

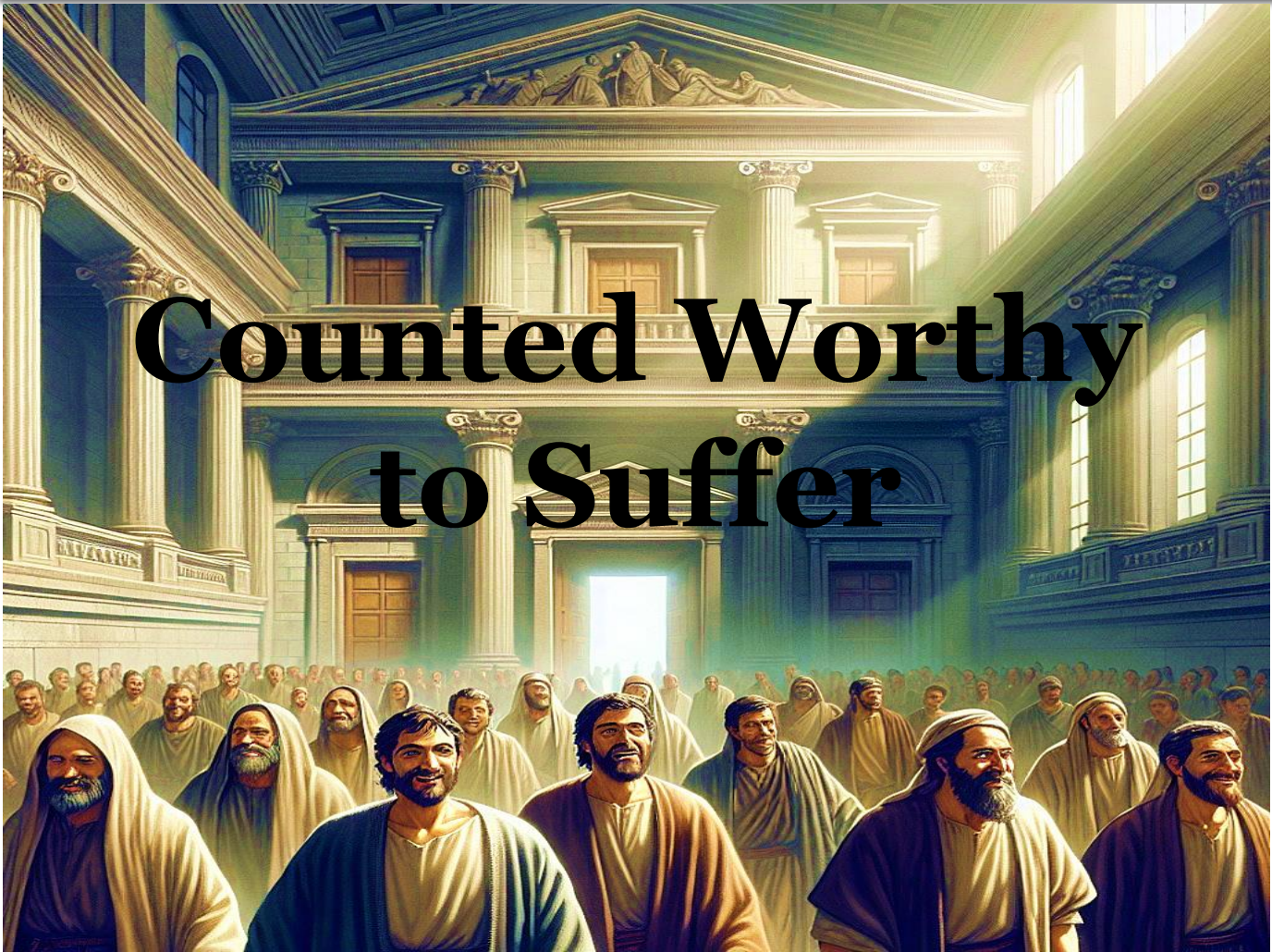


RICHMOND TOWN METHODIST CHURCH [RTMC]

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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September 2025



Counted Worthy to Suffer

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Acts 5:41

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RTMC VISION

*RTMC is
Passionate about
serving God while
seeking to attend
to the spiritual
needs of all
people.*

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PASTORAL LETTER

September/2025

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Grace and peace be to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we journey through the challenges of life, there are seasons when discouragement tries to cloud our vision. The weight of personal struggles, the uncertainties of the world, and the weariness of our daily battles can sometimes cause our hearts to faint. Yet, as children of God, we are not left without hope.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Colossians 1:27: *"Christ in you, the hope of glory."* This is not a vague optimism, but a sure and steadfast promise rooted in Christ's death and resurrection. The glory to come is not just a distant dream—it is the certain

reality of eternal life with Christ, where every tear will be wiped away, and every sorrow turned to joy.

When discouragement whispers that your labour is in vain, remember that your present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed (Romans 8:18). When despair suggests that tomorrow holds nothing new, lift your eyes to the One who has prepared a future filled with His presence and peace.

Be encouraged, beloved: our Redeemer is faithful, and the crown of glory awaits all who endure to the end.

**In Christ's unwavering love,
PASTORAL TEAM**

NEWS

WEDDING

Congratulations to the newly married couples:

Praneeth Paul Wesley wed Monisha K Y on 4th August 2025 at Richmond Town Methodist Church, Bangalore.

Theodore Kirubairaj Azariah wed Evelyn Nithya Dharshini on 7th August 2025 at St. Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore.

BAPTISM

Jordan Abhay Samuel S/o Rev. Andrew Arvind Samuel & Mrs. Angel Samuel was baptized on 17th August 2025.

CHURCH TIMINGS

Worship Services at 8:15 am; 10:00 am and 6 pm.

ONLINE SERVICE

The Online LIVE streaming of our Sunday Worship Service (10:00 am) will be made available via RTMC Church Website and RTMC YouTube Channel.

PASTORAL VISITS / HOME COMMUNION

Do get in touch with the Pastors-in-charge for House visits and Home Communion. Pastors are available for providing Pastoral care and Counselling and prayers during the week.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **Senior Citizens Fellowship** on 9th September 2025 at 11 am.
- **Methodist Mens' Fellowship** on the 13th September 2025 at 7:30 a.m.
- **MYAF** meets on the 14th and 28th September after the 2nd Worship Service in RTMC.
- **WSCS Cottage Meetings.** Timings and Location details shared via WSCS *WhatsApp* Group.
- **Area Bible Study Groups Meeting** schedules are sent via Church Whats App Groups.

Church Programs are significant because they provide a space for church members to deepen their faith, connect with a supportive community, learn about biblical teachings, and actively serve others through outreach initiatives, while contributing to personal spiritual growth and fostering a sense of belonging within the congregation.

OFFERTORY SUPPORT

You can use the RTMC Online feature to give your offerings and funds. This creates a safer flow of cash for RTMC because we know when we can expect your support, and it allows you to participate in giving even when you can't make it here.

QR CODE: You could also scan the QR Code below to make your offerings towards the ministry of RTMC.



We want to express our sincere thanks to you for your financial support towards the ministry of our Church through Tithes and contributions. ***Kindly collect your receipts from the Church.***

BANK DETAILS

As an added convenience, the Church offers the facility of **e-transfer** for tithes and contributes to the ministry of the Church. Kindly note the bank details and transfer intimation for the purpose.

Name of the Bank: South Indian Bank / Saving Bank A/c

Account Name: Richmond Town Methodist Church

Account No.: 0108053000025806

IFSC Code: SIBL0000108

Address: South India Bank, Brigade Road.

Kindly email the details of transfer to:

bangalorertmc@gmail.com OR **contact@rtmc.church** to prepare receipts for the same.

Note: Henceforth in writing a **Cheque** favouring the Church, kindly mention the full name of the Church as ***Richmond Town Methodist Church*** instead of using the Church abbreviation.

This is on request from the Bank to the Congregation.

Kindly comply!

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Virtual Bible Study takes place Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom App. The Link for the Bible Study is shared prior to the Meeting in the Church Whats App Groups.

Meeting ID: 815 2774 1539

Passcode: 580430



PRAYER CHAIN



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Every Last Wednesday
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY CHRONICLES

Baron Justinian von Welz was born 100 years too soon for his ideas and proposals to be appreciated and accepted.

Welz, the son of Austrian nobility, was born in 1621 into a Lutheran family in a Catholic-dominated country. Because of the severe Roman Catholic persecution during the 30 Years War, his family migrated to Lutheran Germany. His school days were spent in the Netherlands. At about the age of 20, he returned to his home in Germany and wrote a number of treatises on various subjects, the earlier ones on political reform and social justice.

From about the age of 20 until his early 40s, he led a rather profligate life but toward the end of that period began to read the Bible and orthodox Lutheran teaching, repented of

his sins, and was genuinely converted. He avidly read the Scriptures and church history, particularly that of the martyrs.

So it was that at the age of 40 his values and goals were completely changed by the experience of conversion, and he was ready to emerge from a period of isolation. He believed and practiced aestheticism and lived a life of separation from the world and dedication to that which would glorify God.

He called his contemporaries to self-examination and conversion. Bewailing the expensive habits of food, dress, and entertainment, he counselled that people should be serious-minded and live a life separated from the world as pilgrims and strangers.

Jesus Loving Society

He proposed the formation of an organization called the "Jesus Loving Society." He

urged candidates for the ministry to go out and preach to the heathen rather than sit about idly while waiting for a call. His was a global vision, and he felt responsibility for a global evangelization.

Welz felt that schools for training missionaries should be set up in the universities and students trained in language, world religions, and other subjects related to missions. When this was not done, he deposited 12,000 German thaler from his own personal resources into two different banks for that purpose. A friend contributed a similar sum of money.

He wrote a number of treatises propounding his ideas and rebuking the cold, indifferent legal orthodoxy of the Lutheran Church. The Jesus Loving Society, which Welz proposed, was to be composed of three groups:

- The promoters-wealthy patrons and sponsors

- The full-time mission directors and secretaries
- The missionary volunteers-young unmarried men who would volunteer for two or three years.

Later in the century, in 1694, there was at the University of Halle a division of missionary training that very closely followed the principles and proposals laid out by Welz and his Jesus Loving Society. In 1732 the Moravians sent their first missionaries to the Caribbean. One of their early fields was Suriname, where Welz had died.

Some modern missions' historians believe that Welz greatly influenced William Carey, who established a Baptist Mission Society in 1792.

The life of Welz was one of rejection. He was a man born too soon; but his ideas were, within a century, implemented and continue to the present.



THINKING THROUGH

Overcoming the ‘Lust Trap’

Lust is one of the most subtle yet destructive battles of the human heart. It disguises itself as desire, promises satisfaction, but leaves behind emptiness, guilt, and brokenness. To think through this issue biblically is to recognize both the seriousness of lust and the hope of victory in Christ.

1. Understanding Lust

Jesus does not minimize lust. In the Sermon on the Mount He says, *“But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28)*. Lust is not merely a passing thought or natural attraction—it is the wilful dwelling on sinful desire. It is an inward adultery of the heart that distances us from God’s holiness. Lust feeds on selfishness. It



objectifies others for personal gratification, treating them not as God’s image-bearers but as instruments of pleasure. Left unchecked, it enslaves the mind and weakens the soul (Romans 1:24–25).

The Bible affirms that believers are new creations in Christ, meaning our identity and worth are secured by God's love, not by the world’s measures.

2. Why Lust is Dangerous

It corrupts the heart: What fills the heart will eventually shape actions (Proverbs 4:23).

It distorts relationships: Lust erodes trust, respect, and purity in relationships.

It robs spiritual vitality: Lust dulls prayer, worship, and intimacy with God.

James warns us: *“Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death”* (James 1:14–15).

3. God’s Way of Escape

Scripture is not silent about how to overcome lust. The battle is real, but the victory is possible:

Guard the eyes and mind: Job made a covenant with his eyes (Job 31:1). Likewise, we must train our eyes and thoughts to reject what leads to sin.

Flee temptation: Paul says, *“Flee from sexual immorality”* (1 Corinthians 6:18). We do not negotiate with lust—we run from it.

Renew the mind:

Transformation comes by renewing our minds in God’s

Word (Romans 12:2).

Replacing lustful images with God’s promises strengthens the spirit.

Walk by the Spirit: Galatians 5:16 reminds us, “Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Victory comes not by willpower alone but by the Spirit’s power.

Pursue purity in community: Accountability and fellowship with other believers protect us from isolation where temptation thrives (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10).

4. The Hope of Grace

Overcoming lust is not about human strength but God’s grace. Paul reminds us, “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape” (1 Corinthians 10:13). Through Christ, forgiveness is available for past failures, strength is given for present struggles, and hope is secured for future purity.

PRAYER DIARY

Sunday

Pray for the Church

- To worship in Truth, Repentance and Humility. *Jn 4:24*
- To be Salt and light in the needy community around them. *Matt.5:13-16*

Monday

Pray for Work & Workplace

- For those seeking jobs to find God's open doors. *Eccl.11:6*
- For those in difficult workplaces to be safe, confident and Christlike. *Col.3:23*

Tuesday

Pray for Students and Teachers

- Pray that students would enjoy learning and find the energy to do so. *Pro.16:16*
- Pray for teachers to find those students who need mentoring and guiding and do so with joy. *Deut.6:6-7*

Wednesday

Pray for Families

- Pray for peaceful, respectful interactions in the Home. *Rom.12:10*
- Pray for protection of family ties from internal baggage and external pressures. *Psalms 34:7*

Thursday

Pray for Seniors

- For protection in their movements and in their food. *Heb. 12:12*
- For peaceful days and restful sleep. *Psalms 127:2*

Friday

Pray for the Sick

- For favour and tender loving care from caregivers. *Eph. 4:32*
- For complete healing and restoration to wholeness. *II Kings 20:5*

Saturday

Pray for our Nation and the World

- For deliverance from the darkness of hatred, anger, corruption. *2 Tim.4:18*
- For protection of the vulnerable from the devastation of nature, war and unscrupulous powers. *Ps.92:7*

AUGUST EVENTS



WSCS Prayer Concert @ CEB, RTMC



AXIS Worship Team, RTMC

UPCOMING EVENTS

RTMC YOUTH

DEALING WITH **CONFLICTS** THE CHRISTIAN WAY

Session by

Dr. Praveen Prasanna and Dr. Dorothy Theodore

September 14, 2025

12 PM Onwards



RTMC YOUTH

the power of *PRAYER*

Session by

Michelle Ebenezer

28th September, 2025 | 12 pm Onwards



Study Verse

Ecclesiastes 12:4

Context = Ecclesiastes 12 is part of the final chapter, where Solomon poetically describes the process of aging and mortality.

Interpretation

- ***"The doors on the street are shut"*** symbolizes fading senses and social isolation.

Doors shutting = reduced ability to engage with the outside world (failing eyesight, hearing loss, or even staying indoors).

- ***"When the sound of the grinding is low"***

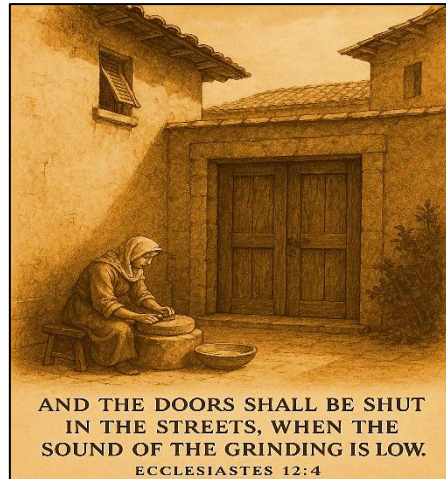
Often interpreted as the teeth wearing down in old age (chewing becomes weak).

Grinding = daily activity reduced, signalling diminishing strength.

- ***"One rises up at the sound of a bird"***

Elderly sleep is light and

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restless. Even the faintest sound (like a bird chirp) disturbs suggesting fragility and loss of deep rest.

- ***"All the daughters of song are brought low"***

Refers to fading voice or hearing.

The once joyful capacity to sing or enjoy music declines with age.

Lesson

Youth: Use your energy, health, and opportunities to honour God before they fade. **Middle age:** Don't delay spiritual priorities—life's vigour is temporary.

Old age: Even in frailty, you can live with wisdom, gratitude, and the hope of eternal life.



RICHMOND TOWN METHODIST CHURCH

PULPIT CALENDAR

Theme: Counted Worthy to Suffer

COUNTED WORTHY TO SUFFER

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SEPTEMBER 2025

First Sunday

Rejoicing in the Rain

8:15 am & 10:00 am

6 pm

07/09/2025

Habakkuk 3:16-19

Rev. Sebastian Ravikumar *

Rev. Vivek Gundimi *

Second Sunday

Rest in the Raging

8:15 am & 10:00 am

6 pm

14/09/2025

Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Vivek Gundimi

Rev. Andrew Samuel

Third Sunday

Rescue in the Ruins

8:15 am & 10:00 am

Healing & Communion Service

6 pm

21/09/2025

Psalms 34: 15-22

Rev. Andrew Samuel

Rev. Vivek Gundimi *

Fourth Sunday

Revival in the Rattle

8:15 am & 10:00 am

6 pm

28/09/2025

Ezekiel 37:11-14

Rev. Vivek Gundimi

Rev. Andrew Samuel

***Holy Communion**

Dawn Communion Service on 1st October at 6 a.m.