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New Church Building

“This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes”. Psalm 118-23

God's faithfulness has been evident in every step of our journey as a church. Since our humble beginnings in 2007, God has guided and sustained us through every challenge and milestone. After years of prayer, dedication, and unwavering trust in His promises, 2024 marks a monumental year where we are blessed to purchase our church building at 27 Mcilwraith St, Everton Park. God has graciously led us, prospering the work of our hands and granting us the desires of our hearts to bring us to this place. This incredible provision is a testament to His abundant grace and perfect timing. What began as a small gathering has now grown into a thriving community, and this new building is a reminder that God honors

faith and perseverance. God does not dwell in houses made by human hands but among his people. We are his house and are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Holy Spirit. And yet, when the believers were all together in the upper room of a house suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind and filled the entire house where they were sitting... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit". It was the location where the believers gathered that God showed up!

May this be a place where your word is honored and trembled at; where your people are perfecting holiness in awe of you. To Him be all the glory!





Editorial Desk

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus!

“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.”

2 Thessalonians 3:3

The Editorial Team is thrilled to publish, Volume 02, Issue 01 of the online newsletter, themed **“Great is Thy faithfulness”**. His faithfulness declares God's trustworthiness and constant presence in our lives. **“Faithfulness”** refers to God's steadfastness, unwavering commitment to His promises, and consistent character. **“Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be”**. **“God is forever faithful”**.

Last month, we welcomed **Bro. Bibin Babu** to the team. We are certain that his God-given uniqueness and talents will make

him the perfect addition to our team. In this newsletter, we wish to acknowledge milestones, highlight important events, and share the personal thoughts of our writers. We appreciate the contributions of our pastor, the editorial team, and our dear church. We deliver articles on varied biblical themes and hope you enjoy reading them.

Warm regards,
Editorial team.





Pastor's Desk

As I sit down to write this message, I am filled with so much gratitude and joy for what our Lord has done in our midst. Last month we celebrated a milestone in our church life—God blessed us with a new building! This season is not just about celebration rather it is a testament to God's faithfulness and a powerful reminder of His promises to us.

As I reflect on our journey together, I am reminded of the words found at **Lamentations 3:22-23**:

"The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"

Over the years we have prayed, worked, and waited patiently for this moment, trusting that God would provide a place where we could grow in faith, strengthen community, and effectively share the gospel.

Maybe not everyone has seen the miracle go that far, but I want to remind you that this new building is the result of collective prayer, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment by each of you with every donated dollar, along with each prayer offered, has contributed to this incredible

blessing. It is through steadfast and dynamic faith that we have reached this point.

As we step into this new chapter, I want to encourage each of you to continue to embrace the journey ahead in that same spirit of faith and unity. Hebrews 11:1 tells us, **"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."** We may not fully understand how God will use this new location to advance His Kingdom, but we can trust that He is already at work in ways we cannot imagine.

The doors of this building are not ours alone; They are an open invitation to our community.

As I conclude this message, I urge each of you to pray for guidance and wisdom as we navigate this new phase together. May our hearts remain grounded in faith as we move forward, trusting that God will continue to lead and bless us beyond our expectations.

In Christ's love,

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GOD IS FAITHFUL IN HIS PROMISES : WE ARE EMBRACING THE BLESSINGS OF HIS PROMISES



Faithfulness of God

The literal meaning of **faithfulness** is “the everlasting loyalty and trustworthiness in relationships”. “Joshua 21:45” portrays this definition in the fulfillment of all God’s promises to Israel, even though they were unfaithful to Him throughout their exodus.” II Timothy 2:13” reflects the same revelation as ‘if we are faithless, He remains faithful’. As we proclaim, “God is faithful all the time”, this implies the unchanging love of God, depicted throughout the scriptures. His ultimate faithfulness was shown on the cross as His unfailing love for the wretched human like each one of us.

While “God is faithful all the time” how can we be faithful to Him?

Faithfulness can be referred to as “fullness

of faith”. Faith is “the confirmation of the unseen things” “Hebrews 11:1”. Seeing the unseen God as Moses in Horeb reflects the realization of the abidance of the Holy Spirit in our human body. The presence of God with us 24/7 will derive fear of God, to avoid our sinful life by promoting spiritually right choices in the eyes of our Lord. “The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom (the ability to make right choices)”. When we make choices according to God's word, we obey Him. As we apply this to our personal lives, we expect our spouse and our kids to be faithful to us. Similarly, complete obedience to the word of God refers to faithfulness to our Heavenly Father.

“FAITH LEADS TO FAITHFULNESS”

Faithfulness is one of the greatest qualities that God searches for in His stewards “I Corinthians 4:2”. Our faithfulness will pour out God’s righteousness from heaven “Psalms 85:11”, and He will bless us with His grace, to produce fruits for Him. We will grow in

daily sanctification to attain the maturity in Christ (fullness of the Holy Spirit) to participate in glorification. Let our faith equip us to be faithful to God and enjoy His faithfulness throughout our worldly life.

Written by: Sis. Sunitha Babu



God's faithfulness to a faithful seeker

He is the one described in Hebrews 11:6: "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists, and is a rewarder of those who earnestly seek him."

Our Sunday service encompassed a heart-touching message from Pr. Samkutty who hailed from Bangalore, India.

The servant of God took us through a spread of real-life experiences where he faced difficulties and challenges in his life. His insight that the knowledge of God and spiritual formation reshapes the inner man, by being formed spiritually from the inside out, transforming from a selfish and carnal existence to a holy and joyful one;

by one's faith led him to continue his journey of faith. As mentioned in Acts 10:34, "God is not a respecter of persons". His love and grace signifies that everyone has equal access to salvation. "God does not pass over tears", so worship and kneel before Him with praise, tears, and utmost reverence, and lead a victorious life.



“He is and He exists”



BCA Annual Convention

The church convention which was conducted on 31st Oct – 2nd Nov was a truly remarkable and spirit-filled event that left everyone who attended deeply blessed and inspired. The presence of God was tangible throughout, and the entire experience was a testament to the power of fellowship and shared faith.

One of the most impactful aspects of the convention was how mightily God used His servant, Pr. Reji Mathew. His sermons were filled with divine wisdom, insight, and anointing, and each word seemed to resonate with the hearts of the congregation. His powerful messages not only illuminated the scriptures but also provided practical lessons for leading a Christ-centered life with a view of finding favour in the eyes of God. Pr. Reji's humility and passion for God were evident in every moment, and his words brought encouragement, healing, and a renewed sense of purpose to all who listened. During the alter call, over 25 people surrendered their life for ministry and the expansion of His kingdom.

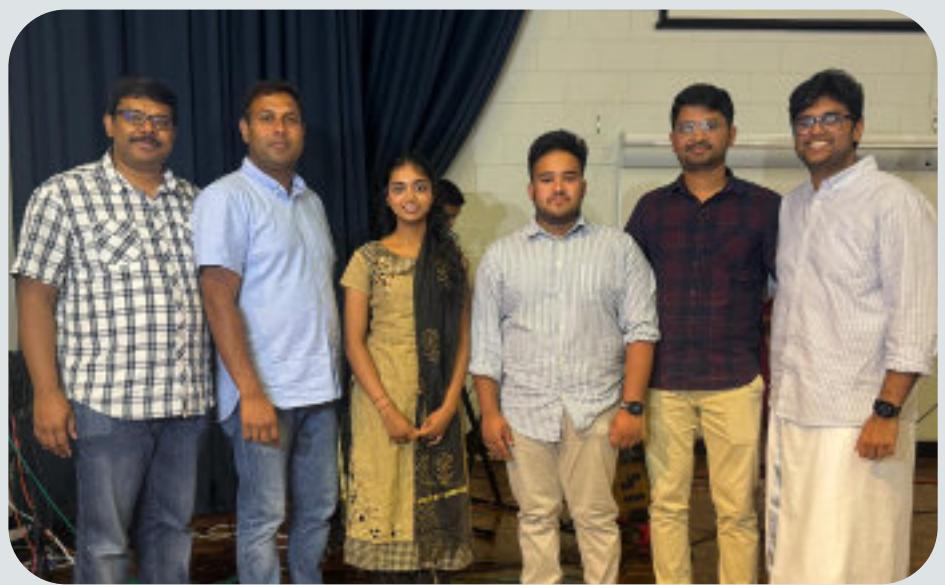
It was a joy to see such a large turnout, including members from nearby churches who joined to partake in the blessings of the convention. The unity displayed among the different congregations was truly heartwarming, reflecting the body of Christ coming together in love and harmony. Everyone, regardless of their background, felt welcomed and uplifted. The worship sessions were another highlight, with the music and prayers creating an atmosphere of reverence and joy that deepened the spiritual impact of

the event.

Many attendees expressed how the convention strengthened their faith and reignited their spiritual life. The event also served as a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, as participants connected with one another, sharing stories, encouragement, and prayers.

The meticulous planning and dedication of the organizing team deserve special mention. Their efforts ensured that every detail was thoughtfully handled, allowing everyone to focus on the spiritual experience. This convention was not just an event—it was a divine encounter that left a lasting mark on all who attended. We look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for future gatherings.







Annual Fasting prayer

BCA held last years annual fasting prayer from Dec 23rd to Dec 29th. We had the privilege of having **Pr Faithson Varghese** ministering to us throughout the sessions. Most of the sessions were held in our new church hall. The key thought was from Matthew 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. The servant emphasised that there is no place for sinful pride in the kingdom of God! God wants His children to be humble, not proud. Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:22 that harboring anger or contempt towards others is morally equivalent to murder.

He also focussed on David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:14-16 where it speaks about people's generosity and that they are only returning what they received from God. God knows that life on earth is

temporary, but that He offers the promise of eternal life.

He encouraged us from Hebrews 3:12 to not harden our hearts with unbelief and teaches us the necessity of staying focused on Christ during adversity.

Daniel 12:2 speaks about a future resurrection where many people who have died will be raised. It also highlights a division between those who will be raised to everlasting life and those who will face disgrace. Lets all aim for Sinless perfection which is not only possible, but demanded by God in both old and new testaments.

We had many testimonies in the church stating the meetings have been a real blessing and has touched their lives.





Ladies meetings

"Her hope is in her faithful Saviour, Jesus, she carries no fear about her future and eagerly does well to represent the Saviour she truly worships".

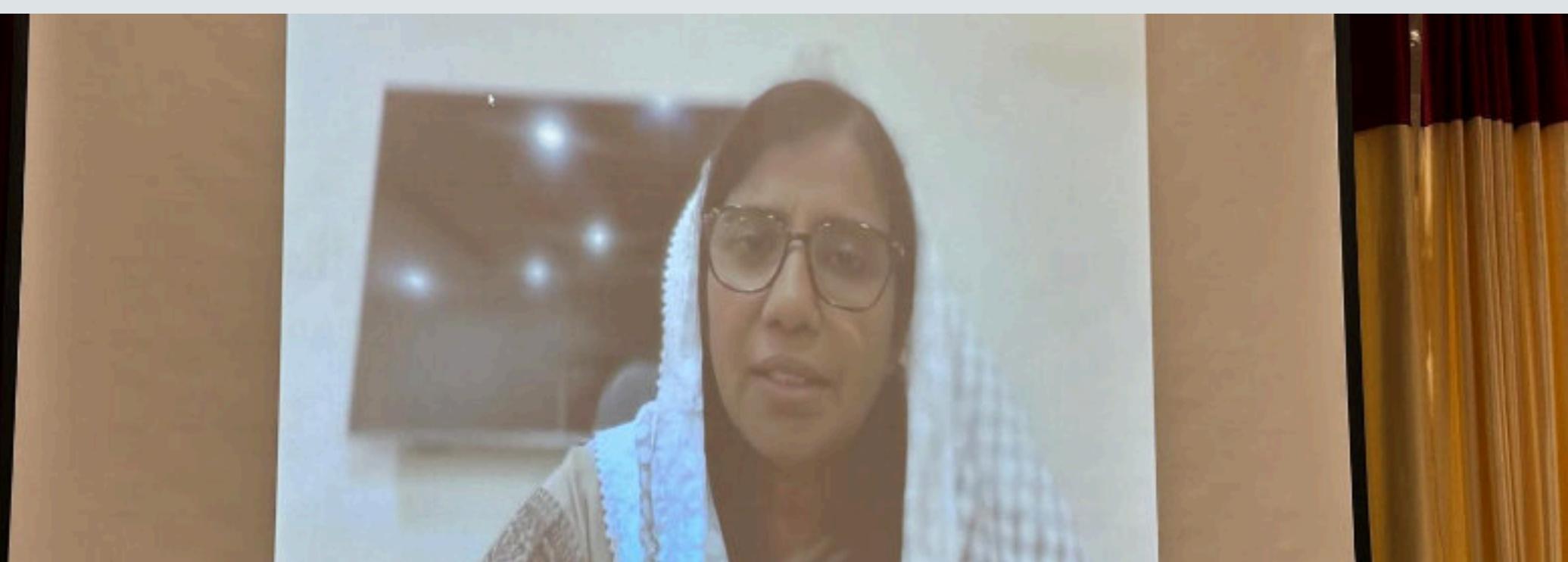
Embracing a spiritual vision of ardent devotion to Jesus, empowering women to serve, disciple, and carry the gospel message, advances the Women's ministry!

During the last 3 months, the women's ministry witnessed the extraordinary power of faith and the importance of individual spiritual journeys. Women were encouraged to explore and deepen their relationship with God, understanding their identity and worth in Christ through the study of Scripture, fellowship, and service. We enjoyed hearing the Word of God from blessed women who minister, looking beyond their needs to serve others with compassion and love, reflecting God's heart to the people around them.

His faithfulness brings joy to those who trust in Him

On October 5, 2024, we had the opportunity to hear from Sis. Jessy Jaison. The meeting focused on the verse from Psalm 16:11, which says, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence, there is fullness of joy; at your

right hand are pleasures forevermore." David expresses gratitude to God for showing him the path to heaven. The verse conveys that God's presence is a source of joy and pleasure that will last forever.





In the present world, we often tend to lose our joy, be spiritually dismayed, and struggle to maintain our spirituality leading to dismay and spiritual death.

In the 'mix' of all events in our daily life we must cherish and nourish our relationship with Jesus. Our foundation in Christ and our relationship with Him should be matured, real, and deeply rooted in Him. The key focus was on

- Communion with God
- Abiding with God
- Being like God-Christlikeness
- Commitment to family

- Truthfulness and trust

As in the Gospel of **“Mathew 7:21-27”**- Jesus cautions against dishonest disciples who only claim to follow Him with words but not through deeds. The house built on sand, which will crumble under pressure, compared to a house built on rock, which stands firm during storms; essentially, true faith requires not just saying "Lord, Lord" but actively living according to Jesus' teachings and putting them into practice in daily life.

A call to knock off the “I” of pride in us so that “He” must become more important while I become less important.”



His faithfulness is Eternal

On December 12, 2024, Sis. Reeja Biju's powerful message inspired many and launched a true intention to shape our lives according to the will of God.

The vital thought was from Ruth 4:11 “May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of

Israel”.

The emphasis was on building the kingdom of God through utmost faithfulness and obedience.

Ruth was a perfect example spoken about, the different phases of her life in the four chapters in the Book of Ruth.



Ruth in Moab

Ruth in the Grain Field

Ruth at the Threshing Floor

Ruth at Boaz's house

The key perspective was the importance of knowing God's will and waiting until we are led to it. The ripple effect of a choice that was once made by Elimelech who decided to settle in Moab as a family. Naomi returned to her homeland in Bethlehem after experiencing hardship abroad, a person should similarly "return" to their faith in God, signifying a restored commitment to their devout life. Orpah chooses to return to her people and their

God and Ruth decides to cling to her mother-in-law, Naomi, she is led to the house of Boaz where she finds favour and she asks to "Spread the corner of his garment over her, since he is her redeemer. It's the Lord's faithfulness to Boaz and Ruth, that the world was given the Messiah.

Through her faith, love, and obedience, Ruth becomes a significant woman in Israel's history, on a par with Leah and Rachel, who built up the twelve tribes. Similarly, Boaz became Ruth's redeemer; Jesus will redeem us and take us home to be with Him forever. Let's eagerly wait for Him!



BCA Outreach Ministry

In the month of December, the Radiators team in collaboration with the Outreach and Evangelism team visited the Strathpine Aged Care Centre to connect with the elderly residents.

They were able to spread the good news of Jesus by singing worship songs and sharing a short message by enacting a play called "The Sin Box".

The team were also able to do a "Door-knock" ministry in Strathpine suburb by visiting homes, singing songs, praying for individual / families by sharing the good news about Jesus.





Baptism

Baptism is a covenant with God, where the baptized person promises to follow Jesus Christ and keep his commandments.

On Dec 7, 2024 Sis Trefena Reju took the bold decision to get water baptized. The presence of God was felt throughout the service. Everyone joined together to celebrate the joyous occasion.





Prayer Line

We're thrilled to share that we've launched a Prayer Line dedicated to supporting people with various prayer needs across Australia! Whether you're seeking guidance, comfort, or simply wish to connect in faith, our community is here for you.

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How It Works

- Call us at 1800 01 PRAY
- Share your prayer requests and let us know how we can uplift you in prayer
- If you need someone to pray with you please do not hesitate to call this number. The Bible says the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
- This line is manned by believing Christians who are on standby to talk with you in a caring and non-judgemental manner and willing to offer a word of prayer for your support.





House Warmings



Congratulations Br Binu, Sr Jeena, Johan and Evanna on your new home.



Congratulations Br Kiran, Sr Priska and little Ellyse on your new home.



Newborns

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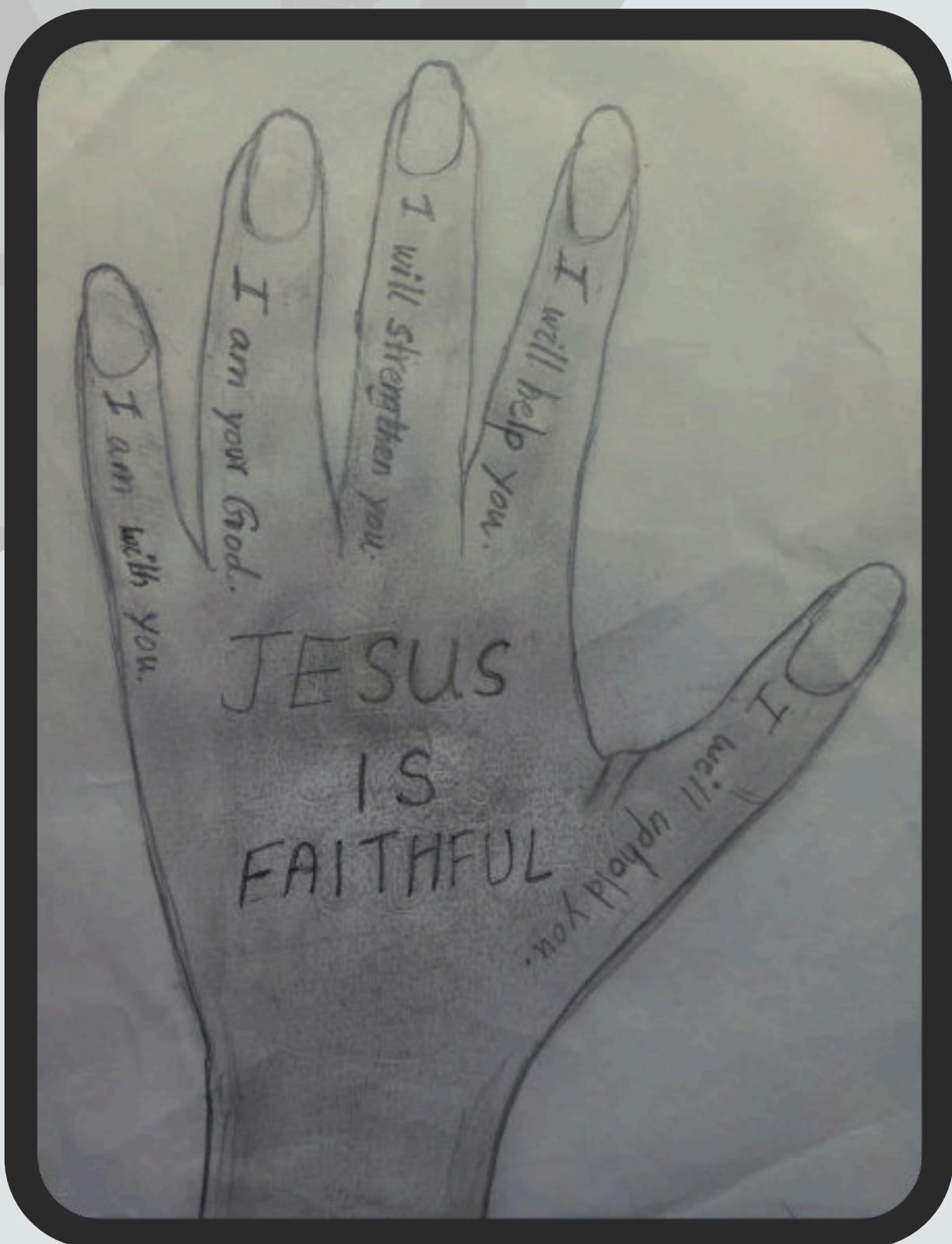


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Kid's Corner



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Ending Note

“God’s faithfulness is stronger than our unfaithfulness and our infidelities.”

He who called us is the faithful God of Peace and will sanctify and present us blameless before God. He will equip us to lead godly lives and transform us into the image of Christ. He called us and chose us “to become like his Son.

God is faithful in finishing what He started. He called us, and He will fulfill His plan for us. “And we are certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns” He is the Potter, we are the clay, and He molds us into the people He wants us to be. His hands are sure, His intentions are wise, and His work is flawless, His faithfulness is everlasting!. We hope you have enjoyed reading through the pages.

God bless you.