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**Thanksgiving  
Service**

**NOV 18<sup>th</sup>**

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8) This man's physical presence was weak  
A - Moses  
B - Zelophehad  
C - Paul  
D - Jechoniah

9) This man was known for his long hair  
A - Absalom  
B - Isaiah  
C - Jesus  
D - Abimelech

10) This man is known for being patient.  
A - Eliezer  
B - Shammah  
C - Jonah  
D - Job

11) This man was known for wearing a leather girdle.  
A - Peter  
B - Joseph  
C - Elijah  
D - Zadok

12) This man is known as a traitor.  
A - Jonadab  
B - Obed  
C - Judas Iscariot  
D - James

13) This woman is known for having weak eyes.  
A - Leah  
B - Sarah  
C - Rahab  
D - Mary

14) This man was most known for his exceptional strength  
A - Joash  
B - David  
C - Paul  
D - Samson

15) This man is known for conversing with his donkey.  
A - Simeon  
B - Balaam  
C - Zelophehad  
D - Amos





## QUIRKY CHARACTERS

Please email your answers to  
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

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

- 1) Which of the following is most known for being hairy?  
A - David  
B - Esau  
C - Peter  
D - Joseph
  
- 2) Which of the following is most known for being a doubter?  
A - Daniel  
B - Joab  
C - Jeremiah  
D - Thomas
  
- 3) Which of the following is most known as a reckless driver?  
A - Jehu  
B - David  
C - Paul  
D - The ethiopian eunuch
  
- 4) Which of the following is most known for being wise?  
A - Job  
B - Lot  
C - Solomon  
D - Jezebel
  
- 5) Which of the following is most known for being tall?  
A - James  
B - John  
C - Rebekah  
D - Saul
  
- 6) Which of the following is most known for being bald?  
A - Jacob  
B - Elisha  
C - Adam  
D - Micah
  
- 7) Which of the following is most known for being beautiful?  
A - Esther  
B - Miriam  
C - Peninah  
D - Lucinda

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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



*Dearlly Beloved in Christ,*

*“And whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Col 3:17)*

*This month is an important one for the state as well as for the church. Life without gratitude is meaningless. Let us give thanks to God for the manifold blessings and also for the unhappy moments in the past days of our lives. Time of thanksgiving is not only for merry-making but also for committing ourselves for a hopeful future.*

*As a church, we celebrate November 4<sup>th</sup> as the beginning of a new year, a time of retreat, sanctification (koodash-Eatho). This Sunday is also important worldwide for the Sunday School children.*

*November 11<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating the remembrance of reformation.*

*On 18<sup>th</sup> we are entering into the advent season especially the proclamation to Zechariah and Mary for the salvific word of God.*

*May the transforming God liberate us and guide us in the coming season.*

*With love and prayers,  
Toji Achen*

22	Alena Shibu	d/o Shibu Varghese
24	Mathew M.Thomas	
26	Thomas P. Abraham	s/o Abraham Pulimoottil
26	Tiffany Prasad	d/o Philip Prasad
27	Mariamamma Varghese	m/o Santosh C.Varghese
28	Kevin Pappachen	s/o Andrew Pappachen
29	Ian Mathew	s/o Thomas Mathew
29	Rene Thomas	
30	Joseph V.Joseph	
30	Kevin Matthews	s/o John Matthews
30	Samuel Oommen	
30	Sosamma Alexander	w/o Ravi Alexander

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## Wedding Anniversaries in November!!

9	Mr. and Mrs. Shaji J. Koshy & Jancy Joseph
10	Dr. and Mrs. Mathai and Valsa Cherian
12	Mr. and Mrs. George Edukula & Leelamony George
12	Mr. and Mrs. Shaju & Sini George
14	Mr. and Mrs. John & Susan Matthews
17	Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Mathew & Sudha Abraam
18	Mr. and Mrs. Jos Thomas & Ponnamma Jos
20	Mr. and Mrs. Dilip & Bina Steaphen
22	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Abraham & Suja Abraham
24	Mr. and Mrs. Jacob George & Sisily Jacob
28	Dr. and Mrs. Cecil & Sara Mathews
29	Mr. and Mrs. Philip & Susan Mathews
29	Mr. and Mrs. Regi Mathew & Sally Regi
30	Mr. and Mrs. John & Shirley Thomas

# Birthdays in November!!

1	Mary James	w/o James Varghese
2	Beena Jacob	d/o K. J. Jacob
2	Sally Regi	w/o Regi Mathew
2	Robin Regi	s/o Regi Mathew
4	Santhosh C. Varghese	
5	Santhosh V. Geoge	
6	Rev. Abraham Cherian	
6	Julie Koshy	w/o Koshy Philip
8	Bobby Thomas	
9	Cheryl Varghese	d/o Pappen Varghese
9	Caeshia J. Koshy	d/o Shaji J. Koshy
10	Joshua Prasad	s/o Dr. Joseph Prasad
10	Anna A. Varghese	w/o Varghese P. George
11	Abel Thomas	s/o Thomas Abraham
11	Bindhu Philip	w/o Sunil Jacob
11	Justin Thomas	s/o Dr. Samuel Thomas
12	Aaron Thomas	s/o Saju Thomas
12	Simmy Pappachen	d/o Andrew Pappachen
13	Jancy Joseph	w/o Shaji J. Koshy
15	Abraham Kurien	
15	Dr. Davis C. Thomas	
16	Estheramma Abraham	m/o Saju C. Abraham
16	Susan Thomas	w/o Abraham Mattappallil
19	Byju Abraham	
19	Charles Mathews	s/o Simon Mathews
21	Abraham George	
21	George Edukula	
21	Roshini Panicker	d/o Jacob Panicker
22	Dr. Usha Thomas	w/o Thomas Abraham
22	Rachel Thomas	w/o John Thomas

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**Friendly Reminder:** Any dues to subscription or any other donations for church please send the check to trustee in the following address.

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1632 Hudson Avenue,  
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## **PRAYER MEETINGS**

There will be a Church prayer meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Saju Thomas, 118 Wild Azalea Lane, Skillman, NJ 08873. Tel. (609) 466-1474

There will be an area prayer meeting (prayer group # 4) on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. George Edukula, 4 Applebey St., Eatontown, NJ 07724. Tel. (732) 389-8482

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

## **Thanksgiving Service**

Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2007.

The Annual Thanksgiving "Bring and Buy" fund raising sale will be conducted on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 downstairs after church service. All are encouraged to bring and purchase one or more item to make this event successful.

## **Sunday School**

The South-East Regional Competition will be held on November 3, 2007. Please contact Sunday School Head Master for further details.

## **BIRTH**

Mr. and Mrs. Arun and Priya Cherian are blessed with the birth of their son, David Abraham Cherian. David was born on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2007. Congratulations to the proud parents.

# Reasons To Say Thanks

From Our Daily Bread—November 25, 1999

Did you ever find yourself staring at the words Thanksgiving Day on the calendar and wondering what in the world you had to be thankful for?

It could happen if a job loss makes you wonder how you'll ever get enough money to survive. Or if you have recently heard nothing but bad news from the doctor. Or if someone you had entrusted with your heart has broken it and run away.

The reasons we may find it hard to give thanks are as many as the troubles that strike us each day. Difficulties don't pause for a Thanksgiving break.

There is a way, however, to find reasons to be thankful during even the darkest episodes of life. When the curtain of struggles seems to block out all joy, we can choose to be thankful.

One way is to look into Scripture to see all the things we have to be thankful for, which have nothing to do with circumstances. Despite our trials, we can give thanks for God's unfailing goodness (Ps. 106:1); for God's holy name (Ps. 30:4); for deliverance from sin (Rom. 7:24-25); for victory over death (1 Cor. 15:56-57); for God's nearness (Heb. 13:5).

When all joy seems gone, we can still find reasons to thank God—even if it means thanking Him that our difficulties will one day be replaced by the joys of heaven. —Dave Branon

## REASONS TO THANK THE HEAVENLY FATHER

*The gift of His Son Jesus, who gives us eternal life.*

*The gift of earthly life to serve Him.*

*The gift of each other, so that we may enjoy community.*

*If you pause to think,  
you'll have cause to thank.*



Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
<b>4 Nov</b>	10:45	<b>Sanctification of the Church Koodosh Eetho -</b>					
		Rev. Mathew Skariah (English)	1 Samuel 3 : 1 - 21	Colossians 3 : 12 - 21	Ephesians 6 : 1 - 4	Mark 10: 13 - 16	No Sunday School
<b>11 Nov</b>	10:45	<b>Renewal of the Church - Hudosh Eetho</b>					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Ezekiel 37 : 15 - 23	Ephesians 5 : 1 - 14	1 Corinthians 12 : 12 - 20	John 10 : 7 - 18	After Offertory
<b>18 Nov</b>	10:45	<b>Annunciation of Zechariah - God's concern for Creation. (6th Sunday before Christmas)</b>					
		<b>THANKSGIVING SERVICE</b>					
<b>18 Nov</b>	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	1 Chronicle 24 : 1 - 19	Revelation 8 : 1-8	Job 5 : 1-10	Luke 1 : 5 - 23	"BRING & BUY" SALE
<b>25 Nov</b>	10:45	<b>Annunciation to Man - Coming of God's Kingdom (5th Sunday before Christmas)</b>					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Genesis 15 : 1 - 15	Galatians 4 : 21 - 31	Ephesians 1 : 3 - 14	Luke 1 : 26 - 38	After Offertory