Expressions!!!...

Sunday School Department, Newsletter 2016

City Church
CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

2016 Calender

7th Feb - Sunday School resumed
28th Feb - Teachers retreat
6th Mar - Children's day of prayer
3rd April - Love feast day outing to NU Mereima Ground
24th April- Parents Teachers Fellowship
26th – 29th June Children's Bible camp, CCF Jotsoma
"Be strong in the Lord" Eph 6:10, 11
10th July - Fellowship with the class 10 passed student.
7th Aug - Friendship Sunday class wise celebration where teachers took the opportunity to share on the topic "True Friendship" after which each class enjoyed special refreshment.
6th Nov- World Sunday School day cum "Talent celebration"
20th Nov – children with special needs Sunday.
11th Dec -Annual Day(family day) parents and church members joined the children for picnic.

STRUGGLES Teens go through

Senior Class

- *Laziness,*
- *To concentrate in studies*
- *Not trying my best*
- *Always wanting more*
- *Taking things for granted*
- *To obey the Bible*
- *Tempted not to do my duties*
- *I sin even if I don't want to*
- *Tend to panic at small things*
- *Unable to give attention in the class*
- *Not able to make time for God even if we have plenty of time*
- *Think too much of how people think of me*
- *Scared of having our own opinion, they may not be accepted*
- *Overcoming certain temptations*
- *Struggle to limit playing games*
- *Struggle to cooperate with parents*
- *Tempted to surfing the net everyday.*
- *Feels like going my own way.*
- *Whenever I decide to read my Bible I feel lazy*
- *Difficult to trust people*
- *Impatient*

Superintendent's Column

Mrs. Hekali Shikhu

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With great joy and fondest thought we remember and give thanks to God for all the teachers, children, and all the passed out students. May God bless each one of them that they will be a blessing wherever they may be and will bear fruit and glorify God. We are very happy to share our experiences, thoughts and blessings through this issue of EXPRESSIONS!!!. Please enjoy reading and be blessed.

A Tribute

Imtizulu Jamir: It's been 8 years since I finished Sunday school. I was fortunate that I was in Sunday school when a lot was going on in my life. Being at an age where you learn and take in almost everything from what you see, I am glad that I was taught the Word of God at that age. I remember being able to help a lot of people who were much older than me, through the lessons I learned in Sunday school, even tough honestly I understood very little about what I was giving out back then. Thinking about this made me realize that the lessons taught in Sunday school were actually very practical. Lessons like having complete faith in God no matter what circumstances you're in. Back then I didn't really know how that actually worked, but it helped people and in turn made me realize I was actually giving out something that was real and not just some memory from a class. Now as I see the present Sunday school goers taking their classes, it makes me happy to know that they are learning something that they are going to really need one day

.**Nivi Yeptho:** Ever since I was young I always loved going to Sunday school and it was a source of my spiritual growth. It was not just about teaching and listening but putting it into action. After I left home for my further studies abroad, things weren't the same and it wasn't as I expected. Life, being very unpredictable, I went through one of the lowest points of my life but at the same time, I experienced one of the bests. But during those times, I was always reminded of God's unfailing love and grace, which comes back to the spiritual foundation I had in Sunday school. During our Sunday school days, we had to memorize bible verses. We were young then and maybe we memorized it just for the sake of it, but when I went through hard times, it was a source of encouragement to me, which kept me going and strong in the Lord. The spiritual feedings that my Sunday school teachers gave me were not in vain and I want to thank them all.

Relationship with God and the character of God (Psalm 139).

Junior Class

Wazole Mero- My relation with God is great. He helped me in my problems like to concentrate in my studies, family problems etc. He showed me the way, guided me, and protected me to become a better person.

Easther – I have succeeded in many things this year. I moved one step closer to God. God gave me the power to understand and helped me do well in my exams.

Ronai - I understand from psalm139 that wherever I go He will search me and know me and I am very special.

Nisuka – my relationship with God is very good because He helps me whenever I need.

Kevikhayo - When I am in good mood I come closer to God. God has made me wonderful like Him wherever I go He protects me and He knows me.

Mesele – The character of God is too great for us. He knows everything about us. He made us unique and special there's no one like us.

Yatetla - God always hears my prayers. God has made me special and wonderful with many talents

Hunoto – God has blessed me with whatever I need this year. God made me so wonderful I am so thankful.

Tiatemsu - From psalm 139 I learn that God created me in a way that we can speak to Him. He made me so special that no one is like me and in a way that no one can copy my talents.

Yanchumbe - My relationship with Jesus is awesome. I am happy. He is in my heart and He is my best friend.

Alokutu - Psalms 139 tell us that God is one and only God who knows everything. God made us fearfully and wonderfully with heart to care for others, hands to serve, mind to think about others, mouth to talk about God, ears to listen to God.

Christabel Khalo - My relationship with Jesus is very good. He has been with me through all good and bad times and He loves me and never let me down. I thank Jesus everyday for everything He has done for me.

Linovi - The character of God in Psalm139 tells us that God is so loving and caring, He understands us and planned everything beautiful for us.. all of us are equal and special before Him.

Reuel - God made us so beautifully, all of us have different types of specialties and He knows us. He loves us so much that even when we are in darkness trying to hide from Him the darkness is like light to Him.

Meli Colo - When God created us He did it all with such amazing and tender care. He made sure that all of us were made perfectly in His eyes. He knows everyone. He will never lose track of anything. We are truly made special by the most amazing God!! - God's character in Psalms 134:1-12, is that He is a very loving, caring God who knows everything that we do. God has made us so wonderfully that He knows everything about us, what we do and before we even do our actions, so that He can take care of us.

Lelen - God made us with care and tended us with all of his love. He made us wonderfully

Toddler's Care Ministry







PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Compiled

LORD HELP MY CHILD TO LEARN....

- Compassion
- Contentment
- Gentleness
- Gratitude
- Honesty
- Humility
- Obedience
- Persistence
- Responsibility

LORD HELP MY CHILD TO DEVELOP...

- Authenticity
- Character
- Conviction
- Courage
- Discernment
- Faith
- Trust
- Purity
- Optimism
- A passion for Christ
- A love for God's Word
- A love for Others
- A Spirit of generosity
- A sense of fairness
- A heart for missions

LORD BLESS MY CHILDREN

- Assurance
- Comfort
- Creativity
- Joy
- Dreams
- Health
- Peace
- Laughter
- Love for learning
- Mentors
- Music
- Opportunity
- Originality
- Good friends
- Safety
- Excellent Spirit

LORD HELP MY CHILD TO DESIRE TO

- Be available to God
- Be still/calm
- Be teachable
- Seek wisdom
- Make Good choices
- Remember God's goodness
- Honor others

LORD HELP MY CHILD TO BECOME

- An encourager
- A kingdom builder.
- A listener
- A treasure hunter
- A vow keeper
- A well digger



World Sunday School Day/ Talent Celebration

















Annual Day Picnic

















Children's Bible Camp



Important Things I learned

Intermediate class

Hevinu: I am blessed. Being able to worship the Almighty is all because of the love of God. " I am proud to be a child of God".

Vivian: I learnt to be grateful and be happy with who I am and not try to be something else.

Vilnu: I would like to take the teachings, memory verses and remember when I need specially to overcome my problem.

Elivi: I would remember all the Bible verses that I have learnt

Kevileno: I would like to share to people what I have learnt and remember memory verses

Meyuren: I understood more and more to be in the service of God. When the lesson "true service" was taken.

Temshinaro: I have good memories during picnic, talent celebration, and spending time with friends.

Marwati: The thing I treasure most about this year is learning about how to throw bad habits when they don't form fully and to keep bad company away.

Lanai: I have learnt how to help others, be humble, and to be good to everyone.

Dzuvarou: Every Sunday I learn one thing or other about Christ and I will meditate on the teachings and take it. I love Sunday school

Bokivi: I learned that love of money is root of all kinds of evil.

Lisuno Koza: The thing that strikes me most is that a Christian is at his strongest when he is on his knees before God.

Line Colo: Many questions I had have been cleared. My favorite topic was "Father's Love" I will surely take what I learned and use it I future.

Liron: I learned so many things every Sunday. I learned many Bible verses, to be grateful, helpful to others.

Atuna Shikhu: I have learned more major things which I have to be doing to live my life in Christ. I'm touched to learn that God created me because He loves me, all I have to do is love Him and receive Him.

Teacher's Column

Sanen Longkumer

Sunday school has been a part of church culture for years. Unfortunately, its importance has been severely diminished and underestimated. Some people do not believe that Sunday School is important while others believe that Sunday School is only for children. But in fact, it requires the whole participation of parents and teachers along with the children. Being a Sunday School teacher myself has been the greatest opportunity, at the same time, I also realized that with this great opportunity comes great responsibility. Teaching Sunday School is different from most other teachings as it involves spiritual curriculum (the Bible) and the Great Commission and also it involves a life that is transforming and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

Our children are the future of the church. Sunday School is not only a worship place for the children but it is the best place to discipline and prepare them for eternity. We can only imagine the spiritual condition and the blessings that our kids would miss if they are not brought up in an environment such as the Sunday School. It has not only become a necessity but is now the need of the hour of every child. The big question that arises - What do we want to see our children grow into? As parents and teachers, it is our responsibility to make sure that they grow up in spirit and in truth and a life that is pleasing to God. Sunday School is only the beginning for children and youth in their lifelong process of learning, growing and serving in Christ. We pray that our Sunday School will not merely be a routine for them but a place of equipping them with life skills that will enable them to overcome life challenges.

Apokla Longkumer

Joining Sunday School as a teacher has been a humbling experience which has made me realize to become more responsible and careful with our children. The subtle changes observed in some of the children in my class reminds me constantly to keep a conscious watch to ensure that they are guided in the right direction.

Children need our genuine love, care, constant support, positive encouragement and motivation which will go a long way in preparing the mind-set of a child and in ultimately helping them make the right choices and decision in life. Thomas Alva Edison as a child was expelled from school saying that he is mentally deficient but his mother's dedication and positive attitude turned him into a genius of the century. Therefore, a positive word of encouragement can help change anyone's destiny.

As a teacher and parent, let us work together to help our children advance towards the right direction. God bless City Church Sunday School.

Deborah Khalo: I have been attending Sunday school since I was four years old and when I moved to Kohima, I attended my parents Sunday school. Eventually, I joined City Church Sunday School in 2014. Ever since then, it has always been a source of strength and blessing for me as I had been taught by the people of God. The Bible verse we learnt has always helped me through difficult times. It is the Sunday school teachers who have always been guiding me to stay on the right track. I will go away to pursue my higher education and face life's hardships, I will always lean on God and trust in the Lord with all my heart.

Seso Koza: Coming to Sunday School has been a truly wonderful experience for me. When I was in beginners class I didn't bother much about Sunday school, but as I started attending Sunday school classes a little seriously I realized that God was trying to teach me through my teachers. The most important things that I learned in my Sunday school classes were on how to live a Christian life. I am very thankful for my teachers for teaching us. They stressed on purity in life as a basis of a Christ-like lifestyle.

Another important thing that I learnt was how to pray. It is true that even as Christians we don't know how to pray properly. I also learnt how to be proper stewards of my time, my belongings and my physical body and also to treat everyone equally. These are the practical things that I've learned from the beginning and even this year. I am grateful that I was able to attend Sunday school because it has been a blessed experience and it has helped me every day.

Carolandrea Kevichusa: I joined the City Church Sunday school when I was in class 6. Prior to this, I started Sunday school in our sector Ao church as I am half Ao, but all the years there I learnt nothing as I do not know my mother's dialect.

My elder sister, who had by then started attending City Church Sunday school, encouraged me to join her and it was a wise move.It is in this Sunday school that I learnt so much. The Sunday school teachers here are friendly and patient.

Apart from the moral values they insisted in us, they have also taught us many worthwhile lessons that have helped us tackle the little hiccups that come our way. Also, the outings, picnic and other activities have taught us the value of good fellowship and to deal with others cordially.

All in all, the formative years of my life as a Sunday school student of City Church has helped me develop into a well rounded and well grounded human being, and, thus, armouring me to face the world with my confidence placed in God as I venture out to new horizons after I pass class X

Vikithe Shikhu: Coming to Sunday school may be pointless for some but I had reason. All these years from childhood till grade10 we always had same Sunday school routine but I never got bored. The reason is because of my wonderful teachers who taught us in different and interesting way. The things we learn always stick to me and when problems come up the Holy Spirit helps me to remember the things we have learnt in Sunday school. I am grateful for that. Our Sunday school was fun. We could do anything we want but there was limit. I did not really enjoy playing games though others might have enjoyed. The teachers were very free with us. We got an opportunity to pray taking turns.

I knew this day would come though I didn't want it to come so quickly. Now that the time has come I will treasure the times and lessons I've learned. I hope all the students will try to be more regular and make friends with everyone so that they gain more confidence and enjoy learning in Sunday school. I thank God for the teachers, friends and church whom I've looked up to.

Sujasula: Born in a Christian family, I began my journey in Sunday school from a very young age. Being a part of City Church Sunday School has been such a blessing in my life. I have learned about God in a much broader term. In my life I have gone through my tribulations but through the Word of God and the lessons I have taken in Sunday School has helped me win the battles of life by encouraging and motivating me to stand strong for God. My personal relationship with God made me stronger through my active involvement in Sunday School. I thank my Sunday School teachers for inspiring and supporting me throughout my time in Sunday School, for sacrificing your time and energy to teach me the Word of God. Without your help and guidance I wouldn't be who I am today. Thank you and God bless.

Ekonthung: Going to Sunday School has been a life changing, memorable experience and a huge blessing for me. Things that I have been taught here helped through problems and difficulties and I believe it will be of great help to me in the future. Not only did I have fun learning but also in other activities like outings, vacation Bible Schools and participating in events to mention a few. The wonderful people, friends I've met there are best and will be remembered forever. The teachers that helped me rooted in God's word and helped me in God were the best and the most understanding teachers I've met.

Sunday School has given me the most precious thing anyone can have, i.e. 'The privilege to learn about God.' Even as I'm leaving Sunday School, these memories are in my mind as if they happened just yesterday. No matter where I go or what situation I fall in, I believe the things I've learnt here will lift me up and bring me closer to God. I owe everything to my teacher. Thank you so much.