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11) How long was the ark floating?

- A - 3 months
- B - 150 days
- C - 6 months
- D - 200 days

12) Where did the ark come to rest?

- A - Hills of Judea
- B - Mountains of Ararat
- C - Valley of Eshcol
- D - Mount of Gilead

13) What was the first creature to leave the ark?

- A - Crow
- B - Dove
- C - Sparrow
- D - Raven

14) What was the second creature to leave the ark?

- A - Crow
- B - Dove
- C - Sparrow
- D - Raven

15) Who told Noah to leave the ark?

- A - Noah's son
- B - An Angel
- C - Noah's wife
- D - God

16) What did the dove bring back to the ark?

- A - A twig
- B - A pebble
- C - An olive leaf
- D - Another dove

17) What was the first thing Noah built when he left the ark?

- A - Altar
- B - House
- C - A tower
- D - A zoo

18) What did God promise Noah?

- A - Paradise
- B - A big family
- C - No more world-wide floods
- D - Long life

19) What was the sign or token of Gods covenant?

- A - Ring
- B - Fire
- C - Rainbow
- D - Sunrise

20) Why was Noah saved from the flood?

- A - He was a good boat builder
- B - He was a fervent preacher
- C - He was a good farmer
- D - He was a righteous man

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ

Once again we are at the threshold of a new year with the realities which affects millions around the world, the struggle abroad and struggle at home through the ups and downs of our sour economy and so on."The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms". [Deut.33:27]

We had promised to call and schedule appointments in the past. Maybe its just a small promise but was it a big deal if I hadn't followed through? People break promises all the time. Some alter the direction of people's lives, like a single mom struggling to explain why Daddy left. Others seem minor , like a fellow employee missing a deadline.

Broken promises affect us in varying degrees. And when we break a promise, our words and actions are at odds. Trust is compromised and our reputation is questioned. The importance of fulfilling a vow cannot be overstated because being true to our word expresses the very heart of our faith or lack of it. Let me explain the spiritual and the ethical basis for promises.

Every time we fulfill a promise, we point to God himself. Behind every reason for honoring a vow is the character of God. This characteristic is expressed as His faithfulness. The hopeful reality for a Christian is that in each of these promises is a commitment by the Lord to supply as with His faithfulness to help us honor our vows. At the root it is a relational concept. " Let what you do and say protect & nurture our relationships. [Deut.26: 16 - 19; 28. 9 - 10]

Have you ever noticed how fulfilled promises surprise the world?

A fulfilled promise gives a lost world a glimpse into the unchanging nature of our heavenly Father. The Covenant between God & Israelites was done in a unique way which happened between God and Abraham.[Gen. 15] God was saying," the provision for you to fulfill your promises to me found in Me alone". [Heb. 6:13 - 17]

We can strengthen our ability to fulfill our promises by meditating upon Scriptures and God's faith fullness to us. As we step our foot into the New year let us keep the promises to God and our fellow - human beings. As Robert Frost recites,

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep".

May the Lord Almighty bless you all in the New Year

with love & prayers

Toji Achen



QUIZ - NOAH'S ARK

Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

1) Which particular failing of man resulted in the building of the ark?

- A - Greed
- B - Lust
- C - Violence
- D - Weakness

2) What was the ark made of?

- A - Papyrus
- B - Wood
- C - Iron
- D - Bronze

3) What material was used to waterproof the ark?

- A - Glue
- B - Sap
- C - Gruel
- D - Pitch

4) How old was Noah when the flood came?

- A - 150
- B - 600
- C - 500
- D - 800

5) How many people were in the ark?

- A - 10
- B - 6
- C - 20
- D - 8

6) How long did it rain?

- A - 12 days and 12 nights
- B - 7 weeks
- C - 40 days and 40 nights
- D - 3 months

7) How many clean animals went into the ark?

- A - 1 pair of each
- B - 2 pair of each
- C - 3 pair of each
- D - 7 pair of each

8) Who closed the door?

- A - Noah
- B - One of his sons
- C - The Lord
- D - Noah's wife

9) How many Levels were in the ark?

- A - 3
- B - 5
- C - 2
- D - 4

10) At its highest, how high did the ark float?

- A - Above the buildings
- B - Over peoples heads
- C - Over the mountains
- D - Above the trees



Birthdays in January!!

1	John Varughese		(973) 808-1799
1	Mary Abraham	w/o Abraham Varghese	(732) 283-2777
2	Suma S Cherian	w/o Sabu M. Cherian	(908) 927-9940
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10	Elizabeth P Mathew	w/o Pramod Mathew	(732) 605-0370
10	Kevin Varghese	s/o Jacob Varghese	(732) 257-0094
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11	Lissy George	w/o George Yohannan	(718) 317-2548
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12	Megan Susan George	d/o Earlin George	(732) 494-5088
14	Mercy Jacob	d/o Sam Jacob	(732) 549-8925
16	Lovely S Mathew	w/o John Mathew	(732) 274-0071
17	Sheba Mathew	w/o Thomas Mathew	(609) 799-5661
18	Beena Abraham	w/o Rev. Abraham Cherian	(732) 602-9444
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21	Annu Abraham	w/o Shibu Abraham	(908) 213-0087
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30	Christi Abraham	d/o Joseph Abraham	(732) 418-8840
30	Reena A Mathew	w/o Bobby Mathew	(908) 281-0101

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Prayer Meetings

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

Sunday school

Sunday school classes will resume on January 17th, 2010. The new timing will be from 11:30 pm (after the Holy Communion Service).

Malayalam Classical learning section will start in January. Contact Sunday school teachers to register.

Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol 2009 service will be held on Sunday, January 10th 2010 at Church from 12:30- 3:30 pm.

BEREAVEMENT

Beloved niece's husband Bino Mathew of Mr. A. Abraham was called to eternity.

Beloved mother of Dr. Usha Thomas (w/o Vinu) was called to eternity in India.

Beloved brother of Mr. Iype Thomas was called to eternity in India.

Beloved sister (Mrs. Rosamma John, 64) of Mr. R.K. Mathew was called to eternity in Madras, India.

Please uphold the bereaving families in your prayers.

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

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Friendly Reminder:

This is a gentle reminder to pay all dues for 2009 at the earliest. The cutoff date for accepting checks dated 12/31/2009 and prior which will be accounted for year 2009 is 10th Jan 2010.

Please ensure that you pay your subscription, Recessa and Contributions towards Diocesan Sunday and Diocesan Development fund along with other payments towards Thanks Giving (one day income) and Christmas donation.

The specified amount for Diocesan Sunday and Diocesan Development fund from each family is \$60. The Diocese will highlight this total amount (\$6300), \$3150 for each category, as church dues towards the Diocese. So we urge you all to pay the aforesaid amount (\$60/family) for the year 2009.

Your continuous prayer and support is most wanted for the spiritual growth of our church. Thank you all for your prayer and support.



Wedding Anniversaries in January!!

1	Mr. & Mrs. Iype P Thomas & Annie Thomas	(570) 620-0226
1	Mr. & Mrs. Benoy Thomas & Rachel L. John	(732) 993-1120
1	Mr. & Mrs. Sony Mathew Cherukara & Lisa Kurien	(908) 366-0501
1	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Varghese & Molly Varghese	(732) 577-0728
3	Mr. & Mrs. Varkey Mathew & Ashly Varghese	(732) 227-9406
7	Mr. & Mrs. Sunil Kurien & Liju Kurien	(732) 677-2507
10	Mrs. & Mr. Shibu Abraham & Annu Abraham	(908) 213-0087
11	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham S. Pulimoottil & Aleyamma Abraham	(732) 283-4855
11	Mr. & Mrs. Cheriya Thomas & Mariamma Thomas	(908) 925-9476
16	Mr. & Mrs. Earlin O. George & Sanjini S. John	(732) 494-5088
18	Mr. & Mrs. Baji T. Kunjumon & Elizabeth T Varghese	(973) 743-3452
22	Mr. & Mrs. Philip A Cherukara & Sumy P. Cherukara	(732) 381-3633
22	Mr. & Mrs. K K. Skariah & Rachel Skariah	(908) 822-2737
23	Mr. & Mrs. Shibu Varughese & Annamma Rani Shibu	(732) 494-4199

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
3-Jan	9:30 AM	Proclamation of Truth (Outside Kerala Mission)					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian English	Isa 56:1-8	Acts 17: 16-31	Eph. 4: 25-32	St. John 12:20-26	No Sunday School
10-Jan	9:30 AM	Temperance Sunday - "Jesus who liberates"					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Prov. 23:19-34	Eph.5:1-11	Gal. 5:16-21	St. Luke 15:11-32	Carol Service
17-Jan	9:30 AM	Ecumenism Sunday - Unity at the Local level					
		Rev. Dr. Philip Varghese English	Isa. 60:1-7	Eph. 4:1-8	St. John 17-20-	St. Luke. 1:5-23	11:30 AM Sunday School
24-Jan	9:30 AM	Call for Christian Discipleship					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Isa. 42 : 1 - 7	2 Timo. 2 : 1 - 13	1 Pet.4 : 12 - 19	St. Luke 14 : 25 -33	11:30 AM Sunday School
31-Jan	9:30 AM	Fall of Creation					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam/Divine Service	Gen.3:1-15	James 3:1-12	Rom 5:12-19	St. John 3:1-16	11:30 AM Sunday School