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**HAPPY
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YEAR**
2008!

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7) A certain king was taking account of his servants, and one was brought which owed him ten thousand talents. What was the king going to do about it?

- A - Forgive him the debt
- B - Re-finance the debt
- C - Throw him in prison
- D - Sell him and his wife into slavery

8) How many times did the householder go out to hire labourers?

- A - 3
- B - 4
- C - 5
- D - 6

9) What time was it when he went out the last time?

- A - The ninth hour
- B - The eleventh hour
- C - The sixth hour
- D - The third hour

10) What wage did those hired on the first hour get?

- A - One denarius
- B - Two denarius
- C - Three denarius
- D - Four denarius

11) What wage did those hired at the third hour get?

- A - One denarius
- B - Two denarius
- C - Three denarius
- D - Four denarius

12) A householder lent out his vineyard to husbandmen. The husbandmen kill the householder's son because:

- A - He used to whip them
- B - He was a thief
- C - He was the heir
- D - He was demanding taxes



PARABLE QUIZ

Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

*At the end of the year, your earned points will be
totalled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

1) In the parable of the sower, how many different types of ground were there?

- A - 3
- B - 4
- C - 5
- D - 6

2) What happened to the seeds that fell by the wayside?

- A - Birds ate them
- B - They were trampled
- C - They were scorched
- D - They flourished

3) What is it that turns away those who 'received the seed in stony places'?

- A - The riches of this world
- B - Television
- C - False doctrine
- D - Persecution

4) The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of what small seed?

- A - Coriander
- B - Fig
- C - Mustard
- D - Tomato

5) According to Matthew 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in _____ measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.'

- A - 3
- B - 7
- C - 12
- D - 40

6) What did the merchant man do when he found the 'pearl of great price'?

- A - Mortgaged his house
- B - Scorned it
- C - Sold all that he had
- D - Stole it

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly beloved in Christ,

The year 2007 is fast slipping behind us. We cannot stay in it if we could. We must go forth and leave our past. Let us go forth nobly. Let us go humbly, solemnly and bravely as those must go, who go to meet the Lord. We might have entered '07 with many good dreams. How many of our dreams became real to us. Do we get inspiration from our fellow human beings for the same? Let us thank God for his innumerable provision and guidance. In the midst of eager and sometimes frantic struggles after virtue and power, is there not something very great and refreshing in this setting up of moderation as their perfection of life. Be yourself in God. Let us welcome '08 with an open heart and content.

January 6th we celebrate the Epiphany (Danha) the Baptism of our Lord. 13th Sunday is Temperance Day. As a church we used to stand against evil additions in society. Saying no to drugs and alcohol, it is possible only through prayer and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. 20th Sunday—Ecumenical Sunday to pray for the unity in churches as Christ taught us.

27th Sunday—Stewardship to creation. Be stewards for Christ and His name will be glorified through us. "The Eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut 33:27)
May the eternal God lead us all.

With New Year Wishes,
Toji Achen

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| 21 | Alvin Mathew | s/o Shibu Varghese |
| 22 | Jeffin Shaffi Varghese | s/o Shaffi Varghese |
| 22 | Leah Cherukara | d/o Philip Cherukara |
| 24 | Saju Cherian Abraham | |
| 24 | Sara Mathew | d/o Thomas Mathew |
| 25 | Jessy James | d/o James Varghese |
| 25 | Suja Abraham | w/o Joseph Abraham |
| 30 | Christy Abraham | s/o Joseph Abraham |
| 30 | Reena Mathew | w/o Bobby Mathew |

Wedding Anniversaries in January!!

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| 1 | Mrs. & Mr. Iype & Annie Thomas |
| 1 | Mrs. & Mr. Varghese & Molly Varghese |
| 1 | Mrs. & Mr. Sony & Lisa Cherukara |
| 1 | Mrs. & Mr. Benoy Thomas & Rachel L. John |
| 7 | Mrs. & Mr. Sunil & Liju Kurien |
| 10 | Mrs. & Mr. Shibu & Annu Abraham |
| 11 | Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Pulimoottil & Aleyamma Abraham |
| 11 | Mrs. & Mr. Cheriyaal & Mariamma Thomas |
| 14 | Rev. Mathew Skariah & Jisha Mathew |
| 16 | Mrs. & Mr. Earlin George & Sajini John |
| 18 | Mrs. & Mr. Baji Thomas & Elizabeth Varghese |
| 22 | Mrs. & Mr. K.K. Skariah & Rachel Skariah |
| 22 | Mrs. & Mr. Philip Cherukara & Sumi Philip |
| 23 | Mrs. & Mr. Shibu Varghese & Rani Shibu |
| 30 | Mrs. & Mr. K.G. Mathew Kutty & Aleyamma Mathew |

Birthdays in January!!

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| 1 | John K. Varughese | |
| 1 | Mary Abraham | w/o Abraham Varghese |
| 2 | Suma S. Cherian | w/o Sabu M. Cherian |
| 3 | Alexander Mathews | s/o Simon Mathews |
| 6 | Anoop A. George | s/o George Abraham |
| 9 | Ravi Alexander | |
| 10 | Roohamma Joseph | w/o Joseph V. Joseph |
| 10 | Blessen Joseph | s/o Joseph V. Joseph |
| 10 | Elizabeth Pramod | w/o Pramod Mathew |
| 10 | Kevin Varghese | s/o Jacob Varghese |
| 11 | Suneeta Varkey | w/o Thomas Varkey |
| 11 | Lizy George | w/o George Yohannan |
| 12 | Abel Varughese | s/o Sunil. S. Varughese |
| 12 | Megan George | d/o Earlin George |
| 14 | Mercy Jacob | d/o Sam Jacob |
| 16 | Lovely Mathew | w/o John Mathew |
| 17 | Sheba Mathew | w/o Thomas Mathew |
| 18 | Beena Abraham | w/o Rev. Abraham Cherian |
| 19 | Sosa Thomas | w/o Saju Thomas |
| 21 | Annu Abraham | w/o Shibu Abraham |
| 21 | Rebekah Mathew | d/o Anil Mathew |

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



PRAYER MEETINGS

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

We WELCOME New Members to our Growing St. Stephen's Family:

Mr. and Mrs. Regi and Suman John. Their children Jeremy Regi John and Sara Ann John. Their address is 17 Winding Wood Dr. Apt 4 A Sayreville, NJ 08872 732-613-0623

Mr. and Mrs. John and Lovely Mathew and daughter Alexis Ann Mathew. They reside at 2 Lexington Road, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852 732-274-0071

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby and Reena Mathew and son Benjamin S. Mathew. They reside at 17 Hudnut Lane, Belle Mead NJ 08502 908-281-0101

Change of Address

Mr. and Mrs. Shaiju K. Cherian 20 Plafky Dr. Edison, NJ 08817 732-593-8032

Mr. and Mrs. Shaju and Sini George 80 Gramercy Dr. Piscataway, NJ 08854 908-668-4949

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas 857 Grove Dr. Edison, NJ 08820 732-321-4171

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Varkey, 104 Watchung Fork, Westfield, NJ 07090 908-301-0084

Condolences:

Beloved Grandmother of Mrs. Rachel John (wife of Mr. Benoy Thomas) was called to eternity in Kerala. Ammachi was 95 years old.

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

Bible Quiz:

Sincere thanks to all who participated in the Bible Quiz 2007.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Place — Anna Jacob
- 2nd Place — Sara Cherukara
George Edukula
- 3rd Place — Nancy Pothen
Lizy Mathew

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- Sunday School Representative: Mr. Jacob Chacko
- Youth Fellowship Representative: Miss. Becky Joseph
- Church Choir Representative: Mr. Earlin George

| Date | Time | Celebrant | 1st Lesson | 2nd Lesson | Epistle | Gospel | Sunday School |
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| 6-Jan | 10:45 | Rev. Abraham Cherian (English) | 2 Kings 2: 9 - 25 | 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22 | 1 John 1: 1-10 | Mark 1: 9-15 | No Sunday School |
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| 13-Jan | 10:45 | Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam) | Ecclesiastes 6: 1-21 | 1 Peter 1 : 13 - 25 | Romans 13: 8 -14 | Matthew 19: 16-26 | Sunday School After Offeratory |
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| 20-Jan | 10:45 | Rev. Abraham Cherian (English) | Isaiah 60 : 1 -7 | 2 Peter 1 : 1-11 | Ephesians 4 : 1-7 | John 17 : 21-26 | Sunday School After Service |
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| 27-Jan | 10:45 | Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam) | Isaiah 65 : 17 - 25 | Revelation 21 : 1 - 8 | Colossians 1 :15-20 | Matthew 6 : 25 - 34 | Sunday School After Offeratory |
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