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August 11th 9AM

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BE GLAD FOR TODAY

From Our Daily Bread August 31, 2004

In Edith Schaeffer's book called *The Tapestry*, she describes a summer when her husband Francis was away in Europe for 3 months. During that time of missing him greatly, Edith and her sister Janet took their children to live in a former schoolhouse on Cape Cod. On a shoe-string budget they shared the rent, lived without a car, and created daily adventures for the five young children.



Looking back years later, Edith said of that summer: "Never again have I spent time of that sort with my own children or my sister and nephews. The sudden precious moments in life need to be recognized for the unique periods they are, not wasted by wishing for something else."

Edith's perspective offers us a key to applying the words of Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." During difficult times, we are tempted to become passive while waiting for a storm of life to pass. But God invites us to actively pursue the opportunities at hand instead of lamenting over what we don't have.

Because the Lord has made this day, we can look past the closed doors to see people and opportunities we had previously overlooked. In celebrating their value, we will discover joy and gladness from God.

—David C. McCasland

**The God who put us here on earth
Knows life is tinged with sadness,
And so He gives us many things
To fill our hearts with gladness. —Hess**

***You don't have to worry about eyestrain from looking on
the brighter side of life.***



EZEKIEL BIBLE 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) When the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel, where was he?
A - In the garden, B - In prayer, C - In Babylon (by the river Kebar), D - In Jerusalem
- 2) Why was he there?
A - He was thirsty, B - He was an exile, C - He was on a trip, D - He was lost
- 3) Among the Israelites at that place, who held the highest rank?
A - Ezekiel, B - King Jehoiachin, C - King David, D - Benjamin
- 4) God sent the prophet to the house of Israel and repeatedly referred to it as a _____ house.
A - good, B - thief-filled, C - rebellious, D - godly
- 5) The prophet saw a vision of four living creatures with four faces. What did the faces look like?
A - angel, cherub, man, ox, B - lion, bear, leopard, man, C - serpent, dove, ram, goat, D - man, lion, ox, eagle
- 6) God inflicted upon Ezekiel a disability that was strange, considering he had just been made a prophet. What was the disability?
A - He was silenced, B - He was made deaf, C - He couldn't walk, D - He went blind
- 7) Because of his disability, in what way did Ezekiel prophesy about the siege of Jerusalem?
A - He wrote about it, B - He made a model, C - He used sign language, D - He used telepathy
- 8) The prophet was given a scroll and told to do what with it?
A - Write on it, B - Eat it, C - Burn it, D - Read it
- 9) The prophet saw a vision of 6 men that arrived at Jerusalem and prepared to walk its streets. One of the men was different than the others, what did he have at his side?
A - a sheathed sword, B - a golden idol, C - his wife, D - a writing kit

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!

Dearly Beloved in Christ



**“LIKE FIRE EXISTS BY BURNING,
THE CHURCH EXISTS BY MISSION”**

Church's mission is God's mission. We as a church affirms the responsibility to the society through it's missions programs. This month we are studying about the mission of the church, integrity of creation, Holy Communion-the feast of the kingdom of God and Reformation-nurturing of the Gospel values.

The whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now (Romans 8:18-25). A song by Sarah McLaughlin speaks of this instability and the often tragic results of such geologic failing, called "World on Fire" "I watch the heavens and I find a calling, something I can do to change this moment, stay close to me while the sky is falling." Yes Jesus Christ is with us at the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

When earthquakes and calamities, epidemics increasingly appear wake up trust God, He is in control. Let us remember our fellow human being and dear ones in Kerala who is undergoing in a painful situation than ever. Let us take time to pray with tears and hope.

May God Bless Us All.

Yours in Christ

Togi Achen

Wedding Anniversaries in August!!

- 14 Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Abraham
- 17 Mrs. & Mr. K. J. Jacob
- 18 Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Kurian
- 19 Mrs. & Mr. Renjith P. Abraham
- 20 Mrs. & Mr. Abraham George
- 21 Mrs. & Mr. Varghese George
- 21 Mrs. & Mr. Ragy Thomas
- 25 Mrs. & Mr. James Varghese
- 26 Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Chacko
- 28 Mrs. & Mr. Rajiv John
- 29 Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Panicker
- 31 Mrs. & Mr. Ravi Varghese

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(See Genesis 4:1-15)

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OH CAIN, SO WHAT IF EVERYBODY IN CLASS LIKED MY ANIMAL CRACKERS BETTER THAN YOUR VEGETABLE CRACKERS

Birthdays in August!!

1	Sini George	w/o Shaju George	(908) 668-4949
1	Anna Thomas	d/o Thomas Abraham	(718) 967-7178
1	Michael J. Saju	s/o Saju C. Abraham	(732) 605-9888
4	Linu Kurian		(732) 543-0952
5	Annamma Jacob	w/o Jacob K. Sam	(732) 980-9154
15	Malvika Cherukara	w/o Tony Cherukara	(908) 397-2621
17	Dr. Cecil Mathews		(732) 548-2248
20	Nisha R. John	G. d/o Joseph N. John	(732) 752-5033
22	Cherin S. Jose	s/o Jose Cherian	(908) 851-0603
23	Saramma Cherukara	w/o Mathew A. Cherukara	(908) 686-1061
24	John Mathews		(732) 356-6192
25	Akhil J. Varghese	s/o Shibu Varghese	(732) 494-4199
25	Devon Davis	s/o Davis C. Thomas	(732) 918-1171
26	Anoop Varghese	s/o Daniel Varghese	(908) 688-2830
27	Tini Thomas	d/o C. Thomas	(908) 925-9476
27	A. Abraham		(732) 252-6226
27	Alan K. Mathew	s/o Thomas Mathew	(609) 799-5661
27	K. S. Philipose		(732) 662-5813
30	Varghese Abraham		(732) 251-1728
31	Ruben G. Thomas	s/o Thomas John	(732) 651-8867

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



PRAYER MEETINGS

There will be a Church prayer meeting on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at 4:00 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph V. Joseph, 2485 Bruen Lane, Forks, PA 18040 Tel: (610-438-1688)

Edavaka Mission Prayer meetings will be conducted on 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Please contact Mission Secretary for further details 732-549-8925.

Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meetings will be conducted at members homes during the week days. Please contact Sanghom Secretary for further details 732-752-5033.

Youth Fellowship meetings will be conducted on 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Please contact Fellowship Secretary for further details 732-845-9250.

Please contact Achen, Church Secretary or your Prayer Group Representative, if you would like to conduct Prayer Meeting at your home.

REGIONAL CONVENTION

The Regional Convention is scheduled for August 16th till August 19th. Details of the convention will be announced soon.

SEVIKA SANGOM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

8th National Sevika Sangom Conference will be held from 20th to 23rd September, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Long Island, Islip, NY and is hosted by the Sevika Sangom of the Long Island Mar Thoma Church, Merrick, NY. For details contact Sangom secretary.

NEW BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Shaju George are blessed with the birth of their son Aaron M. George on June 27th 2007. Congratulations to the proud Parents and big sister Rachel.

RAFFLE WINNER

Mr. Shaji J. Koshy is the winner of the raffle conducted by St. Thomas Delaware Valley Mar Thoma Church, Pa. The prize was a Brand New BMW! Congratulations!

CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic will be held on August 11th at 9 A.M. The venue is at Holmdel State Park, Holmdel NJ. Please attend with your family and friends.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Make sure you check out our newly designed church website at www.ststephensmtc.com.

New Features

- Signup for your own St. Stephen's email address
- Join Church & Youth email groups
- Mar Thoma E-Library
- And much more...

Hymn Review

What a Friend we have in Jesus

When Joseph Scriven was asked who wrote the words to the poem he had on his wall he said, "The Lord and I did it between us." The poem was "**What a Friend We Have in Jesus.**" Joseph Scriven (1819-1886) learned early in life to give his griefs to the Lord. On the eve of his wedding day, his bride was found drowned. This crushed him. He left his homeland of Ireland and moved to Port Hope, Canada. He found Jesus to be his best friend and decided to give his life to be a friend and a help to others. He became known as the "Good Samaritan of Port Hope." He wrote the poem "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" as an encouragement for his sick mother. We, like Scriven's mother, are reminded again that we have a friend who wants to know our cares, griefs, burdens, temptations, trials, sins, pain, and sorrows.

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
5-Aug	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Amos 2: 1-8	Romans 5: 1-11	James 5: 1-6	Mark 25: 31-46	No Sunday School
		(English)					
Environment Sunday - Integrity of Creation (11th Sunday after Pentecost)							
12-Aug	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Exodus 8: 15-22	1 Corinthians 15: 35-41	Romans 8: 18-25	Matthew 6: 25-32	No Sunday School
		(Malayalam)					
Eucharist - Banquet of the Kingdom of God (12th Sunday after Pentecost)							
19-Aug	TBA	Regional Convention	Exodus 16: 4-24	Revelations 19: 1-10	1 Corinthians 10: 1-17	John 6: 26-40	No Sunday School
		Details To Follow					
Reformation Day - Nurturing of Gospel Values (13th Sunday after Pentecost)							
26-Aug	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	2 Kings 23: 1-15	1 Corinthians 13: 1-13	Ephesians 4: 17-32	Mark 11:12-18	No Sunday School
		(Malayalam)					