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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

Lectionary/Worship Information

Sunday, July 10, 2016 Theological Education: Making of the Faithful	
Lesson 1: Josh 4:1-9	Epistle: 1 Tim 6:11-16
Lesson 2: 1Cor 10:1-11	Gospel: Matt 13:1-9
Sunday, July 17, 2016 Holy Ordination: A Fragrance to the Christ.	
Lesson 1: Exod, 29:1-21	Epistle: 2 Cor 2:12-17
Lesson 2: Eph 5:1-14	Gospel: John 21:15-19
Sunday, July 24, 2016 Holy Marriage: Lasting Life of Love	
Lesson 1: Gen 24:32-52	Epistle: Heb 13:1-16
Lesson 2: Eph 5:20-33	Gospel: Matt 19:1-6
Sunday, July 31, 2016 Holy Baptism: Born from Above	
Lesson 1: Gen 8:1-14	Epistle: 1 Pet 3:16-22
Lesson 2: Col 3:1-11	Gospel: John 3:1-8

Praise be to the Lord.

Each and every moment of our life is a blessing from the Lord. Let us thank Lord for giving us the opportunity to be here in this beautiful world and use every chance to witness Christ ,our great God and Savior.

We entered into another season of summer. It's becoming too hot. In the midst of this heavy heat, it's the V B S that brings happiness and coolness to every mind. Thank Lord for our kids for their creativity, their interest to be in the church and to own the church. More than 170 students registered in the beginning day itself. Big salute for younger kids, youths ,teachers ,coordinators, superintendents who made this v b s an awesome one. Let Christ be filled in their hearts through every activity they go through this v b s.

Our parish day falls on July. This year we arrange it on 24th of this month. From 21st of this month ,along with the parish day ,we are organizing the church convention too. Request every parishioners prayerful participation in these events. Be it a time to meditate and reflect upon the word of God. Lets change our attitudes ,life styles accordingly.

Lead a prayerful life. Only prayer can make the impossible possible. There are many who needs our prayer in our church. Lets uphold them too in our prayers

May the Lord Almighty strengthen each one of us, AMEN.

Prayers;

Rev Shaiju P.John
Vicar.

Church Events

Parish mission - Every Friday, 7 PM at church'

Sevika Sangham—Prayer Saturday, June 11, 10 AM at Church

Parish mission - Every Friday, 7 PM at church

Church Convention & Parish day

Convention evening meeting - July 21,22 & July 23 starting at 7PM

Convention morning meeting - Saturday July 23rd at 10 AM

Parish day - Sunday July 24- Holy communion starting at 9 AM

Sunday School Regional Competition

August 12-14

Location—Tanglewood Christian Camp
Lexington, Texas
Camp Fee—\$75

Please register with Sunday School Superintendent

Church Family Retreat – Aug 19-21

Church is planning to do a Family retreat from Aug 19-21 at Sky ranch in Van, Texas which is approximately 1 ½ hrs. east of Dallas. The cost is approximately \$150 per person for three days of food, accommodations and activities. All are requested to sign up and attend for a weekend of fun, family and fellowship. Please register with advance payment of \$ 150 per family. For registration or any questions please contact Aju Mathew - 214.554.2610 retreat coordinator or church secretary

Place - Sky Ranch, Van, Texas. (www.skyranch.org)

Cost - Approximately 150\$ per person for three days

Accommodations - Separate cabins for Men's/Boys & Ladies/Girls

Search what grace can do

By Mariam Chacko

Blessed is the fact that Christian can rejoice even in the midst of distress. When a Child of God is sick and suffering, Jesus visits him/her and makes his/her bed for him/her. Let us see the grace by which Jesus' disciples did miracles. "And with great power gave the disciples to witness the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them (Acts 4:33). Most of us don't have any idea what grace really is. We know some basic idea about it. We read in Eph. 2:8, that we were saved by it. We don't understand the real power it can release in our lives today. When we read Acts 4, there we see the situations of disciples for speaking about Jesus. Followers of Jesus started praying for boldness to face the religious authorities in one accord. They asked for courage and power. After that prayer, they received great grace. Grace is so powerful which those believers received. The whole building shook. Grace is so great, it enables the apostles to do many signs and wonders among people. Eg: Healing the lame man at the Sundera Tower (Acts 3). This story convinces us the power of grace is not just some abstract spiritual state of mind but grace is real and powerful. It provides the supernatural power to make things to happen.

Bible says that the same grace was available to the early Christians. Grace is available to anybody who's ever sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We can go on taking and living by faith. Let us pray and go boldly to the throne and grace to get God's grace to face all the challenges our enemy brings in our life.

If we really pray about it, we will discover what grace is really all about. When the devil threaten us with problems of life, we can turn to the Lord, then He will shower us with Mercy, Grace, and Love to overcome. Eg: Apostle Paul asked God to remove his thorn, Jesus assured him that His Grace is sufficient for him. Jesus is yesterday, today, and forever .

Let us trust all His promises which has no expiration and keep going until He calls us unto eternity. Generation will melt away but the courses of grace is unaltered. The river of God may sing with greatest truth than the brook in the poem. The pressures of busyness cares and scorching trials make us in need of the cooling influences of the river of His grace.