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Worship



Schedule



<p>January 3 <i>Proclamation of Truth</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: Isa 56:1-08 2nd Lesson: Act 17:16-31 Epistle: Eph 4:25-32 Gospel: St. John 12:20-26</p>
<p>January 10 <i>Jesus who Liberates</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: Prov 23:19-34 2nd Lesson: Eph 5:1-11 Epistle: Gal 5:16-21 Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32</p>
<p>January 17 <i>Unity at the Local Level</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 60:1-07 2nd Lesson: Eph 4:1-8 Epistle: John 17:20-26 Gospel: Luke 5:4-11</p>
<p>January 24 <i>Call for Christin Discipleship</i></p> <p>Area: Carr East</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Isa 42:1-7 2nd Lesson: 2 Timo 2:1-13 Epistle: 1 Pet 4:12-19 Gospel: St. Luke 14:25-33</p>
<p>January 31 <i>Church's Solidarity With the poor</i></p> <p>Area: Carr. North</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</p>

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

Area	Date	Residence of	Time
Carrollton East	01-03	Joseph T George	6:30
	01-16	Sunny Abraham	7:00
	01-23	V M Thomas	7:00
	01-30	John Thomas	7:00
Carrollton North	01-10	P T Mathew	6:30
	01-16	Stacen Joseph	6:30
	01-24	Easaw Maliakal	6:30
	01-31	Sammon George	6:30
Carrollton West	01-09	Josen George	6:30
	01-16	Philip Thomas	6:30
	01-23	P V Thomas	6:30
	01-30	TBD	6:30
Coppell	01-09	Sam Alex	6:30
	01-16	TBD	6:00
	01-23	TBD	6:00
	01-30	TBD	6:00
Dallas/ Mesquite	01-03	George Mathew	6:00
	01-09	Jacob Varghese	6:00
	01-23	TBD	TBD
	01-30	TBD	TBD
Fort Worth & Mid Cities	01-09	Jacob Varghese	6:00
	01-16	TBD	
	01-23	TBD	
	01-30	Reggie Andrews	6:30
Garland	01-09	Mathew Pappy	7:00
	01-16	P T Issac	7:00
	01-23	Brigith Thomas	7:00
	01-30	P V John	7:00
Irving North	01-03 (Sun)	Koshy T George	6:30
	01-09	Chacko Johnson	6:00
	01-16	Joji George	6:00
	01-24 (Sun)	Skariah T Philip	6:00
	01-30	Varghese Joseph	6:00
Irving South	01-03(Sun)	George T Mathew	5:00
	01-09	Eipe Skariah	6:30
	01-16	George Varghese	6:30
	01-23	M A Philip	6:30
Plano	01-02	Shaji David	6:30
	01-09	Philip Kochiyil	6:30
	01-23	House Visit	6:30
	01-30	George John	6:30



A Word Of Gratitude

With the grace of God, we are able to enter into a new year in our life as individuals, as families and as a parish family. As we are at the dawn of the New Year, we are to look at the past and the future. The past year of 2009 has been a year of blessings in our parish life. It is time to count the number of blessings we have received in the past year, most importantly through our parish life.

We were blessed with the services of two aches during the past year, Rev. Vinoy Daniel and Rev. Minoy Kuruvilla, both most able and committed servants of God. We were also blessed with a team of volunteers who worked very hard with commitment and dedication. It is through the sacrificial service of these people that we made it through the year in our parish life. I would like to acknowledge the names of a few, among them most importantly, the office bearers, Varghese Mathew who served as vice president, Anwar Achankunju who served as secretary, C.M. Mathew and Alex Chacko who served as trustees, Sam Alex and Justin Chandy who served as lay leaders, Philip Thomas who served as Facility Manager. The team of Chacko M. and Nicki Mani, Libin Mathew, Shawn Jacob, Shaun Alexander, Bobby and Jason for helping with audio-video equipment. On behalf of the parish I would like to express our deepest gratitude to each one of these individuals who made enormous sacrifices to keep our spiritual journey in the parish a thrill. We could not have done this journey without God working through these individuals and rest of the executive committee members. They took time off from their families to serve the parish. We are grateful to them and to their families as well. May God bless each one of you and your families for your sacrificial service.

The New Year brings its promises, aspirations and expectations. It also offers us new challenges. St. Paul through his letter to Philippians gives us the confidence we need, : We can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us". On behalf the new executive committee, I would like to ask your full cooperation and assistance in our collective journey in 2010. "We do not know what the future holds for us, but we know who holds the future". Please keep us in your prayers so that we will be able to serve the Lord through the responsibilities entrusted on us in a way most acceptable to the Lord. We are called upon to serve this great parish in different areas of responsibility. With humility and profound gratitude to God, we accept this responsibility. We need your prayers and support.

I wish you a very blessed New Year.

Thomas Mathew
(secretary)

Vicar's Message

One of the most damaging weapons ever invented is the land mine, an explosive mechanism that detonates when knowingly or unknowingly it is disturbed. This device is used as a hidden trap to those who walk with carelessness. These destructive traps are a fitting description for the subtle snares that awaits Christian engaged in the kingdom work. Just the landmines are set on trails, beneath roads, and in fields during physical warfare, Satan's traps lie in the path of believers.



Pride is a particularly devastating landmine; it is also one of Satan's favorite tools for disrupting Christian lives and influence. Defined as undue attention to one's self, accomplishments, position, or possessions and this attitude is hateful to God (Pro.6:6- 19).Pride hinders our relationship with God and short-circuits the Holy Spirit 's work in our life. Bible clearly warns us that " Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling" (Pro.16:18).The most dangerous act of pride is that it breeds prayerlessness, which is debilitating for the child of God.

Christians have God given passion already at some level; but how deep it is? Are we more passionate about God and His work than anything else in life? Today New Year's resolutions became a traditional part of life, but it takes more than a date on the January calendar to bring about real change. It is well said by a person.

" if it seems hazy outside and things are not clearly seen by you, then make sure that it is time to clean your spectacles before making a judgment on outside."

To avoid these landmines of our life, begin each day talking to God and meditating on His words. Ask Him to set the direction for our day as well for our life. In short by acknowledging our dependence upon Him, we will be able to recover from our wounds or preferably, to avoid the trap of pride altogether. Let the new year become a new beginning in our lives, with more closeness to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let me thank once again all office bearers as well as committee members of 2009 and wishing all the best to the 2010 committee members

Wish you all A Happy New Year.
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2010 Mar Thoma Family Conference

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:21

Registration

Registration is now open for the 2010 Family Conference. All church members are encouraged to register as soon as possible using the Registration Form. Registration and payment can also be made online at www.mtfc2010.org. Please contact Registration subcommittee convener, Mr. Babu C. Mathew for assistance at **972-345-6291**

or email: registration@mtfc2010.org

Souvenir Sponsorship

All church members are also requested to sponsor advertisements/compliments in the commemorative conference Souvenir. The rates are very affordable. All pages are printed in color and the rates are as follows: Full page \$250.00, Half page \$150.00, and Quarter page \$75.00. Please contact Souvenir subcommittee convener Mr. Bino Mathew for assistance at **972-254-8822** or email: souvenir@mtfc2010.org

Please persuade your friends to be part of the conference and uphold the Family Conference and the leaders in your prayers. Thank you.

Dr. Roy Mathew, Secretary

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Souvenir ads, Bino Mathew (972) 254-8822.

Dr. Roy Mathew, Secretary

Youth Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Happy New Year!

"This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night, so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do. Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:8,9)

The New Year is an exciting time when we all look forward to a fresh start with a promise to live anew in the year ahead. As we begin our journey this year, let us daily resolve to grow deeper in Christ.

In the passage above, God instructs Joshua as to his life and future. Joshua was about to succeed Moses in serving God and leading the people of Israel into the Promised Land. Joshua hears and accepts the call of God and commits his life to His service. In response, the promise of God is two-fold in that the daily meditation of the Word of God (book of instruction) will strengthen for success and the presence of God shall be actively abiding.

As we enter into the New Year, remember that true success and strength in life begins with our commitment to the will of God. Just as Joshua, we may not know the trials that await us in the New Year. Yet, we must be firm in our faith and commitment so that we may overcome and truly experience the empowering presence of God always. So, don't let this year just slide by! Repent and move towards a deeper relationship with Christ, Revive and feel His powerful presence embrace you and Represent His love to the world!

Here are 3 **helpful tips** for the New Year:

Pray and Study the Bible regularly. You may not know what the future holds, but God does. God promises that if you will ask Him, He will show you things that you could never figure out on your own. (Jer.33:3)

Goal Setting. Write out exactly what it is you are planning for.

Prioritizing. You can't keep your priorities if you don't have any. Putting things in order will help you plan for and accomplish the most important things first.

May God Almighty bless us all to grow deeper in Christ throughout the coming year and witness Him to the world!

Your brother in Christ,
Jaisen Achen

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Jan. Wedding Anniversaries



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

BAPTISM

Jessie Sajan John, daughter of Sajan John and Sunila John got baptized on December 10th, 2009.

DYLAN THOMAS ABRAHAM son of Soby Abraham and Joyce Abraham got baptized on December 19th, 2009.



Condolences

Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese, 88 years old, mother of Mr. *George Varghese* (Dallas/Mesquite Prayer Group), Mr. *Joseph P Varughese* (Irving Prayer Group), *Abraham Varghese* (Dal/Mesquite prayer group), passed away on Dec. 16th 2009 in Dallas, TX.

a new beginning

JANUARY 1 & 2 6:30 pm - 9 pm

New Year Revival 2010

REPENT REVIVE REPRESENT

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:18,19

For more info contact: Rev. Jaisen A. Thomas - 214.604.6678

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS....



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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS.....



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