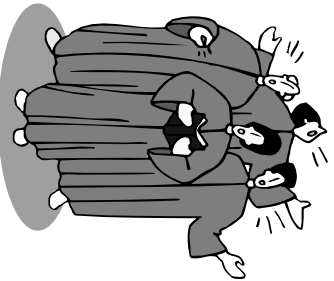


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TO DO SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT IS A GREAT CHALLENGE. TO FULFILL THIS CHALLENGE PERFECTLY IS A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT AND REQUIRES SINCERE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FROM ALL CONCERNED. ST. STEPHENS HAVE NOW ANOTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITY AT HAND, WHICH IS NOTHING BUT THE PROJECT OF PUBLISHING A MAGAZINE OF OUR OWN, CONSISTING OF ARTICLES, SHORT STORIES, PUZZLES/QUIZ, POEMS, PAINTINGS AND COMEMORATIVE PHOTOS OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS TAKEN PLACE.

A MAGAZINE OF THIS KIND WILL SHOW THE LITERARY SKILLS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL GROWTH OF OUR MEMBERS. PERIODICALLY PUBLISHED MAGAZINES OF THIS NATURE WILL ULTIMATELY HELP US A LOT IN PUBLISHING SOUVENIRS CONNECTED WITH JUBILEES IN THE LONG RUN.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE GENERAL BODY OF OUR PARISH HAS KINDLY GIVEN APPROVAL TO THIS PROJECT BROUGHT UP UNANIMOUSLY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THEREFORE KINDLY CONSIDER THIS NOTE AS AN INVITATION OF YOUR LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND PHOTOS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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WHO AND WHAT

BIBLE QUIZ

Please send your answers to Jose Cherian, E-mail: Jose_newjersey@hotmail.com.

*We would like to thank all the members
who participated in this year's bible quiz.
Bible Quiz Prizes will be distributed in Dec. Thanks!*

1.) Who was the first king of Israel?

Saul , David , Ahab, Jeroboam

2.) Where was Jesus first Miracle?

Jerusalem , Nazareth, Emmaus, Cana

3.) Who built the first temple in Israel?

Solomon, David, Nehemiah, Ahab

4.) Who was the first martyr?

Paul, Stephen, Peter, John

5.) Who was the first person to see the risen Lord?

Mary Magdalene, Peter, Thomas, Mathew

6.) Who was Paul's first partner in ministry?

Simon, Barnabas, John Luke

7.) Who was the most humble man on earth?

David, Paul, Moses, Elijah

8.) What did God make on the first day of creation?

Light, Sun, Sky, Land

9.) Who was the first judge of Israel?

Ehud, Caleb, Othniel, Samson

10.) Who was David's first wife?

Merab, Michal, Abigail, Bathsheba

11.) In which city were people first called Christians?

Antioch, Damascus, Jerusalem, Joppa

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Merry Christmas!



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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The trip was so long and hard. The burro kept staggering from side to side, and Mary felt as if she were going to burst. she and Joseph knew that the baby was coming soon, and they were trying desperately to find a place to rest. she never said a word of complaint. She knew that her child was to be blessed, and she trusted in God that He would protect and shelter them. She did not know why she had been selected of all women to bring God's Son into the world, but she was filled with pride and excitement.

Joseph looked upon her and he felt glad. He was proud of Mary, and he felt doubly blessed by the Lord. He was entrusted to bring up the Son of the Most High God, and to care for his own lovely wife. The pair moved on to Bethlehem joyful and at peace, for they knew that God was with them.

God is with us each day as Immanuel. When we live our lives according to His will, we become a blessing to those around us. Wives become blessings to husbands, husbands to wives, children to parents and sisters to brothers. A life well lived is a gift, not only to God and ourselves, but to everyone we meet.

Let's thank God for His guidance so far and continue to pray for His Guidance in the days to come. May the joy and peace of Christmas fill your hearts and homes.

Yours in the love of the Lord,

Thomas Paulachen.

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The St. Stephen's Family wishes you a Happy Anniversary!

Birthdays in December!!

1	Annamma Mathew	w/o R.K.Mathew	(732) 605-0370
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Christmas carol service will be held on **Saturday December 16, 2006 at 5.30 PM** at our Church. There will be special programs by our Choir, Sunday school and Youth Fellowship. Guests are welcome.

On **Monday December 25, 2006** we will have Holy Qurbana in English at 8AM.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

There will be watch night service on Sunday December 31, 2006. Service will start at 10PM followed by Holy Qurbana in Malayalam.

MEMBERSHIP

The following members are joined in our Parish. The members of St. Stephen's family express our warm welcome.

1.Shaji Varghese & Shirley Shaji at 17 Baldwin Place, Bloomfield, NJ 07033. They are blessed with two boys, Obye Varghese Shaji and Roby Varghese Shaji. Their telephone number is 201-675-8068.

2.Shafi Varghese & Jaisamma Shafi at 50 Montgomery Street, Apt#2, Bloomfield NJ 07033. They are blessed with two boys Febin Shafi Varghese & Jeffin Shafi Varghese. Their telephone number is 973-743-3374.

NEWLY WEDDED COUPLES

Congratulations to the following newly wedded couples.

1. Sunoj & Leena Mathew.
2. Jicku & Naomi Mathew.
3. Joseph & Shiny Chacko.

YOUTH LEAGUE

We would like to thank all the members who donated to the Mexico Mission Christmas Project. We were able to collect \$450.

BEREVEMENT

1. Tina Thomas's (Saju & Tina) father Major. P. O. George (Rtd.) passed away on November 3 at Coimbatore. He was 75 years old.
2. Andrew Pappachen's brother Mr. K.A. Jacob and sister-in-law Mrs. Moni Jacob passed away on November 20.at Chennai. Mr. Jacob was 65 and Mrs. Jacob was 58 years old.

St. Stephen's family expresses our deepest condolence to Tina, Pappachen and their families.

The Meaning Of Christmas

Our Daily Bread, December 12, 2001

Each year it seems that Christ's birth is acknowledged less and less during the Christmas season. An editorial in a British newspaper stated, "Christ has been detached from Christmas, and the season is now apparently just a time for being kind and ensuring that no one is lonely."

We have a magnificent opportunity to spread the good news that Jesus is the reason for the season. Here are three perspectives on the true meaning of Christmas that we can share with others:

* Christmas is a birthday celebration, honoring Jesus. God's Son took on human flesh and "dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

* Jesus came for our sake. He was born to die on a cross for our sins, and He was resurrected to give us forgiveness and eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

* We can urge people to respond to Jesus with faith, accepting His offer of salvation (John 1:12; 3:16).

This time of year is more than just a season to be kind. Christmas is about Jesus—the real reason for the season. So let's take the opportunity to tell others the miraculous story of Jesus, God's Son. And let's pray that many, like the wise men who came to worship the promised Savior (Matthew 2:1-2), will seek Him and find Him this year. —JEY —Joanie Yoder

When we look beyond the manger
To the cross of Calvary,
We will know the reason Christmas
Brings such joy to you and me. —D. De Haan

Bethlehem's stable was the first step in God's journey of love to the cross.

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
3 Dec	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (English)	Genesis 18:1-16	I John 1:1-10	II Timothy 3:10-17	Luke 1:39-56	No Sunday School
10 Dec	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Judges 13:2-25	Hebrews 2: 1-10	I John 5:13-20	Luke 1:57-66	After Offertory
17 Dec	10.45 A.M	Rev. Mathew Skariah (English)	Isaiah 40:1-11	Revelation 2:12-17	Phil 4:4-9	Matthew 1:18-23	After Communion
24 Dec	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Isaiah 11:1-10	I John 5:1-12	Romans 1:8-16	John 1:1-14	No Sunday School
25 Dec	8 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Micah 5:1-9	Colossians 1-15-20	I Timothy 1:14-17	Luke 2:1-20	
31 Dec	10:45 A.M	Public Worship (English)	Isaiah 55:6-13	Hebrews 13:7-21	II Corin. 13:5-14	John 12:35-46	