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August

**Sunday
Services**

Starts 9AM



**Church
Picnic**

August 2nd 9:00am

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BIRDS & CREEPING THINGS

Please email your answers to
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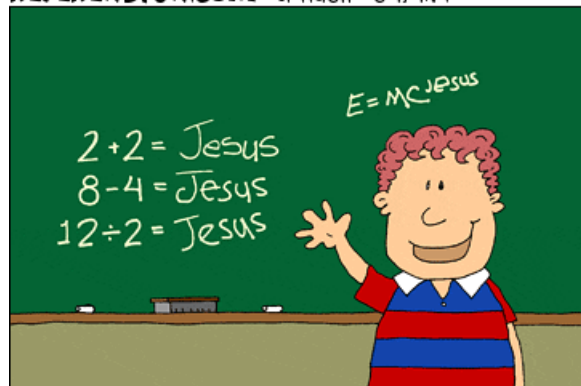
- 1) Which bird brought food to Elijah?
A - Dove
B - Swallow
C - Raven
D - Pigeon
- 2) Which bird was given to the children of Israel in the wilderness for food?
A - Partridge
B - Pheasant
C - Quail
D - Albatross
- 3) Elijah prophesied that the birds of the air would eat the bodies of this man's family:
A - Ahab
B - Jehu
C - Jehoshaphat
D - Zerubbabel
- 4) Jesus confronted people selling doves...
A - in the temple.
B - on the sabbath.
C - for too much money.
D - for cruelty to animals.
- 5) Which of these was not a clean bird?
A - Dove
B - Vulture
C - Turkey
D - Pigeon
- 6) How many young pigeons were offered as a sacrifice upon the birth of a firstborn?
A - none
B - one
C - two
D - three
- 7) Which bird did God say 'lays her eggs on the ground and lets them warm in the sand, unmindful that a foot may crush them.'
A - osprey
B - swallow
C - ostrich
D - turtledove
- 8) When God told the children of Israel to turn back into the wilderness and they instead went forward, which nation chased them 'as bees do'?
A - Egyptians
B - Assyrians
- C - Philistines
D - Amorites
- 9) 'Foxes have holes, birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man...
A - dwells in the hearts of believers.
B - is in heaven.
C - walks with in our footsteps.
D - has no place to lay his head.
- 10) In the days of Jesus two of these birds were sold for a penny.
A - pigeons
B - sparrows
C - wren
D - stork
- 11) James tells us that all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man. According to James, what cannot be tamed?
A - Insects
B - A child
C - The tongue
D - The heart
- 12) On which day were birds created?
A - Second
B - Third
C - Fourth
D - Fifth
- 13) What was the first bird that Noah let out of the ark?
A - Dove
B - Lapwing
C - Raven
D - Pigeon
- 14) When the Gibeonites killed 7 of Saul's household, who protected their bodies from the fowls of the air?
A - Rizpah, Saul's concubine
B - Michal, Saul's daughter
C - Merab, Jonathan's sister
D - Abigail, David's wife
- 15) Samson's riddle was about bees in....
A - a tree stump
B - a bear's carcass
C - a cave
D - a lion's carcass

Wedding Anniversaries in August!!

- 7 Mr. & Mrs. John & Lovely S. Mathew
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Varghese & Annamma Abraham
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Jacob & susan Jacob
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Abraham & Saramma Kurian
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Abraham George & Annie George
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Renjith P. Abraham & Raji Renjith
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Ragy Thomas & Neelu Paul
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. James Varghese & Mary James
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Elizabeth Chacko
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Rajiv & Smita R. John
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Panicker & Aleyamma J Panicker
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Ravi Varghese & Preethi Ravi



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IN BIBLE CLASS WE LEARNED THAT JESUS IS
THE ANSWER

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Reformation in the Malankara Syrian Church is of great importance which influenced the Christian community in India as a whole. As a church we are grateful to the forerunners of that great Enlightenment.

The 1st Sunday of August reminds us of the importance of Mission which is the cornerstone of Reformation. Salvation is the gift of God. There is no other way and alternative.(Acts 3:12) Through the coming Sundays we do think about the Dominical sacraments {Baptism & Holy Communion}, Freedom which leads to truth and justice. Even though Lord took the initiative for the Salvation many of our fellow-human beings going astray.

What happened to the human condition? "I have discovered that all the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact that they cannot stay quietly in their own chamber." {Blaise Pascal} It is no easy task to walk this earth and find Peace. Inside of us it would seem ,something is at odds with the very rhythm of things and we are forever restless, dissatisfied and frustrated. Desire is always stronger than satisfaction. What's the solution for this? Look to the Lord, rely on Him earnestly then our hearts find Peace. Perfect love cast out fear. "Satan doesn't here fill us with hatred of God ,but with forgetfulness of God." {Dietrich Bonhoeffer}

May the love of God enables us to lead a meaningful & blessed life.

Yours in Christ service

Toji Atchen



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
2	Angelica Varughese	D/o Joemon Varughese	(732) 422-7128
5	Annamma Jacob	w/o Jacob K. Sam	(732) 980-9154
6	Obye Varghese	s/o Shaji Varghese	
7	Job Cherian	s/o Rev. Abraham Cherian	(732) 602-9444
10	Roby Varghese	S/o Shaji Varghese	
10	Ryan Thomas	s/o Benoy Thomas	(848) 250-0185
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16	Alwin M. Thomas	S/o Thomas Mathen	(616) 604-6563
17	Dr. Cecil Mathews		(732) 548-2248
19	Ashby Simon		(732) 943-2107
20	Nisha R. John	G.d/o Joseph N. John	(732) 752-5033
21	John Mathew		(732) 274-0071
23	Saramma Cherukara	w/o Mathew A. Cherukara	(908) 686-1061
23	Ansu A. Abraham	D/o Abraham Mathews	(203) 205-0764
24	John Mathews		(732) 356-6192
25	Akhil J. Varughese	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
26	Abraham Mathews		(203) 205-0764
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
28	Niju T. Samuel	w/o Jacob Samuel	(732) 227-9406
30	Varghese Abraham		(732) 251-1728
31	Ruben G. Thomas	s/o Thomas John	(732) 651-8867

Events Calendar 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Date	Events	Time	AM/ PM	Day
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	Volleyball Tournament - Duke Island Park.	9:00	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	Apple Picking	10:00	AM	Friday
	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
December				
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
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

Picnic:

Our picnic this year is on August 2nd and will start at 9:00am. Please come with your family & friends to have lots of fun and to stuff your stomach with BBQ food. We will be conducting competitive sports and games for all different age groups. Please be there promptly and partake in the events.

Echo Lake Recreation Center,
223 Echo Lake Road,
West Milford, New Jersey, NJ 07480.
Tel: 973-697-2850

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.

Church Prayer Meeting:

There will be a church prayer meeting on August 16th at 7:00pm, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Abraham, 141 Rolling Hill Drive, Morganville, NJ, 07751. Phone # (732) 834-0024.

All Prayer groups are encouraged to hold the area 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.

Building Project update:

We are no longer in the process of purchasing the property at 25 Grouser Rd , Somerset , NJ . Our attorney withdrew our application from the board of adjustments on July 17th, 2008 without prejudice. (i.e. if the church would like to reopen the application we have the right to do that, but would require a valid contract with the seller.) This was based on our general body's decision to terminate the contract after July 10th hearing, if the variance was not obtained. The Contract to purchase property is also terminated.

As per our attorney terminating the contract may cost us up to \$14,000 (includes \$1000 payment for each month from May), which was one of the concerns raised at the general body to get clarified.

This is another very expensive lesson that we have learned and before we point fingers at others, please think that we all were part of this process at various points and has to take balm upon our selves. Now let's us focus our energy to get a place of worship of our own.

Condolences:

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

Thomas Oommen's (Mohan) & Pappen Varghese's (Baben) aunt and Sally Oommen's Aunt passed away in India last month.

Mohan/Sally's Phone # (732) 906-8830

Baben's Phone # (908) 281-2188

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.

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	Refreshment	
3 Aug	9 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Mission Sunday - Servant ministry to humanity						Mrs. & Mr. John Varghese
			Isa 42:1-9	1 Cor 1:18-31	2 Tim 2:1-13	St. John 13:1-17	No Sunday School		
10 Aug	9 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism						Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Abraham
			Exo. 14:15-31	Tit 3:3-8	Rom. 6:1-11	St. John 3:1-8	No Sunday School		
17 Aug	9 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Reformation Day						Mrs. & Mr. Sam Jacob
			2 Chr 34:8-21	Rev. 3:14-22	Jude 17-25	St. John. 2:12-22	No Sunday School		
24 Aug	9 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	The Sacrament of Holy Qurbana						Mrs. & Mr. Ragy Thomas
			Deut 26:1-11	1 Cor 11:23-34	1 Cor 10:14-22	St. Mark 14:17-26	No Sunday School		
31 Aug	9 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	God's image and human dignity						
			Job 36:1-15	Rev 1:1-8	Col 3:1-11	St. Luke 4:16-21	No Sunday School		