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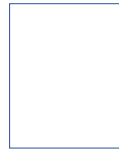
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New Year New You



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>January 4 <i>Sharing of Gospel Outside Kerala Mission</i> Area: Carrollton East</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Isiah 49: 1-7 2nd Lesson: Acts 1Cor9: 15-27 Epistle: Rom 1:8-17 Gospel: John 1: 35-42</p>
<p>January 11 <i>Temperance Sunday Walk in Holiness</i> Area: Carrollton North</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Dan 1: 1-17 2nd Lesson: 1Pet 1: 13-22 Epistle: 1 John 1:1-10 Gospel: Luke 3: 15-22</p>
<p>January 18 <i>Ecumenical Sunday: Unity of all Creations</i> Area: Carrollton West</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Isiah 60: 1-17 2nd Lesson: 2Pet 1: 1-11 Epistle: Ephe 4:1-8 Gospel: John 17: 20-26</p>
<p>January 25 <i>Stewardship to the Creation</i> Area: Coppell</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Gen 1: 26-31 2nd Lesson: Col 1: 9-20 Epistle: Rom 8: 18-21 Gospel: Luke 8:22-25</p>
<p>February 1 <i>Holistic healing Through Christ (Medical Mission Sunday)</i> Area: Dallas/Mesq.</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14 2nd Lesson: Rev 22:1-7 Epistle: James 5:13-19 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37</p>

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearlly Beloved in Christ

Greeting in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ
With new hope and aspirations we enter into a new year. It is the time to reflect back and look forward. Most of us have made our own New Year resolutions. Did you ever include salvation of your life in your New Year resolutions? I consider the salvation is the basic need of human life. Therefore I would like to call this year as *year of salvation*. God does not want anybody to perish but all to come to salvation. Christian soteriology focuses on how Jesus Christ saves people from their sins, reconciling them with the Triune God.



The first step of salvation is God in Christ who forgave all our sins. God's forgiveness gives us confidence to approach him and to receive salvation. If we belong to Him through faith in Christ, God does not hold our sins against us. "If you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." (Matthew 6:14-15) In that sense we must "forgive and forget." If we forgive someone, we must act as if that sin had never occurred. We remember the sin, but we live as if we did not remember it. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: *Today my best friend slapped me in the face*. They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the other friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: *Today my best friend saved my life*. The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, 'After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?' The other friend replied 'When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it on a stone where no wind can ever erase it.' *Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in the stone!!!*

An honest apology can mend relationships, dissolve anger, soothe shattered pride or heal a broken heart. Forgiveness is a decision of the will. Since God commands us to forgive, we must make a conscious choice to forgive. To forgive is really to remember that nobody is perfect except God. To forgive is to remember that we have room in our hearts to begin again and again. Without forgive and forget we cannot experience the salvation. Forgive one another and experience God's salvation.
Wishing you all blessed and Prosperous New Year

With Love and Prayer

Rev. Vinoy Daniel

2009 Executive Committee

Office Bearers:

Rev. Vinoy Daniel	Vicar, President
Mr. Varghese Abraham	Vice President
Mr. Anwar Achankunju	Secretary
Mr. C.M. Mathew	Treasurer
Mr. Alex. K. Chacko	Accountant
Mr. Sam Alex	Lay Leader (Malayalam)
Mr. Justin Chandy	Lay Leader (English)

Clergy Members:

Rev. P. V. Thomas	Retired Clergy
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Mandalam & Assembly Members:

Mr. P.T. Mathew	Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam
Mr. Easaw Maliakal	Diocesan Assembly
Mr. Varughese Mathew	Diocesan Assembly
Mrs. Elizabeth John	Diocesan Council
Mrs. Ashwathi Mathew	Diocesan Council
Mrs. Annamma Mathew	Diocesan Council

Representatives of Organizations:

Mr. Thomas Andrews	Sunday School
Ms. Cyril Mathew	Youth Fellowship
Mr. Bijili George	Yuvajana Sakhyam
Mrs. Molly Mathew	Choir
Mr. George Varghese(Jayan)	Parish Mission
TBD	Sevika Sangham

Prayer Group Representatives:

Mr. John.C. Mathew	Carrollton East
Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	Carrollton East
Mr. Jacob Mathai	Carrollton North
Mr. John. K . Varghese	Carrollton North
Mr. Philip Thomas	Carrollton West
Mr. Jose Thomas	Carrollton West
Mr. Som Cherian Thomas	Coppell
Mrs. Leelamma Chacko	Coppell
Mr. Bijo K. Abraham	Dallas/Mesquite
Mr. Abraham Mathew	Dallas/Mesquite
Mrs.Laila Alexander	Garland
Mr. Santosh. T. Paul	Garland
Mr. Joseph. M. Varghese	Irving
Mr. George Varghese	Irving
Dr. George John	Plano
Mr. Philip Kochiyil	Plano

2009 Non EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Mr. Shaji David	Auditors
Mr. Mathew Skariah	Auditors
Mr. Philip Thomas	Facility Manager
Mr. Chacko N. Mani	Sound Engineer

CONDOLENCES

Mr. George Poikayil (74) 1939 Westchester Dr., Silver Springs, MD 20902, passed away on Dec 17, 2008 in Washington.

Mrs. Achamma Thomas (93) mother of Mr. Thomas Zachariah & Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (Carrollton West) & Mr. P.T. Mathew (Carrollton North) Passed away on Nov 25, 2008 at Ayroor, Kerala.

Varghese Thomas (47) brother in law of Mr. Sunij Abraham, (Garland) Passed away on Nov 27, 2008 in Mumbai.

Mr. Pothen Thomas, father of Mrs. Leelamma Issac (Garland) & Mrs. Sally John (Coppell) passed away on Dec 12, 2008 at Thiruvalla, Kerala.

Mr. K. C. Ninan (81), brother of Mr. Chacko Jacob (Coppell) passed away on Dec 17, 2008 in Chicago.

BAPTISMS

Christian Koshy Raju, Son of Mr. Saji & Jolly Raju of Carrollton North prayer group was baptized on Dec 13, 2008

Maya Elizabeth Maliakal, daughter of Georgie & Manju Maliakal was baptized on Oct. 18th, 2008.

BIRTH

Mr. Lejoy & Mrs. Leny Philipose (Garland) is blessed with a baby girl Jayna Merry Philipose on Dec 11, 2008.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Day	Name	Prayer Group
1	Susan Paul	Carrollton East
	Joseph P Varughese	Irving
	Bindu Johnson	Irving
	Sibby Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Aju M Mathew	Coppell
	Betsy M Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
2	V M Thomas	Carrollton East
	Sonia Joseph	Garland
3	Benson Chacko	Coppell
	Susamma Thomas	Irving
4	Subin V Charly	Carrollton East
	Mariamamma Ninan	Carrollton North
5	Mira Lily Daniel	Irving
	George Pulinthitta	Carrollton West
7	P T Mathew	Carrollton North
	Anjalee Anwar Achankunju	
	Jeslyn Mary George	Carrollton West
	Saramma G Poikail	Other Area
8	Saramma Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
	Saramma James	Carrollton East
	Nirmala S Philip	Plano
	Philip George	Plano
9	Sheeba T Kochukunju	Irving
	Jensin Thomas	Carrollton East
10	Lila C Alexander	Garland
	Simon Thomas	Coppell
	Johney George	Irving
	Abraham Mathew	Carrollton North
11	V S John	Irving
	Christopher Daniel	Carrollton East
	George Thomas	Irving
	Jolly Raju	Carrollton North
12	John Cherian	Garland
	Mathew Chanda Pillai	Plano
	Ginu Varghese	Irving
13	Annamma John	Carrollton North
	Lijo John	Dallas / Mesquite
	Lalamma Varghese	Coppell
14	John Sunny	Garland
15	Jacob M Skariah	Coppell
	Jiby Mary Mathew	Carrollton East
	Maya Thomas	Carrollton West
	James Abraham	Carrollton East
	Hannah Elisa Philip	Irving

16	Thomas Skariah	Irving
	Zachariah Thomas	Coppell
	Annamma Mathew	Coppell
	Annie Chacko	Other Area
17	Christopher Rajan	Coppell
	Sheena Varghese	Carrollton North
	Nincy G Samuel	Carrollton West
	Vinod Varghese	Irving
	Sherin Varghese	Carrollton North
	Femie Joji	Irving
18	Deepa Varghese	Irving
	Mintu Varghese	Carrollton East
	Ron Cherian	Garland
19	Rachel Mary Oommen	Irving
	C J Mathew	Carrollton East
	Prakash I Thomas	Carrollton North
	George Varghese	Coppell
20	Jaden Abraham	Irving
	Samuel M Skariah	Carrollton East
	Betty Thomas	Carrollton West
21	Jiny James	Carrollton North
	Jobin Mathew	Plano
	Sandhya Thomas	Coppell
	Aleyamma Mathew	Garland
22	Benny Thomas	Plano
	Dr. George John	Plano
	Achama Thomas	Plano
23	Abraham Varghese	Coppell
	Jocelyn Thomas	Carrollton West
24	Eapen Thomas	Carrollton East
	Josline Alex	Coppell
	Sosamma Zachariah	Carrollton West
25	Troy P Philip	Irving
	Chinnamma Jacob	Coppell
26	Jeffy Mathew	Irving
	Julianne S Kovoov	Plano
	Aleyamma John	Garland
27	Shaun Alexander	Carrollton North
	Mercy Varghese	Coppell
28	Rachel Andrews	Irving
	Abraham George Kunnathuparampil	Irving
29	Doys Varghese Kurian	Carrollton North
30	Suby Mathew	Garland
31	Vinil Thomas	Irving
	Maya Varkey	Coppell
	Sosamma Skariah	Dallas / Mesquite
	P E Easow	Plano
	Suresh Kuriakose	Carrollton West

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

	First Name	Prayer Group
2	Mr. Raji & Mrs Mary Koshy	Coppell
	Mr. Alex & Mrs. Shirley Chandy	Irving
4	Mr. Eapan & Mrs. Annie Abraham	Coppell
	Mr. Mathew & Mrs. Manju John	Carrollton East
	Mr. Joby & Mrs. Biji Joby	Carrollton North
5	Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Saramma Joseph	Carrollton East
	Mr. Jacob & Mrs. Valsamma Jacob	Coppell
8	Mr. T.D. Georgekutty & Mrs. Sosamma George	Carrollton North
9	Mr. Jerry & Mrs. Susan Abraham	Carrollton North
	Mr. Babu & Cicily Rajan	Coppell
10	Dr. Jacob & Mrs. Molly George	Other Area
	Mr. Varughese & Mrs. Somi Varughese	Irving
	Mr. Philip & Mrs. Sosamma Thomas	Coppell
11	Mr. Samuel & Mrs. Rosamma Philip	Coppell
12	Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Elizabeth Daniel	Carrollton North
13	Mr. Joy & Mrs. Mariamma Varghese	Irving
	Mr. Iype & Dr. Annie Chacko	Other Area
14	Mr. Doys & Mrs. Nilam Kurian	Carrollton North
15	Mr. Mathew & Mrs. Thresiamma Mathew	Coppell
18	Mr. Soby & Mrs. Joyce Abraham	Irving
21	Mr. P.V. Thomas & Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	Carrollton West
22	Mr. Kurien & Mrs. Kunjumma Mathews	Dallas / Mesquite
24	Mr. Skariah & Mrs. Mary Philip	Irving
25	Mr. V.M. Thomas & Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	Carrollton East
26	Mr. Kurian & Mrs. Leela Varghese	Plano
	Mr. Paul & Mrs. Susan Paul	Carrollton East
27	Mr. Varghese & Mrs. Mercy Varghese	Coppell
28	Mr. Joy & Mrs. Gracykutty Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Mr. George & Mrs. Subi Philip	Dallas / Mesquite
30	Mr. Reggie & Mrs. Juliet Andrews	Irving
31	Mr. C.J. Benjamin & Mrs. Elsy Benjamin	Carrollton East

Young Families fellowship meeting dates

Sun 1/11/2009

Santosh and Sindhu John
2713 Redding Drive, Plano, TX
972-781-0557

Sun 02/22/2009

Biju & Bindhu Mathew
646 Joshua Ln, Coppell, TX
972-939-9242

Message from the Youth Chaplain

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year!!!

Is your life full of contradictions? Do you speak what is right and live what is wrong? Isn't everyone like this? Can it be any different?

Contradiction has become the prime basis of our lifestyle and faith. Our words deceive our actions and our actions betray our words. In fact, contradiction has emerged as a culture where resolutions and values have lost significance and relevance.

In Faith, in Christ, in God there is no contradiction. In Christ, we see the complete and uncompromised unity in purpose and love. In the same manner, faith is the unconditional surrender to God in discipleship. In this experience of commitment, God demands decisiveness and action. Jesus Christ reminds us of this in Luke 6:46 where he strongly asks, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?" Therefore, the depth of Christian faith is not measured in words or actions alone but through a life in communion with God absent of contradiction. This is the prerequisite for true spirituality, unhindered in motivation and pure in intention. As we start this New Year, take a few moments and reflect on your life. Pray that the lifestyle of contradictions would end. And prepare yourself to commit actions to the words of faith and worship.

With Prayers,

Rev. Jaisen Thomas

Message from the Sunday school superintendent

On behalf of the 2009 Sunday School teachers and office bearers, let me wish all our dear children and parents a Happy and Blessed New Year. We praise God for the New Year and look forward for His continued grace and mercy to lead and guide our children in His ways. I request all parents to bring their children to Sunday school at 9:00 AM for the general session. We plan to have exciting songs, short videos, messages and other fun activities during the general session.

I would like to appreciate Mrs. Nirmala Philip and the office bearers for their extraordinary leadership and service to our Sunday school during the last 3 years.

Please remember to keep our Sunday school students, teachers and all the activities in your daily prayers. Feel free to contact me or your kid's teacher for any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Superintendent Thomas Andrews

2009 PRAYER LEADERS

Prayer Leads	Prayer Groups
V.M. Thomas Ammini Daniel Stacey Mathew Justin Thomas	Carrollton East
Abraham.K. Abraham(Saju) Varghese Mathew(Shaji) Sheena John Sherin John Sangeetha George	Carrollton North
P.V. Thomas Susannamma Philipose(Sisan) Jocelyn Thomas Seena Sunil	Carrollton West
Varghese.T. John Lilly Alex Jane Alex Priya Mathew	Coppell
Mathew. T. George K.S. Mathew Jijo Varghese Megan Varghese	Dallas/Mesquite
Mathew Pappy Elizabeth Mathew Abel Mathew David Joseph	Garland
Daisy Mathew Jolly George Kuruvilla Varghese Alvin Jose Sheba George Melvin Thampy	Irving
Thomas.K. Mathews Ponnamma Mathews Nikita Sojan Bianca David	Plano

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence of</u>	<u>Time</u>
Carrollton East	1-03	John Thomas	7.00
	1-11	Joseph. T. George	6.30
	1-17	John .C. Mathew	7.00
	1-24	Sabu George	7.00
	1-31	V.M.Thomas	7.00
Carrollton North	1-04	Jacob Mathai	6:30
	1-11	P.T. Mathew	6:30
	1-18	John K Varghese	6.30
	1-25	Varghese Mathew(Shaji)	6.30
Carrollton West	1-03	Josen George	6.30
	1-10	TBA	
	1-17	TBA	
	1-31	Dr. Cherian V. Samuel	6.30
Coppell	1-03		
	1-10	TBA	
	1-17	Sanjay. J. Cherian	7.00
	1-24	Varghese Varghese	7.00
Dallas/ Mesquite	1-03	TBA	
	1-10	TBA	
	1-17	TBA	
	1-24	TBA	
Garland	1-03	K.K. Raju	6.30
	1-10	Brigith Thomas	6.30
	1-17	House Visit	6.30
	1-24	Babu C.Mathew	6.30
	1-31	P.V. John	6.30
Irving	1-03	New Year Get Together	6.30
	1-10	George John	6.30
	1-17	Thomas Skariah	6.30
	1-24	George Varghese	6.30
	1-31	House Visit	6.30
Plano	1-03	Family Visit	6:30
	1-10	Thomas.K.Mathews	6.30
	1-17	Mathew Chanda Pillai	6.30
	1-24	Kurian Varghese	6.30
	1-31	Dr. George John	6.30