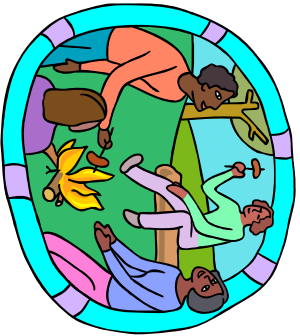


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Church Picnic

August 1st

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6) Why were the Jews angry that Jesus healed a lame man?

- A - Because they couldn't
- B - Because the man was a sinner
- C - Because the man believed in him
- D - Because it was the sabbath

7) A woman who had committed a sin was brought before Jesus for judgment. What was her sin?

- A - Adultery
- B - Fornication
- C - Bearing false witness
- D - Dishonesty

8) Jesus said: 'You will know the truth, and the truth will...'

- A - cleanse sin
- B - set you free
- C - destroy the evil one
- D - heal you

9) When Jesus fed the five thousand, what did he use to feed them?

- A - five loaves and two fishes
- B - forty ephahs of corn
- C - two loaves and five fishes
- D - manna from heaven

10) After having fed them, what was gathered up in baskets?

- A - leftover corn
- B - leftover fish
- C - leftover bread
- D - leftover manna

11) What pool did the blind man have to wash himself in to be healed?

- A - The pool of Rehoboam
- B - The pool of Bethesda
- C - Hezekiah's aqueduct
- D - The pool of Siloam

12) Where did Lazarus live?

- A - Jerusalem
- B - Bethany
- C - Jericho
- D - Damascus

13) How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?

- A - six hours
- B - one day
- C - three days

D - four days

14) Jesus says in John that he is the true vine, and God is the:

- A - Gardener
- B - Grapes
- C - Branch
- D - Soil

15) Jesus says in John that he is the vine, and his disciples are the:

- A - Husbandmen
- B - Grapes
- C - Branches
- D - Soil

16) According to Jesus, greater love has no one than this:

- A - Giving freely to the poor
- B - Forgiving his adversary any wrong
- C - Laying down his life for his friends
- D - Seeking the kingdom of God

17) Jesus prayed that his disciples might be one in what way?

- A - In the same way as the trees and the forest
- B - In the same way as the candle and the wax
- C - In the same way as a tree and its roots
- D - In the same way as Jesus and God are one

18) Jesus said that his kingdom was not of this world. If his kingdom HAD been of this world, what would his servants have done?

- A - Fought for him
- B - Prayed for him
- C - Sought him
- D - Hid him

19) When Jesus was taken to be judged and crucified, how many disciples followed him?

- A - 0
- B - 2
- C - 6
- D - 11

20) According to the gospel of John, what were Jesus' last words to his mother before his death?

- A - I love you
- B - Pray thou for me
- C - Dear woman, here is your son
- D - God be with you



Wedding Anniversaries in July!!

1	Mrs. & Dr. Joemon Varughese	(732) 422-7128
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QUIZ — JOHN

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- 1) According to John 1:18, who has seen God?
 A - The nation of Israel
 B - The disciples
 C - The Pharisees
 D - No one
- 2) Simon Peter was given this name by Christ:
 A - Philip
 B - Andronicus
 C - Cephas
 D - Belshazzar
- 3) What miracle did Jesus perform at a wedding?
 A - Turned water to wine
 B - Rained fire from the sky
 C - Raised the bride from the dead
- D - Healed a leper
- 4) Jesus told Nicodemus that one would not see the kingdom of God, unless one:
 A - Gave their belongings to the poor
 B - Prayed without ceasing
 C - Was born again
 D - Followed the law
- 5) Jesus was tired and sat by a well, he then asked a woman for a drink. Why was this strange?
 A - She was a harlot
 B - She was a Samaritan
 C - He didn't get it himself
 D - He already had a drink

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The month of July is usually the hottest in the Northern Hemisphere. During this month, when there isn't much rain, the grass often loses its greenness. By striving the heat some flowers are abundant in July.

" just after the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season,
When nature is all aglow"

Independence Day is observed in the United States on July 4. On that day in 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

" only you shall not go very far away " [Exodus 8:28]

This is a crafty word from the lip of the arch - tyrant Pharaoh. If the poor bondaged Israelites must needs go out of Egypt, then he bargains with them that it shall not be very far away; no too far for them to escape the terror of his arms and the observation of his spies. Death to the world and burial with Christ are experiences which carnal minds treat with ridicule and hence the ordinance which sets them forth is almost universally neglected and even condemned.

Worldly wisdom recommends the path of compromise, and talks of moderation." If we would follow the Lord wholly, we must go right away into the wilderness of separation and leave the Egypt of the Carnal world behind us. We must leave its maxims, its pleasures and its religion too, and go far away to the place where the Lord calls his sanctified ones. When the town is on fire, our house cannot be too far from its flames. To all true believers, Let the Trumpet call be sounded, " come ye out from among them, be ye separate ".

In July, the 3rd we are observing it as St Thomas Day. We are the torchbearers of the faith which has been proclaimed by the apostle of India.

On 5th July we are learning about Stewardship - Resource management & accountability.

12th July is the Theological Edn Sunday-- Faith nurturing of the people of God.

On 19th ---- Ordained Ministry--Divine calling and Election

26th -----Baptism & Conversion in a pluralistic society

Let us strive for a meaningful and challenging ministry with the blessed assurance of the presence of the Trina God. May the grace of our Lord be ever upon us all.

Yours in His service
Toji Achen



Birthdays in July!!

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23	Justin Jacob	s/o Jacob K. Sam	(732) 980-9154
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Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	
5-Jul	10:00 AM	Divine Service	Stewardship: Resource Management and Accountability, Tithing Offering				Luke 19 11 - 27
		English					
12-Jul	10:00 AM	Rev. P. M Thomas	Theological Education Sunday: Nurturing the People of God in Faith				Mark 6 30 - 44
		Malayalam					
19-Jul	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Ordained Ministry: "Divine Calling and Election"				John 21 15 - 19
		English					
26-Jul	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian	Baptism and Conversion in a Pluralistic Society				John 3 1 - 8
		Malayalam					

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Sunday school Sports Camp:

Our Sunday school is conducting First ever St. Stephen's sports camp from August 20th -28th.

Soccer/ Volley ball camp:

Venue/Date: Church Ground from August 20th-23rd. Registration Fee \$50.00
Coaches: Saju Thomas, Bobby Mathew, Kevin Mathew, Jacob Chacko, John Thomas. Clinic and tournament with trophies for the winners.



Tennis Clinic camp:

Venue/Date: North Brunswick, High School Tennis Court from August 24th-28th. Registration Fee \$70.00
Coaches: Jacob Chacko, Sunil Varghese and Sunil Thomas. All age groups are welcome, registration limited to 25 people.
Participant should bring a tennis racquet and new can of tennis balls.

Please contact Mr. Jacob Chacko for further details.

The 2009 Sunday School Competition is scheduled for Saturday Sept 19th. Details are posted on the church website.

Edavaka Mission:

Edavaka Mission prayer meeting will be held on Wednesdays 7:30 pm at church. All are request to attend the prayer meeting. Fasting prayer for this month will be on Saturday, July 18th at 10:00 am at church.

Note: The Edavaka Mission meeting for Wednesday 8th and 15th is cancelled.

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Prayer Meetings:

There will be a church prayer meeting on Saturday, July 18th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Varghese, 15 Fela Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859. Tel. # 732-257-0094

There will be an Area prayer meeting on Sunday, July 26th at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Edukala , 4 Applebey street, Eatontown, NJ 07724. Tel. # 732-389-8482

All are encouraged to attend these prayer meetings

Church Picnic:

The Church Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 1st, place and time will be announced later. Please plan accordingly.

Summer Conferences

The Mar Thoma **Junior Senior** Student's Conference is open to all Mar Thoma Sunday School students who will be entering Grades 6-12 in September '09. The dates are July 16th -19th, at Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ. All eligible students are encouraged to attend.

The XXX Mar Thoma **Youth** Conference will be hosted by Seattle Mar Thoma Church at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wa, from July 23-26, 2009. All eligible youth members are encouraged to attend.

6th National **Edavaka Mission Conference** is on July 31st-August 2nd, 2009 at National Christian conference Center, Valley Forge, PA 19482. Theme: "To walk humbly with your God"(Micah 6:9). For details, contact Mission Secretary Mr. Shibu Varghese.

Address Change:

Please note the new address for the family of Mr. Jacob Varghese, 15 Fela Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859. Tel. # 732-257-0094

Condolences

Beloved uncle of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob, (Alice, w/o Mr. Jacob Chacko) was called to eternity on June 14th.

We pray for God's comfort and we extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved family. Please uphold the bereaving family in your prayers.

Notice:

Please keep our church sanctuary and church premise clean. Eating and drinking is NOT allowed inside the sanctuary at any time (**NO CHEWING GUMS PLEASE**).

Use the downstairs rooms for changing diapers, eating and drinking. If you eat or drink outside (parking lot or grass), please dispose the garbage properly.

We all need to work together to keep **our church** clean.

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