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Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

- 1) She was the mother of all living.
A - Rachel
B - Eve
C - Isis
D - Jennifer
- 2) Ishmael's mother was from this country.
A - Moab
B - Eglon
C - Syria
D - Egypt
- 3) She was Jacob's mother.
A - Rebekah
B - Rachel
C - Sarah
D - Leah
- 4) The 12 sons of Israel were born to this many mothers.
A - 1
B - 2
C - 3
D - 4
- 5) Who was the mother of Ephraim and Manasseh?
A - Asenath
B - Rachel
C - Leah
D - Bilha
- 6) Who was the father of Ephraim and Manasseh?
A - Jacob
B - Joseph
C - Isaac
D - Judah
- 7) Who was Moses' foster mother?
A - Elizabeth
B - The daughter of Pharaoh
C - Miriam
D - Jochebed
- 8) Who was Samson's father?
A - Eliezer
B - Jonathan
C - Manoah
D - David
- 9) Who was David the son of?
A - Jesse
B - Obed
C - Edom
D - Jonah
- 10) Who was Solomon's mother?
A - Abigail
B - Miriam
C - Sarah
D - Bathsheba
- 11) Who was John the Baptist's mother?
A - Lois
B - Elizabeth
C - Dinah
D - Mary
- 12) Who was Samuel's mother?
A - Penninah
B - Deborah
C - Hannah
D - Eve
- 13) Who was Ruth's mother-in-law?
A - Elizabeth
B - Naomi
C - Mary
D - Julie
- 14) Who was Saul the son of?
A - Kish
B - Obbededom
C - Malchishua
D - Zachariah
- 15) These two were the sons of Zebedee
A - Isaiah and Jeremiah
B - Judas and Thomas
C - Cain and Abel
D - James and John
- 16) Who was Samuel's father?
A - Azahel
B - Elkanah
C - Eliab
D - Ananias



Birthdays in November!!

22	Rachel Thomas	w/o John Thomas
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	Mariam Varghese	m/o Santosh C. Varghese
28	Kevin Pappachen	s/o Andrew Pappachen
29	Ian Mathew	s/o Thomas Mathew
29	Rene Thomas	w/o George Thomas
30	Joseph V. Joseph	
30	Kevin Matthews	s/o John Matthews
30	Samuel Oommen	
30	Sosamma Alexander	w/o Ravi Alexander

Wedding Anniversaries in November!!

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

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly beloved in Christ,

As Sir Walter Scott writes, "November's sky is chill and drear, November's Leaf is real and sear" Yes, it is true. The trees are bare and the dead leaves on the earth have lost the brilliant color they had in October. Soft snow seldom hides the bareness of the fields but the grays and browns of the landscapes are sometimes relieved by delightful days of hazy sunshine.

Nearly the end of November the people of the United States celebrate Thanksgiving Day to express their gratitude for their first harvest in the new land. How do we express our gratitude to God and to the society? God doesn't hide who He is and what He has done. We can clearly see Him if we will open our eyes with humility. We do see Him in His Word, in His creation. "Since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen and their foolish hearts were darkened". [Romans.1:20-- 21] In other words when we know God and do not thank Him as we should, we become fools bathed in futility and darkness. It seems to me that we need to spend more time appreciating who God is. Worship is responding to the greatness of God by openly loving and honoring Him.

Coming Election in November 1st week is an important one in the history of the United States. We need the right person to be elected to lead the country. The right person- based on the character- more specifically godly character, conviction or belief, courage, compassion and constituency.

The coming Sundays are very important in the church calendar. Nov- 2nd Koodosh Eatho [Sanctification of the church], beginning of the liturgical year and world sunday school day. On 9th we celebrate the renewal of the church [Hudos Eetho] and the festival of unity of the communion of churches in India. The 16th- Annunciation to Zechariah, the 23rd- Annunciation to Mary and the 30th- visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. Finally I urge all of you to participate in the coming services prayerfully and wholeheartedly.

May Almighty God bless you abundantly.
with love and prayers

Toji Achen



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. George	
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

Events Calendar 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>
November			
11/15/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	12:00 PM	Saturday
11/16/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00 PM	Sunday
11/22/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	12:00 PM	Saturday
11/23/2008	Thanksgiving Service	11:00 AM	Sunday
	Bring and Buy Fund Raising	1:30 PM	Sunday
11/29/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	12:00 PM	Saturday
11/30/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00 PM	Sunday
December			
12/6/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	12:00 PM	Saturday
12/7/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00 PM	Sunday
12/13/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	12:00 PM	Saturday
12/14/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00 PM	Sunday
12/20/2008	Christmas Carol	6:00 PM	Saturday
12/25/2008	Christmas Service	7:00 AM	Thursday
12/31/2008	New Year's/Watch Night Service	10:00 PM	Wednesday

Purchase of Church:

As we are in the process of purchasing the church located at 423 Dunhams Corner RD, East Brunswick, NJ we need to raise at least 1.55 million dollars for this purchase before Nov 15th to make this dream come true. As we are closing towards the crucial days, we need your whole hearted participation and commitment towards this purchase.

Please give your check of committed amount for this purchase to our trustees by the first week of this month.

Thanksgiving Service:

Our Thanksgiving Service this year will be on Sunday Nov 23rd.

The Annual Thanksgiving "Bring and Buy" fund raising sale will be conducted immediately after church service. All families are encouraged to bring and auction back at least two or more items this year to make this event very successful.

Edavaka Mission:

We will have our Edavaka Mission meetings (Praise & worship, Bible Study) every Wednesday at 7:30pm in our church. All families should try to attend this meeting for your spiritual growth.

Church Prayer Meeting:

We will have a church prayer meeting on Saturday Nov 1st at 7:00pm at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Saju Thomas and their address is 118 Wild Azalea Lane Skillman NJ 08558. Phone # (609) 466-1474

Area Prayer Meeting:

Area 2 prayer meetings will be held on every Sundays at 6:00 at decided houses.

All Prayer groups are encouraged to hold the area prayer meetings every week. Interested families please contact your Area Representatives.

Youth League Meeting:

There will be youth league meetings on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:00pm.

Refreshments:

Families are encouraged to sponsor/provide refreshments on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary.

Church Premise Cleaning:

Prayer group 3 members will be responsible for cleaning the Church premise after Sunday's church service for this month. Members please volunteer.

Christmas House to House Caroling Schedule:

Following is the Christmas house to house caroling schedule. If you have any inconvenience visiting your house on the scheduled date, please contact Dr. Joemon Varughese.

November 15

Fork (PA), Stewartville, Long Valley, Morris Plains, Parsippany, Sparta, Montville, Livingston, West Orange, Garfield, Green brook, Basking Ridge, Warren, Union

November 16

North Brunswick, Dayton, Monmouth Junction, East Windsor, Plainsboro, Robbinsville

November 22

Freehold, Marlboro, Morganville, Tinton Falls, Toms River, Eatontown, Manalapan, Keyport, Colts neck, Old Bridge

November 29

Woodbridge, Iselin, Edison, Metuchen, South Plainfield, Clark, Scotch Plains

November 30

Sayreville, Milltown, Monroe, Helmetta, Parlin, East Brunswick

December 6

Somerset, Belle mead, Piscataway, Ewing, Branchburg, Skillman, Hillsborough

December 7

Belleville, Bloomfield, Westfield, Roselle Park, Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway, Hoboken, Staten Island

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	Refreshment
2 Nov	11 am	Sanctification of the Church (Koodosh Eetho)						
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Pro 23:15-26	Heb 12:1-13	Eph. 6:1-4	St. John 6:1-14	After Communion	Sevika Sangom
9 Nov	11 am	Renewal of the Church (Hudos Eetho)						
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Eze. 37:15-23	Eph. 4:1-16	Rom 12:3-13	St. John 4:19-26	After Offertory	Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Abraham
16 Nov	11 am	Annunciation to Zechariah - Hope to the world						
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	1 Chro. 24:1-19	Rev. 8:1-5	Heb. 5:1-10	St. Luke 1:8-25	After Communion	
23 Nov	11 am	Annunciation to Virgin Mary - Surrendering to God's will						
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Zech 2:10-13	Eph 1:3-14	Gal 4:21-31	St. Luke 1:26-38	After Offertory	Thanksgiving Lunch
30 Nov	11 am	Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth - Joyful expectation of Christ's coming - St. Andrews Day						
		Rev. Mathew Sakariah (English)	Gen 33:1-17	1Thess 3:6-13	2 Cor 1:3-11	St. Luke 1:39-45	No Sunday School	