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B.C.A.N.A. --- July 19 - 22, 2012

Pastors, Lay Leaders' retreat and 2012 Youth and Young Adult Conference will be held in Houston, Texas, hosted by Greater Houston Burmese Christian Church.

Address:-

Tallowood Baptist Church
10405 Katy Freeway,
Houston, TX 77024.

Theme:-

“Jesus Christ is the Truth”
John 14: 6.

BCANA Conference Update fom Secretary

June 19, 2012

Posted by: thawngno on: June 20, 2012

Hello again,

Updates! Please see below.

The conference host, Pastor Thong, has informed that both airports in Houston is fined. They are prepared to pick-up from either HOU (Hobby) or IAH (George Bush International).

All we NEED is your itinerary. Sending the itinerary is important to avoid a long wait at the airport for pick-up. Some have difficulty in getting the room reservation at Candlewood Suites. Pastor Thong has talked to the hotel to avoid this problem. Please call the hotel number from the flyer between 8:00am to 3:00pm and ask for front desk only. The best time to call the hotel is in the morning.

For the tour buses, Pastor Thong is working diligently to lower the cost. As of now, the cost per person for Saturday city tour and Sunday morning worship at Lakewood Church's arena may be under \$20. Please indicate when you complete the registration form. I would strongly recommend taking the bus if you are flying-in.

I am also attaching the registration form in Microsoft Word format for those who do not have scanning option in their printer.

Please do not hesitate to call me or Ko William if you have question. Thank you and we hope to see you in Houston. God bless.

Regards,
Lawrence

BCANA အကြောင်း

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အသင်း၏အဖွဲ့ဝင်များမှာ ...

- First Burmese Baptist Church of San Francisco
- Burmese Christian Community Church, San Jose
- Oakland Burmese Mission Baptist Church
- Burmese Christian Fellowship Church, Los Angeles
- Adoniram Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Los Angeles
- First Kachin Baptist Church of Los Angeles
- Calvary Burmese Church, Washington D.C
- Myanmar Baptist Church, New York
- Oversea Burmese Christian Fellowship of Massachusetts
- Myanmar Christian Church of Metro Chicago
- Oregon Myanmar Christian Church, Portland
- City Bible Church Burmese Fellowship, Portland
- Vancouver Myanmar Baptist Church, Vancouver

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ဤအသင်းကို ၁၉၅၈ ခုနှစ် ဇူလိုင်လ (၃၀)ရက်တွင် သာယလှပသော ဟိုင်ဂီကျွန်း ဟိုနုလူမျိုးလေးမှ စတင်မွေးဖွားလာခဲ့ပါသည်။ ထိုစဉ်က၊ ဟိုင်ဂီတွင် ကျင်းပသော အမေရိကန် နှစ်ခြင်းအသင်းချုပ်၏ အာရှသားများ သာသနာ၊ ဓမ္မဆရာများနှင့် ခေါင်းဆောင်များ အားသစ်လောင်း သင်တန်းတက်ရောက် ကြသော၊ အမေရိကန်နိုင်ငံမှ ခေါင်းဆောင်များ တွေ့ဆုံဆွေးနွေးရင်း ဘုရားပေးနှင့် သမိုင်းပေးတာဝန်ဟု ခံယူကြကာ တစ်နေ့ကတော့ တူညီလျက် အသင်းကို စတင်ဖွဲ့စည်းခဲ့ကြပါသည်။

ထိုစဉ်က အသင်းကို **Burmese Christian Fellowship of North America** မြောက်အမေရိကတိုက် မြန်မာခရစ်ယာန်များ မိတ်သဟာယအသင်း ဟုခေါ်ဝေါ် ခဲ့သော်လည်း ၂၀၀၀ ခုနှစ်၊ ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလတွင် ပထမမြန်မာနှစ်ခြင်းအသင်းတော်၊ ဆန်ဖရန်စစ္စကို မြို့၌ ကျင်းပသောအစည်းအဝေး၌ **Burmese Christian Association of North America (BCANA)** ဟူ၍ပြောင်းလဲခေါ်ဝေါ် ခဲ့ကြပါသည်။ ယင်းအစည်းအဝေး၌ အသင်း တော်ပေါင်း (၁၀)သင်း ပါဝင်ခဲ့ကြပါသည်။

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အသင်း၏အမှုတော်များအတွက်ဆက်ကပ်ခဲ့ကြသောယခင်နှင့်ယခုလက်ရှိခေါင်းဆောင်များမှာ-

2010 - 2012 Officers:

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BCANA History

The association was born on July 30th 1998 at beautiful Honolulu of Hawaii during “Asian American Baptist Pastors, seminarians, and lay leaders’ conference, sponsored by Asian Ministry of American Baptist Churches of USA. During a break, Rev. Latt Yishey organized an informal meeting with Burmese pastors, and some lay leaders to envision together to form a Burmese Christian organization. Lawrence Chow was not there but he kindly prepared a draft by-laws of the organization. After prayerfully and carefully discussion, everyone unanimously agreed to form an organization named “Burmese Christian Fellowship of North America”. We met at Perry’s Smorgy Restaurant, Honolulu and it became the birth place of BCANA. Rev. Maran Yaw made a dedication prayer for our new born organization.

The participants at the first meeting were Rev. Latt Yishey, Allan Hla-Oung, and Su Hock Wu from First Burmese Baptist Church of San Francisco, the late Rev. Wai Lin Naing and Stacy Chou from Myanmar Baptist Church of New York, Rev. Dr. Yawba Lasaw from Kachin Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Rev. Maran Yaw from Calvary Baptist Church, and Rev. Zaw Wynn Tan from Oversea Burmese Christian Fellowship of Massachusetts. Allan Hla-Oung was elected as Convener of the organization.

The name has changed to “Burmese Christian Association of North America” (BCANA) when national leaders of Burmese churches (two delegates from each church) met at the First Burmese Baptist Church of San Francisco on February 2000. Since then, God has showered the organization with many blessings including “Youth & Young Adult Conference,” “Ministers and Spouses’ Retreat,” “New Member Churches,” and many opportunities to expand His ministry across North America.

New Member Churches are welcomed

Since Burmese churches have been rapidly growing across North America, we would like to welcome your church to join together with us to do the great commission of Jesus Christ locally and globally. Contact us for the new membership information.

B.C.F YOUTH SUNDAY

Date... 7/29/2012

Time... 2:00 pm

Place... St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
122, S. California Ave.
Monrovia , CA 91016

Future Generation.

The youth of our B.C.F Church are our future generation. We believe in this generation for our future Church growth and healthy.

But today, most of the parents overwhelmingly believe that 'you shouldn't push religion on children' or 'each one should decide for him (himself)'. Well, that is completely contradictory to what the Bible says, “The world is teaching our youth the "Survivor" or "Weakest Link" mentality”.

We need to make sure that true Biblical wisdom is imparted to them from the scriptures.

We can not afford to lose future generation. Our faith is only as strong as the next generation that will rise up to perpetuate it. Let us teach our Youth wisdom, purity, faith, kindness and the love of God.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7. The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Proverbs 22:6. Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

1Timothy.4:12. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

2Timothy.2:22. Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

“You young people have in a special way the task of witnessing today to the faith; the commitment to bring the Gospel of Christ into the third Christian Millennium, to build a new civilization.” **Pope John Paul**

Be Careful How You Live

By: Yi Yi Aye

Every year, the last Sunday of July, BCF Youth and Young Adult held Youth Sunday Service that service is belong to them. I have to say a short message and commit to memory for you guys.

A few years ago, my husband worked with United Nations World Food program. His office is in Zimbabwe; formerly Southern Rhodesia which is a landlocked country located in the southern part of the continent of Africa. When we (me and my husband) had vacations times, we visited game parks in that area.

One day we toured around the national desert. While we were looking around and I noticed that there are two kinds of birds flied over here and there. One is the hummingbird and the other is the vulture. They are totally difference. Every single thing is opposite.

The vultures find the rotting meat of the desert because that is what they look for. They thrive on that diet. But hummingbirds ignore the smelly flesh of dead animals. Instead, they look for the colorful blossoms of desert plants. The vultures live on what was. They live on the past. They fill themselves with what is dead and gone. But hummingbirds live on what is. They seek new life. They fill themselves with freshness and life. Each bird finds what it is looking for. We all do.

That is the essence of Paul's teaching: In life, there are two birds:-
The one bird looks for foolishness and stupidity and the other looks for wisdom.
The vultures seek to fill themselves with the rotting flesh of drunkenness and debauchery, the hummingbird sobriety, freshness, and the Spirit. In the desert of this world you have your scavengers who are angry and ungrateful, but you also have those who hum a grateful hymn of thanksgiving. The irony is that you find what you are looking for.

Paul outlines proper behavior for good living in Ephesians 5:15-20.
Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In that scripture verses; Paul admonishes his readers to be careful how they live. He is brief and to the point, Two things we must do. 1. Be wise and
2. Be thankful.

It's a short list but if we can orient our daily lives around these two points we will transform not only our lives but also the lives of our family, friends, church, and neighbors. ...So be careful how you live as God's Children.

B.C.F. Youth Sunday Day... 7/29/12

How Can Christian Youth Find Happiness In Their Life?

Many people believe that money, fame or beauty will make them happy. Hence, they purchase such things: only to find that happiness eludes them.

What the Bible teaches us:

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. (1Timothy.6:7)

Jesus Christ identified the key to happiness when he said sermon on the mountain. "Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need." (Matthew.5:3)

True happiness can be found only if we take steps to fill our greatest need-our hunger for spiritual truth about God and his purpose for us. The truth is found in the Bible. Knowing that truth can help us to decision what is really important and what is not. To allowing the Bible truth to guide our decisions and actions lead to a more meaningful life.

The scripture for blessed or happiness is you can find in Luke 11:28. "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

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## Spiritual Growth or Spiritual Developement

Spiritual growth is a combination of  
inspiration,  
knowledge,  
inner reflection  
and  
outward action.

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The Power of Prayer

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store.

She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries.

She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once.

Visualizing the family needs, she said: 'Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can.'

John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, 'Do you have a grocery list?'

Louise replied, 'Yes sir.' 'O.K.' he said, 'put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries.'

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down..

The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, 'I can't believe it.'

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more.

The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement.

It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said: 'Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands.'

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence.

Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said; 'It was worth every penny of it. Only God Knows how much a prayer weighs.'

THE POWER: When you receive this, say a prayer. That's all you have to do.

Just stop right now, and say a prayer of thanks for your own good fortune..... Then please send this to all your friends and relatives..

I believe if you will send this testimony out with prayer in faith, you will receive what you need God to do in your and your families' life ..

So dear heart, trust God to heal the sick, provide food for the hungry, clothes and shelter for those that don't have as we do. Amen & Amen

Prayer is one of the best free gifts we receive.

There is no cost but a lot of rewards.

May you always walk with Angels

God Bless!

I AM CLAIMING THIS FOR YOU

Three things will happen to you this coming week:

- (1) You will find favor with someone you don't expect;
- (2) You will be too relevant to be ignored;
- (3) You will encounter God and you will never remain the same, Amen.

My prayer for you today:

The eyes beholding this message shall not behold evil, the hands that will send this message to others shall not labor in vain, the mouth saying Amen to this prayer shall laugh forever. Remain in God's love as you send this prayer to everybody on your list. Have a lovely journey of life! Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He will never fail you because He is Awesome!

TAKE 60 SECONDS and send this on quickly and within hours, you will have caused a multitude of people to pray to God for each other. Then sit back and watch the power of God work in your life for doing the thing that you know He loves. Remain Blessed!!!

Peace and Blessings... In God we trust, let's keep it that way!

Praise God, He is All Merciful. ~~~.