



*Austin Christian Fellowship of India*

Let us  
**RISE UP**  
and  
**BUILD**

Nehemiah 1:1-11

January 27th, 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 (Nehemiah 1:1-11)**

**10:35 – Message (“Let us rise up and Build”)**

**11:10 – Announcements**

**11:20 – Tithes & Offerings**

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

### Praise Points:

- Praise God for the Watch Night Prayer held on Friday.

### Prayer Points:

- Please pray for God’s healing hand to be upon little Yeal as she suffers from chronic pain. She is from the Promise Land Orphanage that ACFI supports.
- Please continue to pray for Bro. Sunil Lal’s recovery and for his family who are caring for him.
- Please pray for Neil Bandela, son of Sunny & Ruby Bandela, as he recovers from the surgery held on Tuesday.
- 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 our church.
- Please pray as we seek extension at PLC and God’s guidance as we finalize on a new location.
- Please pray for God’s provision for those looking for jobs, homes etc. in Austin area.

### Announcements:

- **29<sup>th</sup> January:** ACFI Women’s Ministry Weekly Prayer Conference. Call every Tuesday at 9 PM for 30 minutes, starting 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. For more details please contact Sis. Shirisha Valasagandla or Sis. Sujatha David.
- **1<sup>st</sup> February:** Regional Bible Studies will be held on Friday, 7 PM. For more details please see email communication from respective facilitators. All are encouraged to attend.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Prem Milan student ministry will be held on UT Campus at Dobie Mall on Saturday, 7 PM. For more details please contact Bro. Andy Manchala or Bro. Michael Avinash Please sign up to cook or sponsor a dish.
- **10<sup>th</sup> February:** General Body Meeting (GBM) scheduled to be held after the worship service. All members are invited to attend.
- 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.

## Sermon Notes:

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## Meeting God

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer.

Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring.

## 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:

- ✓ **1<sup>st</sup> February (Fri):** Regional Bible Studies
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> February (Sat):** Prem Milan Outreach Event
- ✓ **10<sup>th</sup> February (Sun):** Annual General Body Meeting (GBM)
- ✓ **16<sup>th</sup> February (Sat):** Men's IGNITE Monthly Fellowship
- ✓ **17<sup>th</sup> February (Sun):** Special Prayer Service
- ✓ **22<sup>nd</sup> February (Sun):** Watch Night Prayer Service
- ✓ **24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.acfi.cc/newtoacfi).

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

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