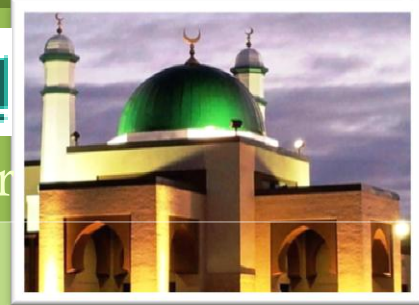


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What's Going On?

- ❖ Successful open house celebration for the new ICM. A fruit of a beautiful tree grew from the efforts of Muslim and Non-Muslim Friends in Murfreesboro, and Muslim and Non-Muslim Friends from across the nation.
- ❖ The Murfreesboro Muslim community and the ICM members pray for the families that lost their loved ones in Newtown, Connecticut. We share their sorrow and grief. We lost a lot of our precious babies in Sandy Hook Elementary and we can see them all as angels in heaven.



Message from the Imam

What Do You Want?

What do you want is a question we often ask. We use it when we enter the store, when we answer the phone and when we speak to our children. We ask our children about what they want to be. Asking this question often makes sense, simply because we have to have goals both small and large. We may need assistance in achieving what we want.

The question here is, what do you want in this life? Do you want to gain excess wealth? Do you want to have many kids? Do you want to be remembered after death? Do you want fame? We may each answer these questions in a different way, but answering these questions is critical. This is why God has answered the questions for us. Allah said in the Quran,

“Say: Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my death, are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds: No partner hath He: this am I commanded, and I am the first of those who bow to His will.”



Community News

Please contact the newsletter editors by email in English only, no later than the second week of each month, for any news or announcements you would like added to that month's edition of the newsletter. It is on a first come first serve basis, so please don't wait to send us your news.

Azan & Iqama Times at the Mosque

Fajr	6:00 am
Dhuhur	12:15 pm
Asr	2:45 pm
Maghrib	5:00 pm
Isha	6:00 pm

Friday Prayer (Jummah) begins promptly after Khutbah, which starts at 1:10 pm. Please arrive on time to hear the entire Khutbah, as it is an essential part of your Jummah prayer.



Azan Times for the Beginning of the Month

Date	Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhur	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
3	Thu	5:41	6:55	11:51	2:27	4:45	6:01
4	Fri	5:41	6:56	11:51	2:28	4:46	6:02
5	Sat	5:41	6:56	11:52	2:29	4:47	6:03
6	Sun	5:41	6:56	11:52	2:29	4:47	6:03
7	Mon	5:41	6:56	11:53	2:30	4:49	6:04
8	Tue	5:41	6:56	11:53	2:31	4:50	6:05
9	Wed	5:41	6:55	11:53	2:32	4:51	6:06
10	Thu	5:41	6:55	11:54	2:33	4:51	6:07
11	Fri	5:41	6:55	11:54	2:34	4:52	6:07
12	Sat	5:41	6:55	11:55	2:35	4:53	6:08
13	Sun	5:41	6:55	11:55	2:36	4:54	6:09
14	Mon	5:41	6:55	11:55	2:36	4:55	6:10
15	Tue	5:40	6:54	11:56	2:37	4:56	6:11

ICM Management



Message from the Imam (Continued from Page 1)

So, we must simply please God. Do everything for the sake of Him. You may wonder why? I can say that it is the only way for the human being to act properly while everyone is seeking what is right, where there is no personal gain and the entire group of believers is moving in the same direction. As simple as “doing everything for the sake of God” may sound, it is difficult in practice. How

may we remove the desire of personal gain from our hearts? We may try the following points:

1. Remembering that the only one that can reward us is God.
2. The people that we are trying to please are not capable of doing anything for us.
3. Ask yourself this question, Why do I have to please this person or the other?
4. Be around people that are a good influence.
5. Read the stories of the righteous people (the stories of the companions and the people that followed them).
6. Remind yourself often that no one will go with you to your grave except your good deeds.
7. Ask God for help in doing everything for the sake of Him.

The Prophet (May Gods peace and blessings be upon him) has reminded us of the importance of having everything for the sake of God when he said:

“Actions are but by intention and every man shall have but that which he intended. Thus he whose migration was for Allah and His messenger, his migration was for Allah and His messenger, and he whose migration was to achieve some worldly benefit or to take some woman in marriage, his migration was for that for which he migrated.” related by Bukhari and Muslim

We must also remember that changing any behavior within ourselves is possible but requires effort and may take time. So, do not give up if it seems difficult in the beginning because it is doable and worth the results.

After all, we have to be honest when we answer the question, What do we want from this life?

With love and respect, Dr. Ossama Bahloul (Imam of ICM)

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Summery of the ICM Board meetings and committee reports:

1. Discussed the open house celebration and discussed the positive and negative feedback from the community. And plan on specific details in the future to avoid shortcomings.
2. Discussed the importance of clear communication with the community to shorten the gaps of communication.
3. Decided to launch the monthly newsletter as one of the better ways of communications.
4. Decided to accommodate and welcome limited number of ICM members to attend the Board meetings as non-voting guests. On first come first basis. If you are interested you must contact Brother Miyassara Alkhiyami as early as possible. The Board meetings are every other Tuesday. The next meeting will be January 17, 2013.
5. Discussed the proposed plans of having announcement boards. Due to limited money resources we will have regular boards and hopefully in the near futures will convert to electronic boards.
6. Decided to install the partitions between the Men and Women sections
7. Discussed the possible timing of the upcoming annual report meeting with the community to be during the last week of January 2013. It will include the detailed financial report, and the project financial report too.
8. Dr. Esaam updated the board about the last meeting with the contractor about the last dispute/disagreement about some change of orders that were made.
9. Brother Suhail updated the Board about our financial status.
10. Youth committee updates: Started in November and it is called MYM (Muslim Youth Murfreesboro) with weekly activities on Saturdays, it includes youth aged from 13-22 both girls and boys.
11. The Social committee updates: A general meeting on Dec. 5th, 2012 discussing the open house, and also new ideas to help with the financial situation of ICM. The members had a successful auction, items to be supplied by the ladies and auctioned back to them. MashaAllah the auction raised \$1502.00. The successful event inspired the ladies, and they have asked for another meeting in January.
12. Educational committee: established the Board of education which will supervise the education of our Children in both ICM schools: ICM Academy and ICM Weekend School.

ICM General News and Correspondence

1. Letter to Sheriff Robert Arnold, to urge the immediate withdrawal of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office's application to enter into a 287(g) agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.
2. Letter from Department of Justice (DOJ) about security grant and support to the ICM.



Upcoming Religious Events:

Friday:

Quranic Tafsir for 30 min following Isha Prayer
Children's Story Time from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Sunday:

Seerah of the Prophet (PBUH) for 30 min following Isha Prayer

Monday:

English Speaking Sisters' Study Circle at 10:30 am

Wednesday:

Arabic Speaking Sisters' Study Circle at 12:00 pm
Fiqh Related Issues for 30 min following Isha Prayer

Upcoming Social Events:

Ladies Meeting: January 9, 2013. New ideas and cooking classes will be finalized in this meeting.

Annual report meeting and dinner for the whole community by the end of January 2013.



Upcoming Youth Events:

Weekly activity every Saturday, please contact Dr. Samer Loleh for further details.

Spotlight on ICM Education

The Monthly Forum: For any member of the community that has any skill/topic that they would like to talk to the community about, and present in front of the community after Isha prayer on the last Sunday of every month after which a discussion will follow. We will put the headlines of the forum topic in the monthly newsletter.

This month's forum will be given to us by a very respectful member of our community. A great physician & a wonderful Muslim, Dr. Syed Rashid.

The topic of this month's forum is: "The Brain".

1. Does it control our motor function or behavior?
2. What is the behavior?
3. What is the difference between a neurologist and a psychiatrist?
4. What happens when the brain becomes sick?
5. Children and their brains.
6. Teachers, educators, mentors, and parents. Do they affect us?

How do I become a Member of the ICM?

It's Easy, Join Today!

Just fill out the form on the next page and turn it in!

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Classifieds:

There will be an area available for paid advertisements by anyone in the community, with a special discount for those who are ICM members. The regular rates are: Full page: \$300; Half page: \$150; Quarter page: \$75.

Azan Times for the Rest of the Month

Date	Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Wed	16	4/3	5:41	6:54	11:56	2:38	4:58
Thu	17	5/3	5:40	6:54	11:57	2:39	4:59
Fri	18	6/3	5:40	6:54	11:57	2:40	5:00
Sat	19	7/3	5:40	6:53	11:57	2:41	5:01
Sun	20	8/3	5:39	6:53	11:58	2:42	5:02
Mon	21	9/3	5:39	6:52	11:58	2:43	5:03
Tue	22	10/3	5:39	6:52	11:58	2:44	5:04
Wed	23	11/3	5:38	6:51	11:58	2:45	5:05
Thu	24	12/3	5:38	6:51	11:59	2:46	5:06
Fri	25	13/3	5:37	6:50	11:59	2:47	5:07
Sat	26	14/3	5:37	6:50	11:59	2:47	5:08
Sun	27	15/3	5:36	6:49	11:59	2:48	5:09
Mon	28	16/3	5:36	6:48	11:59	2:49	5:10
Tue	29	17/3	5:35	6:48	12:00	2:50	5:11
Wed	30	18/3	5:35	6:47	12:00	2:51	5:12