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August 20th

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6) An angel sat under an oak in Ophrah and addressed this 'valiant warrior':

- A - Samson
- B - Gideon
- C - David
- D - Jephtha

- A - Hagar
- B - Jezebel
- C - Rachel
- D - Mary

7) Jacob sent his family across this river before wrestling with an angel:

- A - Jabbok
- B - Jordan
- C - Cherith
- D - Nile

15) An angel told this man to send messengers to Joppa:

- A - Herod
- B - Pilate
- C - Cornelius
- D - Augustus

8) This man was made mute when he doubted an angel:

- A - Saul
- B - Thomas
- C - Zechariah
- D - Peter

16) An angel appeared to this man in a bush:

- A - Elijah
- B - Moses
- C - Elisha
- D - Adam

9) An angel rolled a stone away from here:

- A - A well
- B - A pyramid
- C - A quarry
- D - A tomb

17) An angel struck this man, and he was eaten by worms and died:

- A - Herod
- B - Nebuchadnezzar
- C - Merodach-baladan
- D - Ahab

10) An angel was on a threshing floor when he stretched out his hand to destroy this city:

- A - Babylon
- B - Damascus
- C - Jericho
- D - Jerusalem

18) Angels took the news of Jesus birth to these men first:

- A - The priests
- B - The elders
- C - The relatives
- D - The shepherds

11) Cherubim with a flaming sword guarded the way to:

- A - The temple
- B - Heaven
- C - The tree of life
- D - Shiloh

19) An angel used to stir the pool at this place:

- A - Jordan
- B - Siloam
- C - Bethesda
- D - Cherith

12) Joshua encountered an angel holding a sword near this city:

- A - Ai
- B - Jericho
- C - Gilgal
- D - Jerusalem

20) This man saw an angel ascend in the flame of an altar:

- A - David
- B - Manoah
- C - Moses
- D - Hezekiah

13) An angel was strengthening Jesus in the garden, where his sweat became like:

- A - Tears
- B - Drops of water
- C - Dew
- D - Drops of blood

14) An angel of God called to this woman, urging her not to abandon her dying son:



## Wedding Anniversaries in August!!

7	Mr. & Mrs. John Mathews	(732) 356-6192
9	Mr. & Mrs. Jiby Thomas	(908) 925-9476
14	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Abraham	(732) 356-6192
17	Mrs. & Mr. K. J. Jacob	(732) 494-4199
18	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Kurien	(732) 677-2507
18	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob K Varghese	(732) 527-0428
19	Mrs. & Mr. Renjith P. Abraham	(732) 356-6192
20	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham George	(732) 494-4199
21	Mrs. & Mr. Ragy Thomas	(908) 688-2830
25	Mrs. & Mr. James Varghese	(908) 925-9476
26	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Chacko	(732) 252-6226
28	Mrs. & Mr. Rajiv John	(609) 799-5661
29	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Panicker	(732) 662-5813
31	Mrs. & Mr. Ravi Varghese	(732) 251-1728



## QUIZ — ANGELS

Please email your answers to  
[quiz@ststephensmtc.com](mailto:quiz@ststephensmtc.com)

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| 1) This angel told Mary she would bear the son of God:<br>A - Michael<br>B - Gabriel<br>C - Gideon<br>D - Unknown      | C - Syrian<br>D - Egyptian  |
| 2) An angel stopped the mouths of lions to protect this man:<br>A - Ezekiel<br>B - Jeremiah<br>C - Hosea<br>D - Daniel | 4) An angel informed Paul that he would survive this ordeal, as he had to appear before Caesar:<br>A - Bandits<br>B - Prison<br>C - Flogging<br>D - Shipwreck |
| 3) An angel slew 185,000 soldiers from this army:<br>A - Assyrian<br>B - Ethiopian                                     | 5) Jesus stated that angels do not marry when discussing this topic:<br>A - Resurrection<br>B - Adultery<br>C - Faith<br>D - Heaven                           |

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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Christian life is shaping from baptism, confession, and through the walking in the ways of the Lord in the given situation. At the same time it is an election of God for a chosen life. "you did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last." [ John: 15:16 ] What a privilege to carry in life. Within this growth we will have the presence of the Holy Spirit as the gift of God and we are leading to the mission of the Lord by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus Christ reminds us in his Sermon on the Mount, we are called to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. As the body of Christ we are called to respond to the challenges in and around us.

Christian formation is a process of finding our place in the ministry of Christ, which is the mission of God in and for the world. Let us uphold the values of the kingdom of God and set apart ourselves for the mission of the Lord. We are celebrating August 4th Sunday as the Reformation Day and wish to rekindle and renew our commitment and faith through the neighborhood mission activities. Though we are scattered by our Lord to different parts of the world, we are going forward with the unchanging presence of the Lord and the word of God. May the thoughts and meditations in the coming days strengthen us for the ministry of the Lord.

*John Stott said "We are God's ambassadors by appointment. We are God's coworkers in mission. We are stewards of God's mystery in faithfulness"*

May the Lord Almighty strengthen us all to face the challenges in the coming days.

Yours in His service

Toji Achen



## 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	Somiya Manoj Mathew	d/o Manoj Mathew	(732) 855-1719
2	Soniya Manoj Mathew	d/o Manoj Mathew	(732) 855-1719
2	Angelica M Varughese	d/o Joemon Varughese	(732) 422-7128
5	Annamma Jacob	w/o Jacob K. Sam	(732) 980-9154
7	Job Cherian	s/o Rev. Abraham Cherian	(732) 602-9444
10	Ryan Thomas	s/o Benoy Thomas	(848) 250-0185
15	Malvika Cherukara	w/o Tony Cherukara	(908) 397-2621
16	Alwin Mathen 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 Ann Abraham	d/o Abraham Mathew	(203) 205-0764
24	John Mathews		(732) 356-6192
25	Akhil J. Varghese	s/o Shibu Varghese	(732) 494-4199
25	Devon Thomas	s/o Davis C. Thomas	(732) 918-1171
26	Anoop Varghese	s/o Daniel Varghese	(908) 688-2830
26	Abraham Mathew		(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 Thomas 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

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
<b>Gift of the Holy Spirit for Mission: Mission Sunday</b>						
<b>2-Aug</b>	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian English	2 Kings 2 : 1 - 18	1 Cor 12 : 1 - 13	Galatians 5 : 16 - 24	John 15 : 12 - 27
<b>Christian Response to Globalization</b>						
<b>9-Aug</b>	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Daniel 3 : 1 - 18	Revelations 21 : 22 - 27	James 5 : 1 - 6	Luke 6 : 20 - 31
<b>The Sacrament of Confession</b>						
<b>16-Aug</b>	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian English	Joel 2 : 11 - 17	Revelations 3 : 1 - 6	1 John 1 : 1 - 10	Matthew 3 : 1 - 11
<b>Reformation Day: Reformation - Renewing and Rekindling</b>						
<b>23-Aug</b>	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Genesis 26 : 12 - 25	Revelations 3 : 14 - 22	2 Timothy 3 : 10 - 17	Matthew 23 : 1 - 12
<b>Common Humanity and Sharing of Faith</b>						
<b>30-Aug</b>	10:00 AM	Divine Service Malayalam	Jonah 4 : 1 - 11	Acts 17 : 16 - 34	Romans 14 : 1 - 14	John 12 : 20 - 32

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**Friendly Reminder:** Any dues to subscription or other donations for church, please mail the check to the Trustee at the following address.

Jomon Thomas (Trustee)  
P.O. Box 6635  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

## PRAYER MEETINGS

A **church prayer meeting** will be held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Iype Thomas, RR 1. Box 1391 Whitetail Road, Henryville, PA on **August 8<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00pm. (570) 620-0226. All are encouraged to attend.

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

## Graduate Appreciation

Graduate appreciation will be held on **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at our church. All those who have graduated from high school and colleges, please provide you name, class and institution's name to Achen or Church Secretary by 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009.

## Student Dedication

Student Dedication service will be held on **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at our church during the Holy Communion service. All students please plan to attend this special service.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## Sunday School

Sunday school classes will commence on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Information regarding the registration of new students, please contact Mr. Saju Thomas or Mr. Jacob Chacko.

## **Sports Camp**

Our Sunday school is conducting First ever St. Stephen's sports camp from August 20<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>.



## **Soccer/ Volleyball Camp**

Venue/Date: Church Ground

August 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration Fee \$50.00

Coaches: Saju Thomas, Bobby Mathew, Kevin Mathew, Jacob Chacko, John Thomas.

## **Tennis Clinic Camp**

Venue/Date: North Brunswick, High School Tennis Court

August 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Registration Fee \$70.00

Coaches: Jacob Chacko, Sunil Varghese and Sunil Thomas.

If you register for both sessions, you will get a \$25 discount. All age groups are welcome, registration limited to 25 people. Participant should bring a tennis racquet and new can of tennis balls.

Please contact Mr. Jacob Chacko for further details.

The **2009 Sunday School Competition** is scheduled for Saturday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Details are posted on the church website.

## New Born

Mr. and Mrs. Sunoj and Leena Mathew are blessed with the birth of their daughter, Sheryl Sunoj Mathew. Sheryl was born on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2009. Congratulations to the proud parents and grand parents Mr. & Mrs. K.G Mathewkutty.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunil and Liju Kurien are blessed with the birth of their daughter, Hannah Sarah Kurien. Hannah was born on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2009. Congratulations to the proud parents and grand parents Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Kurien.

## Condolences

Mrs. Mariamma, beloved sister of Mr. Mathew Cherukara and Mr. Philip Cherukara was called to eternity last month. St. Stephen's family expresses our deepest condolences to the bereaving family.

## **Notice:**

Please keep our church sanctuary and church premise clean. Eating and drinking is NOT allowed inside the sanctuary at any time

**(NO CHEWING GUMS PLEASE).**

Use the downstairs rooms for changing diapers, eating and drinking. If you eat or drink outside (parking lot or grass), please dispose the garbage properly.

We all need to work together to keep **our church** clean.