

# TGC TIMES



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## Blessed 'Sweet Sixteen'

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Birthdays are wonderful times. We celebrate the gift of life. Especially as the number goes higher the more grateful, we are to the one who gives us life. 'Sweet Sixteen' is a western landmark birthday for girls and celebrated by various cultures. It is a transition 'from girlhood to womanhood.'

Similarly, when a church is birthed, the Lord by His grace determines its longevity. There are many churches that begin and die after a while. There are many churches that are merging to sustain. The Lord has graciously birthed and sustained TGC into adulthood. Spiritually, we as the people/church are expected to grow into adulthood and move away from childhood.

The church is called the 'bride of Christ' (**Eph 5:24-26; Rev 22:17**). We are preparing for the ultimate union with our 'bridegroom' Jesus Christ our Savior. Paul writes to the Corinthians in **2 Cor 11:2-3**, " 2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. .

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I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him 3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ." I will present three significant qualities that we need to pay attention to during this growth phase:



Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is  
noble, whatever is right,  
whatever is pure, whatever is  
lovely, whatever is admirable  
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Phil 4:8

**Purity of Thoughts – Phil 4:8** – “ 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” We need to forget the past and think Godly thoughts that will continue to enable the spiritual growth of the church as matured saints.

**Discern Deception – 2 Cor 11:4** – “ 4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.” We need to continuously pray for discernment so that we will not be deceived into faulty thinking regarding the true gospel.

**Avoid Childishness – I Cor 13:11** – “ 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.” We need to consciously put away childish ways and move onto mature ways of doing God’s work by allowing the Word of God to transform us to know God’s good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Wishing the TGC family the **happiest and blessed ‘Sweet Sixteen.’** Blessed to be part of this significant transition!

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## February Birthdays

Reshma Solomon	February 01
Tabitha Emanuela Shalom	February 04
Vijay Karthickeyan	February 06
Becca Geopher	February 10
Suguna Eugene	February 11
Bindu Kingsley	February 11
Remiel Brigilin	February 12
Adrian Raj Andrew	February 13
Balvin Krishnan	February 14
Alice Swarna Rathnakumar	February 16
Anthony Raj	February 16
Sherryl Paulin Christopher	February 16
Sally Joan Jebastine	February 17
Eugene Jebakumar	February 18
Abel Nikky Joel Nishbert	February 19
PremKumar Poomaniraj	February 20
Nathaniel Jebaraj	February 20
Manasseh Vetri Stephen	February 21
Andriel Ranjith	February 22
Samuel Azaliah Shalom	February 22
Santhi Newton	February 24
David Eugene	February 25
Daniel Eugene	February 25
Deepa Joel	February 28

### Pastoral Update :

Reach out to Pastor Solomon  
Karunkaran for prayer needs

## February Anniversaries

Enoch Anbu & Anna Sinduja Anbu  
February 02

Nandeesh Mathad & Soumya Nelson Mathad  
February 22

## Announcements

Sunday Service  
Every Sunday @ 5:00 PM

Fasting Prayer  
Feb 8th @ 11:00 AM

Weekly Prayer  
Every Wednesday from  
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM