righteous like Him!

The breastplate of righteousness is an important piece of covering to protect the chest from the enemy's attack. Especially in relation to guarding the heart. Death is imminent when the heart is unprotected without the breastplate in a battle. It is left vulnerable to the enemy attack. Proverbs 4:23 cautions us - "Guard your heart for out of it flows the issues of life!".

Righteousness is a right standing with God and man! God is righteous and He calls us to righteousness! There is imputed righteousness and imparted righteousness!

IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

Right from the garden of Eden, the fallen nature of man has separated us from God who is holy! Adam and Eve after their fall in Genesis 3:7 would cover themselves with fig leaves to come before God in their self righteousness while God in Genesis 3:21 would cover them with animal skins which was a foreshadowing of Christ's work of righteousness on the cross.

While our righteousness are as filthy rags before God who is holy, God reconciled us to Himself through an imputed righteousness He initiated through His Son Jesus as the perfect atoning sacrifice on the cross! He who knew no sin became sin for us! To all who received Him and believed in Him, He gave them the right to become the children of God — John 1:12

IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

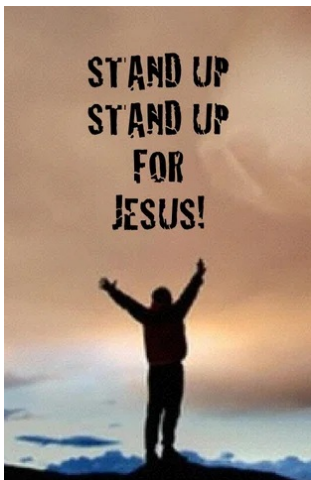
Now that Christ is our righteousness, He works in us to become like Him. Like Father, like children. He saves us and sanctifies us. He begins to impart His righteousness through those who wholly surrender their lives to Him! One example is Job, a man who walked with God. Job walked in practical righteousness before man as well as God in the chapters of Job 29–31.

Susannah Wesley famously known as the Mother of Methodism was once asked by her children on how they should respond to the Gospel. She said - “ Believe the Gospel and behave the Gospel. “ Matthew 5: 16 -Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Even as the culture & the world changes around us, may we all in the light of His second coming be found as people who have a right standing with God and right standing with men! Even as I close, let these lines of the hymn “ STAND UP” be our clarion call!

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in His strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.

Put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.



Prayer Pointers



- ❖ The Episcopal Leaders -
Bishop C.G. Dayanand and
Madam Sukhalatha Dayanand
- ❖ The Pastors and Office Staff.
- ❖ Ministries of Christ Methodist Church,
Vaitheeswaran Koil
- ❖ The Church Construction at Chidambaram -
For speedy approval from Government
authorities.
- ❖ Those who are sick and in pain, especially
Mrs Priya David and Mrs. Janette Michael
- ❖ 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.