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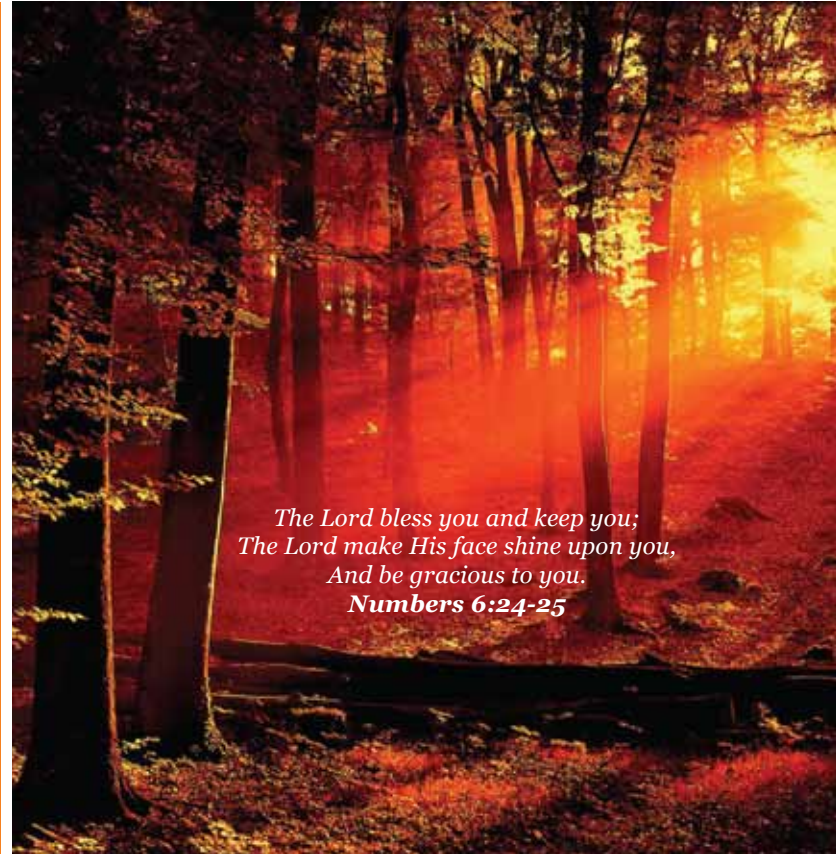
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MAR THOMA LIFE TIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS, FB

OCTOBER 2011



*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
Numbers 6:24-25*

*Mar Thoma Fest 2011
October 1st*



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WORSHIP



SCHEDULE

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| <p>Oct 2 <i>Christian witness In a secular world</i></p> <p>Area: Parish Mission</p> | <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM) EDAVAKA MISSION SUNDAY</p>  | <p>1st Lesson: Dan 3: 16-30 2nd Lesson: Acts 18: 24-28 Epistle: 1 Thess. 1: 1-19 Gospel: St. Mat 5: 10-16</p> |
| <p>Oct 9 <i>Solidarity with differently abled</i></p> <p>Area: Youth Fellowship</p> | <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH) YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY</p>  | <p>1st Lesson: Gen 39: 1-10 2nd Lesson: Phil 3: 1-11 Epistle: 1 Tim 4: 6-16 Gospel: Mark 10: 17-22</p> |
| <p>Oct 16 <i>True Spirituality In the age of Information Tech.</i></p> <p>Area: Yuvajana Sakhyam</p> | <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM) SUNDAY</p>  | <p>1st Lesson: Gen 39: 1-10 2nd Lesson: Phil 3: 1-11 Epistle: 1 Tim 4: 6-16 Gospel: Mark 10: 17-22</p> |
| <p>Oct 23 <i>Reformation In the family</i></p> <p>Area: CARR. North</p> | <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10.15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH) Sunday School</p> | <p>1st Lesson: Deu 4: 25-32 2nd Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-12 Epistle: Eph 3: 14-21 Gospel: St. Mat 12: 46-50</p> |
| <p>Oct 30 <i>Sanctification of The Church</i></p> <p>Area: Carr. West</p> | <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p> | <p>1st Lesson: Exo. 40: 1-14 2nd Lesson: Rev 2: 12-17 Epistle: 1 Cor 3: 10-17 Gospel: St. Luke 19: 45-48</p> |

OCT. PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE



| Area | Date | Residence of | Time |
|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Carrollton East | 10-01 10-15 10-22 10-29 | Mar Thoma Fest TBD TBD TBD | 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:30 |
| Carrollton North | 10-09(Sun) 10-16(Sun) 10-22 10-29 | Aby Thomas Saju Abraham Jose Cherian TBD | 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:30 |
| Carrollton West | 10-01 10-15 10-22 10-29 | Mar Thoma Fest TBD TBD TBD | 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:30 |
| Coppell | 10-01 10-15 10-22 10-30(Sun) | TBD Laji Kurien TBD Philip Thomas (Thampy) | 6:30 7:00 6:30 6:30 |
| Dallas/ Mesquite | 10-08 10-15 10-22 10-29 | TBD Mathew T George TBD George Thomas | 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:30 |
| Fort Worth & Mid Cities | 10-08 10-15 10-22 10-29 | TBD TBD George Thomas (Shibu) TBD | 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:30 |
| Garland | 10-08 10-16(Sun) 10-22 10-29 | T P Mathew Abraham Theckemury Santhosh T Paul K K Raju | 7:00 7:00 7:00 7:00 |
| Irving North | 10-08 10-16(Sun) 10-22 10-29 | TBD Koshy T George TBD TBD | 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:30 |
| Irving South | 10-08 10-15 10-22 10-29 | TBD George Varghese TBD Rev. P V Thomas | 6:30 7:00 6:30 7:00 |
| Plano | 10-08 10-15 10-22 10-29 | Varughese Mathew Picnic Sojan Easow Aby George | 7:00 0:00 7:00 7:00 |



What is the heart of discipleship? Who do you truly follow in life?

I am no longer my own, but thine

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

Exalted for thee or brought low by thee

Let me be full, let me be empty

Let me have all things, let me have nothing

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven, Amen.

The above prayer is John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

that testifies his call as a disciple of Jesus Christ founded in his love for our Savior.



“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me” (St. Matt. 10:37). Through these surprising words, Jesus Christ makes it clear that discipleship is an option and result of love. Thus, it is the freedom and demand of love. Following Christ and his teachings supposes loving him and reflects an act of freedom. Additionally, Christ entrusts his disciples and each one of us with a mission. The mission is to reflect and reveal Christ through our lives to the world, which provides meaning for their and our lives. Christ does not deny our relationships in this world but, it is in relationship to him that we truly attain meaning for our life. Therefore, it is our relationship and love towards Christ that supersedes (not denies) all others. So, our fidelity to Christ is our fidelity to His mission and witness. In this way, we must make Jesus' journey our own. That is, the true lesson of incarnation must be revealed through a life of humility and selflessness. The essence of baptism should be in our character wherein death to sin is death to selfishness, to our inability to welcome others (Romans 6:3-4). As such, discipleship is the very freedom to love and follow Christ and to live in union with Him. Let us be careful that our love is not misplaced lest we follow our own devices. May God Almighty strengthen us in to love and live as His disciples all our days!

Prayers and Love,
Your brother in Christ,
Jaisen Achen 214-604-6678



The month of October ,full of programs as usual. This month can be called as a month of orignations. I thank God for all the leadership qualities which we find through these organizations. Let's be thankful to our church which helps us to develop and nurture such talents .This month is special too as I am going to do more Marriage Bann ,than I have ever did in one month. Thus, this month I want to write about marriage...no about "Christian Marriage".

On her golden wedding anniversary, a grandmother revealed the secret of her long and happy marriage. She said "On my wedding day ,I decided to choose ten of my husband's faults which, for the sake of our marriage, I would overlook, "A guest asked her to name some of the faults."To tell the truth, "she replied, "I never did get around to listing them. But whenever my husband did something that made me mad, I would say to myself," Lucky for him, that's one of the ten". No one is perfect. So marriage is the union of two imperfect people, with their individual faults, bad habits ,and undesirable qualities. As Christian, marriage should be place to practice grace. When you can look past the fault of your spouse and concentrate on encouraging him or her, you will find satisfaction and peace. If you choose to turn his or her fault into the only things you can see about your spouse, you will find yourself in a lonely marriage. These small imperfections will be in our memories when we grow together. A Christian marriage demonstrates love through grace ,forgiveness, mutual submission and with mutual respect. It should be understood as a covenant relationship not as a contract between two parties. It is not two who come together ,but God is the one who unites them as husband and wife. God started the institution of marriage by making Eve and joining her with Adam. If God has chosen your partner ,then He has given you the best you can have. Often failure happens because the choice was ours biased on worldly criteria. Let me wish and bless all those who are going to be in the wedlock. May the God Almighty shower His grace of understanding to stand as an example for others to follow. Best wishes for happy married life

Let me wish best of luck for the upcoming MarThoma Fest 2011,through which we will support mission fields. Please join hand with convener and his team to make this event a great success. Let me wish best of luck to organization. with prayers

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS.....

| Date | Name | Prayer Group |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Kunjamma Abraham | Carrollton North |
| | Joseph Skariah | Carrollton East |
| | Joshua Alex George | Carrollton East |
| | Jobin K Mathew | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 2 | Telsa Subi George | Dallas / Mesquite |
| | Jessy Mathews | Carrollton West |
| | Jerry Abraham | Garland |
| 4 | Rhea Zachariah | Plano |
| | Ammini Daniel | Carrollton East |
| | Smita Koshy | Plano |
| | Ranji Mathews Thekkil | Garland |
| 5 | Ajit George | Irving South |
| | Sharon Annie George | Carrollton East |
| | Shawn Mathew | Plano |
| | Juliet Andrews | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| 6 | Prince Joseph | Irving South |
| | Reyan Abraham | Carrollton North |
| | Somar Thomas | Carrollton East |
| | Jane Alex | Coppell |
| | Akhil Matthew Santosh | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 8 | Achamma Joseph | Carrollton East |
| | Asha Alexander | Coppell |
| | George V Skariah | Irving South |
| | Keren Christo | Plano |
| 9 | Jeena Jacob | Dallas / Mesquite |
| | Saramma Joseph | Carrollton East |
| | Joby Mathews | Carrollton West |
| 10 | Samuel Punnamoottil | Coppell |
| | Elizabeth Susan Yohannan | Carrollton North |
| 11 | Elizabeth Daniel | Carrollton North |
| | Suma Chacko | Plano |
| | Adam T Mathew | Irving South |
| | Berly Yuhanon Panachakunnel | Carrollton North |
| 12 | Alex P Philip | Plano |
| | Santosh George | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 13 | Kurien Oommen | Carrollton West |
| 14 | Jisha Jacob | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| | Mathew Varghese | Garland |
| | Ligy Abraham | Coppell |
| | Rachel P Daniel | Carrollton East |
| 15 | Aleyamma Abraham | Garland |
| | Cassia Marie Joseph | Coppell |
| | Shelly John | Carrollton East |
| | Sam Abraham | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| 16 | Roby James | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| | Jennifer Princely | Carrollton North |
| | Aleyamma George | Carrollton West |
| 17 | Sherin Philip | Coppell |
| | Alvin George | Irving North |
| | Greeshma Sara Jose | Carrollton North |
| | Justin Andrews | Coppell |
| | Bamini Thomas | Coppell |

SAVIKA SANGHAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fun With Purpose

Fun with Purpose is a program to encourage women to come together for an informal get together for devotion, games, and other fun filled activities

Date: Saturday, October 8th

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Sevika Sangham Retreat

Topic: *Dealing with Domestic issues in a Christian perspective*

Date: Saturday, October 15th

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Deppi Pirivu & Saujanya Danam

All Sevika Sangham members are requested to contribute towards Deppi pirivu and Saujanya Danam in October. These contributions support children's and evangelistic work of the Mar Thoma Sabha.

National Savika Sangham Conference at Chicago
Savika Sangham general body meeting on 23rd Oct

Edavaka Mission News

Mission Partners meeting will be on October 12, 2011 (Wednesday) at 7-00PM at our Church. This will be a good time for all the 'Mission Partners' to have an awareness of our Mission fields in India and in our Neighborhood which we are supporting. Edavaka Mission is inviting all the Mission Partners to attend this meeting.

For more information of 'Mission Partner' program or about this meeting please contact one of the Edavaka Mission Office bearers.

**Mission Partners may please support by a pass through check in favor of MTCFB: Mission Partner --- \$ 120 / year
Srikakulam Missionary Support-- \$ 420 / year**



PARISH CHOIR AUDITION

If you wish to be a part of our church choir, please sign up for this choir audition.

Date: October 30th, Sunday from 2 PM
Venue: Farmers Branch Mar Thoma Church.

Oct. 2011 Wedding Anniversaries



| Date | Name | Prayer Group |
|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | Isaac & Mary Parampottil | Coppell |
| | O C Thomas & Susamma Thomas | Irving North |
| 6 | T P Mathew & Annamma Mathew | Garland |
| 8 | Toby Philip & Bincy Toby | Carrollton West |
| | Sam & Sosamma Abraham | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| | Aji Jacob Rajan & Diana Daniel | Irving North |
| 9 | Alexander Joseph & Jessy Alexander | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| 10 | Abraham Theckemury & Aleyamma Abraham | Garland |
| 11 | Zachariah Thomas & Sosamma Zachariah | Coppell |
| 14 | Varghese P & Mary Mathew | Carrollton North |
| 16 | John P John & Sosamma John | Carrollton North |
| 18 | Amith & Julie Varghese | Carrollton East |
| 19 | Biju E Mathew & Moby Mathew | Irving North |
| | C V Thomas & Mary Thomas | Carrollton East |
| 23 | Renil & Nina Samuel | Irving North |
| 24 | Varghese A Thomas & Sara T Varghese | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| 25 | P S Cherian & Aleyamma Cherian | Carrollton North |
| | Mr & Mrs. Mathews | Coppell |
| 26 | Abraham Mathew & Reena Abraham | Carrollton North |
| 27 | Vinod Mathew Abraham & Manju Vinod | Carrollton North |
| 30 | P E Easow & Mary Easow | Plano |
| 31 | Alex K Chacko & Annie Chacko | Carrollton West |

Birth



Benson & Manju Chacko of Coppell prayer group, now live in El Paso Texas, are blessed with a baby girl Hannah Faith Chacko on Sept, 2011.

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| Date | Name | Prayer Group |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Alvin George | Carrollton West |
| | Hanna Merin Varughese | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 18 | Achenkunju Chandy | Plano |
| | Diana Varghese | Garland |
| | Kevin Paul | Carrollton East |
| | C J Benjamin | Carrollton East |
| | Previn Varghese | Carrollton West |
| | Raju Mathew | Irving South |
| 19 | Dr. Sanjay Philip Oommen | Irving North |
| | Sosamma Mathews | Coppell |
| | Nikita Sojan | Plano |
| | David George | Plano |
| | Joel B Abraham | Dallas / Mesquite |
| | Reena Mathew | Irving South |
| | Sunny Kovoov | Plano |
| 20 | Shane C Alexander | Garland |
| | Jacob Daniel | Carrollton North |
| | Elsy Benjamin | Carrollton East |
| | Valsamma Jacob | Coppell |
| | Joanna Skariah | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 21 | Eugene George Mathew | Irving North |
| | Shibu Mathew | Garland |
| | Leela Varghese | Plano |
| | Yuhanon Chacko Panachakunnel | Carrollton North |
| 22 | Roshan V Mathew | Carrollton West |
| | Stanley Cherian | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| | Sosamma Abraham | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| 23 | Sheryl Ansu George | Carrollton North |
| | Allen G Thomas | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 24 | Manish John | Carrollton North |
| | Aiden Varghese George | Irving North |
| | Joy Jacob | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 25 | Aleyamma Cherian | Carrollton North |
| | Bipin George John | Irving North |
| | Lizy David | Plano |
| 26 | Susan Thomas | Garland |
| | Regina Ann Mathews | Coppell |
| | Nincy Mathew | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 27 | Subin Paul Thomas | Garland |
| | Sunny Abraham | Carrollton East |
| | Mathukutty V Eapen | Irving North |
| | Megan A Varghese | Dallas / Mesquite |
| 28 | Aby Thomas | Carrollton North |
| | Annette S Kurian | Plano |
| | Bilue Thomas | Carrollton East |
| 29 | Neha Marie Kalluvilayil | Carrollton North |
| | Aby George | Plano |
| | Sunitha S George | Carrollton North |
| 30 | Sajan John | Fort Worth Mid Cities |
| | Leslie Thomas | Coppell |
| 31 | Ponnamma Mathews | Plano |

Mar Thoma

Fest

2011 Time: 2:00pm - 9:30pm

Saturday, October 1st

Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch
11550 Luna Road, Dallas, Texas 75234

Charity for Humanity
Supporting Snehatheeram, MCRD, and Local Missions.

FREE Admission

Entertainment & Activities

- Basketball Tournament
- Fun & Games
- Chess Match
- Stalls
- Group Dances
- Bounce houses
- Fun Express Train
- Dunk Tank
- Pony Rides
- Skits
- Cultural Programs
- Delicious South & North Indian Food

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER 2011 YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



Youth Sunday October 9th

2011 SWRYF Conference

Hosted by: St. Paul's YF

Theme: Prison Break: Breaking the Chains of Sin
Speaker: Rev. Alan Hitt

Date: Friday, October 28 - Sunday, October 30, 2011

Venue: Camp (8200 East McKinney St. Denton, TX 76208)

Youth general body meeting on 9th October



YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday on October 16th.
National Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference
at St Pauls' MTC from 7th Oct. Friday - 9th Oct

Arkansas Trip on October 28 & 29

Yuvajana Sakhyam General body meeting
on 30th Oct 2011 after church service



EDAVAKA MISSION

Edavaka Mission Sunday -Oct 2nd
Mission Partner meeting on Oct. 12th at Church
from 7 P.M. Speaker :Rev.Anoop ,CSI- Speaker

Edavaka Mission General Body on 26th Oct at Church at 7 P.M.