



Austin Christian Fellowship of India



January 20th, 2019 at 10:00 am

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Order of Service

10:00 – Opening Prayer

10:05 – Praise & Worship

10:25 – Prayer

10:30 – Bible Reading (Deuteronomy 10: 12- 22)

10:35 – Message (“Expectations of God”)

11:10 – Announcements

11:20 – Tithes & Offerings

11:30 – Closing Prayer, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction, and Doxology

Praise Points:

- Praise God for Bro. Sunil Lall’s successful surgery on Friday.
- Praise God for the IGNITE Men’s Monthly Fellowship that was held yesterday.
- Praise God for bringing Pastor Madavaraj back from India safely.

Prayer Points:

- Please continue to pray for Bro. Sunil Lall’s recovery and for his family who are caring for him..
- Please pray for Neil Bandela, son of Sunny & Ruby Bandela, as he undergoes medical treatment. Keep his brother Ronel and grandparents in prayers.
- Please pray for God’s healing hand to be upon Sis. Sudha’s mother and Bro. Vijayraj’s mother.
- Please pray for PSC as we start the search for the next Pastor of our church. Please pray that God will bring the right shepherd for the church.
- Please pray for God’s provision for those seeking stability in Austin area.

Announcements:

- **25th January:** Monthly Watch Night Prayer from 8 pm to 11 pm at Prayer Chapel in PromiseLand Church. All are invited to attend and be blessed.
- We will continue to worship at the PLC location until end of February.
- Weekly help needed for set-up and tear-down of media. If interested, please contact Bro. Vinay Karat or Bro. Arun Kiran.
- **10th February:** General Body Meeting (GBM) scheduled to be held after the worship service. All members are invited to attend.

Birthdays

20-Jan	Jonathan Daniel Ernest
20-Jan	Reuben Abishai Paul
20-Jan	Jerin Priscilla
21-Jan	Philip Alexander Dasari
22-Jan	Vanamala Manohar
22-Jan	Prameela Kancherla

<u>Birthdays (contd...)</u>	26-Jan	Rebecca Boyalapalli
	26-Jan	Indra Wilson
<u>Wedding Anniversary</u>	20-Jan	Ajay & Geetha Pittampalli

Sermon Notes:

In God We Trust

A few months ago, my husband and I were invited to spend a weekend at his employer's home. It made me nervous. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine waterfront home and expensive cars, probably costing more than homes. The first day very went well.

The employer was a generous host and took us to fine restaurants. I was enjoying myself knowing this is a very rare opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance, As the three of us were about to enter an exclusive restaurant one evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of us. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment. I wondered if I was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped and a few cigarette butts.

Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny. He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What needs did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up? Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at me. Finally, I could stand it no longer. I casually mentioned that my daughter once had a coin collection and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for us to see. I had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? "Look at it." he said. "Read what it says." I read the words, "United States of America." "No, not that; read further." "One cent?" "No, keep reading." "In God we Trust?" "Yes!" "And?" "And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it!

God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray. I stop to see if my trust is in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to smile. Yes, God, I get the message. It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And, God is patient.

Every Sunday @ ACFI:

- **Milk to Meat:** An interactive Bible study on interesting and challenging topics from the Bible from 9:00 am – 9:50 am.
- **Worship Preparatory Prayer:** Join for a time of prayer for the worship service and the congregation from 9:30 am to 9:45 am.

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ **25th January (Fri):** Watch Night Prayer Service
- ✓ **1st February (Fri):** Regional Bible Studies
- ✓ **2nd February (Sat):** Prem Milan Outreach Event
- ✓ **10th February (Sun):** Annual General Body Meeting
- ✓ **17th February (Sun):** Special Prayer Service
- ✓ **24th February (Sun):** ACFI Membership Meeting

There's More at ACFI...

- Please subscribe to the Church program videos on YouTube (ACFIChannel)
- Please contact Sis. Shuchita Rebecca to schedule time for offertory song:
 - Second Sunday – by Regional Bible Study groups
 - Third Sunday – by Families, individuals, other groups
 - Fourth Sunday – by Sunday School children
- Deposit special prayer requests and suggestions in the box placed at the welcome desk. Pastor, elders and prayer ministry leaders will be ready to help.

First time visitor to ACFI?

We are so glad that you're visiting us today and we welcome you to our Church. When you're here we are one family.

Please fill in the visitor card before leaving the service today. You can register your family online at www.acfi.cc/newtoacfi.

Please talk to the Pastor or the Elders for any questions. **See you next week!**

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