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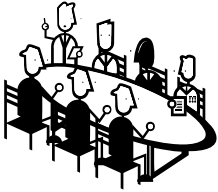
MESSENGER



2010
AUGUST

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

1 John 4: 9-12



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BULLETIN BOARD

(WE WILL UPDATE THIS SECTION ONCE WE GATHER ALL THE INFORMATIONAL POSTINGS.)

CONDOLENCES

- ◆ Mr. P.C.Thomas (81), father of Mrs. Anitha Mathew (wife of Mr. Sam Mathew (Raju) - Area 8) passed away in Kerala, India.
- ◆ Mr. K.M Thomas (56), brother of Mrs. Mariamma Pillai (wife of Mr. Chandran Pillai) – Area 5) passed away in Kerala, India.
- ◆ Mr. Paul Raj Chockalingam brother of Mr. Chinnamani Chockalingam – Area 4 passed away in Tamil Nadu, India

Please keep the bereaved families in your prayers.

MESSENGER NOTES

Please inform the Vicar or Secretary of any **MESSENGER** corrections. Any changes in address & phone numbers should be informed to the Vicar, Secretary, and the Trustees.

Please send items for upcoming editions of the **MESSENGER** to the Secretary by the 15th of the preceding month.

****For any announcements to be delivered on Sunday, please inform the Vicar and the Secretary by 5 PM of the preceding Friday.**

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PLEASE email THE SECRETARY, BENJI KURIAN
(benkurian1012@gmail.com)**



FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Leadership for the Future Church

Luke: 10: 1 - (F)

Jesus sent seventy people to the village for his mission and ministry. The message for this month is formulated from my experience from the 31st National Youth Conference held in Chicago near our church at the Cabrini Catholic Conference Center. By attending the different sessions of the conference, the Holy Spirit has given me a message; that the future of the Mar Thoma church is safe and secure. Like in history, God is with us and he is molding strong and powerful leadership for the church all in the right track.

There were seventy seven youth attending the National Youth Conference, all of them from different parishes of through North America. They were all selected by God himself. The theme was "Credo: This we believe" based on the biblical verse 1 Corinthians 16:13. That is "be on you guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong." There was a team of Achens' who worked with our Thirumeni to guide the growing generation at the conference.

The history of the American Mar Thoma church is only about fifty years old and thus far there have been many struggles faced. It also appears that there are a lot of social, political and other various issues that still need to be addressed. The problems in America are entirely different than in Kerala. The values, ethics, rules and even life situations are different from that of Kerala. Then the interpretation of the bible is different in this context.

Here in America, the church can develop new leadership to lead the church in America. A thorough study and analysis is needed to identify the situation. The leadership from India can interpret the Bible for this new leadership. It was made aware that 40% of youths are not attending any church, 40% is coming to our church and 20% is going to various other churches. Here, the mission to guide all our people in the proper way. Many issues have been studied and discussed in the Youth National Conference. Currently the church is studying and addressing all the issues we have in a deeper level other than in a superficial style.

I have observed that all the participants took the sessions seriously and responded to the addressed issues. Various serious discussions and understanding were made.

I truly believe that God will use these people. As a whole these seventy seven will give courage and firm leadership to the American Mar Thoma church. This is because they know the reality is what the church is; and its possibilities. So this is message to all our families and parishes, that don't be afraid about the future of our church in America. It is completely safe in the arms of God.

We can pray for the leadership of Thirumeni, Achens' and these upcoming youth leaders of our diocese. In the coming years we have to join with the mainstream and do a major part in the slow but steady growth of the church. May the good Lord help us to move forward with strong faith and with strong conviction.

-Roy Achen.



CMTC FAMILY RETREAT

We are extremely blessed that god has enabled us to partake in our Annual Family Retreat once again.

This year our family retreat will be held at:

Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Road 23,
Green Lake, WI 54941
(920) 294 3323

The dates that are set for this family event are from Sept 17th - Sept 19th, 2010.

We are honored to have, Mr. Thomas Kurian, Rev. Alex Peter and Rev. Roy P. Thomas as our leaders for the retreat!

It's also requested to keep this event in your daily prayers and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Registration forms are out and available. Please register for the retreat as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Choir Fest	August 7th at 4:00 p.m.
MFL – Football Tournament	August 14th at 9:00 a.m.
Harvest Festival 2010	August 14th at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday School Anniversary	August 14th
Sunday School – Student Dedication Sunday	August 15th
Regional Teachers Retreat	August 21st
Sunday School – Teachers Dedication Sunday	August 22nd
Sunday School Classes Resume	August 22nd
Edavaka Mission Convention	August 26th - August 28th
Grandparents' Day	September 11th
Sevika Sanghom Day	September 12th
CMTC Family Retreat	September 17th – Sept 19th
Sevika Sanghom National Conference	September 30th– October 3rd

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - AUGUST

Mr. and Mrs. John Kurien	1
Mr. and Mrs. John Abraham	3
Mr. and Mrs. Abie J John	4
Mr. and Mrs. Jessley Jason Abraham	4
Mr. and Mrs. George Kuzhipampil	5
Mr. and Mrs. Blesson George	6
Mr. and Mrs. Robin Joseph	6
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph John	7
Mr. and Mrs. Kurian T. Kurian	7
Mr. and Mrs. Praveen Thomas	7
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Varughese	8
Mr. and Mrs. Eipe Varghese	9
Mr. and Mrs. Mangattu Moncy Mammen	10
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mathew	10
Mr. and Mrs. Jeji Mathews	11
Mr. and Mrs. George K. Mathew	15
Mr. and Mrs. Nitin Mathai	15
Mr. and Mrs. George Iype	16
Mr. and Mrs. Cherian S. Thomas	17
Dr. and Mrs. Sarish Mammen Sunny	17
Mr. and Mrs. Varughese M. Melethil	17
Mr. and Mrs. Issac George	18
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Issac	18
Mr. and Mrs. Gigi P. Sam	20
Mr. and Mrs. Mohan T. Varghese	20
Mr. and Mrs. Sunny Paul Kanampully	21
Mr. and Mrs. Kuruvilla P. Samuel	23
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Mathew	25
Mr. and Mrs. Sean Harlin Hayes	25
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George	25
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil O. Joseph	26
Mr. and Mrs. Koshy K. Mathai	26
Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Philipose	27
Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Khandekar	28
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas	28
Mr. and Mrs. Kochummen George	28
Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Kurian	28
Mr. and Mrs. Santhosh Itticheria	28
Mr and Mrs. Thomas K. Mathew	28
Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Eapen	29
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley George	29
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Thomas	30
Mr. and Mrs. Jomy Cherian	30
Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Philip	30
Mr. and Mrs. Renchi K. Thomas	30
Mr. and Mrs. Joy Mathew	31



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST	
1	07:30 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English
8	07:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in English (L2L) 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam
15	09:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English (Student Dedication Service)
22	07:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in English (L2L) 09:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam
29	09:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English

SEPTEMBER	
5	07:00 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam 09:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English

MAR THOMA LECTIONARY – AUGUST

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
1 Sunday	Beginning of Fifteen Days Lent - Social Responsibility of the Church (Mission Sunday) (10th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Amos. 2:1-8	Jam. 5:1-6
	Rom. 5:1-11	St. Mat. 25:31-46
6 Friday	Feast of Transfiguration	
	Exo.24:12-18	1 Pet. 1:16-21
	Heb. 12:18-29	St. Mark. 9:2-8
8 Sunday	Bear Witness to the Glory of the Lord (11th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Isa. 6:1-8	Phil. 3:7-16
	Acts. 2:22-36	St. Mark. 16:9-18
15 Sunday	Fifteen Days Fast Ends - Independence Day - Participation in Nation Building (12th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Exo. 15:1-8	Gal. 5:1-6
	Acts. 15:1-22	St. John. 8:31-38
22 Sunday	Reformation Day - Nurturing Gospel Values (13th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	2 Kings 23:1-11	Eph. 4:25-5:14
	1 Cor. 13:1-11	St. Mark. 11:12-18
29 Sunday	Holy Qurbana - Banquet of the Kingdom of God (14th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Exo. 16:9-21	1 Cor. 10:1-17
	Rev. 19:1-10	St. John. 6:30-58

MAR THOMA LECTIONARY – SEPTEMBER

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
5 Sunday	Jesus the Great Teacher - Education Day (15th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Prov.4:1-19	Col. 1:24-29
	Acts.22:1-15	St.Mat.11:25-30

BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST

Joshi George	1	Shanon George	14
Leena Philip	1	Aney M. Abraham	14
Benny K. Issac	1	Eipe Varghese	14
Freny Thomas	1	George A. Mammen	15
Saramma M. Varghese	1	Jasmine Abraham	15
Maya Rachel Caballero	2	Abraham George	15
Vinai Mathew	2	Samuel George	15
Ann Elizabeth Saji	2	Annamma John	15
Bobby Jacob	3	Susamma Philip	15
Proxoson J Cherian	3	K. J. Samuel	15
Ancy S. Mohan	4	Syna Sujai	16
Jacob Koshy	4	Jeffy Joseph Thomas	17
Aleyamma Ninan	4	Jacob George	17
Loveleena Alex	5	Thomas K. Thomas	17
Gijo P Abraham	5	Regina G. Mathew	18
Gino P Abraham	5	Ruby Idicula	18
Princy S Mathew	5	Mary George	18
Lillykutty Raju	5	Sunny Paul Kanampully	18
C. Thomas Thomas	5	Sravana Khandekar	18
Mariamamma John	6	Isaac Philip	18
Rensy Mathew	6	Saon Subith Mathew	18
Sarina P. Isaac	6	Aleyamma Cherian	19
Easo T. Varghese	6	Anu Elizabeth Cherian	21
Renay Alex	7	Aju P Kurian	21
Blessy S. Thomas	7	M. V. Mathew	22
Aleyamma Abraham	8	Eby K Mathew	23
Babitha A Mathew	8	Jeffrey Mathew	23
Sabitha R Mathew	8	Biju Koshy Varghese	24
Jacob Arackal	8	Leena Cherian	24
Jerin Thankam George	9	Ange Samuel	24
Preetha K. John	9	Karina S. Parel	25
Soosamma Chacko	9	Alwin M. Abraham	26
Jessy J Koshy	9	Jinu C Thomas	26
Mary Mammen	9	George Abraham	26
T. N. Thomas	9	Jinu C Thomas	26
Bejil O. Thomas	10	Aleyamma Varghese	26
Mariamamma Mathai	10	Sunu John	27
Mariamamma Thomas	10	Susie Mathew	27
Philipose C. Thomas	10	Salomi George	28
Bincy Philip	11	Sara Elizabeth Mathew	28
Jincy Philip	11	Shyla Annie Varghese	28
Emory Thomas Vivian	12	Vince Sam George	29
Saramma George	12	Ashley E. Abraham	30
Binu Joseph	12	Ashley R. Mohan	30
Veena Kenny	12	Joel G. Mathew	30
Pallathu J. Mathai	12	Robin A. Mathew	30
Alby Joseph	13	Rachelamma Mathai	30
Mia Elizabeth John	13	N. Mathew Philip	30
Rachel Varghese	13	Anu Thomas	30
Aaron B. Cherian	14	Marina P. Isaac	31
George Abraham	14	E. J. Jacob	31

YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Young Women's Fellowship will be held on August 21st at 11:00a.m. at the church. If you have any questions regarding the Young Women's Fellowship please contact Mrs. Anu Cherian at (312) 953-8121.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Sunday School Anniversary** will be held on August 14th, Saturday at 4PM. More details to follow.....
- **Student Dedication** will be held on August 15th, Sunday, during the service.
- **2010 Regional Teachers Retreat** will be hosted by Chicago Mar Thoma Church on August 21st Saturday at 10AM.
- **Teachers Dedication Ceremony** will be held on August 22nd Sunday, during the service.
- **Sunday School classes will begin on August 22nd Sunday.**

CHOIR

Malayalam Choir Practices will be held on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of every month from 2:00PM - 4:30PM. If there are any changes regarding the practice days & times, e-mail will be sent out to all of the Malayalam choir members.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend

Choir Festival 2010

**Saturday, August 7th
Chicago Mar Thoma Church
4:00 pm**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

MFL Tournament

Saturday, August 14th at 9:00a.m.

The Malayalee Football League will be holding a church-on-church flag football tournament on Saturday, August 14th at Harms Woods in Skokie. Please come out to watch and support our young men play in this tournament.

Questions? Contact Benji Kurian [benkurian1012@gmail.com]

PRAYER MEETINGS – AUGUST

DATE		Name & Address	Time	Area
Saturday	Sunday			
	8	Mr. George N. Mathai 6632 Davis St. Morton Grove, IL	6:30 p.m.	3
	8	Mr. Kuruvilla P. Samuel 33808 N. Shawnee Gages Lake, IL 60030	5:30 p.m.	9
(13th	FRIDAY)	Mr. Anish George Mathews N49W16169 Graysland Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051	6:30 p.m.	12
	15	Mr. Mathew Varghese 547 Waikiki Dr. Des Plaines, IL	5:00 p.m.	5
	15	Mr. Philipose C. Thomas 1705 Independence Mt. Prospect, IL	7:00 p.m.	7
(20th	FRIDAY)	Mr. Varkey Samuel 4241 Enfield Skokie, IL 60076	6:30 p.m.	2
21		Mr. Sateesh Thankachan 423 Old Walnut Circle Gurnee, IL 60031	5:30 p.m.	9
	22	Mr. Abraham George 1410 W. Russell Ct. Arlington Heights, IL	5:00 p.m.	6
	22	Mr. John Kurien 821 Kylemore Dr. Des Plaines, IL	7:00 p.m.	5
	29	Mr. Kochummen George 10217 Devonshire Munster, IN 46321	6:30 p.m.	11

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S SCHEDULE

Our Youth Chaplain, Rev. Alex Peter will be at:

- ✚ Bethel Marthoma Church on 1st Sunday
- ✚ St. Thomas Marthoma Church on 2nd Sunday
- ✚ Chicago Marthoma Church 3rd Sunday
- ✚ Detroit Marthoma Church on 4th Sunday

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SEVIKA SANGHOM

2010 Events for Sevika Sanghom

Grandparents' Day	Saturday, September 11, 2010
Sevika Sanghom Day	Sunday, September 12, 2010
National Conference	Thur. Sep. 30 – Sun. Oct. 3, 2010
Snack Sale	Sunday, October 24, 2010
Food Sale	Sunday, November 14, 2010

National Conference

The 11th National Sevika Sanghom Conference will be hosted by St. Mark's Marthoma Church, Tampa, Florida, from September 30th through October 3rd, 2010 at Christian Retreat Center, Bradenton, FL.

Sevika Sanghom and Edavaka Mission Bible studies:

- Region D - Area 9, 12 and part of 8 - 1st week
- Region A - Area 1, 2, 3, and area 11 - 2nd week
- Region B - Area 4 and 5 - 3rd week
- Region C - Area 6, 7, and part of areas 8 and 10

August Bible studies will be announced in the church on Sundays.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizen's Meeting will be held at the church on August 12th at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions regarding the meeting please contact Mr. Varghese Ninan at (847) 297-7087.

EDAVAKA MISSION

- **Edavaka Mission Annual Convention** is planned from **Thursday, August 26, 2010 to Sunday, August 29, 2010**. A well known Evangelist, a Physician and Cardiologist, Dr. Vino John Daniel will be the main speaker for the Annual Convention. The weekday evening meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm and the Saturday evening meeting will start at 6:30 pm. We also will have a special session for our youths on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 9.30 am. Please mark it in your calendars, save the dates and start praying for the blessing of the convention. We have to pray and request our Lord to use the Evangelist for the blessing of our congregation.

- Edavaka Mission plans to use the Annual Convention days to collect our **"One Days' Income"** to support the Mission activities of Mar Thoma Church. The collected funds will be utilized for the construction of Worship Places and Mission Homes in new Mission Fields and also for constructing Bible Colleges for training local candidates as Evangelists. It will be a great chance for us to directly be involved in the process of Evangelization, and we need your whole hearted support. The Lord has blessed us abundantly and it is our duty and obligation to take care of the Mission Fields.

- Edavaka Mission is planning to have a **"Food Sale"** to raise funds for our Mission Fields on **Sunday, August 29, 2010**, the final day of our Annual Convention. Everybody's prayerful participation is requested for the success of the "Food Sale".

Again, please pray for the blessing of our Annual Convention, for Evangelist and also for the success of all our upcoming events.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

"HARVEST FESTIVAL 2010" (HOME FOR HOMELESS Project) will be held at CMTC on August 14, 2010 (Saturday) at 4:30PM. We are welcoming all parishioners to attend this event and also requesting your prayers and support to make this event a successful one.

Where: Chicago Marthoma Church
When: August 14, 2010 (Saturday)
Time: 4:30PM-9:30PM

Events: Ganamela by MATHEW JOHN (Former Heartbeats Singer),
 Naaden Thattukada, Indian apparel & accessories sales.

-Yuvajana Sakhyam regular meetings will be held every second Sunday after second service. Any changes regarding the meetings will be notified to the YS - members via e-mail/phone call.