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PARABLE QUIZ (CONTD...)

Please email your answers to
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*At the end of the year, your earned points will be
totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

- 1) What distinguished the wise virgins from the foolish?
A - They read their Bible more
B - They had more oil for their lamps
C - They had food for the journey
D - They didn't sleep
- 2) At what time did the bridegroom come?
A - At midnight
B - At noon
C - At 6 am
D - At 6 pm
- 3) What did the bridegroom say to the foolish virgins?
A - You should have been better people
B - Where were you?
C - I don't know you
D - You should have read the Bible more
- 4) In the parable of the talents, each person was given a varying number of talents based on what?
A - Their good works
B - Their ability
C - Their lineage
D - Their knowledge
- 5) He that received the one talent, hid it because he knew his lord was:
A - A forgiving man
B - Not interested in small capital
C - Forgetful
D - A hard man
- 6) He that received five talents returned how many to his Lord?
A - 10
B - 7
C - 5
D - 1

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we enter into a month which is important for the state as well as the church "CHANGE" is the word for the time. Everyone wishes for a change. Who is going to take the leadership? May God help the person to do the will of God and have a blessed time indeed.

In the church realm we are entering into the 'Great Lent' period on February 3rd Sunday. The coming 50 days will be a time of renewal and transformation. "Everyone in Christ is a new creation" That really means we cannot continue in the same old bondage. The time of Lent we are supposed to restrain from certain foods and life styles and concentrate on meditation of the word, fasting and prayer by disciplining our bodies and minds and going forward with a healthy personality. Here we need to sacrifice the lower life to gain the higher life, sacrifice the temporal to gain the eternal.

Through the Sunday portions we come across the characteristics of the Lord as the one who cleanses us liberates us and the one who hear our cry. Let us come out from our small islands and create a big mind to see the reality of the world and its needs. Like St. Paul "Let us pray, I can do all things through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13)

With love and prayers,
Toji Achen

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26th	Philip Mathews		(732) 297-8303
26th	Alexander Jacob Varghese	s/o Santhosh C Varghese	(732) 873-0811
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Wedding Anniversaries in February!!

2nd	John Thomas & Rachel Thomas	(908) 470-1343
7th	Mammen T. Thomas & Mariamma Thomas	(732) 422-0701
11th	Santhosh George & Judith C Joy	(732) 297-8412
14th	Sajan Chacko Poovakunnel & Molly Mariam Sajan	(908) 964-0735
26th	Pappen Varghese & Rina Varghese	(908) 281-2188

Birthdays in February!!

1st	Susan Thomas	w/o Regi K.Thomas	(732) 568-1754
3rd	Lisa Kurien	w/o Sony M. Cherukara	(908) 347-6650
3rd	Eric George	s/o Santhosh George	(732) 297-8412
4th	Merlyn Oommen	d/o Thomas Oommen	(732) 906-8830
4th	Sam Jacob		(732) 549-8925
4th	Saro Ann Thomas	w/o Jomon K. Thomas	(617) 959-5312
7th	Aleyamma Mathew	w/o K.G Mathewkutty	(732) 855-1719
8th	Sheeba Johnson	w/o Mathew Johnson	(732) 432-6444
8th	Varghese Varghese		(732) 577-0728
8th	Thomas Varkey		(908) 301-0084
11th	Lisa Mathews	d/o Philip Mathews	(732) 297-8303
12th	John Thomas		(908) 470-1343
13th	Saju Thomas		(609) 466-1474
13th	Nikhil Thomas	s/o George Thomas	(908) 668-9676
15th	Philip M Thomas Jr.	s/o Philip M Thomas	(732) 382-0033
17th	Susan Mathews	w/o Philip Mathews	(732) 297-8303
17th	Smitha Rajeev John	w/o Rajeev John	(732) 752-5033
17th	Sophy M. Cherukara	d/o Philip Cherukara	(732) 381-3633

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Edavaka Mission:

We will have our Edavaka Mission meetings (Praise & worship, Bible Study) every Wednesday at 7:30pm in our church starting Feb 6th, all families should try to attend this meeting for your spiritual growth.

Prayer Meetings:

All Prayer groups are encouraged to hold the prayer meetings every Saturday at 7:00pm. Interested families please contact your Area Representatives.

There will be a Group 4 prayer meeting at Saju Abraham's house on Saturday the 16th at 7:00pm. Their address is 58 Avenue J, Monroe, NJ. Phone: 732-605-9888.

Youth League Meeting:

There will be youth league meetings on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:00pm.

Maramon Convention:

Our 113th Maramon convention will be from 10th to 17th, please keep our convention in your daily prayer.

First Communion:

Parents, please give your child's name to our Sunday School Head Master Saju Thomas. (Children 14 years and older are encouraged to take part in first communion).

Building Project update:

The Somerset Township Board of Adjustments has scheduled our variance hearing on Feb 7th. Please keep this in your daily prayer for a favorable outcome.

Refreshments:

Families are encouraged to sponsor/provide refreshments on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT (Continued...)

Church Premise Cleaning:

Prayer group 2 members will be responsible for cleaning the Church premise after Sunday's church service for the month of February. Members please volunteer.

Condolences:

Father of Mariamma Varghese and Grandfather of Renjith was called to eternity in Kerala.

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

Donations:

The following organization(s) are looking for your kind donation(s)/ contribution(s), please give your check(s) to the trustee/accountant.

1. The Malabar Mar Thoma Syrian Christian Evangelistic Association.
2. Hoskote Mission & Medical Centre

No Greater Love

From Our Daily Bread

On our family-room wall, in a small shadowbox, hangs a “treasure” that belongs to my wife Carolyn. Oh, we have things more intrinsically valuable on the walls of our home—a handmade quilt from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Kentucky, antique mirrors, oil paintings, and a magnificent dulcimer from an artisan in the back-country of Idaho.

Carolyn's treasure, though, is far more valuable to her than any other possession, for it contains a gift from our granddaughter Julia. It was a present to her “Nana” on Valentine's Day several years ago when Julia was only 6 years old—a small, red, clay heart. Inscribed on it in childish scrawl are the words “I Luv U.”

The little heart is crudely made, ragged on the edges, and bears a number of thumbprints and smudges, but Carolyn has enshrined it in a frame made especially for that heart. Each day it reminds her of Julia's love.

Is God's love more valuable to you than silver or gold or any other possession? He “sent His only begotten Son into the world, that [you] might live through Him” (I John 4:9). He did that because He loves you, not because you loved Him. And because of His love, one day you will be with Him in heaven. There is no greater love!

— David H. Roper

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	Refreshment
3-Feb	11:00	Rev. Mathew Skariah (English)	Hosea 6:1-11	Acts 3:1-10	Jam 5:13-20	St. John 2:1-11	No Sunday School	Mrs & Mr John Thomas
10-Feb	11:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Zech 13:1-9	Heb 10:1-18	1 John 1:5-10	St. Mark 1:40-45	After Offertory	Mrs & Mr Mathew Johnson
17-Feb	11:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	1 King 17:17-24	Acts 9:23-25	Col 1:1-14	St. Mark 2:1-12	After Communion	Mrs & Mr Philip Mathews
24-Feb	11:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Joel 2:12-21	Acts 10:34-48	Phil 4:4-9	St. Mat 15:21-28	After Offertory	Mrs & Mr Pappen Varghese