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**HAPPY
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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

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!!

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. Cheriyal & 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!!

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

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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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Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
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
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
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
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