

BIBLE QUIZ

All the members of St. Stephen's family are invited to participate in the quiz, regardless of age. Your answers may be e-mailed to Mr. John Varughese (Raju) on his e-mail ID, kuwaitrajupushpa@yahoo.com. Give your full address and phone number too. At the end of the year your earned points will be totaled and top scorers (1st,2nd,3rd) will get prizes.

Last Month's winners are: 1. Mrs. Saramma Kurien 2. Mrs. Sara Cherukara 3. Mrs. Susan Thomas 4. Mrs. Lizy Mathew.

GIVE THE MEANING OF FOLLOWING WORDS(names, places, phrases) FROM THE BIBLE.

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| 1. Abba | 2. Abda | 3.. Abraham | 4. Absalom |
| 5. Babel | 6. Bethel | 7. Calvary | 8. Christ |
| 9. Decapolis | 10.Ecclesiastes | 11.Emmanuel | 12.Felix |
| 13. Gethsemane | 14.Hebron | 15.Issac | 16.Jesus |
| 17. Kadesh | 18.Levi | 19.Mammon | 20.Noah |
| 21. Obadiah | 22.Pentecost | 23.Philadelphia | 24.Paul |
| 25. Ruhama | 26.Rabbi | 27.Samuel | 28.Talitha Cumi |
| 29. Uriah | 30.Zechariah | | |

Next month's quiz will be based on different Numbers used in the Bible.



PRAYER MEETINGS



1. There will be a Parish prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Jacob George on October 15th Saturday, 2005 at 6..00 PM. Address. 263 Little Street, Belleville, NJ 07109. Phone # 973-759-8037 or 973-312-4845.

2. There will be a Parish prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Saju Cherian Abraham on October 29th Saturday at 6.00 PM. Address. 58 Avenue J, Monroe, NJ 08831. Phone # 732-605-9888.

All the members of St. Stephen's family are requested to attend these prayer meetings. Please keep these families in your prayers.

FOR YOUR SPECIAL PRAYER

PLEASE JOIN WITH DR. CECIL MATHEWS & HIS FAMILY IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING THAT GOD KEPT HIM IN GOOD HEALTH FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS AFTER HIS LIVER TRANS-PLANT SURGERY.

VICAR'S LETTER



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Recent winds and floods that took away the lives of hundreds of people and caused loss and sufferings to thousands of people are sure signs of nature's rivalry against human culture which is fundamentally hostile to God and the nature. When our uncontrolled craze after selfish ambitions puts cracks on the poles and the ozone layer, winds and floods are only natural consequences due to Green House effect and global warming. Sin is systemic. It affects adversely not only the person or society who does it, but the entire creation. The Word of God says that, 'The thoughts of man are always evil.' Evil thoughts will have always their evil and destructive consequences. Let us pray that individuals, societies and countries become nature- friendly in their plans and decisions. As Christ's followers we are called to serve the suffering humanity around us.

The initiative taken by our youths under the leadership of Dr. Betsy Joseph and also Mr. John Thomas (Soman) and others to arrange a tri-state Marthoma volley ball match is commendable.

In the month of October we are blessed with our annual parish convention and we have the prominent speaker Bro.George Cherian to address us. And on the 22nd we have our fund raising cultural program. Let us support all the dear ones who work and plan for the success of this program. I appreciate the way our members behaved in the last General Body and its decision to move together in the spirit of unity. Let us strongly believe that God Almighty will bless us in our need at the right time in the right way. I also acknowledge the efforts taken by Mr. Andrew Pappachan and the Project Committee members in this regard. Every member of St. Stephen's family has to pray and actively search for a property through all available sources. Let us build St. Stephen's together for God's glory and for our mutual blessing.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
Thomas Paulachen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAJOR EVENTS OF THIS MONTH

- October 2* *Youth Sunday*
October 6—9 *Parish Convention*
October 22 *Fund Raising Program*
October 23 *Family Sunday*
October 30 *Vol. Eva. Assoc. Day*

ADDRESS CHANGE

1. The address of Mr. Anil Mathew has been changed. The new Address is **1235 Huron Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.** **Phone # 732-258-8997**
2. The address of Dr. Joemon Varughese has been changed. The new Address is **9 Glover Road, Milltown, NJ 08850.** **Phone # 732-422-7128**

NEW MEMBER

The following family has joined to our Church. Mr. Thomas Varkey & Dr. Suneeta Chacko Varkey and their son Rohan Rubin Varkey and daughters Layla Susan Varkey, Maya Anna Varkey, Riya Chacko Varkey. They are from Madras Marthoma Church. They reside at 8 Trails End Court, Westfield, NJ 07090. Phone# 908-301-0084.

FUND RAISING PROGRAM

Stage performances by our youths and children are being practiced and going on very well. The professional concert group (outside the Parish) has been booked. The Roosevelt Middle School, West Orange Auditorium has been reserved. Prayer Chain has been scheduled and going on very well.

HOW ARE THE TICKET SALES GOING ON???

Please remit the checks, already collected, to the Trustees. Get more Tickets and sell to the maximum to meet our targets. Your prayer and support are the most important means of success.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER:

for the health of our beloved Coorilos Thirumeni
for the heavenly peace and comfort of the bereaved Pulimoottil family
for the unfortunate victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita
October, November, December months of the year are full of activities.
Let's pray and participate in all of them meaningfully.



Worship Schedule & Lectionary

Date	Order of Worship	Celebrant	Time
Sun Oct.2	Holy Communion in English 1st Lesson: 2King. 5: 1- 14 2nd Lesson: Acts 8: 4- 17	Rev. Thomas Paul	10.45 AM
Sun Oct.9	Holy Communion in Malayalam 1st Lesson: 2Sam.9: 1- 13 2nd Lesson: 1Thes. 5: 12-- 22	Rev. Thomas Paul	10.45 AM
Sun Oct. 16	Holy Communion in English 1st Lesson: Daniel. 3: 1- 18 2nd Lesson: 1John. 3: 1- 12	Rev. Thomas Paul	10.45 AM
Sun Oct. 23	Holy Communion in Malayalam 1st Lesson: Josh. 24: 14- 25 2nd Lesson: 1Pet. 3: 1- 7	Rev. Ninan Oommen	10.45 AM
Sun Oct. 30	Holy Communion in Malayalam 1st Lesson: Exo. 33: 7- 11 2nd Lesson: 1Cor. 6: 12- 20	Rev. Thomas Paul	10.45 AM



From the Secretary

We have another busy three months ahead of us in 2005. We can work together to make our fund raising program very successful. The unity of our kids are exceptional. On November 20th we are celebrating our Thanks Giving Service and auction. Please participate in this program prayerfully. "Family prays together stays together". Please continue to stay together as St. Stephen's family and work hard to achieve our dream ("to buy a worship place of our own"). Please bring your subscription regularly. We cannot function properly without your active participation and support . Please pray for all our activities.

- 23rd Vinay Thomas s/o Bobby Thomas
- 24th Joanna Varughese d/o Varughese Abraham
- 24th Mariamma Cherukara
- 25th Deepa Mary Joseph
- 26th Gabriel Saju s/o Saju Cherian Abraham
- 26th Anosh Abraham s/o Byju Abraham
- 28th Alex James s/o James Varghese
- 31st Reji K. Thomas
- 31st Steaphen Thomas s/o Thomas John

WE, THE ST. STEPHEN'S FAMILY WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wedding Anniversary

- 6th Thomas Abraham & Dr. Usha Thomas
- 12th Dr. Joseph Prasad & Dr. Elizabeth Mammen Prasad
- 18th Jacob Varghese & Mini Varghese
- 21st Reji K. Thomas & Susan Thomas

WE, THE ST. STEPHEN'S FAMILY WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Choir Dedication

Children's Dedication



ANNUAL PARISH CONVENION – 2005

Venue : St. Stephen's Church Sanctuary.

Schedule:

- October 6th Thursday - 7.30 PM
- October 7th Friday - 7.30 PM
- October 8th Saturday - 7.00 PM
- October 9th Sunday - 10.45 AM

Speaker:

Dr. George Cherian – Navajeevodayam, Thiruvalla.
 Dr. George Cherian is the proud son of Late Mr. K.V. Cherian the Founder of Navajeevodayam. He is a well known, Gospel Preacher, Missionary and Author, and is the director of Missions of India organization.

You are earnestly requested to pray diligently for the blessings of the Convention and make necessary preparations to attend the meetings regularly. Also invite your friends and relatives outside the Parish to listen to the Word of God.

NEWS FROM VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

Our Youth League conducted a Volley Ball tournament on September 17th Saturday at Duke Island Park, Bridgewater, NJ. Philadelphia Marthoma Church, New Jersey Marthoma Church, St. Peter's Marthoma Church and St. Stephen's Marthoma Church teams participated in the event. Philadelphia Marthoma Church won the 1st prize and St. Stephen's Marthoma Church won the 2nd prize. Mr. John Thomas and Dr. Betsy Joseph coordinated the event. The extra effort to coordinate this event by Mr. John Thomas (Soman) is praise-worthy. Mr. Mathew Johnson sponsored one of the prizes. Our Achen and our Church members supported the event whole-heartedly. This was the first attempt for a Marthoma Volley Ball Tournament and we are proud that St. Stephen's Marthoma Church hosted this event.



Philadelphia Marthoma Church Team won the First prize.



Energetic Players



Born in the Month of October

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| 1st | Asheem Jacob | s/o Jacob Karampil |
| 2nd | Molly Varghese | w/o Varghese Varghese |
| 4th | Mini Vinoj Mathew | w/o Vinoj Mathew |
| 4th | Sosamma Varghese | w/o Daniel Varghese |
| 4th | Kamal Steele | gs/o Joseph N. John |
| 6th | Christopher Mathew | s/o Promod R. Mathew |
| 7th | Bindhu Mathew | w/o Anil Mathew |
| 7th | Elsa Abraham | d/o Benjamin Abraham |
| 7th | Justin John | s/o Sunny John |
| 8th | Daniel Varghese | |
| 12th | Elizabeth Mathew | w/o Thomas Mathew |
| 12th | Thomas mathew | |
| 13th | Veena Steaphen | d/o Dilip Steaphen |
| 14th | Suzanna Mathews | d/o Dr. Cecil Mathews |
| 15th | Mathews Cherukara | |
| 16th | Leelamony George | w/o George Edukala |
| 17th | Greeshma Jose | d/o Jose Cherian |
| 19th | Dr. Joemon Varghese | |
| 19th | Dr. Shannon Thomas | d/o Mammen T. Thomas |
| 19th | Jacob Chacko | |
| 21st | Megha Thomas | d/o Reji K. Thomas |
| 22nd | Sachin Mathew | s/o Mathew Philip Keecheril |
| 22nd | Anil Mathews | |
| 22nd | Susan Varghese | w/o Revi Varghese |
| 23rd | Sherly Paul | w/o Rev. Thomas Paul |



St. Stephen's Team won the second prize



Rev. Thomas Paul distributing the Trophy



Inauguration by Mr. Andrew Pappachan