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**Christmas
Carol Service**

DEC 22nd

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6) Nabal was having a feast and was so drunk that his wife decided to wait until morning to tell him what had just happened. When she told him, what did he do?

- A - He became like a stone
- B - He flew into a rage
- C - He laughed
- D - He became very worried

7) The Psalmist in Psalm 42 says that tears were his food day and night while men said to him:

- A - What have you done?
- B - Work harder!
- C - Where is your God?
- D - You are doomed.

8) This man wanted to eat what the pigs were eating:

- A - The poor blind man
- B - The leper outside the city
- C - The centurions slave
- D - The prodigal son

9) This man was arguing with his father at dinner when his father took up a spear and threw it at him:

- A - Jacob
- B - Jonathan
- C - Joab
- D - Joseph

10) During Herod's birthday dinner, one of his relatives asked for:

- A - A hand in marriage
- B - A head on a platter
- C - The salt
- D - Half the kingdom



A Note of Thanks from Secretary

Our Lord has been good to me by surrounding me with the wonderful people at St. Stephens Mar Thoma Church. I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate all those who have helped me during tenure, spiritually and physically. I thank you all for your patience and kindness shown towards me. I could not have done the newsletter without the help of Sunil Kurien. My sincere THANKS to Mohan Uncle, Sunil, and the entire St. Stephens Family.

Dr. Joemon Varughese

BIBLE QUIZ — MEALS!



Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com
EMAIL ANSWERS BEFORE DEC 18th

**RESULTS & PRIZES
WILL BE ANNOUNCED
DURING CAROL SERVICE**

1) Pharaoh was having a special meal to celebrate this occasion when he decided to hang his baker:
A - His birthday
B - His victory in battle
C - Birth of his son
D - End of the plagues

2) When Abner was murdered by Joab, he (Abner) had eaten his last meal with this man:
A - Ish-Bosheth
B - David
C - Michal
D - Joab

3) According to Luke, to locate the venue for the last supper, Jesus instructed Peter and John to locate a man carrying this:
A - A donkey
B - A sack
C - A pallet
D - A jar of water

4) When Belshazzar was dining, and saw the writing on the wall, he became so frightened that:
A - He couldn't eat
B - His knees knocked together
C - He started to sweat
D - He started to weep

5) Abraham held a feast when this person was weaned:
A - Jacob
B - Ishmael
C - Isaac
D - Esau

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Thanks a lot for your prayerful support in the thanksgiving service and auction.

As we all know we entered into the advent season, a time of celebration as well as sharing. Coming Sundays are well remembered how the faithful prepared themselves for the birth of Jesus. On December 2nd we do remember the journey of Mary to visit Elizabeth as the channel of good news. The birth of John the Baptists(9th Sunday) reveals the life of the forerunner of Jesus as the hope for the world. 16th Sunday the call of Joseph by the angel to participate in the salvific work of God. The Mar Thoma church Day (December 21st) is a time of thanksgiving for the faithful community all over the world and all those who guided us in the past.

The marvel of Christmas is that the maker of the mountains took his first breath as a baby. The baby in the manger was the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation.

Russell Naggy's moving choral anthem "The Promise" contains these words:

*"Silently by might
In mortal flesh enshrouded
He who framed the mountains
Draws first breath.
Far from human sight,
The promise never forgotten
Is in love forgotten to conquer death"
"He is the same yesterday, today and forever"*

May the new born King stay in your heart and keep you throughout the New Year

With Christmas and New Year wishes,

Yours in Christ
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22	Julie Varughese	d/o Varughese Abraham
22	Aju J. Sam	
22	Ashwini Varghese	d/o Shibu Varghese
23	Sunoj Mathew	s/o K. G. Mathewkutty
25	Judith C.Joy	w/o Santosh George
26	Tara Mathews	d/o Philip Mathews
26	Alexander Prasad	s/o Joseph Prasad
27	Rina Varghese	w/o Pappen Varghese
27	Victoria Thomas	d/o Saju Thomas
28	Rency Mathew	d/o Mathew M.Thomas
30	Shirley Thomas	w/o Thomas John
30	Sunil S.Varghese	

Wedding Anniversaries in December!!

1	Mrs. and Mr. Mathew Keecheril & Rajamma Mathew
4	Mrs. and Mr. George & Rene Thomas
5	Mrs. and Mr. Shibu Varghese & Gracekutty Varkey
10	Mrs. and Mr. Robie & Rubin Thomas
14	Mrs. and Mr. Philip & Lovely Prasad
15	Mrs. and Mr. Sabu & Suma Cherian
17	Mrs. and Mr. Tony & Malvika Cherukara
18	Mrs. and Mr. Shaji Varghese & Sherly Shaji
26	Mrs. and Mr. Geogie & Geetha Varughese
27	Dr. and Mr. Shiju & Pamela Abraham
28	Mrs. and Mr. Thomas & Elizabeth Mathew
29	Drs. Joseph Philip & Nancy Joseph
31	Mrs. and Mr. Lee & Suja Oommen

Birthdays in December!!

1	Annamma Mathew	w/o R. K. Mathew
1	Anne George	w/o Abraham George
1	Roshan Regi	s/o Regi Mathew
1	Shaju George	
2	Shiju Abraham	s/o A. Abraham
4	Anil Cherian	s/o Annie Cherian
4	George Varghese	
4	George Thomas	
4	Lizy K.Thomas	m/o Davis Thomas
5	Sarah George	d/o Abraham George
6	Albert Jacob	s/o Sunil Jacob
6	Alfred Jacob	s/o Sunil Jacob
6	Elizabeth Prasad	w/o Joseph Prasad
7	Jacob George	
7	Simi George	d/o George Yohanan
8	Pamela Shiju	w/o Shiju Abraham
9	Sabu Cherian	
10	Jacob Chacko	
10	Rajiv G. Joseph	
12	Joanna Susan Abraham	d/o Rev. Abraham Cherian
12	Thomas John	
16	Shylon Mathew	s/o Thomas Mathew
17	Nithin Mathew	s/o Mathew Keecheril
20	Joseph K. Chacko	
20	Alwyn S. Varghese	s/o Shibu Varghese
21	Jos Thomas	
21	Sheeba Abraham	d/o Abraham Pulimoottil
21	Elizabeth Koshy	
22	Sani Abraham	w/o Benjamin Abraham
22	Johann Lee	s/o Lee Oommen

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



It's December! Please send your 2007 Subscription Dues and any other donations for church to trustee, at the following address:
Mr. Joseph V Abraham | 632 Hudson Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ
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Sunday School

Sunday School Mid Term Exams will be held on **Dec 16th**. Mid-term exams will be counted as 50% of the total grades for the year ending May 2008. Please review the lessons with your children and get them ready for the Mid-Term. Any questions please contact the respective teachers.

Results of the Regional competition are as follows:

Storytelling

Grade 1 - 3rd prize: Joshua Mathew

Grade 3 - 1st prize: Gabriel Saju

Elocution

Grade 9 & 10 - 2nd prize: Sarah Mathews

Grade 9 & 10 - 3rd prize: Rebecca Varghese

Singing

Grade 4 - 2nd prize: Namitha Thomas

Grade 9 & 10 Boys - 3rd prize: Anil Mathew

Grade 9 & 10 Girls - 1st prize: Rebecca Varghese

Malayalam Solo

Jr Boys - 1st prize: Job Cherian Abraham

Congratulations to all participant and the winners

Birth

Mrs. and Mr. Benoy Thomas are blessed with the birth of their son Alan John Thomas on November 14th, 2007. Congratulations to the parents and big brother Ryan.

Condolences

Beloved father of Mrs. Rachel Thomas (Santha) was called to eternity in Kerala.

Beloved brother of Mrs. Annamma John and Mrs. Roohamma Joseph was called to eternity in Kerala.
 Beloved Aunt of Mr. Jacob Panicker and Mrs. Sosamma Varghese called to eternity in Kerala
 Rev. C. A. Mathew was called to eternity on November 8th, 2007 in Boston. Achen was the uncle of Mr. Mathew and Mr. Philip Cherukara.

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

Christmas Carol & Holy Communion Worship Services:

Christmas Carol Service will be held on Saturday, December 22nd 2007 at 6:30 pm at our church. Our Church Choir and Sunday Schools kids will be entertaining you with Christ-Centered programs. So please come and join us with your family and friends.

Christmas Day December 25th, Holy Communion Service 7:30 a.m.

1st Lesson Isaiah. 9: 1 – 7 2nd Lesson Galatians 4: 1 – 7
 Epistle Hebrews 1: 1 - 14 Gospel John 1: 1 - 14

December 31st Watch Night Service and Holy Communion 10:00 pm

1st Lesson I Samuel 7: 1 – 17 2nd Lesson Hebrews 13: 7 – 17
 Epistle Ephesians 5: 15 - 21, Gospel Matthew 6: 25 - 34

CHRISTMAS 2007 HOUSE TO HOUSE CAROLING SCHEDULE:

The following is a tentative schedule for 2007 caroling service. Once finalized, the actual schedule will be announced.

AREAS TO BE COVERED:

December 1st: Pennsylvania, Stewartsville, Montville, Long Valley and Morris Plains

2nd: Plainsboro, East Brunswick, Monroe, Old Bridge and Sayreville

8th: Edison, South Plainfield, Piscataway, Warren, Basking Ridge, Scotch Plains, Iselin and Westfield.

9th: West Orange, Livingston, Belleville, Union, Elizabeth, Linden and Roselle Park

15th: Branchburg, Skillman, Bellemead, Franklin, Somerset, Dayton and North Brunswick

16th: Eatontown, Tinton Falls, Colts Neck, Marlboro, Manalapan, Freehold, Keyport and Toms River

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
2-Dec	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Genesis 33 : 1 - 17	2 Corinthians 1 : 3 - 11	1 Thessalonians 3 : 6 - 13	Luke 1 : 39 - 45	No Sunday School
		(English)					
Birth of John the Baptist - Hope for the World (3rd Sunday before Christmas)							
9-Dec	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Isaiah 55 : 6 - 13	Acts 11 : 19 - 26	Hebrews 4 : 1 - 13	Luke 1 : 57 - 66	Sunday School After Offertory
		(Malayalam)					
Annunciation to Joseph Call to participate in the Divine Plans of Salvation (2nd Sunday before Christmas)							
16-Dec	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Isaiah 11 : 1 - 10	1 John 5 : 1-12	Romans 1 : 5-16	Matthew 1 : 18 - 23	Sunday School MID-TERM EXAMS
		(English)					
The Joy of the Coming of Christ (Sunday before Christmas)							
23-Dec	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Micah 4 : 1 - 5	Acts 13 : 17 - 41	1 John 4 : 7-21	Luke 1 : 46 - 55	Sunday School After Offertory
		(Malayalam)					
Celebration of Christ's Lordship							
30-Dec	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Jeremiah 23 : 1 - 8	Acts 2 : 22 - 36	Philippians 2 : 1 - 11	Luke 10 : 21 - 24	
		Public Worship					