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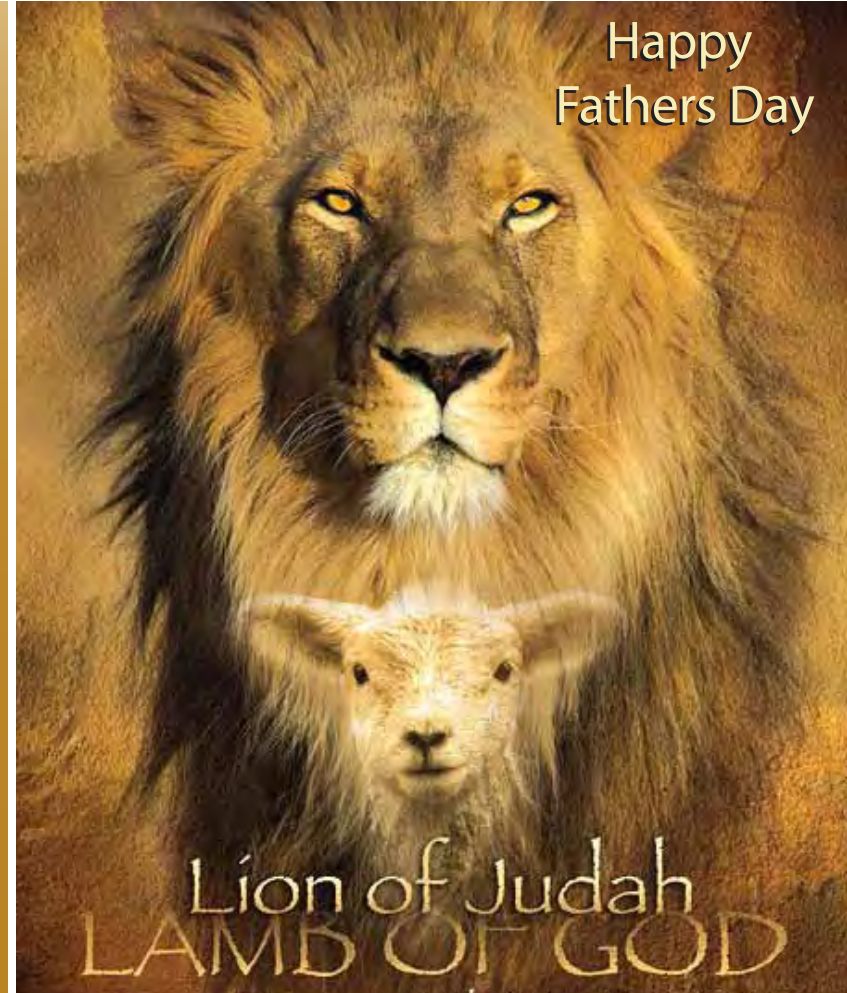


MAR THOMA LIFE TIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS, FB

JUNE 2011

Happy
Fathers Day



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WORSHIP



SCHEDULE

<p>June 5 <i>Wisdom and Knowledge—the Gift of God</i></p> <p>Area: FORT W & MID</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p> <p>GRADUATION</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: Prov. 2: 1-12 2nd Lesson: Jam. 3: 13-18 Epistle: Rom 11: 25-36 Gospel: St. Luke 2: 41-52</p>
<p>JUNE 12 <i>Holy Spirit who Renews the whole creation</i></p> <p>Area: GARLAND</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Joel 2:28-32 2nd Lesson: Acts 2:1-13 Epistle: Eph 4:17-24 Gospel: St. John 16:7-15</p>
<p>JUNE 19 <i>Trinity Sunday— Second Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>Area: IRVING NORTH</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: Gen 18: 1-15 2nd Lesson: Eph 2: 11-22 Epistle: 1 John 5:1-12 Gospel: Mat 3:13-17</p>
<p>JUNE 26 <i>Discipleship Called to take up The cross</i></p> <p>Area: IRVING SOUTH</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2 Kings 2: 1-15 2nd Lesson: 1 Pet 4: 12-19 Epistle: Phil. 2:12-18 Gospel: St. Luke 14: 25-33</p>
<p>JULY 3 <i>St. Thomas the Apostle's day</i></p> <p>Area: PLANO</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Isa 52: 7-15 2nd Lesson: 2 Tim 3: 10-17 Epistle: 1 Thess. 1: 2-9 Gospel: St. John 20: 24-29</p>

JUNE PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE



Area	Date	Residence of	Time
Carrollton East	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-18	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-25	TBD	6.30
Carrollton North	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-18	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-25	TBD	6.30
Carrollton West	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-18	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-25	TBD	6.30
Coppell	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-18	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-25	TBD	6.30
Dallas/ Mesquite	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-18	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-25	Graduation Program	6.30
Fort Worth & Mid Cities	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-18	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-25	TBD	6.30
Garland	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-12(Sun)	Abraham Thekemury	6:30
	06-18	John Jessen (At Church)	10:30
	06-25	TBD	6.30
Irving North	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-19(Sun)	Joji George	6:30
	06-25	Graduation Program	6.30
Irving South	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-18	Graduation Program	6:30
	06-25	TBD	6.30
Plano	06-04	Church Picnic	9:00
	06-11	Thomas K Mathews	7:00
	06-18	Jesse Verghese	6:30
	06-25	Shaji David	6.30

MESSAGE FROM YOUTH CHAPLAIN



WHEN FEAR KNOCKS...



What are you afraid of?! Why don't we step out of our comfort zones and "run the race" or "fight the good fight" in our Christian life? What is the connection between faith and fear?

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
— MARK 4:40 NIV

Fear is one of the least understood yet, one of the most powerful elements in the human experience. Although, the physiological response of fear may serve to physically protect in times of danger it may also likely work to "paralyze" spiritual, social, psychological and mental growth. That is why it is most important that we discern our fears and assert our faith towards a more fruitful Christian life and witness. Towards that end, we need:

True Courage to be Christians

In the gospel of St. Mark 4:35-41, this very concept of fear and faith are juxtaposed. In this passage, Jesus questions his disciples by asking, "why are you afraid? Have you still no faith? (v.40)". That is, in one sense their fear is established as equal to lack of faith. It is a subtle way of not believing, of not trusting in the Lord. It is subtle because it does not seem like rejection, but we have to look at things more in depth. The harsh conditions in which the poor are living, the violence present in the world and the discouragement that this produces are serious challenges to the evangelizing task of the church in the world. In light of this situation, some find reasons not to see reality truly as it is; in this way they try to escape from the commitments that a truly evangelical attitude and mission demands. Often it is the fear of losing present security to assume total availability to the Lord's will. Thus, it is truly when we "let go and let God" that we may fulfill the mission identity that we are *all* called to in the commission, "as the Father sent me, so I send you" (St. John 20:21). As such, we must recognize that fear in the presence of challenges of the gospel hides something very grave: faith.

True Love to be Christians

"But if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone and the new as come". 2 Corinthians 5:17. We often tend to be afraid of what is new. We are comfortable with our mediocrity and prefer to travel on known roads where those we encounter would greet us rather than question us. We are inclined to cover the message of the gospel which is always life and newness in old frameworks. The priority thus seems to be peace and tranquility first, than gospel demands. However, as Christians we must perpetuate the newness of our faith through love and service to others. That is, being in Christ requires imagination and creativity placed at the service of others. Thus, Christians are those who constantly invent forms of loving, in terms of real relationships, sacrificial service to our neighbors, especially the most needy, poor and oppressed. This requires not being narrow-mindedly distracted by the problems we may invent to avoid looking at the inhuman reality face-to-face and to stay on grounds that do not question us. As St. Paul says the "love of Christ urges me on"; let us experience the same urgency (2 Cor. 5:14). Love is the deepest source of our joy but, it also demands that we be open to God and to the lives of others. If there is faith there is not fear of difficulties or threats. So, let us move forward for God in faith and love!

May God strengthen us to grow express our faith in boldness through our word, thoughts and deeds!

Prayers and Love, Your brother in Christ, Jaisen Achen

Birth and Baptism:

* Biju Varghese and Shirly of Coppell prayer group are blessed with a baby boy Asher Biju Varghese in April, 2011

* Mathew Aringada George, son of Ginu and Mary George got baptized in May, 2011

* Emilia Susan Bryte, daughter of Bryte and Latha (Coppell) got baptized in May, 2011

VICAR'S MESSAGE - JUNE

The month has come when we are happy to be part of a group, which has a privilege to be called GRADUATE.

A man has three names :

THE NAME HE INHERITS

THE NAME HIS/HER PARENT GIVES

AND ,THE NAME HE/SHE MAKES FOR SELF.

The real success is often related to the economical status. Watch out! Chasing after success can make you rush right by what 's most important in life. Nobody will deny that we need money and the necessities it purchases, but how much is enough? Fame,



fortune and possessions are no guarantee of contentment.....they almost always leave us desiring more. We can see lot of people in their busy life run so fast that at the winning stand they find themselves alone. A person can't enjoy his/her birthday without "other "to enjoy with him/her. Our real joy is in relationship with family and friends, whom we can find closeness at all time. History never remember the financially rich but remembers those who lived their life for "other" in true relationship. God is richest among anyone I know, as He owns the whole universe and all that it has, yet He took the servant hood to redeem us. The true happiness is the peace of mind and heart. A true Christian is always known for his /her reactions ,an action which is beyond our control.

Trials and tragedy will visit every person at some point in life. What will adversity reveal in you and me? When difficulty occur, it's easy to react in anger ,blaming others or it ends in self -pity. Mature believers, however, should recognize that life's challenges are opportunities to grow in their faith. When you respond with a godly attitude ,not only do you glorify the Father, but your life also provides a compelling witness to those around you. The book of Genesis speaks about Joseph ,a young man ,who went with trials and tragedy, yet grow in faith and became a strong man ,who was able to support others to stand firm.

Education should help us to know the difference between "darkness" and "True Light". A real teacher is one who pulls other from darkness to light. Let our education help us to lead a life in LIGHT.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL GRADUATES.BEST WISHES FOR FUTURE.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS.....

Day	Names	Prayer Group
1	Laji Kuriem	Coppell
	Kuruvilla Varughese	Irving South
	Flossy Chandy	Plano
	Babu Varghese	Carrollton West
	Aleyamma Mathew	Carrollton East
	Dr. Daisy Santosh	Dallas / Mesquite
	Cindy Daniel	Carrollton East
2	Thomas Abraham	Irving North
	Steven Mathew	Irving South
	Abraham Jose	Other Area
	Saramma Varughese	Coppell
	Rita Andrews	Coppell
3	Nibin Chacko	Dallas / Mesquite
	Rintu Varghese	Carrollton East
	Aleyamma Mathew	Carrollton East
	Tom Jacob	Coppell
	T D Georgekutty	Carrollton North
4	Rajan Varughese	Irving South
	Susannamma Philipose	Carrollton West
	Bindhu Mathai	Garland
5	Annamma Johnson	Irving North
	Juby Mathew	Carrollton North
	Jolly George	Irving South
	Victor A Varughese	Garland
	Jeevan Varghese	Garland
	Varghese T. John	Coppell
6	Babu V Karimpanamannil	Garland
	Jane Chandy	Plano
	Justin Chandy	Plano
7	T P Mathew	Garland
	Isabella Sophie Varughese	Carrollton East
	Jacob Chandy	Plano
	Annie Chacko	Carrollton West
	John Varughese	Carrollton East
8	Saramma George	Carrollton East
	Susan Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
9	Alex G Kolath	Garland
	Priyanka Mathew	Irving South
10	Annamma Mathew	Garland
	Meeval L Thomas	Dallas / Mesquite
	Lal Varghese	Coppell
	T M Varghese	Carrollton East
11	Shreya Susan Mathew	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Jacob K Chacko	Dallas / Mesquite
	Angelica Mathew	Plano
	Vincy Alex	Carrollton East
	Benita Thomas	Carrollton East
12	Niobe M Eapen	Irving North
	Benjamin Jacob	Irving North
	Anil Jacob	Coppell
	Nancy Elizabeth Mathew	Coppell
	Joshua Joseph	Garland
	Lilly K Mathews	Carrollton West
13	Melissa T Mathew	Coppell
	Jibi Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Christopher Zacharia	Fort Worth Mid Cities

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN JUNE 2011



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC



June 4th Saturday

Time 9am- 4 pm

Venue: City of Farmers Branch Park,
13000 William Dodson Pkway,
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

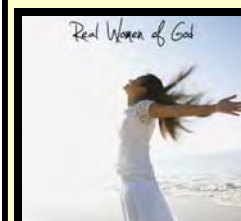
Contact: Philip Thomas 214- 415-5688

SWRYF WOMEN'S RETREAT

Date: Friday, June 17 - June 19

Venue: Mar Thoma Church of
Dallas, Carrollton (1400 W.
Frankford Rd. Carrollton, TX
75007)

Speaker: Teri Fusilier LPC



The theme is: "Lies Women Believe - Truth that Sets Them Free!"



GRADUATION SUNDAY ON JUNE 5TH

CONGRATULATIONS



HAPPY FATHERS DAY

ON JUNE 19

**SAVIKA SANGHAM
CENTRE 'A' SEMINAR
DATE: June 11, 2011
Time: 10 AM-1 PM**

SEMINAR

Venue: Sehion Mar Thoma Church
Free Admission and Lunch will be provided.



**Family Conference begins at Edmonton
June 30**

JUNE.2011 Wedding Anniversaries



Date	Names	Prayer Group
1	Babu V Karimpanamanni & Aleykutty Babu	Garland
	Joseph M & Moly Varughese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
3	Mathew P Mammen & Anu Mathew	Coppell
	James & Suma Abraham	Carrollton North
	C M Mathew & Annamma Mathew	Coppell
	George & Manju Maliakal	Carrollton North
5	Easaw G & Sara Maliakal	Carrollton North
	Biju & Bini Thomas	Carrollton North
	Princely P John & Suma Princely	Carrollton North
	Jose & Annie Thankachan	Carrollton North
6	Thomas & Sobha Skariah	Irving South
	T. K. Kurian & Omana Kurian	Carrollton North
7	Melvin & Ancy Philip	Carrollton North
9	Sabu & Jessie George	Carrollton East
	Alex V Easo & Annie Alex	Carrollton East
10	Suju & Ciny Mathew	Garland
	John Kombikunnathu & Annamma John	Carrollton West
	Anwar Achankunju and Priya Varghese	Irving North
11	George & Liezy Varghese	Coppell
	John C & Aleyamma Mathew	Carrollton East
	Raju & Sosamma George	Dallas / Mesquite
12	Varughese & Shaila Mathew	Plano
	Winslow & Susan Idicula	Garland
	Manu & Reema Cherian	Plano
14	Rubin Philip & Ligy Abraham	Coppell
	Laji & Sajanu Kurien	Coppell
	John & Sosamma Mathew	Plano
15	Christo & Suja Jacob	Plano
	Jacob Varughese & Mary Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Reji & Susan Mathew	Irving North
17	Vincent & Manju Varughese	Garland
	Santhosh Thomas Paul & Susan Thomas	Garland
19	Jesse J & Sheba Varghese	Plano
	Mathew & Liji George	Plano
	John Sunny & Elizabeth John	Garland
	Aby & Ajitha George	Plano
20	Jecku & Leslie Jacob	Coppell
	Shaju & Suma Chacko	Plano
22	Thomas & Susy Abraham	Irving North
	Eipe & Sicily Skariah	Irving South
23	Alumkal S & Chachiamma Abraham	Carrollton North
	K C Samuel & Thresa Samuel	Irving South
24	Biju & Shirly Varghese	Coppell
25	Saji & Jolly Raju	Carrollton North
26	George Mathew Thompil & Thankamma	Carrollton North
	Lijoy & Leny Philipose	Garland
	Leny Susan Philipose	Garland
27	Mathew T George & Rachalamma Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Dr. Cherian V Samuel & Dr. Molly Cherian	Carrollton West
	P I Cherian & Celene Cherian	Coppell
28	Josen & Beena George	Carrollton West
	Chacko & Annamma Johnson	Irving North
30	P V John & Aleyamma John	Garland
	Mathew K & Bindhu Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite

JUNE BIRTHDAYS.....

Date	Name	Prayer Group
15	Princy Abraham	Carrollton North
	Reeja Varghese	Irving South
	Aydan Joseph George	Garland
16	Rachel John	Carrollton North
	Jewel Ann George	Carrollton West
	Thampy Abraham	Irving South
17	Sheba George	Irving South
18	Ebby Abraham	Coppell
19	Mary George	Coppell
	Shalie Mary Abraham	Carrollton North
	Joshua Mathew George	Plano
	Aleyamma Mathew	Fort Worth Mid Cities
20	Anil Mathews	Dallas / Mesquite
	Shane Eapen	Carrollton East
	Mercy Sunil	Carrollton West
21	Shelly M Samuel	Carrollton East
	Latha Chacko	Dallas / Mesquite
	Christo Mathew	Coppell
22	Thomas Eapen	Carrollton East
	Andrew Varghese George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Seema Chacko	Other Area
	Elizabeth Thomas	Irving South
23	Elsamma George	Carrollton West
	Molamma G Thomas	Dallas / Mesquite
	Christo Mekkathukulam	Plano
24	Tara Thomas	Coppell
	Binsy Sojan Easow	Plano
	Anuja Thomas	Plano
	Dr. Tim Thomas Issac	Garland
25	Thomas Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Mary Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Jaya M Joseph	Garland
	Jacob K Oommen	Other Area
26	Siji Ann Sebastian	Dallas / Mesquite
	Juliann Marie Idichandy	Garland
	Alex Abraham	Carrollton North
27	Mary Varghese	Irving South
	Angel Soji	Carrollton East
28	Manju Chacko	Coppell
	Jessica George	Dallas / Mesquite
29	Divya Sara Thomas	Irving North
	Shani Joseph	Carrollton East
	Tara Thankachan	Carrollton North
	Ronnie Kurian	Irving North
	V A Alexander	Carrollton North
30	Nina Alexander	Dallas / Mesquite
	Babu C Mathew	Garland
	Siby Abraham	Garland
30	Jainey John	Carrollton West
	Brandon Jacob	Carrollton West
	Cyril Abraham	Carrollton North
	Shannon Grace Mathew	Plano
	David G Kurian	Plano

Sunday School Talent Fest - 2011

Pre K	KG	Grade 1	Grade 2
Jun 12 Memory Verse Jun 19 Singing – <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> Jun 26 Story Telling – <i>Lesson 5: Zachaeus Meets Jesus</i> OR <i>Lesson 15: God's Great Gift: Baby Jesus</i>	Jun 19 Singing – <i>His Banner over me is Love</i> Jun 26 Story Telling – <i>Noah's Ark</i> OR <i>Jesus Feeds Five Thousand</i> Jul 2 Memory Verse	Jun 12 Memory Verse Jun 19 Singing – <i>TBD</i> Jun 26 Story Telling - <i>TBD</i>	Jun 12 Memory Verse Jun 19 Singing – <i>I'll sing of the mercies of Lord Forever</i> Jun 26 Story Telling – <i>Lesson 30: Showing Kindness</i> <i>Story of Good Samaritan</i> OR <i>Lesson 9: Jeremiah – Call and Obedience</i>
Grades 3, 4 Jun 12 Memory Verse Jun 19 Singing (<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>) Jun 26 Bible Reading (TBD)		Grades 5, 6 Jun 12 Singing (<i>Pass me not O gentle Savior</i>) Jun 19 Memory Verse Jun 26 Elocution (<i>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom</i>)	
Grades 7, 8 Jun 12 Singing (<i>Rock of Ages</i>) Jun 19 Memory Verse Jun 26 Elocution (<i>Role of Prayer in a faithful Christian life</i>)		Grades 9, 10 Jun 12 Singing (<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>) Jun 19 Memory Verse Jun 26 Elocution (<i>Christian identity in the midst of peer pressure</i>)	
Grades 11, 12 Jun 12 Singing (<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i>) Jun 19 Memory Verse Jun 26 Elocution (<i>Am I my Brother's keeper? Genesis 3:9</i>)		Grades 5 and above (Bible Quiz Team Selection) Portion – Genesis Chapters 1-21 (NIV) July 10 th : Written quiz will be held for students who are interested in participating in the regional quiz competition. Based on the scores, 7 finalists and 2 alternates will be selected to compete in the regional quiz competition to be held at Sehion MTC on Sept 24 th 2011.	

Songs – First two stanzas
 Elocution - Grades 5-8 (3 min)
 Grades 9-12 (5 min)

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ENJOY YOUR VACATION TO INDIA AND WE MISS YOU HERE !



VBS 2011

When: July 22, 23, 24
Time: 9am - 4pm
Where: Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, FB
Contact: Thomas Andrews, Susan Jacob

Registration - \$10/Child.

Please register your children on-line @

<http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/mtcfbvbs2011>

Or in person at church.

Your prayers and generous financial support is appreciated

SWRYF WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

LIES WOMEN BELIEVE

MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS, CARROLLTON

"THEN YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE."
JOHN 8:32

Speaker: Ms. Teri Fusilier, LPC

JUNE 17TH - 19TH

Registration Fee: \$25 per person