

From Your Pastor

A friend of mine wrote to me about a core value of his church. They try to always **love people when they least expect it and least deserve it**. I love this core value!

You can go ahead and love people when they expect it and deserve it. We should do this, but really it doesn't count for much. For example if you buy someone a **birthday gift** or **give flowers on Valentine's Day** it's like **breaking even**. Why? Because it's expected and deserved.

If you really want to impact someone, surprise them. Love them when they have just made **the biggest mistake of their life** and they are surrounded by an angry mob with stones in their hands! Isn't that what Jesus did over and over again in his life? He intervenes when the mob is about to stone the woman caught in the act of adultery. He loved her when she least expected it and least deserved it. He invites tax collectors and traitors to dinner. He loves them despite the fact that everyone else shuns them.



I want my life to be about **loving people** and **blessing people** when they least expect it because that is how God loves us. He **comes out of nowhere** and **surprises us with His amazing grace!** I want our church to be about that.

We had someone come to our morning service a few weeks ago who told me after the worship that she was really nervous to come to church. She was "afraid we might do something really weird!" She came in fear. We surprised her. We made her feel at home and welcome. We loved her. I think people simply talked with her after church in a friendly manner. **We loved her in a way she didn't expect.**

I don't know if we can call this a core value, but I think we can say it is consistent with our values as a church. It's one of the things that makes our church so much fun. God bless you all as you seek ways to love people when they least expect or deserve it.

Grace & Peace



Stewart

ICB has two Worship Services every Sunday.
10:00am – Bangkok Christian College
6.30p m– Bangkok Christian Guest house

PRAYERS REQUEST

- ☐ Pray for Mae Panchet's brother who is under going cancer care
- ☐ Pray for church members and friends who are struggling with immigration issues and income/employment issues
- ☐ Pray for people of Haiti & other nations that are struggling to house and feed their people.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray that we would find a way to love people when they least expect and least deserve it, because that's exactly how God loves us.



If you would like a prayer concern to be included in this list please mail to pastor@icbangkok.org

Fellowship



Connect with Fellow ICBERS through our Facebook Page. Join a small group. Invite someone you are chatting with after worship to join you for lunch.

!! HELP WANTED !!

Looking for volunteers to help with the children's classes. We work on a rotation schedule so no one person is away from the worship service for very long. If interested or for more information, please contact Tracy Compaan or Pastor Stewart

Happy Birthday!

February/March

10	Ronald Li
12	Tessa Sreesangkom
14	Valerie Bobe
16	Steve Najoo
16	Jack Kasendo
16	Paeng Homsombat
19	Pavan Rao
19	Rukshan
21	Ethan Ratu
22	Posma Ferdinan
24	Daeng Prachayaporn
24	Lookkaid Dircks
25	Derrick Chee
03/04	Chatt Uthen
07	Primita Dwiana
08	John Purba
08	Bashala Kasendo
10	Saskia Gale
12	Mark Hensman
14	Watson Anthali
14	Doug Helgeson

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to talk about formally joining ICB please speak with Rev. Perry.

Membership at ICB does NOT require you to give up membership in another church. It is simply a way of reaffirming faith in Christ and ICB as your Bangkok church home.

To receive The Messenger by email ahead of Sunday mornings please send a request to pastor@icbangkok.org and you will be added to the list.

SERMON SCHEDULE

IN FEBRUARY

Starting on **VALENTINE'S DAY** (which is a great excuse to invite a friend to church - especially a "special" friend :) we're going to look at a series of **bible passages** that can help you keep your most important relationships (romantic, sibling, parental, even neighbors and business relationships) healthy.

Tentative Sermon Theme

Date	Topic
7 February	We flexed our ecumenical muscles last week. Check out the sermon transcript on the pastor's blog for details. www.bangkokpastor.blogspot.com
14 February	Is it possible to stay happy in a relationship?
21 February	A relationship endurance plan
28 February	Why and how things can go wrong
7 March	Expectations VS Reality



Lent (Ash Wednesday) Starts

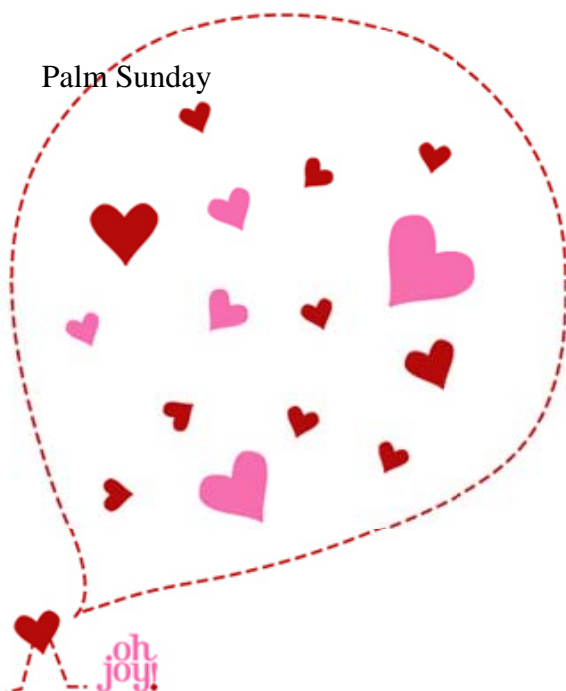
ICB doesn't have a service on this day, but often Christ Church does. If you want ashes you should check the Christ Church website. www.christchurchbangkok.org



Indonesian Language Worship



Palm Sunday



Good Friday



Easter

FEBRUARY OUTREACH PARTNER CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY



Please note this Sunday as the Christian Prison Ministry in Thailand will join us for worship & discussion.



The Christian Prison Ministry in Thailand (CPMT) was started under the Baptist Church Foundation by IMB missionaries over 30 years ago. In recent years, the CPMT is increasingly gaining the admiration and support of the Thai government because of the ministry's effectiveness in positively changing the prisoners' behaviors. As chief prison officials give cooperation and support to CPMT, the ministry is able to sow seeds among the inmates in additional prisons through Bible studies, Christian morals training, language learning, and various other ways. At last count, the CPMT had programs in over 60 prisons and juvenile detention centers, in addition to a halfway-house ministry.

Christian Prison Ministry Foundation:

A ministry reaching out to the prison inmates throughout Thailand through evangelistic services, prison choirs, and bible studies in the prisons and helping those who have become Christians to grow and be witnesses for Christ in prison. The House of Blessing Half Way House helps and supports newly released prisoners re-enter into society.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- Christian men and women who are members of a church to get involved in ministry through visits to and into prisons.
- Present the essentials of the Christian faith, share their own testimony of what it means to be a Christian and answer questions on what it means to be and to live as a Christian
- Offer job training and job opportunities for ex-prisoners



If you have any items - stories, comments, news about members, ideas-to include, please get them to Darrell Chen at ckdarrell@gmail.com. Thank you!



Your Church Council Representatives:

Chairperson:	Thelma Kay
Vice Chair:	Ethan Ratu
Secretary:	Prenston Gale
Christian Ed:	Tracy Compaan
Fellowship:	Derrick Chee
Finance:	Devin Brougham
Membership:	Margaret McMillion
Outreach:	Malinee Leethochawalit
Worship:	Ken Mays
Property/Personnel:	Nancy Pacag
At Large:	Ann Hensman



Membership and Outreach are both looking for interested people to get involved. The ICB Council Committees function more like work teams than committees. They are not supervising ministry so much as doing it.

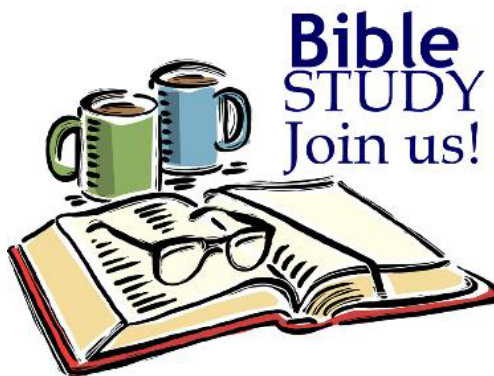
Talk to Pastor Stewart or to the person responsible in your area of interest.

Indonesian Women’s Study – Meets for bible study every Tuesday, at Bangkok Gardens, Tower E Condo # 5095, Narathiwas soi 24, New Sathorn. If interested talk to Ansyne Rungkat (081-554-9039). This group uses the Indonesian language.

Klong Prem Central Prison Visitation - Members can visit prisoners and bring a little light into a very dreary place. Visits last about 30 mins and are with individual prisoners through a window. Dates are flexible. Contact Devin Brougham @ 083-915 2000 for details.

Nichada Group - Women's fellowship and Bible study meets on Tuesday evenings. Family fellowship dinners on occasion. Contact Caryn Macky for details at carynm@isb.ac.th. Or 085-905 8310

Sala Daeng Bible Study –At the Bangkok Christian Guest House on Wednesdays @ 7pm. Contact Andrew Dircks (087-689-8618).



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

Ramkamhaeng, Bangna, Srinakarin Area Group - This group is regrouping. Please call Francis Carredo (085-145-2845) for details. Planning to meet on Sunday afternoons every other week. It’s a family style group.

Spirituality and Culture Group meets mostly on alternating Tuesdays near Nana BTS. Call Malcolm McKinlay (081-701-1087) or Dan Lewis (081-804-1957) for details/directions.

Thong Lor Area Group - The Thong Lor mid-week group begins Wednesday 2 September. Call Pastor Stewart (081-923-2810) or Ken Mays (081-919-2446) if interested.

Sunday School News

February Month Topic:

Virtue: Honor is letting someone know you see how valuable they really are

February 7 – the Sword and the Stone

Memory Verse: “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” Romans 12:10, NIV

Bible Story: The Sword and the Stone (David and Goliath) I Samuel 17:1-58

Bottom Line: -Honor those who are overlooked.

February 14 – The Brotherhood

Memory Verse: “Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.” Romans 12:10, NIV

Bible Story: The Brotherhood (David and Jonathan) • 1 Samuel 18:1-4

Bottom Line: Honor others more than yourself.



February 21 – The Rebellion

Memory Verse: “Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.” Romans 12:10, NIV

Bible Story: The Rebellion (David and Absalom) • 2 Samuel 15:1-16a; 16:15; 17:22; 18:6-7,15,31-33

Bottom Line: Honor those who are over you.



February 28 – Sound the Trumpets

Memory Verse: “Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.” Romans 12:10, NIV

Bible Story: Sound the Trumpets (David dances in honor of God) • 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Bottom Line: Honor God out LOUD.

March 7 – Cover Up

Memory Verse: “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.” Proverbs 12:22, NIV

Bible Story: Cover Up (Joseph’s brothers lied to Jacob) • Genesis 37:17b-36; 45:25-28

Bottom Line: When you’re not truthful, you hurt the people you should care about most.

Dates	3-5 Years Old	6-8 Years Old	9-12 Years Old
7 Feb	Valerie Bobe	Pat Kay	Francis Carredo
14 Feb	Charm Carredo	Pat Kay	Francis Carredo
21 Feb	Charm Carredo	Caryn Macky	Rachel Cruz
28 Feb	Valerie Bobe	TBA	TBA

Break Page

Books of Bible Word Search

E F B R B S Y S L X U D R R T
 C C U D E O B B Q J E O T A L
 S T C G F R J M G U M T P T N
 H N D L E N O I T A L E V E R
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ACTS
 CORINTHIANS
 DANIEL
 DEUTERONOMY
 ECCLESIASTES
 EPHESIANS
 ESTHER
 EXODUS
 EZRA
 GENESIS
 JOB
 JOHN
 JOSHUA
 JUDGES

KINGS
 LEVITICUS
 LUKE
 MARK
 MATTHEW
 NUMBERS
 PROVERBS
 PSLAM
 REVELATION
 ROMANS
 RUTH
 SAMUEL

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ICB's SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<i>8.45 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i> <i>(no experience required)</i>
<i>9.00 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Traditional Worship</i>
<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>Graded Sunday School</i> <i>(Ages 4 – 12)</i>
<i>11.00 am</i>	<i>Loaves & Fishes Café</i>
<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Contemporary Worship</i> <i>@ Bkk Christian</i> <i>Guest House</i>

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ADVANCING THE WORKS OF GOD

*Thank
You*

**In January, ICB raised approximately
59,411baht for Had Yai Church**