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## CEC Pakistan Celebrates its Foundation



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WAH, PAKISTAN - On January 1, 2013, a celebration was held at the ICCEC Cathedral in Wah, Pakistan to honor several people who had contributed significantly to the establishment of the CEC in Pakistan.

During the International Convocation held last summer in Madrid, several awards were presented to

individuals who had contributed to the foundation of the ICCEC around the world. Several people who were honored were not able to be at the International Convocation, including several individuals from Pakistan.

During the ceremony held in January, Bp. Prakash Yuhanna presented awards

to those in Pakistan and extended the thanks of the entire communion for their contributions.



## Development or Deliverance?

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Alabama

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

[Romans 8:17](#)

We live in the midst of the fallout of the Fall: sin has affected every area of creation and all aspects of our lives. Disappointment, pain, and trouble are significant ingredients of

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### Special points of interest:

- Development or Deliverance
- Spirit Filled Souls

# What's Happenin !

## Bible Study & Future Events Highlights

### Next Parish Council

Meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Church office.

4th Day Ultreya – April 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at the home of Greg & Diane Looker.

Youth Fellowship – Meets every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Check out [www.mycomjax.com](http://www.mycomjax.com) for a complete schedule of events.

Women's Ministry - Bible Study – New Bible Study starting April 8<sup>th</sup>. Jonah:

Navigating a Life Interrupted. What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city.

### Men's Retreat

This April 12-14, Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simon's Island: "**Be The Man Of God!**"  
Single \$280, Double \$185  
Speaker: Fr. Scott Looker

### May 11<sup>th</sup> Women's Ministry

Loads of Love for EPS

### May 18<sup>th</sup> – COM Fish Fry

Arlington Senior Center

## Spirit-Filled Souls Are Sanctified Souls

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But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end,

eternal life.

[Romans 6:22](#)

This is the will of God, even your sanctification.

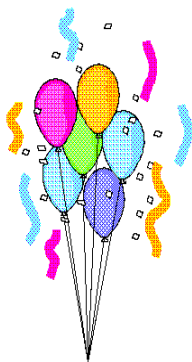
[1 Thessalonians 4:3](#)

Sanctification is a work of the Holy Spirit which delivers us from the control of sin and transforms us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. God takes worldly thinking, fleshly habits, and unrighteousness behavior

and convicts us of our wrongful thoughts, breaks our selfish patterns, and transforms our sinful actions through the Word of God, sacraments, prayer, circumstances, and Spirit-filled worship.

Sanctification is the progressive work of the Holy Spirit which creates Spirit-filled souls.

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## Birthdays

### April

4/12 Amanda Shiell  
4/20 James Luck  
4/22 John Cunningham  
4/26 Dn. Tom Abbott  
4/27 Jennifer Abbott  
4/28 Craig Stafford  
4/29 Meredith Harlow

### May

5/8 Steve Quinn  
5/9 Christian McGrew  
5/16 Michelle Brabson  
5/21 Kimble Medlin  
5/23 Jill Stafford

### June

6/1 Fr. Scott Melanson

6/6 Alexandra Dent  
6/6 Don Smitha  
6/17 Suzy Kirkpatrick  
6/18 Jesse Dent  
6/23 Silas black  
6/23 Ben Wooded  
6/24 Orin Abbott  
6/27 John Kirkpatrick

## Development or Deliverance? continued

our daily lives. Ill-timed, unexpected tragedies can shape our Christian lives for the better or make our hearts hard through bitterness. The choice is ours: better or bitter. Do we simply want God to deliver us from trials or do we desire Christ-like character? We should know that it is God's plan to develop us spiritually before he delivers us physically. God's goal in our lives: character development

before physical deliverance: maturity over and against a life of emotional and physical ease.

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience" ([Rom. 5:3](#)). However, suffering's sake is not character transforming. It is faith in Christ and his finished work on the Cross which transforms. Our weaknesses, failures, and

struggles are channels for his grace-enabling power when we trust Christ in our circumstances.

Do we want deliverance or development? Our choice: a life of relative ease without the presence of Christ or a life of seasonal character-transforming difficulties lived in the experiential love of Christ?

What are you seeking in your trouble today? Is it deliverance or development? You may have the one and not grow, or you may have both and grow. Get the

development first and the deliverance will be yours, too. Let this servant minister to you in a way no other servant can. Take the positive attitude and use your trouble as one of the most skillful and wonderful instruments God ever placed into your hands for the working out of the character of Christ to be duplicated in you.

John Wright Follette (2009-07-15). *Broken Bread – Enhanced Version* (Kindle Locations 132-135). Christian Classics Ethereal Library. Kindle Edition.

## Spirit-Filled Souls Are Sanctified Souls Continued

He removes sinful imperfections as we are daily enabled to put off the bondages of sin and put on the life of Christ. Walking in the Spirit is actively attained for it involves continuous choices of faith and obedience. We passively receive the empowering of the Holy Spirit, but we purposely choose to appropriate his power for victory over the world, the

flesh, sin, death, and the devil.

Fire is the chosen symbol of Heaven for moral passion. It is emotion aflame. God is love; God is fire. The two are one. The Holy Spirit baptizes in fire. Spirit-filled souls are ablaze for God. They love with a love that glows. They believe with a faith that kindles. They serve with a devotion that consumes. They hate sin with a

fierceness that burns. They rejoice with a joy that radiates. Love is perfected in the Fire of God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God ([Acts 2:1-4](#)).

Samuel Chadwick, [The Way of Pentecost](#) (Berne, Indiana: Light and Hope, 1937), 21.

## Bujumbura Central Market Burns - Prayers Requested

BURUNDI, AFRICA - On January 27, 2013, the main market in Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi, caught fire.

As reported in the Huffington Post, "The blaze grew into a massive inferno, with rumored 20-meter high flames, devastating thousands of businesses and overpowering the Burundi

Fire Brigade...The fire will have a substantial effect on the national economy. Only 5 percent of merchants in the market had insured their goods, and with inflation already at 97 percent, residents most likely will see a significant rise in food prices in the days following." Bishop Dieudonne Nitonde,

of CEC Burundi, wrote to report about the impact the fire is having on the people he serves and to request prayer. He writes, "Indeed, the central market of Bujumbura was the base of the Burundian economy. People from the whole country procured goods from this market, which means that all the citizens were affected. All Burundians are now in despair since the situation is

worsening in terms of poverty. It is in this context that on behalf of the CEC of Burundi, I would like to request your prayers on Burundians because we are in a critical situation." Please prayer for all those affected by this disaster, and pray that God grants Bp. Nitonde and the people of the CEC Burundi the strength and resources to help bring hope and aid to the people they serve.

## OUR MISSION & PRIORITIES



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The mission of our church is to bring the rich sacramental and liturgical heritage of the early church, the power of Pentecost, and the infallible truth of Scripture together in one expression of Christ's church for this generation, providing a home for all Christians who seek a vital, powerful energetic, and yet stable church in which to grow in love with one another and in our knowledge and love of God.

### April Daily Office

| Date         | AM Psalm    | PM Psalm     | Old Testament          | New Testament       | Gospel           |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1-Monday     | 93,98       | 66           | Jonah 2:1-9            | Acts 2:14,22-32     | John 14:1-14     |
| 2-Tuesday    | 103         | 111,114      | Isaiah 30:18-21        | Acts 2:26-41(42-47) | John 14:1-14     |
| 3-Wednesday  | 97,99       | 115          | Micah 7:7-15           | Acts 3:1-10         | John 15:1-11     |
| 4-Thursday   | 146,147     | 148,149      | Ezekiel 37:1-14        | Acts 3:11-26        | John 15:12-27    |
| 5-Friday     | 136         | 118          | Daniel 12:1-4,13       | Acts 4:1-12         | John 16:1-15     |
| 6-Saturday   | 145         | 104          | Isaiah 25:1-9          | Acts 4:13-21(22-31) | John 16:16-33    |
| 7-Sunday     | 146,147     | 111,112,113  | Isaiah 43:8-13         | 1Peter 2:2-10       | John 14:1-7      |
| 8-Monday     | 1,2,3       | 4,7          | Daniel 1:1-21          | 1John 1:1-10        | John 17:1-11     |
| 9-Tuesday    | 5,6         | 10,11        | Daniel 2:1-16          | 1John 2:1-11        | John 17:12-19    |
| 10-Wednesday | 119:1-24    | 12,13,14     | Daniel 2:17-30         | 1John 2:12-17       | John 17:20-26    |
| 11-Thursday  | 18:1-20     | 18:21-50     | Daniel 2:31-49         | 1John 2:18-29       | Luke 3:1-14      |
| 12-Friday    | 16,17       | 134,135      | Daniel 3:1-18          | 1John 3:1-10        | Luke 3:15-22     |
| 13-Saturday  | 20,21       | 110,116,117  | Daniel 3:19-30         | 1John 3:11-18       | Luke 4:1-13      |
| 14-Sunday    | 148,149,150 | 114,115      | Daniel 4:1-18          | 1Peter 4:7-11       | John 21:15-25    |
| 15-Monday    | 25          | 9,15         | Daniel 4:19-27         | 1John 3:19-4:6      | Luke 4:14-30     |
| 16-Tuesday   | 26,28       | 36,39        | Daniel 4:28-37         | 1John 4:7-21        | Luke 4:31-37     |
| 17-Wednesday | 38          | 119:25-48    | Daniel 5:1-12          | 1John 5:1-12        | Luke 4:38-44     |
| 18-Thursday  | 37:1-18     | 37:19-42     | Daniel 5:13-30         | 1John 5:13-20(21)   | Luke 5:1-11      |
| 19-Friday    | 105:1-22    | 105:23-45    | Daniel 6:1-15          | 2John 1:1-13        | Luke 5:12-26     |
| 20-Saturday  | 30,32       | 42,43        | Daniel 6:16-28         | 3John 1:1-15        | Luke 5:27-39     |
| 21-Sunday    | 63,98       | 103          | Wisdom 1:1-15          | 1Peter 5:1-11       | Matthew 7:15-29  |
| 22-Monday    | 41,52       | 44           | Wisdom 1:16-2:11,21-24 | Colossians 1:1-14   | Luke 6:1-11      |
| 23-Tuesday   | 45          | 47,48        | Wisdom 3:1-9           | Colossians 1:15-23  | Luke 6:12-26     |
| 24-Wednesday | 119:49-72   | 49           | Wisdom 4:16-5:8        | Colossians 1:24-2:7 | Luke 6:27-38     |
| 25-Thursday  | 50          | 114,115      | Wisdom 5:9-23          | Colossians 2:8-23   | Luke 6:39-49     |
| 26-Friday    | 40,54       | 51           | Wisdom 6:12-23         | Colossians 3:1-11   | Luke 7:1-17      |
| 27-Saturday  | 55          | 138,139:1-17 | Wisdom 7:1-14          | Colossians 3:12-17  | Lk 7:18-28,31-35 |
| 28-Sunday    | 24,29       | 8,84         | Wisdom 7:22-8:1        | 2Thess 2:13-17      | Matthew 7:7-14   |
| 29-Monday    | 56,57       | 64,65        | Wisdom 9:1,7-18        | Colossians 4:2-18   | Luke 7:36-50     |
| 30-Tuesday   | 61,62       | 68           | Wisdom 10:1-21         | Romans 12:1-21      | Luke 8:1-15      |