

From Your Pastor

At a dinner party, Oscar Wilde once said, "If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody, come over and sit next to me."

It's hard to resist a juicy morsel of gossip, despite universal, transcultural, and biblical prohibitions against it. The Bible has plenty to say on the subject. One of the more famous lines is "Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends." (Proverbs 17:9). It's easy to forget that he or she who gossips *to* you will just as readily gossip *about* you.



Given all this, **COULD GOSSIP EVER BE A GOOD THING?**

Recently some researchers have been trying to remove the stigma from gossip, claiming that a little secret swapping might actually be good for us and strengthen our social networks. Frank McAndrew, a psychology professor at a US University, outlines the thesis. "[Gossip] is a social skill, not a character flaw," he says. "It's only when you don't do it well that you get into trouble."

I can't completely endorse McAndrew's thought here; however, I think it might be worth considering that gossip about the right things might even be desirable. The problem is that we seem attracted to spreading the news about other people's bad behaviors. But what if we gossiped about good things. I've heard it happen. I've heard women brag about a husband who was romantic. I've heard men gossip about their wives great sense of compassion. I've heard people gossip about great restaurants, new technology, and good books. What if we used gossip to build other people up behind their backs rather than tear them down? Or perhaps more radically, what if we gossiped about our church and our God? Just a thought. Think of something positive you could gossip about today and then do it.

God Bless

Stewart

Can't make it to Church in the Morning?

ICB now has two Worship Services every Sunday.

10:00am – Bangkok Christian College

6.30p – Bangkok Christian Guest house

PRAYERS REQUEST

- Continue to pray for the McDonald family especially Nam who suffers from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- Prayers and thanksgiving for Ann Hensman who had a brain tumor removed in late September
- Prayers for friends, brothers & sisters in the Philippines, Indonesia & Samoa which were hit especially hard by (un)natural disasters recently
- Prayers for the 17 October trip to Chaiyapruk Orphanage that our presence would be a blessing to the home and that we would grow spiritually.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Let us focus this month on Spiritual Growth. Pray that God would help us all grow deeper in our relationship with Christ and that our deepening spirituality would manifest itself in the way we relate to others



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

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.



OCTOBER

- 8 Udom Pupitat
- 10 Madeline Chiarapurk
- 14 Myrnalee Aclan
- 15 Timothy Brougham
- 17 Lilian Visudharamn
- 17 Elysee Kasendo
- 17 Rod Sheard
- 18 Vora Akrasanee
- 18 Leith Fujii
- 21 Stella Sreesangkom
- 26 Poonsin Sreesangkom
- 27 Jake Perry
- 29 Shushila Rao



Fellowship

Connect with Fellow ICBers

Go to the Facebook Group – International Church of Bangkok. 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 Caryn Macky or Pastor Stewart

Do you have toddler toys that your children has outgrown or doesn't play with anymore?

The nursery is looking for some Clean, Safe, used toys that are in Good Condition. Toys can be brought on any Sunday or for more information contact Frances Carredo or Caryn Macky.

SERMON SCHEDULE



OCTOBER SERIES: 5 Stupid Things Smart Christians Believe

Based on the bestselling book “10 Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe” by Larry Osborne, we’ll explore some theological myths that lead smart, sincere, good people to pain and disillusionment. Often steeped in faulty readings of Scripture these myths can trick even the most thoughtful people. Protect yourself and your friends.

OCTOBER

Date	Title	Chapter
Oct 4	Faith can fix anything	Romans 12:2
Oct 11	God has a blueprint	Romans 12:2
Oct 18	Everything happens for a reason	Romans 8:28, 37-39
Oct 25	Christians shouldn't judge	Matthew 7:1-5; 15-16
Nov 1	God brings good luck	Job 2:4-10

OCTOBER OUTREACH PARTNER KWAI RIVER CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

Programs carried out by Kwai River Hospital

- Under-Five program; immunizes children and fights long-term malnourishment: currently treating 700-1000 kids per month
- United Christian School; this progressive program on the hospital grounds provides quality education for hundreds of poor Thai, Mon, Karen and Burmese children.
- Tuberculosis Ward; provide in patients & out patients facilities. Some outpatients fail to show up for their weekly treatments, forcing hospital staff into the jungle to find them and administer the medication; currently treating 61 patients.
- Leprosy Patients: Although the disease had been wiped out in Thailand, several untreated patients per year come across the border from Burma
- AIDS Education and assistance for people and families with AIDS. Many victims are rejected by their families and remain at the hospital complex until they die.
- Scholarship Fund; supports promising local students through medical and nursing schools. They return to work at the hospital.
- Elderly Persons Programs: support hose with chronic diseases; provides a sense of "family".
- Family Planning; educates women that having fewer babies and waiting between pregnancies will help more children survive.
- Staff Training; including training for midwives who are of vital importance.
- Grade School medical services; basic care for kids not covered in the Under Fives Program.
- Hygiene and Clean Water Education; teaches disease prevention through sanitation: helps settlements build small dams upstream and provides simple plumbing systems to deliver cleaner water.
- Hospital Equipment: a vital and often depleted fund for technical equipment. Example: ultrasound equipment (approximately. \$20,000) could dramatically reduce the number of invasive surgeries and improve health care and recuperation time for hundreds of patients per year.
- Feeding Children program; provides emergency food, at least one meal a day, for infants and youngsters suffering from malnutrition and who have no other access to nourishment.
- Safe House; this detention and basic care center provides protection and dormitory bunks for mentally ill and physically.



Kwai River Christian Hospital

The Kwai River Christian Hospital is located in Kanchanaburi Province. It serves a mountainous rural area along Thailand's border with Burma. Open since 1960, the hospital provides critical care for thousands of people who would otherwise have none.

Kwai River Christian Hospital (KRCH), located in rural Thailand (Kanchanaburi Province) near the Burma border, was started in 1961. It is a collaborative effort between several foreign mission boards and the Church of Christ in Thailand.

The surrounding area is moderately hilly with rice fields and small towns. With in a ten kilometer radius of the hospital are ten villages, comprising a total population of around 15,000 people. The hospital is 16 km from the town of Sangklaburi, the "county seat" for the district of Sangklaburi.

The hospital has 25 inpatient beds, an outpatient clinic open six days a week, and 24 hour triage for emergencies. There is a basic laboratory, x-ray, and pharmacy. A public health team runs the Under-Fives preventive care clinic, ante-natal clinic, tuberculosis club, Over-60's club, and other community health projects.

The people of the area are a mix of Thai, Indian, Malaysian and other ethnic groups, each unique in language and culture. The hospital also cares for registered refugees and illegal immigrants from Burma who are fleeing the current Burmese military



Friends from Kwai River
Christian Hospital will join us!

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Oct 17, Saturday

A Visit to
Chaiyapruk
Children's
Home
in Nakorn
Nayok.

The Outreach Committee is organizing a morning trip to visit one of our partners, Chaiyapruk Children's Home, in Nakorn Nayok, 80 kilometers northeast of Bangkok. The trip will take about 90 minutes. We plan to bring some morning snacks to the children and play some games with them (such as bingo). They in turn want to show us what they did with the ICB outreach fund from May, as well as with the Kelly Memorial Fund. They also plan to take us to visit their eucalyptus and palm tree plantation as well as show us their award-winning community project, an earthworm farm for natural soil restoration and refurbishing (picked as an economics project by a student team from Chula University earlier this year, and after working to expand the project, the team won a top economics prize in July amidst a 20-university competition. This October the same team will represent Thailand and present this project in a world competition in Germany.)

We plan to leave Bangkok around 8 am and head back around noon. A sign up sheet is available on the back table during our Sunday services. You may also call Khun Arunee at the church office. Depending on interest, we may be able to arrange for a van (cost to be shared).

From,
The Outreach Committee

PS. If any of you have un-opened hotel bathroom amenities (shampoo/conditioner, lotion, liquid soap, comb, shower cap, etc.), please bring them to church and place them in a basket provided. Khun Mae will use them for gifts and bingo prizes."



Have you noticed our NEW Purple Pail? It is on the table at the Entrance. Money placed in the purple pail (or pink "outreach" envelopes) goes 100% to our partner for the month. In August, the purple pail for Thai Thai Church was 17,619 baht.

10% of yearly offerings go to our outreach partners. We estimate the 10% tithe to be 45,416 baht, so we raised approximately 63,035 baht

*Like to have more outreach visitations?
Want to be involved in organizing others
activities for the church? For more
information, turn to Page 6*

Your Church Council Representatives:

Chairperson:	Thelma Kay
Vice Chair:	(vacant)
Secretary:	Darrell Chen
Christian Ed:	Caryn Macky
Fellowship:	Nancy Pacag
Finance:	Devin Brougham
Membership:	(vacant)
Outreach:	Malinee Leethochawalit
Property/Personnel	Dora True
Worship:	Avery Udagawa
At Large:	Prenston Gale / Didid Dwiana / Margaret McMillion



Membership and Outreach are both looking for more people to be 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, Narathiwat soi 24, New Sathorn. If interested talk to Ansyie 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 Mio Foster (086-044-3808) 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. Group is on break until August.

Pakkred Babies Group - Volunteers help feed and play with children (ages 4-10) in the cerebral palsy ward every Tuesday. Contact Mio Foster (086-044-3808) or John Amollo (084-681-7463).

SUSPENDED DUE TO SWINE FLU SCARE

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.

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

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.

Women's Monday Bible Study Meets Monday mornings from 9:30 till 11:30 near Sukhumvit 31. Call Laura for details (081-923-2610). The group is studying 1 John.

Sunday School News

For the Month of October:

Virtue: Individuality - Discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference.

Memory Verse: Psalm 139:14 "**How you made me is amazing and wonderful.**"

October 4

Bible Story: The Story of Onesimus (Philemon 1:1, 8-21)

Bottom Line: When you belong to God you can make a difference

Ages 3-5 Charm and Marion

Ages 6-8 Mio

Ages 9-12 Communion - No Sunday School for this age

October 11

Bible Story: The Story of Epaphroditus (Philippians 2: 25-30)

Bottom Line: When you take care of others you can make a difference.

Ages 3-5 Valerie and Stella

Ages 6-8 Caryn

Ages 9-12 Rachel

October 18

Bible Story: The Story of Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42)

Bottom Line: When you use what you have to help others you can make a difference.

Ages 3-5 Yanti and Stansye

Ages 6-8 Mio

Ages 9-12 Francis

October 25

Bible Story: One Body, Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12: 14-21, 25-27)

Bottom Line: When you do your part you can make a difference.

Ages 3-5 Valerie and helper

Ages 6-8 Mio

Ages 9-12 Francis



Children will have the opportunity to sing in worship one Sunday in Advent.

Over the next several weeks the children will be learning a song in Sunday School which they can then sing for the congregation. More information about this in next month's Insight/Outlook.

Note for November 1

Sunday School Teacher's Day Off: Christian video will be shown for children ages 3-8.

Teachers, please arrange with your teaching partners/teams your teaching schedules for November 8, 15, 22, 29 and December 6, 13, 20. Then please let me know what you have decided.

(NOTE: Sunday School Holiday December 27 and January 3).

During Christmas and New Years there will be 2 Sundays when we do not have our regular Sunday School program. On December 27 and January 3 there will be nursery care for children ages 4 and under. Older children will remain in the worship service on those days.

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ICB's SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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<i>8.45 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
<i>9.00 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>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>Fellowship</i>
<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Contemporary Evening</i> <i>Worship (@ Bangkok</i> <i>Christian Guest House</i>

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Thank You

**In August, ICB raised approximately
63,035 baht for Thai Thai Church**