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Other Contacts

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- B - Kish
- C - Gerar
- D - Mount Sinai

8) Who was the sister of Aaron and Moses?

- A - Zeruiah
- B - Tamar
- C - Miriam
- D - Abigail

9) This man was so afraid of the anger of his twin brother that he offered him 220 goats, 220 sheep, 30 milk camels and their colts, 40 cows, 10 bulls, 20 female donkeys and 10 foals to appease him.

- A - Joseph
- B - Jacob
- C - Nahor
- D - Judah

10) Who was the sister of Laban and the wife of Isaac?

- A - Rachel
- B - Sarah
- C - Rebekah
- D - Leah

11) According to Jesus, how many times should a man forgive his brother if he is sinned against?

- A - 490
- B - 7
- C - 350
- D - 40

12) Which two men introduced their wives as their sister because they feared they would be murdered to get their wives?

- A - Abram (Abraham) and Isaac
- B - Methuselah and Laban
- C - Judah and Hiram
- D - Joseph and Benjamin

13) Which of Solomon's brothers rivaled him as heir to the throne?

- A - Hallohesh
- B - Adonijah
- C - Rehoboam
- D - Abijam

14) What man advised Amnon about the way he could get his half-sister Tamar to lie with him?

- A - Hodijah
- B - Talmon
- C - Absalom
- D - Jonadab



BROTHERS & SISTERS QUIZ

Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

*At the end of the year, your earned points will be
totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

- 1) Who did Joab and Abishai murder to avenge the death of their brother Asahel who was run through with a spear?
A - Ishbosheth
B - Abner
C - Mica
D - Meshullam
- 2) What happened to Job's sons and daughters while they were feasting in their oldest brother's house?
A - An earthquake swallowed the house.
B - The house caught fire about them.
C - A great wind blew the house down upon them
D - A great flood swept them away.
- 3) Who was cursed to be a 'servant of servants' to his brothers?
A - Peleg
B - Eber
C - Terah
D - Canaan
- 4) Who were the sisters of Lazarus, the man who was raised from the dead?
A - Lydia and Dorcas
B - Mary and Martha
C - Priscilla and Aquilla
D - Lois and Tabitha
- 5) Which son of Adam replaced Abel as righteous heir after Abel was murdered by his brother Cain?
A - Seth
B - Mahalalel
C - Enosh
D - Methuselah
- 6) What two men killed Hamor and his son Shechem because he took advantage of their sister Dinah?
A - Dan and Asher
B - Issachar and Naphtali
C - Judah and Zebulun
D - Simeon and Levi
- 7) Where was Isaac's half-brother Ishmael when his mother received a promise from God that he would become a great nation?
A - Wilderness of Beersheba

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We are entering into yet another spring season. After celebrating the Lent time and Easter we as a parish commemorate the passion of Christ. Again it challenges us for a renewal and fruitfulness. The Spring reminds us of the life-giving tulips.

The Scripture is clear in its witness to the fact that only God can liberate us from bondage, heal our brokenness, cleanse us from our uncleanness and bring life out of our deadness. We can't do it by ourselves. Thus spiritual formation is the experience of being shaped by God toward wholeness.

The human wholeness is associated with the image of God [Gen. 1:26-27] The NT parallel to this is that 'we are to become the likeness of Christ [2cor. 3:18]who is the image of the invisible God. [col. 1:15] There can be no wholeness in the image of Christ which is not incarnate in our relationship with others, both in the body of Christ and in the world.

Through the Sunday portions we come across the life in relation to the Risen Lord, who is walking with us in the time of crisis, the one who is the way, the truth and the life. Let us meditate upon the spirituality in the present day context and evaluate ourselves.

As a parish we are completing one more year in the service of the Lord. On this parish day, let us humbly commit ourselves for a fruitful time ahead. "The Eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms"[Deut. 33.27]

Yours in Christ service
Toji Achen

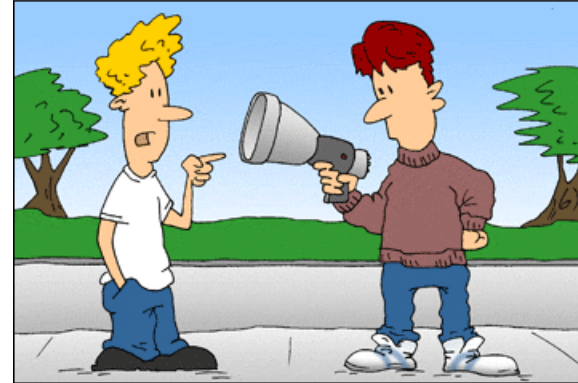
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SOLOMON, DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED 700TH WIFE?

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I REALLY DOUBT THAT MEGAPHONE IS GOING TO GET YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED ANY FASTER

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Thanks to Josiah Gilman

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His Commission to Us

From Utmost For His Highest



This is love in the making. The love of God is not created— it is His nature. When we receive the life of Christ through the Holy Spirit, He unites us with God so that His love is demonstrated in us. The goal of the indwelling Holy Spirit is not just to unite us with God, but to do it in such a way that we will be one with the Father in exactly the same way Jesus was. And what kind of oneness did Jesus Christ have with the Father? He had such a oneness with the Father that He was obedient when His Father sent Him down here to be poured out for us. And He says to us, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21).

Peter now realizes that he does love Him, due to the revelation that came with the Lord's piercing question. The Lord's next point is— "Pour yourself out. Don't testify about how much you love Me and don't talk about the wonderful revelation you have had, just 'Feed My sheep.' " Jesus has some extraordinarily peculiar sheep: some that are unkempt and dirty, some that are awkward or pushy, and some that have gone astray! But it is impossible to exhaust God's love, and it is impossible to exhaust my love if it flows from the Spirit of God within me. The love of God pays no attention to my prejudices caused by my natural individuality. If I love my Lord, I have no business being guided by natural emotions— I have to feed His sheep. We will not be delivered or released from His commission to us. Beware of counterfeiting the love of God by following your own natural human emotions, sympathies, or understandings.

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Job 1)

04-20-2007

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Thirumeni Visit:

Our Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa will be visiting our church from April 17th to 20th, please see the calendar for the schedule.

Parish Day:

We will be celebrating our Parish Day on April 20th.

Edavaka Mission:

We will have our Edavaka Mission meetings (Praise & worship, Bible Study) every Wednesday at 7:30pm in our church. All families should try to attend this meeting for your spiritual growth.

Edavaka Mission Regional Meeting:

The Edavaka Mission Regional Meeting will be at Ascension Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia, PA. on April 12th at 9:30AM.

Prayer Meetings:

There will be a special prayer meeting on **May 3rd** at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Joseph V. Joseph at 6:00pm. Please join this special prayer meeting with your family. Their Address is 2485 Bruen Lane, Forks, PA 18040. Phone: 610-438-1688.

All Prayer groups are encouraged to hold the prayer meetings every Saturday at 7:00pm. Interested families please contact your Area Representatives.

Youth League Meeting:

There will be youth league meetings on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:00pm.

Sevika Sanghom Couple's Conference:

The Sevika Sanghom Couple's Conference will be at New Jersey Mar Thoma Church, Randolph, NJ. on April 5th at 9:30AM.

Building Project update:

The Somerset Township Board of Adjustments has adjourned our variance hearing to **April 17th** and our hearing is agenda # 1. The Board meets from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. All members who would like to see a Church of our own should attend this meeting and it's very important that we show our solidarity towards our church. Please keep this in your daily prayers for a favorable outcome.

Refreshments:

Families are encouraged to sponsor/provide refreshments on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary.

Church Premise Cleaning:

Prayer group 4 members will be responsible for cleaning the Church premise after Sunday's church service for this month. Members please volunteer.

Prayer Request:

Nikhil Thomas (11 years old), S/O George Thomas & Rene went through a surgical procedure last month, please keep him in your daily prayers for a speedy recovery.

Their address, 857 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820, Phone: 732-321-4171.

Condolences:

Mother of Sudha Mathew/Mother-in-law of Abraham Mathew (Boban), 45 Grand Street Apt. 7, Danbury, CT 06810, Phone: (203) 205-0764 was called to eternity last month, she was 72 years old.

Grand Mother of Susan Thomas (w/o Reji K. Thomas), 2 Lori Court, Somerset, NJ 08873, Phone 732-568-1754 was called to eternity, she was 96 years old

We, the St. Stephen's family express our deepest condolence to the bereaved families.

Thank you:

Thanks to all families who participated in the fund raiser (C.P. Wilson achen).

Address Change:

Mr. Daniel Varghese (Georgekutty) 3 Brandy Ridge Rd, Sparta, NJ 07871 Phone: (973) 729-9863	Mr. Benjamin Abraham (Shaji) 141 Rolling Hill Drive, Morganville, NJ 07751 Phone: (732) 834-0024
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Donations:

The following organization(s) are looking for your kind donation(s)/contribution(s), please give your check(s) to the trustee/accountant.

1. The Malabar Mar Thoma Syrian Christian Evangelistic Association.
2. Hoskote Mission & Medical Centre
3. CARE

18	Jonathan Abraham	s/o Shibu Abraham	(908) 213-0087
18	Abigail Elizabeth Joseph	d/o Dr. Joseph Philip	(732) 662-5813
19	Rebecca Varghese	d/o Pappen Varghese	(908) 281-2188
19	Mariamamma Thomas	w/o Mammen T. Thomas	(732) 422-0701
20	Sunil Skariah	s/o K.K. Skariah	(908) 822-2737
20	Sunil Jacob		(609) 936-9364
21	Reena Thomas	w/o Dr. Samuel Thomas	(973) 538-1192
21	John Joseph		(732) 253-7020
28	Dhanya Mary Abraham	D/o Abraham Mathews	(203) 205-0764
30	Joshua John	s/o Sunny John	(732) 752-9250
30	Nithin S. Chacko	s/o Chacko Poovakunnel	(908)-964-0735
30	Ajit Mathews	s/o Philip Mathews	(732) 297-8303

Wedding Anniversaries in April!!

6	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew and Saramma Cherukara	(908) 686-1061
12	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Annamma John	(732) 752-5033
15	Mr. & Mrs. Sunil Jacob and Bindu Philips	(609) 936-9364
18	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Oommen and Susamma Samuel	(908) 320-0412
18	Mr. & Mrs. Sunil Varughese and Serah Thomas	(609) 275-9334
23	Mr. & Mrs. Saju C. and Sheeja Abraham	(732) 605-9888
24	Mr. & Mrs. Reji and Suman R. John	(732) 613-0623
28	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Mattappallil and Susan Thomas	(908) 241-0638
29	Mr. & Mrs. Koshy Philip and Julia Koshy	(732) 286-0924
30	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas and Vincy Kurien	(732) 845-0031



Birthdays in April!!!

1	Josh Cherian	s/o Sabu Cherian	(908) 927-9940
2	Rachel Oommen	w/o Thomas Oommen	(732) 906-8830
2	Bibina Varughese	w/o Joemon T Varughese	(732) 422-7128
2	Sahnla Varghese	w/o Philip Varghese	(732) 873-0811
6	Abraham Mathew	s/o Anil Mathew	(732) 258-8997
6	Roy M. Mathew	s/o Mathew M. Thomas	(732) 549-7437
7	Raji Renjith	w/o Renjith Abraham	(908) 241-0638
8	Maya Varkey	d/o Thomas Varkey	(908) 301-0084
9	Annie Varghese	w/o Jose Cherian	(908) 851-0603
10	Vinoj Mathew		(732) 726-1714
10	Sanjana Renjith	d/o Renjith Abraham	(908) 241-0638
11	Aleyamma Manalel	w/o Sam Jacob	(732) 549-8925
12	Alan S. Chacko	s/o Chacko Poovakunnel	(908) 964-0735
12	Koshy Philip		(732) 286-0924
16	Rachel Thomas	d/o Ragy Thomas	(732) 632-8892
16	Carol Kurian	w/o Linu Kurian	(732) 331-5062
17	Ron Thomas	s/o Jos Thomas	(732) 356-8975
17	Miriam Thomas	d/o Philip M. Thomas	(732) 382-0033
18	Abraham Pulimoottil		(732) 283-4855
18	Philip M. Thomas		(732) 382-0033
18	Abigail Vinoj Mathew	d/o Vinoj Mathew	(732) 726-1714

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	Refreshment
6 Apr	Live in the risen Lord (2nd Sunday after Easter)							
	11 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Ezek 37:1-14	Col 3:1-11	Rom 6:1-14	St. John 21:1-14	No Sunday School	Mrs. & Mr. Sabu Cherian
13 Apr	Lord who walks with us in Crisis (3rd Sunday after Easter)							
	11 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Isa. 61:1-11	1 John. 3:1-12	2 Cor. 12:1-10	St. Luke 24:13-25	After Offertory	Mrs. & Mr. Sony & Tony Cherukara
20 Apr	Jesus: Way Truth and Life (4th Sunday after Easter)							
	11 AM	Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa (English)	1 Kings 17:1-24	Col 2:6-15	Phil 3:9-16	St. John 14:1-11	No Sunday School	First Communicant's Family
27 Apr	Spirituality in Present day context (5th Sunday after Easter)							
	11 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Gen 2:4-17	1 Cor 13:1-13	1 Cor 2:6-16	St. Mat 5:38-48	After Offertory	Youth Fellowship's Bake Sale

Events Calendar 2008

Date	Events	Time	AM/ PM	Day
April				
4/12/2008	Sunday School teacher's potluck dinner			
4/13/2008	Parents-Teacher Conference	1:30	PM	Sunday
4/17/2008	Property Hearing at Franklin Township	7:30	PM	Thursday
4/18/2007	Sevika Sanghom Meets with Thirumeni	10:30	AM	Friday
	Youth Meets with Thirumeni	7:30	PM	Friday
4/19/2008	Sunday School meets with Thirumeni	10:00	AM	Saturday
	First Communicants Meets with Thirumeni	5:00	PM	Saturday
	Church meets with Thirumeni	6:00	PM	Saturday
4/20/2008	Parish Day & First Communicant's Communion	11:00	AM	Sunday
May				
5/11/2008	Mother's Day	11:00	AM	Sunday
5/11/2008	Diocesan Exams	12:00	AM	Sunday
5/18/2008	Sunday School Fair & Mother's Day Celebration	1:30	AM	Sunday
June				
6/6/2008	Youth Retreat - EddyFarm Retreat Center			Friday
6/7/2008	Youth Retreat - EddyFarm Retreat Center			Saturday
6/8/2008	Youth Retreat - EddyFarm Retreat Center			Sunday
6/15/2008	Father's Day	11:00	AM	Sunday
6/29/2008	Graduation Appreciation day	11:00	AM	Sunday
July				
7/4/2008	Family Retreat? Lancaster PA?			Friday
7/5/2008	Family Retreat? Lancaster PA?			Saturday
7/6/2008	Family Retreat? Lancaster PA?			Sunday
7/10/2008	VBS	7:00	PM	Thursday
7/11/2008	VBS	7:00	PM	Friday
7/12/2008	VBS	9:00	AM	Saturday
7/13/2008	VBS	11:00	AM	Sunday
7/24/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Thursday

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Date	Events	Time	AM/ PM	Day
7/25/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Friday
7/26/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Saturday
7/27/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Sunday
	Junior-Senior conference?			
August				
8/2/2008	Picnic - Echo Lake Recreation Center	9:00	AM	Saturday
September				
9/7/2008	New School Year (Children's) Dedication	11:00	AM	Sunday
9/13/2008	Apple Picking	10:00	AM	Saturday
9/20/2008	Sunday School Competition	10:00	AM	Saturday
9/26/2008	Convention day 1	7:30	PM	Friday
9/27/2008	Convention day 2	7:30	PM	Saturday
9/28/2008	Convention day 3	11:00	AM	Sunday
October				
10/18/2008	Youth Shine Night	6:00	PM	Saturday
	Sunday School Regional Competition?			
	Sunday School Anniversary?			
November				
11/23/2008	Thanksgiving Service & Auction	11:00	AM	Sunday
11/29/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	10:00	AM	Saturday
11/30/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
12/6/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	10:00	AM	Saturday
12/7/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
December				
12/13/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	10:00	AM	Saturday
12/14/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
12/20/2008	Christmas Carol	6:30	PM	Saturday
12/25/2008	Christmas Service	7:00	AM	Thursday
12/31/2008	New Year's/Watch Night Service	10:00	PM	Wednesday