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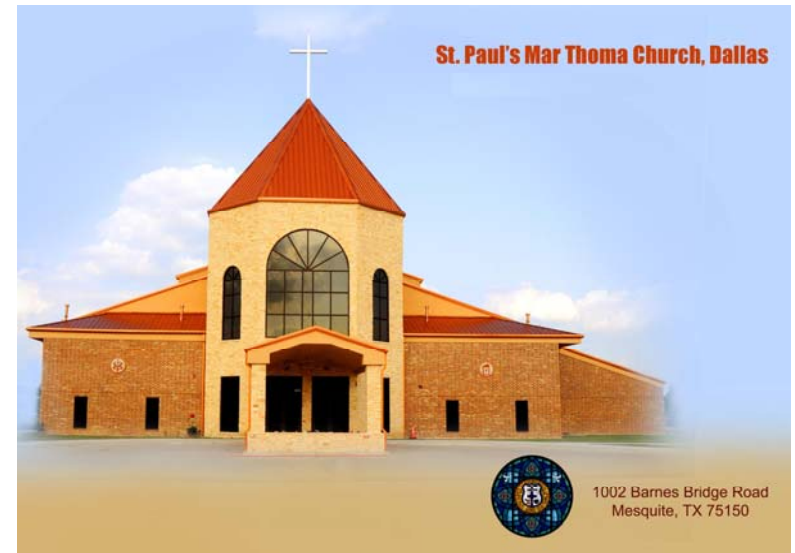


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# THE EPISTLE

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## ***BIRTHDAYS***

2-Jul	Felix Cherian	Agape	19-Jul	Sion Philip	Emmanuel
2-Jul	Kezia Sara Alex	Agape	19-Jul	Susan Kurien	Manna
3-Jul	Christine Kurien	Manna	19-Jul	Susan Anish	Agape
6-Jul	Mariamamma George	Emmanuel	20-Jul	Aaron Rajith	Ebenezer
6-Jul	Yohan Eapen Alex	Agape	21-Jul	Leelamma James	Manna
8-Jul	Reji Philip Thomas	Agape	21-Jul	Mathy Mathai	Emmnauel
9-Jul	Alvin John	Ebenezer	23-Jul	Sosamma Mathai	Manna
9-Jul	Laly Kurian	Shalom	24-Jul	Easow Chacko	Agape
12-Jul	Kiran Abraham Alex	Agape	24-Jul	Hannah Joseph	Agape
15-Jul	Jayne Sarah Thomas	Emmanuel	27-Jul	Suma Philip	Emmanuel
15-Jul	Jobin P.Mathew	Manna	27-Jul	Shalu M. Philip	Agape
15-Jul	Kevin Mathew	Ebenezer	29-Jul	Baby Mathai	Agape
15-Jul	Saumia S. Thomas	Ebenezer	29-Jul	Aleyamma Mathew	Agape
15-Jul	Thara Joseph	Agape	29-Jul	Mariamamma Joseph	Agape
16-Jul	Neena Ann Pappachen	Ebenezer	30-Jul	Jeena Aju	Agape
17-Jul	Christy Kurien	Manna	31-Jul	Sachin John	Ebenezer
17-Jul	Aben Alex Koshy	Agape	31-Jul	Tiju Abraham	Ebenezer
18-Jul	Lijin John	Agape			
19-Jul	Aliyamma Geevarghese	Agape			
19-Jul	Babu P. Simon	Agape			

## ***WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES***

1-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Raju Varghese	Manna	24-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Koshy	Manna
10-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Oommen	Manna	28-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Babu	Agape
11-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Anil Mathew	Manna	30-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Koshy	Agape
11-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Easo	Manna	31-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Shiju Baby	Agape
11-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Mammen	Emmanuel			
12-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Cherian P.P.	Manna			
15-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Soji Skariah	Agape			
16-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese K. Mathew	Emmnauel			
16-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. John Yohannan	Ebenezer			
22-Jul	Mr. & Mrs. Siby Joseph	Agape			

**MESSAGE FROM VICAR**

“Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. – Luke 2:19

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As parents, we love to remember the developmental milestones of our children. We will record in a baby book when our little ones first roll over, then crawl, and take their first steps. Often we will take photographs and save baby clothing to bring back the memories of those precious experiences.

According to Luke 2:19, Mary the mother of Jesus, kept a baby book of sorts – in her heart. She treasured the promises that had been given about her Son and ‘pondered them.’ The Greek word for ‘ponder’ means ‘placing together for comparison.’ Mary had heard of great things concerning her son from angels and shepherds (1:32; 2:17, 18). As his life unfolded, she would compare those promises with how her son acted to fulfill them.

Our faith will be strengthened and we will be encouraged when we meditate on what the Scriptures say about God and compare it with the way He works in our own lives(John 14:21). He is God who answers prayer (1 John 5:14, 15), comforts us in our suffering (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4), and provides for our needs. When we take time to ponder, we will see the faithfulness of our great God.

As we host this year’s Ecumenical Convention let our humble prayers be: “O Father, may I find again the dreams of childhood, when thoughts of You filled me with peace and I longed to know you more. Give me a faith that trusts you implicitly.”

- Sam Achen

*Lectioary/Worship Information*

<b>Sunday, July 5, 2015</b> Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Exo. 36:2-7	<b>Epistle:</b> Phil.4:10-20
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts. 5:1-15	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke. 19:11-27
<b>Sunday, July 12, 2015</b> Ordained Ministry: Marked by the Wounds of Christ	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Ezek. 33:1-9	<b>Epistle:</b> Gal. 6:11-18
<b>Lesson 2:</b> 2 Tim. 2:1-13	<b>Gospel:</b> John. 21:15-19
<b>Sunday, July 19, 2015</b> Consecrated life	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Zech. 14:16-21	<b>Epistle:</b> Col. 3:12-17
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts. 6:8-15	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke. 19:1-10
<b>Sunday, July 26, 2015</b> Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Exo. 3:1-12	<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Tim. 2:1-13
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts. 8:26-40	<b>Gospel:</b> John. 12:20-26

## Dear Graduates

God wrote your name in His book  
Before you were formed in your mother's womb  
Remember God's love and protection that followed  
Since the day you were born  
He granted your loving parents  
To raise you in this world with love  
They are not paid a single penny  
Still they care for you in a bundle of love  
Your parents waited each precious moment  
To see your tiny feet grow each day  
Remember my dear graduate  
Do not forget your parents  
Who gave you advice and punishment  
All for a better future  
Then you were a cute tiny baby  
Now you are a handsome, beautiful teenager  
You are about to fly like a baby bird  
That learned how to fly from its nest  
Your life is about to be freed from the nest  
Fly to a destination of hope and wellness  
Put your faith in God and surrender your life  
You will be embraced with worldly pleasures and com-  
forts  
You will be tempted and tested by evil  
Trust in God and hold on to him  
You can't go back in time, past is gone  
Present is here, pursue the future  
Spread your wings and fly high  
High and far with your God  
Congratulations !

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Lizy Philip

## General Quiz By Mariam Chacko

1. Who wrote the 1st four gospels in the new testament?
2. What is the greatest commandment?
3. What is the golden rule?
4. What is the greatest commission given by Jesus?
5. In the Bible, we read that two people did not die. Who are they?
6. What is the beginning of wisdom?
7. Name the major prophets in the old testament?
8. We read a person afflicted severely but kept his faith thru out. Who is he?
9. Who wrote the 1st five books of the old testament?
10. Out of the four gospels, which one has no parable?

### Answer:

1. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.
2. Matthew 22:37-38
3. Matthew 7:12
4. Matthew 28:19-20
5. Gen. 24 & 5:24
6. Ps. 111:10
7. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
8. Job
9. Moses
10. John