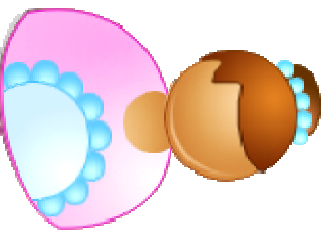


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**Sevika  
Sangam Day**

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**



**Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

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## PROVERBS QUIZ



### 7) He who oppresses the poor:

- A - shows contempt for their Maker.
- B - will suffer on the day of judgement.
- C - perverts the way of justice.
- D - will suffer poverty himself.

### 8) Pride goes before destruction:

- A - and a hundred blows to the back of a fool.
- B - and a fool's mouth is his ruin.
- C - a haughty spirit before a fall.
- D - but humility goes before honor.

### 9) All a man's ways seem right to him:

- A - and by seeking them he will prosper.
- B - but the LORD weighs the heart.
- C - but in the end he will not be blessed.
- D - but how can a man understand his way?

### 10) A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal:

- A - but the companion of fools will suffer harm.
- B - but a poor man has no means of redemption.
- C - but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.
- D - but the desire of the treacherous is for money.

### 11) Drive out the mocker:

- A - for the righteous he will corrupt.
- B - for his tongue is a poison.
- C - and out goes strife.
- D - and the city will praise you.

### 12) He who guards his lips guards his:

- A - honor
- B - life
- C - wisdom
- D - courage

### 13) How many pillars had the house that wisdom built?

- A - 2
- B - 7
- C - 12
- D - 40



## PROVERBS QUIZ

Please email your answers to  
[quiz@ststephensmtc.com](mailto:quiz@ststephensmtc.com)  
*At the end of the year, your earned points will  
be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

**1) The horse is made ready for the day of battle:**

- A - and the righteous man takes it to heart.
- B - but the slothful man remains in his bed.
- C - and by the fear of the LORD a man avoids evil.
- D - but victory rests with the LORD.

**2) The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother:**

- A - will be pecked out by the ravens in the valley.
- B - are the eyes of a fool on the ends of the earth.
- C - invites a flogging.
- D - is disturbing to the righteous in his way.

**3) Like a gold ring in a pig's snout:**

- A - is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.
- B - is a wicked man in a king's court.
- C - is a wealthy man in the company of fools.
- D - is a righteous man among sinners.

**4) A gentle answer turns away wrath:**

- A - but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.
- B - but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- C - but he who heeds admonition gains understanding.
- D - but the mouths of fools feed on folly.

**5) Dishonest money dwindles away:**

- A - but a poor man's field may produce abundance.
- B - but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.
- C - that one may avoid the snares of death.
- D - and the way of the faithless is their ruin.

**6) As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes:**

- A - so is the fool in the company of the wise.
- B - so is the beggar to the court of the king.
- C - so is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.
- D - so is a sluggard to those who send him.

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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "I have been crucified with Christ, It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal.2:20).



As I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cooperation for the success of the Regional Convention held from August 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 and the prayerful support for the "Navathy" project of the church. At present 25 families sponsored houses for the needy and many others partially contributed for the same.

This month, we are celebrating the Sevika Sangom day on 9<sup>th</sup>, and senior citizen day on 30<sup>th</sup>. As St. Paul says we should forget about ourselves then only we can serve God faithfully. Nowadays the respect to the elders coming down and they are not cared in our homes. They are the glory of the past. Through learning and information we have to give the importance of elders in our day to day life.

Children came through yourselves, but they are not yours; you can be like them. But you should not be made them like you. (Khalil Gibran) Another academic year is on the doorstep. We need a value based education which transforms the society and not only for material achievements. One fourth of education is from teachers, another ¼ from self learning and ¼ from the contact with the people and rest will be taken gradually. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind" Luke 2: 52

May God Bless Us All.

Yours in Christ

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## Wedding Anniversaries in September!!

1	Dr. & Mr. Santhosh C. and Sini Varghese	(732) 873-0811
9	Mrs. & Mr. Jose Cherian and Anne Varghese	(908) 851-0603
10	Mrs. & Mr. Byju and Bindu Abraham	(908) 647-5362
12	Mrs. & Dr. Davis C. and Sulu Thomas	(732) 918-1171
13	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas and Rachel Oommen	(732) 906-8830
15	Mrs. & Mr. Benjamin and Sani Abraham	(732) 617-2005
23	Mrs. & Mr. Ravi and Sosamma Alexander	(732) 738-0721

# Birthdays in September!!

1	Jonathan Kurien	s/o Kurien Thomas	(732) 845-0031
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22	Michael Oommen	s/o Thomas Oommen	(732) 906-8830

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



## **PRAYER MEETINGS**

There will be a Church prayer meeting on Saturday, September 1, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Chacko, 1633 Hudson Ave, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 732-249-7318

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

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school classes will begin on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## **CHURCH CONVENTION**

The Church Convention is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>. The main speaker for our Convention is Rev. Mathew K. Jackson, the Vicar of St. Johns Mar Thoma Church, Queens Village, NY Please keep Achen and the Convention in your prayers. All are encouraged to attend.

## **SEVIKA SANGHOM**

September 9<sup>th</sup> is Sevika Sanghom day. Please attend this joyous celebration with your families. Lunch will be provided on the behalf of the Sanghom.

The 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Sevika Sanghom will be held from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Long Island, Islip NY. For details please contact Sanghom Secretary.

## **NEW BORN**

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob K Sam are blessed with the birth of their son Justin Jacob on June 23<sup>th</sup> 2007. Congratulations to the proud Parents and the big brothers.

## **Looking to OCTOBER**

Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> is set aside as Youth Sunday and October 28<sup>th</sup> is set aside as Family Sunday by the Diocese. You are all encouraged to attend both services with your children and families.

## **CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT**

As announced, if members have any questions regarding the church building project, the questions should be given in writing to Achen before September 7, 2007. The questions received by Achen will be answered at the Next General Body meeting only if the questioner is present. Questions and attendance is strongly encouraged.

**We WELCOME New members to our Growing St. Stephen's Family:** Mr. Jomon and Mrs. Saro Thomas, daughter Megan and son Reuben, 749 Village Dr. Edison NJ 08817 Phone: 617-959-5312

**BEREAVEMENT**

- Beloved brother of Mrs. Rachel Skariah was called to eternity on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2007. Funeral was held at Kerala.
- Beloved grand father of Mrs. Annie Jose Cherian was called to eternity on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2007. Funeral was held at Kerala.
- Beloved father of Mr. Mathew Palat (Praveen) was called to eternity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August 2007. Funeral was held at Kerala.
- Beloved cousin of Beena Kochamma was called to eternity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August 2007. Funeral was held at Kerala.
- Beloved mother of Mrs. Mary James (w/o Mr. James Varghese) was called to eternity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August 2007. Funeral was held.
- Beloved father of Mrs. Lissy George (w/o Mr. George Yohannan) was called to eternity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August 2007. Funeral was held at Kerala.

*We, St. Stephen's family express our deepest condolence to the bereaved families.*

**Third Annual Volleyball Tournament**

Volleyball Invitational will be held at Duke Island Park 189 Old York Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 on Saturday September 15 2007. All are invited to attend this FREE sporting event hosted by our church. Please contact Tony Cherukara: (908 397 2621) for more information.



Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	
<b>2-Sep</b>	10:45	Rev. Mathew Skariah (English)	<b>Education Day - Education Divine Wisdom (14th Sunday after Pentecost)</b>					No Sunday School
			Proverbs 2: 1-12	Colossians 2: 1-7	James 3: 13-18	Matthew 7: 21-29		
<b>9-Sep</b>	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	<b>Sevika Sangham Day - ' Forgetting Self in the Ministry of the Lord' (15th Sunday after Pentecost)</b>					No Sunday School
			Exodus 1: 15-22	Acts 13: 24-28	Romans 16: 1-10	Luke 8: 1-3		
<b>16-Sep</b>	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	<b>Freedom with Responsibility (16th Sunday after Pentecost)</b>					Sunday School
			Exodus 20: 1-17	1 Peter 2: 13-17	Galatians 5: 1-6	Luke 4:16-30		
<b>23-Sep</b>	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	<b>Imitation of Christ Life-style of the People of God. (17th Sunday after Easter)</b>					Sunday School
			1 Samuel 24: 1-15	1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12	Ephesians 6: 10-18	Matthew 5: 13-16		
<b>30-Sep</b>	10:45	Rev. Mathew K. Jackson (Malayalam)	<b>Senior Citizens Day - Care for the Aged. (18th Sunday after Pentecost) (Church Convention)</b>					No Sunday School
			Genesis 47: 1-12	1 Timothy 5: 1-10	2 Timothy 4: 1-8	Mark 7: 6-16		