



Warring Hands OF GOD



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Coming up...

Sunday 11th October at 11am

Annual Bible Quiz

25th October at 9am

WSCS Sunday

INTOUCH

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From the Senior
PASTOR'S Desk

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank God for the Annual Thanksgiving Fest we had on the 12th and 13th of September which was truly an amazing time of celebration for all that God had been to us and for every blessing we continue to enjoy from Him. The Lord has blessed all our labor of love for Him and His kingdom's work.

The theme for October is '**Warring Hands**' and it is based on Psalms 118:15 - "**The voice of rejoicing and**

salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly". Psalm 118 is a joyous hymn of thanksgiving for victory. The poem begins and ends with thanksgiving to God for displaying His eternal love in the moment of need of those who trust Him.

Joyous Proclamation: As we think of the Annual Thanksgiving, through this season of recollecting God's goodness and mercies, we are just overwhelmed with the way the Lord had come to our rescue and protected our lives from the jaws of death and the clutches of the evil one. Salvation is not only an internal spiritual reality but something voiced, shared, and celebrated in community. The righteous do not hide their deliverance in shame but celebrate it openly. Their dwellings become places of thanksgiving and praise as they testify to what God has done. This is not just a passive and silent belief but joyful proclamation. This creates a community of faith marked by vocal gratitude.

The Right Hand of the Lord does valiantly: The reason for the joyous proclamation is that God has done mighty and glorious things. God acts with valor—with courage, strength, and decisiveness. His actions are not hesitant or partial but bold and complete. The Psalmist says it thrice here in verses 15 and 16. The psalmist wants us to know that he was saved by the Lord's hand. This is a personal encounter with God. He wasn't saved by his word or decree, but the Lord Himself intervened. He intervenes with his right hand - the dominant and the stronger hand. The right hand is the most skilled and the favored hand. That had been the experience of the Psalmist that God has indeed intervened and had moved

on his behalf. Isn't that the way God has exhibited His power and strength in our own battles and wars.

The Song of Salvation and Deliverance: The theme of salvation is repeated here in verses 15, 21 and 25. No matter what David faced in his life, he always turned to the Lord for the answers and for his help. Each time that he was delivered, he would turn in praise to the Lord and give him all the credit. He was never afraid or ashamed to burst into praise or thanksgiving to the Lord for what he had done. Truly the result of the right hand of God doing mighty and glorious things is that the homes and the tabernacles of the righteous become places of song and celebration. Where God's power works, joy follows. The righteous sing not from denial of hardship but from witness to God's actual intervention and deliverance.

"I will not die, but live' (118:17-18): The testimony of David was that he faced death and has been surprised to survive. Each one of us has a testimony of God's miraculous intervention that would empower us to trust Him and testify that 'I will not die, but live'.

Yes, the hands of God are so powerful and mighty for those who trust and obey Him. May our dwelling places and our lives be covered under the hands of Hand and thereby may there be shouts of joy and rejoicing in our homes and community, Amen.

Blessings and prayers,
Rev Sam Sudalaiyandi
Senior Pastor.



Anna Nagar
Methodist
Church

Welcome to

WSES SUNDAY

25th October, 2026 - 9am Service

"BE PREPARED"

ARMOUR OF GOD

Message by

Mrs Pearl Vincent

October - 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Annual Theme

“Is the Lord’s hand waxed short?”

(Numbers 11:23)

Monthly Theme

“Warring Hands”

“Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!” Psalm 118:15

4 Oct 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Warring Hands

Text: Genesis 14:13-24

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob

9.00 AM

Theme: Warring Hands

Text: Genesis 14:13-24

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Mr. Jaikar Jesudos

6.00 PM

Theme: Destroying Strongholds

Text: 2Corinthians 10:1-5

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading:

Mrs. Pearl Vincent

11 Oct 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Weapons formed against

Text: Isaiah 54:11-17 you?

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading:

Mrs. Anjali Sahu

9.00 AM

Theme: God trains my hands and

Text: Psalm 18:31-42 arms!

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Mr. Frederic Azariah

6.00 PM

Theme: Weapons formed against

Text: Isaiah 54:11-17 you?

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading:

Mr. Varun Dinakaran

18 Oct 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Labour & Hold the weapon

Text: Nehemiah 4:15-20

Preacher:

Rev. Jeyapaul Sittther

Bible Reading :

Mrs. Linora Chandrasekaran

9.00 AM

Theme: Being Equipped

Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Preacher:

Dr. Philip Anbarasan

Bible Reading :

Mr. Abraham Julius

6.00 PM

Theme: Sword or Plowshares

Text: Micah 4:1-5

Preacher:

Mr. D. Vijayakumar

Bible Reading :

Ms. Hari Suvarchala

25 Oct 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Battle Ready!

Text: Psalm 144:1-15

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi

Bible Reading:

Dr. S. Chandrasekaran

9.00 AM

WSCS

SUNDAY

6.00 PM

Theme: Battle Ready!

Text: Psalm 144:1-15

Preacher:

Rev. R.J. Christopher

Bible Reading :

Mr. S.D. Ravikumar

ARMOUR OF GOD

Welcome to WSCS
on 10th October (Saturday) at 4pm

FAITH

Message by:
Mrs. Jothy Kirubakaran

Ephesians 6:16
above all, taking the Shield of
Faith with which you will be able
to quench all the fiery darts of
the wicked one.

✡️ 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



October

Oct 4th

PROMISE

The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Psalms 118:15

Oct 11th

COMMAND

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

Oct 18th

PROMISE

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Psalms 32:8

Oct 25th

COMMAND

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2

NKJV Version



Readiness of the Gospel of Peace

Ephesians 6:15

Dr. Sujatha Elizabeth Prasad

The saying, "No Jesus, no peace. Know Jesus, know peace," is very true.

The ultimate peace is peace with our Creator God, and He Himself made it possible when Jesus became the reconciler through His death on the cross. But this peace is disturbed or non-existent because we have not accepted Jesus as our Saviour to experience peace with God, or we fail to invite Jesus to take charge of our inner lives and lose the peace of God, or we do not allow God to heal our interpersonal relationships and lose peace with others.

In Ephesians 6, the Apostle Paul likens our lives to a battlefield, both within and without, and encourages us to put on the spiritual armour, which he compares to a Roman soldier's armour. Just as a soldier needs to be armed and ready at all times for whatever may come

against him, so a follower of Christ needs to be prepared for whatever spiritual darts Satan, our enemy, tries to throw at us. The third piece of armour, after the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness, is the sandals.

During Paul's time, Roman soldiers wore shoes called caligae. These were heavy military sandals - half boot, half sandal. The open design enabled a soldier to wear them all day. He could march, work, or stand in them for hours without discomfort. It was common for soldiers to march 25 miles. Their feet might ache, but they would have no blisters. Attached to the bottom of the caligae were thick hobnails - sharp studs. They not only protected the soldier's feet over rough ground but also enabled him to stomp on fallen enemies in battle. The soldier's shoes formed a firm foundation for his weapons and equipment. Soldiers needed firm footing to concentrate on the battle at hand. Roman soldiers also wore greaves that came up the leg, over the calf, toward the bottom of the knee, to protect them in whatever environment they were in. These sandals were the sign of an equipped soldier, ready to move.

Paul uses this imagery of shoes to teach us, as soldiers of the cross, to be equipped to stand and be ready for battle. It is striking that Paul should mention the gospel of peace right in the middle of a passage dealing with spiritual warfare, conflict, and armour. The war is about peace - peace with God, the peace of God,

and peace with others. As Christians, we are to be prepared for this warfare - to be ready. To have your feet shod with readiness means to be prompt, agile, and prepared to move at God's command.

For the Israelites in Egypt, readiness to follow God's call for the journey of faith and obedience to His commands was seen in the instructions given to them during the Passover in Exodus 12:11: "This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand."

The call to Christians in their spiritual warfare is both defensive and offensive.

Defensive Stability - STAND:

In ancient hand-to-hand combat, losing your footing meant losing your life. The moment a soldier slipped on wet mud or smooth rock, the battle was over. The Roman soldier's cleats bit deep into the dirt, anchoring him so he couldn't easily be pushed backward. The primary command in Ephesians 6 is not "Attack, run, charge!" but "Stand." Four times in this passage Paul repeats variations of the word STAND: "That you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (v. 11), "That you may be able to withstand in the evil day..." (v. 13), "...and having done all, to stand" (v. 13), "Stand therefore..." (v. 14).

We stand firm, recognising that our source of peace is Jesus Himself. "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation" (between God and man due to our sins) (Ephesians 2:14). This peace is reconciliation with God through Christ, anchoring the soul so that outside circumstances cannot steal its stability.

We stand by recognising the truth about ourselves - our sinful nature (Romans 3:23), the truth about God - His holiness and grace, and knowing that we are saved by grace alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). Christ's death paid for our reconciliation.

We stand by inviting Jesus into any situation that disturbs our peace. Jesus is not only our peace, but He also gives us His peace in trying situations. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts," said Paul (Colossians 3:15). Remember, Jesus said, "...in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). John reiterates this by saying, "greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

We stand in our relationships with others by living peaceably with all, as far as it depends on us (Romans 12:18), and by being "completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love; making every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3).

The "readiness given by the gospel of peace" means our readiness to stand immovable in the true gospel rather than being "tossed to and fro... by every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14). It therefore involves discerning truth from falsehood. Sound knowledge of Scripture is non-negotiable to identify and avoid false teachings. The message of Scripture is timeless, enlightening, and the only reliable moral and personal compass by which we can navigate life. Scripture learning must be translated into right thinking and living.

The world's idea of peace is the absence of trouble. But biblical peace - Shalom - is the presence of God in the middle of trouble. Jesus demonstrated this when He slept peacefully in the stern of the boat during a raging storm on the Sea of Galilee. Paul demonstrated this when he wrote joyful letters while chained to a Roman guard in prison.

When our feet are fitted with the gospel of peace, we carry an internal sanctuary that the world did not give us and the world cannot take away. We become "peace-bringers." In a culture filled with rage, anxiety, division, and fear, the believer who walks in gospel peace becomes a beacon of stability. People should look at us and ask, "Why are you not panicking like everyone else?" And our answer is simple: "ecause my feet are grounded in the peace of Jesus."

Offensive Mobility - GO:

Shoes are meant for walking; the gospel requires motion. Sharing our faith actively engages the enemy's territory and deepens our own spiritual footing. Just like the rest of the armour of God, we need our gospel-sealed, faith-filled shoes of peace if we are going to stand firm in this world, even in the face of uncertainty - because we know that the One who holds this world is our Saviour.

The Church of Christ is continually presented under the figure of an army; yet its Captain is the Prince of Peace; its object is the establishment of peace, and its soldiers are men of a peaceful disposition. The spirit of war is at the opposite extreme to the spirit of the gospel. Yet nevertheless, the church on earth has been, and until the Second Advent must be, the church militant - the church armed, the church warring, the church conquering

Paul's language bears a striking resemblance to the prophet Isaiah's description of the happy gospel messenger: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness!" (Isaiah 52:7). The words feet, good news, and peace appear closely together only three times in Scripture: Isaiah 52:7, Nahum 1:15 (an echo of the Isaiah text), and Ephesians 6:15. These shoes, then, seem made for more than standing firm: they are made for marching. "Wherever

they go, Christian soldiers are willing, eager, and ready to talk about Jesus.”

Paul has in mind proactive, not merely reactive, evangelism. Christians who follow Jesus faithfully may indeed attract notice and even questions, and our gospel shoes make us ready for such moments (1 Peter 3:15). But the feet of God's messengers are "beautiful" precisely because they bring good news, not because they offer it only when asked. Such shoes send us to people and places we would never have approached otherwise. They spur us to cross oceans or cross streets, to strike up conversations with strangers and ask bold questions, to invite over neighbours no one else would. Without them, we are not prepared to stand firm against the enemy of the gospel.

We need to be prepared with the boots of the gospel of peace by understanding the gospel message so that we can defend it against error. We must appropriate the gospel of peace personally and preach it often to our own soul, as well as to those who are lost. In so doing, we will enjoy God's peace in our soul.

Battles are about violence and chaos. But the shoes of the readiness of the gospel of peace bring peace to the battlefield. Peace in the Bible isn't always about stopping hostility. We carry the good news of the peace of God to those in need. The shoes God hands us are an invitation to run in His beautiful footsteps, to publish the

peace Jesus won, and all along the way, to know a fellowship with Him that comes only as we advance His cause, for He is with us (Matthew 28:20).

When our Captain calls the enemy the "rulers" and "authorities," the "cosmic powers" and "spiritual forces of evil" in Ephesians 6:12, He surely means for us to see them as fearsome enemies. But He also wants us to remember that Jesus, our risen Lord, is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God, "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion" (Ephesians 1:21) and He is "head over all things," with the church as "his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:22-23).

We are on the victor's side, and we fight from a position of victory. We must learn to connect the gospel to our lives and lips so that our lives become beautiful for God and His mission.

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.