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MURDERS

Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

- 1) This man was stoned over a vineyard.
A - Joseph
B - Noah
C - Naboth
D - Jether
- 2) This Israelite commander was murdered at the gates of Hebron.
A - Amasa
B - Abner
C - Benaiah
D - Joab
- 3) This fat king had a dagger driven through his stomach while in a private consultation.
A - Absalom
B - Nebuchadnezzar
C - Xerxes
D - Eglon
- 4) This man murdered his own brother
A - Cain
B - David
C - Ahab
D - Obed
- 5) This man was stoned to death, after he claimed to have seen Christ in heaven.
A - James
B - Peter
C - Paul
D - Stephen
- 6) This general was murdered in his sleep by a woman who drove a tent peg through his head.
A - Sisera
B - Nebuzaradan
C - Rabshakeh
D - Darius
- 7) This man murdered 85 priests of the LORD.
A - Adonijah
B - Sheba son of Bichri
C - Doeg the Edomite
D - Nethania
- 8) This one of David's sons was murdered at a party.
A - Amnon
B - Adonijah
C - Absalom
D - Solomon
- 9) This foolish man's wife saved him from being murdered.
A - Saul
B - Moses
C - Jeremiah
D - Nabal
- 10) The children of this town were ruthlessly murdered by Herod.
A - Bethlehem
B - Jerusalem
C - Nazareth
D - Samaria
- 11) This man was betrayed to be murdered for 30 pieces of silver.
A - David
B - Joseph
C - Jesus
D - Lot
- 12) This man was murdered for not doing his duty, and he was left to wallow in his blood, while one of his murderer's men stood guard.
A - Jehoshaphat
B - Amasa
C - Abner
D - Abishai
- 13) This man murdered an Egyptian taskmaster and buried him in the sand.
A - Abraham
B - Moses
C - Joseph
D - Jacob
- 14) This woman murdered her whole family, except one grandson.
A - Jezebel
B - Mishat
C - Jehoiada
D - Athalia
- 15) Two brothers slew all the men of Shechem, for the sake of this woman.
A - Dinah
B - Ruth
C - Esther
D - Abigail



Birthdays in October!!

24	Joanna Susan Varghese	d/o Varughese Abraham	(732) 251-1728
25	Suresh Babu		(732) 494-0561
26	Anosh Philip Abraham	s/o Byju Abraham	(908) 647-5362
26	Gabriel Abraham Saju	s/o Saju C. Abraham	(732) 605-9888
27	Anish C Mathew	s/o Dr. Mathai Cherian	(732) 561-2181
28	Reuben Kurian Thomas		(732) 543-0683
28	Alex James	s/o James Varghese	(732) 568-1695
29	Shruthi Elsa Mathew	d/o Dr. Mathai Cherian	(732) 561-2181
29	Smrithi Ann Mathew	d/o Dr. Mathai Cherian	(732) 561-2181
31	Reji K. Thomas		(732) 568-1754
31	Joshua Enam Varughese		(908) 380-0599
31	Benjamin S Mathew		(908) 281-0101
31	Stephen Johnson Thomas	s/o Thomas John	(732) 651-8867

Wedding Anniversaries in October!!

6	Dr. and Mr. Thomas & Usha Abraham	718-967-7178
12	Drs. Joseph & Elizabeth Prasad	732-845-0703
18	Mrs. and Mr. Jacob & Mini Varghese	732-257-0094
21	Mrs. and Mr. Reji K. & Susan Thomas	732-568-1754
21	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham & Anne George	973-992-5425
30	Mrs. and Mr. Sunoj & Leena S. Mathew	732-855-1719
30	Mrs & Mr. Leni Abraham & Greena Rajan	



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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We are again in the Fall season. Changes are taking place in all areas of life. Last day I found a quote from Joan Rivers in the G- mail site - "If God wanted us to bend over he 'd put diamonds on the floor". Even though they put it as a funny quotation I took it seriously because of the current scenario. As we are all aware of the story of Jacob and the wrestling match at Jabboc river.[Gen.32] Jacob is camped out and stressed out , awaiting a potentially dangerous confrontation with his estranged brother. By morning Jacob realizes he is spent the night wrestling with God, somehow he manages to limp away Blessed. It is until the angel of the Lord dislocates Jacob's hip that he surrenders and requests what he is really been fighting for _ a blessing. God can't give Jacob the blessing he desperately needs until he incapacitates him at the center of his human power. If we want to be blessed, if we want to relocate from living in our own resources to resisting in the middle of God's goodness, power and provision, sometimes a little dislocation is necessary. why defeat at the hands of God is Magnificent!

As you all know, we are in the process of buying a church as our own. Because of the current financial situation many of our members are thinking how they can participate in the project in a fruitful way. The Psalmist has the answer; "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart ". [Ps:37.4] I do urge all of you to carry the project with earnestness and give generously. Pray without ceasing !

In the month of October, as a church we have special remembrance of M.T.V.E.A day, which stands for the mission of the Lord. On 12th we are remembering the people who are differently abled, the 19th M.T. Y.S. Day and the 26th we have the family sunday. Let us thank God and rededicate ourselves as youths and families for the diversified ministry of the Kingdom of God . May the loving God bless us all.

With love & prayers
Yours in His service

Toji Atchen



Birthdays in October!!

1	Asheem James Jacob	s/o Jacob Karimpil	(908) 289-1789
2	Molly Varghese	w/o Varghese Varghese	(732) 577-0728
4	Sosamma Varghese	w/o Daniel Varghese	(973) 729-9863
4	Mini Vinoj	w/o Vinoj Mathew	(732) 726-1714
4	Kamal S Steele	gs/o Joseph N.John	(732) 752-5033
6	Christopher P Mathew	s/o Promod R.Mathew	(732) 605-0370
7	Bindhu A Mathew	w/o Anil Mathew	(732) 258-8997
7	Elsa Anna Abraham	d/o Benjamin Abraham	(732) 834-0024
7	Justin John	s/o Sunny John	(732) 845-9250
8	Daniel Varghese		(973) 729-9863
10	Deepthi	W/o Joseph John	(732) 253-7020
12	Elizabeth Mathew	w/o Thomas Mathew	(973) 285-4373
12	Thomas Mathew		(609) 799-5661
13	Veena Ann Steaphen	d/o Dilip Steaphen	(973) 324-2205
14	Suzanna Marie Mathews	d/o Dr. Cecil Mathews	(732) 548-2248
15	Mathew A Cherukara		(908) 686-1061
16	Greena Rajan		
16	Leelamony George	w/o George Edukala	(732) 389-8482
19	Jacob Elcob		(732) 249-7318
19	Shannon Thomas	d/o Mammen T.Thomas	(732) 422-0701
19	Joemon T Varughese		(732) 422-7128
21	Megha Elizabeth Thomas	d/o Reji K.Thomas	(732) 568-1754
22	Sachin John Mathew	s/o Mathew P. Keecheril	(732) 418-1548
22	Anil Mathews	s/o Philip Mathews	(732) 297-8303
22	Preethy Ravi	w/o Ravi Varghese	
24	Mariamamma Cherukara	m/o Mathew Cherukara	(732) 381-3633

Events Calendar 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>AM/ PM</u>	<u>Day</u>
October				
10/11/2008	Sunday School Competition	10:00	AM	Saturday
10/25/2008	Youth Shine Night	6:00	PM	Saturday
	Sunday School Regional Competition?			
	Sunday School Anniversary?			
November				
11/15/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	2:00	PM	Saturday
11/16/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
11/22/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	2:00	PM	Saturday
11/23/2008	Thanksgiving Service & Auction	11:00	AM	Sunday
11/29/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	2:00	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	2:00	PM	Saturday
12/7/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
12/13/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	2:00	PM	Saturday
12/14/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
12/20/2008	Christmas Carol	6:30	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:

We are in the process of purchasing the church at 423 Dunhams Corner Rd, East Brunswick, NJ. We need to raise 1.5 million dollars before Nov 16th to make this dream come true. It is expected to raise the entire amount from our members. If you have not pledged your contribution towards church purchase, please do so ASAP.

Sunday School Competition:

Our Sunday School Competition will be on Oct 11th Saturday at 10:00am. Please encourage you children to participate in the competition.

Youth Shine Night:

Our youth shine night will on Oct 25th at 6:00pm at our church.

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 Oct 4th at 7:00pm at the residence Mrs. & Mr. George Edukala and their address is 4 Applebey Street, Eatontown, NJ, 07724. Phone # (732) 389-8482

Area Prayer Meeting:

Area 2 prayer meetings will be held on every Sundays at 6:00 at decided houses. Please come for the meeting.

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

Youth League Meeting:

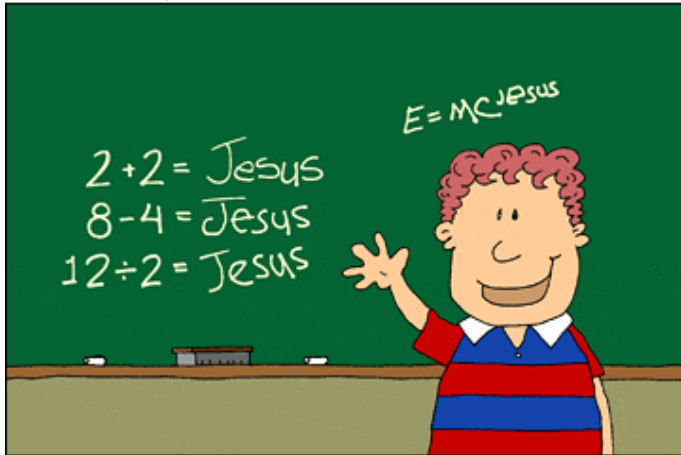
There will be youth league meetings on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:00pm.

Refreshments:

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

Church Premise Cleaning:

Prayer group 2 members will be responsible for cleaning the Church premise after Sunday's church service for this month. Members please volunteer.



Thanks to Gert-Jan van Heugten

06-16-2008

IN BIBLE CLASS WE LEARNED THAT JESUS IS THE ANSWER

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	Refreshment	
5 Oct	11 pm	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Voluntary Evangelists' Day - Christian Witness in a secular society						Mrs. & Mr. Joseph John
			2 Kings 5:1-14	Acts 11:19-30	Acts 18:24-28	St. Mat. 5:13-16	No Sunday School		
12 Oct	11 pm	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Solidarity with physically and mentally challenged						
			2 Sam. 9:1-13	1 Thes. 5: 12-22	2 Cor. 12:1-10	St. Mat. 11 :1 -6	After Offertory		
19 Oct	11 pm	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Youth Sunday - Meaningful Spirituality in the age of information technology						
			1 Sam 17:32:50	Phil 3:1-16	1Tim 4:6-16	St. Mark 10:17-31	After Communion		
26 Oct	11 pm	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Christian Family Sunday:- Family: God's gift						
			Josh. 24:14-22	Gal 6:1-10	Rom 16:1-16	St. Mat 2:13-22	After Offertory		