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**THANKSGIVING DAY  
SERVICE  
NOVEMBER  
19TH**

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## Give Thanks And Remember

From Our Daily Bread November 24, 2004

One of today's most popular syndicated newspaper columns is "Dear Abby." Started in 1956 by Abigail Van Buren, the advice column is written today by her daughter Jeanne Phillips. In a recent edition, she included this Thanksgiving Prayer written many years before by her mother:

*O Heavenly Father:  
We thank Thee for food  
and remember the hungry.  
We thank Thee for health  
and remember the sick.  
We thank Thee for friends  
and remember the friendless.  
We thank Thee for freedom  
and remember the enslaved.*

*May these remembrances stir us to service.  
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.*

The words of this prayer echo the clear teaching of Scripture. Our thanksgiving to God should always be accompanied by thinking of those in need. "Therefore," said the writer to the Hebrews, "by [Jesus] let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (Hebrews 13:15).

But there is more to it than thankfulness. We are to put actions behind our gratitude. "Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (v.16).

Be thankful for God's many blessings,  
but be sure to remember those who have less.  
—David C. McCasland



## CITIES & TREES

# BIBLE QUIZ

Please send your answers to Jose Cherian, E-mail: [Jose\\_newjersey@hotmail.com](mailto:Jose_newjersey@hotmail.com).  
*At the end of the year, your earned points will be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

1. This city is the capital of Israel and the city of the great king:  
a) Jerusalem b) Constantinople c) Hebron
2. Nebuchadnezzar was king in this city (his capital):  
a) Babylon b) Nineveh c) Damascus
3. Paul went to trial in this city, which was also the capital of the Roman Empire:  
a) Ephesus b) Rome c) Jerusalem
4. Paul was born in this city:  
a) Tarsus b) Rome c) Ephesus
5. When Joseph was looking for his brothers, he found them here:  
a) Ai b) Samaria c) Dothan
6. This city was built by Cain:  
a) Enoch b) Bethel c) Abel
7. Noah's ark was made out of this type of wood:  
a) Gopher b) Cedar c) Pine
8. Aaron's rod that budded brought forth this type of fruit:  
a) Fig b) Almond c) Olive
9. When Elijah fled from Jezebel and asked God that he might die, he did so under this tree:  
a) Broom b) Cedar c) Oak
10. This man had a vineyard next to the king's palace:  
a) Naboth b) Josiah c) Joseph

# ST. STEPHEN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

## Happy Thanksgiving!



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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!

*Dearly beloved in Christ,*

*What do you think it means to fall into the ground and die? John: 12:23-28*

To "hate your life" or "to die", Jesus explained, is to be totally devoted to Him. To boldly trust and obey him in every situation of life. To let him be your absolute Lord. But doing all that can cause a heap of pain as you ditch sin, let go of selfish ambition, or feel rejected by others for following Jesus. The pain that can result from obeying God, however, is only half the story. After death comes life. A seed sitting on a shelf in a shrink-wrapped package won't grow. Only when a seed is dropped into the ground does the soil's scratchiness and cold wetness force a plant to spring up. In the midst of death God grows new life in you and in others. Suffering as a Christian — falling into the ground and dying — sometimes feels as fun as lying trapped in a coffin. But remind yourself of one thing. God promises that you won't be in there forever. He'll come and lift you out.

God did not promise days without pain,  
Laughter without sorrow or Sun without rain.  
But God did promise strength for the day.  
Comfort for the tears and a light for the way.  
And for all who believe in His Kingdom above,  
He answers their faith with everlasting love.

*Wish You a Happy Thanksgiving.*

Yours in the Service of the Lord,

Thomas Paulachen

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30	Joseph V. Joseph	(610) 438-1688
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30	Samuel Oommen	(973) 320-0412
30	Sosamma Alexander w/o Ravi Alexander	(732) 738-0721



*The St. Stephen's Family wishes you  
A Blessed New Year!*

*Wedding Anniversaries in November!!*

9	Shaji Jacob Koshy & Jancy Joseph	(732) 203-0503
12	George Edukula & Leelamony George	(732) 389-8482
12	Shaju & Sini George	(908) 668-4949
14	John & Susan Matthews	(732) 356-6192
17	Abraham Mathew & Sudha Abraam	(203) 205-0764
18	Jos Thomas & Ponnamma Jos	(732) 713-6904
20	Dilip & Bina Stephen	(973) 324-2205
22	Joseph & Suja Abraham	(732) 418-8840
24	Jacob George & Sisily Jacob	(973) 759-8037
28	Dr.Cecil & Sara Mathews	(732) 548-2248
29	Philip & Susan Mathews	(732) 297-8303
29	Regi Mathew & Saly Regi	(732) 727-3872
30	John & Sherly Thomas	(732) 651-8867

*The St. Stephen's Family wishes you a Happy Anniversary!*

# Birthdays in November!!

1	Mary James	w/o James Varghese	(732) 568-1695
2	Beena Jacob	d/o Jacob Karampil	(908) 289-1789
2	Robin Regi	s/o Regi Mathew	(732) 727-3872
2	Saliamma Regi	w/o Regi Mathew	(732) 727-3872
4	Santosh Varghese		(732) 873-0811
5	Santosh Varghese Geoge		(732) 297-8412
6	Julie Koshy	w/o Koshy Philip	(732) 286-0924
8	Bobby Thomas		(732) 873-7580
9	Cheryl Varghese	d/o Pappen Varghese	(908) 281-2188
10	Joshua Prasad	s/o Dr. Joe Prasad	(732) 845-0703
11	Abel Thomas	s/o Thomas Abraham	(718) 967-7178
11	Bindhu Jacob	w/o Sunil Jacob	(609) 936-9364
11	Justin Thomas	s/o Dr. Samuel Thomas	(973) 538-1192
12	Aaron Thomas	s/o Saju Thomas	(609) 466-1474
12	Simmy Pappachen	d/o Andrew Pappachen	(973) 808-2077
13	Jancy Joseph	w/o Shaji Jacob Koshy	(732) 203-0503
15	Abraham Kurien		(732) 677-2507
15	Dr. Davis C. Thomas		(73) 918-1171
16	Estheramma Abraham	m/o Saju Cherian Abraham	(732) 605-9888
16	Susan Thomas	w/o Abraham Mattappallil	(908) 241-0638
19	Byju Abraham		(908) 647-5362
19	Charles Mathews	s/o Simon Mathews	(908) 889-8179
21	Abraham George		(973) 992-0138
21	George Edukula		(732) 389-8482
21	Roshini Panicker	d/o Jacob Panicker	(908) 994-0428
22	Dr. Usha Thomas	w/o Thomas Abraham	(718) 967-7178
22	Rachel Thomas	w/o John Thomas	(908) 470-1343



# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## PRAYER MEETING

There will be prayer meeting on Saturday 11/4/06 at 6pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Sunil Skariah Vargese, 2 Tasley Ct, Robbinsville. Their telephone number is (609) 275-9334.

## THANKSGIVING

On Sunday November 19, we will observe as our Thanksgiving Day. There will be a special service on this occasion. The sale/auction will be conducted immediately after the Holy Qurbana. Please come and participate in the service and other programs.

During the Holy Qurbana Thanksgiving special offertory will be collected.

## MEMBERSHIP

The following members joined our parish. The members of St. Stephen's family express our warm welcome.

1. Issac John, 235 Central Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Tel: (732)-762-4538.
2. Shibu Varghese & Gracekutty K. Varkey, 50 Montgomery St, Apt# 2, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Tel: (973) 743-3374. They are blessed with Alena C. Shibu and Alwyn S. Varghese.
3. Baji Thomas & Elizabeth T. Varghese, 17 Elmwood Ave, Apt#1, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Tel: (973) 743-3452. They are blessed with Bitha Baji Thomas..

## ADDRESS CHANGES:

Following families have moved to a new home. Their new addresses are below:

1. Ani & Manju George Alexander, 1224 W. Chester Pike, Apt # C12, West Chester, PA-19382. Tel: (484) 887-1490.
2. Sony & Lisa Cherukara, 720 DeCamp Dr, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

## SEVIKA SANGHOM

There will be a Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting on Monday 11/06/06 at 10am at the residence of Mrs. Molly Kurien, 18 Albermarle Dr, Marlboro, NJ 07746. Tel: (732) 677-2507.

### **CHOIR**

St. Stephens Choir invites you to join our choir as we try to enhance our ability to lead the singing for both English and Malayalam Services. We start practices for our Christmas Carol services and invite you to be a part of our choir.

Choir will have practices every Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30pm.

### **YOUTH**

The youth league would like to thank all the youth and their parents who participated in SHINE NITE 2006 and made it a great success.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 11/5/2006 - Sunday school after offertory (for diocesan classes only)
- 11/11/2006 - Regional Sunday school Competition - Ascension MTC, PA
- 11/12/2006 - Sunday school after offertory
- 11/19/2006 - Sunday school after Communion service (before sermon)
- 11/26/2006 - No Sunday school (Thanksgiving)

Please visit the Sunday school website for the latest Sunday school calendar, teacher contact info, curriculum info, and other details!!!

If you are interested in being part of the Christmas Play, please contact Shyla or Mel for details!!

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
5 Nov	10.45 A.M	Rev. K. G. Joseph (English)	Deut. 6:1-9	Ephesians 5:1-10	Romans 12:1-13	Luke 2:42-52	No Sunday School
12 Nov	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Micah 6:1-8	Ephesians 2:11-22	II Corin. 4:7-15	Luke 10:1-9	After Offertory
19 Nov	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (English)	I Chronicles 24:1-19	Revelation 8:1-8	Hebrews 5:1-10	Luke 1:5-23	After Communion
26 Nov	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Zech. 2:10-13	Galatians 4:21-31	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 1:26-38	No Sunday School