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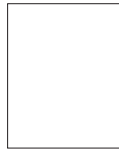
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 6
*Christian Stewardship-
 Tithe Offering*

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana
 (Malayalam)

1st Lesson:
 Mal 3:6-18
2nd Lesson:
 2 Cor 8:1-9
Epistle:
 1 Tim 6:17-21
Gospel:
 St. Mat 25:14-30

Area: Carrollton-North

July 13
*Theological education of
 the people of God*

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana
 (English)

1st Lesson:
 Jer 1:4-10
2nd Lesson:
 1 Tim 4:6-16
Epistle:
 Eph 4:7-13
Gospel:
 St. Mat 7:24-29

Area: Carrollton-West

July 20
*Ordained Ministry-
 Calling for service*

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana
 (Malayalam)

1st Lesson:
 Eze 33:1-9
2nd Lesson:
 1 Pet 5:1-11
Epistle:
 2 Tim 4:1-8
Gospel:
 St. John 21:15-19

Area: Coppell

July 27
*Divine purpose of
 Christian marriage*

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana
 (English)

1st Lesson:
 Gen 1: 26-31
2nd Lesson:
 Eph 5:22-32
Epistle:
 Eph 3:14-21
Gospel:
 St. Mark 10:1-12

Area: Dallas/Mesquite

August 3
*Mission Sunday-
 Servant ministry to
 humanity*

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana
 (Malayalam)

1st Lesson:
 Isa 42:1-9
2nd Lesson:
 1 Cor 1:18-31
Epistle:
 2 Tim 2:1-13
Gospel:
 St. John 13:1-17

Area: Garland

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence of</u>	<u>Time</u>
Carrollton East	7-05	VBS	
	7-12	V. M. Thomas	7:00
	7-19	Joseph Skariah	7:00
	7-26	Ponnachan K. Thomas	7:00
Carrollton North	7-05	VBS	TBD
	7-12	TBD	TBD
	7-19	TBD	TBD
	7-26	TBD	TBD
Carrollton West	7-05	VBS	
	7-12	TBD	TBD
	7-19	TBD	TBD
	7-26	TBD	TBD
Coppell	7-05	VBS	
	7-12	Mathew C. Varghese	7:00
	7-19	TBD	TBD
	7-26	TBD	TBD
Dallas/Mesquite	7-05	VBS	
	7-12	TBD	TBD
	7-19	TBD	TBD
	7-26	TBD	TBD
Garland	7-06 (Sun)	T. P. Mathew	
	7-12	K. E. Idicula	7:00
	7-19	Mathew Varghese	7:00
	7-26	Mathew Pappy	7:00
Irving	7-05	VBS	TBD
	7-12	TBD	TBD
	7-19	Thomas A George	6:30
	7-26	Eipe Skariah	6:30
Plano	7-05	VBS	
	7-12	Dennis Kurian	6:30
	7-19	Picnic	
	7-26	House Visit	

PARISH MISSION

Parish Mission is recognizing the Garland prayer group in July:

- July 2: House Visit in Garland area
- July 9: Intercessory prayer and Bible Study in Church
- July 16: Intercessory prayer and Bible Study in Church
- July 23: Prayer meeting in Garland area

Garland prayer group leaders and church executive members will guide the house visit and lead intercessory prayer and bible readings in the meetings. All the Garland Prayer Group members are requested to attend these meetings.

Young Family Fellowship

Please join us as we continue our series on "Overcoming STRESS in your marriage." Together with other couples, you will learn how to understand how you each manage stress and work to help one another overcome it; establish priorities in life based on biblical principles and your family values,; develop healthy attitudes about money and your available resources, and learn the importance of resolving conflicts and forgiving offenses. The meeting promptly starts at 5:00pm and ends at 7:00pm. Babysitting is provided

7/20/2008

Santosh and Sindhu John (972-781-0557)

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Plano, TX

Secretary's Corner

All submissions for the July edition of the Life Times should be submitted to the Secretary or Joint Secretary by **Friday, July 18, 2008**.

There are opportunities to donate Altar flowers in July. Please approach the Joint-Secretary for June Altar flowers.

Please continue to pray for the secretary and joint secretary. We need your prayers daily to execute the responsibilities entrusted upon us. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloved in Christ

The first Sunday of July is stewardship Sunday or the Sunday set apart for offering tithe. It reminds us, the meaning of Christian giving and we are stewards in God's creation. Paul in his second letter to Corinthians (chapters 8-9) explains the nature and meaning of Christian giving.

Paul says about the Macedonian Christians that "they give themselves first." (2 Cor 8:5.). For Paul Macedonian Christians are good examples for giving. In spite of severe ordeal and extreme poverty, their abundant joy has overflowed in a wealth of generosity. They put themselves on the offering plate. There are at least four ways in which a man may give gift (a) he may give as a duty (b) he may give from motives or prestige. The real source of such giving is not love but pride (c) he may simply to find self satisfaction. He may think far more of the pleasant feeling that he has when he gives the gift than the feeling of the person who receives it. None of these are wholly bad, for at least the gift is given. But the only real way to give is (d) to give under *love's compulsion*. This is in fact to give in God's way, because God so love the world that he gave his son. It challenges us our duty to offer ourselves as the thanks offering to God.

Paul elaborates the theology of giving by narrating the self emptying nature of God, in other words *God's poverty for our riches*. You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor (2 Cor 8:5). Our Lord had all the treasure of heaven. He gave it up, he gave himself up, even to death, that we might have heavenly riches, new life, and eternal life. Paul says that incarnation is the greatest act of giving. The ground of all such giving is *God's inexpressible gifts in Christ*, which prompts such giving in response. Giving here means availability. God in Jesus available to every body is the basis of giving. The possibilities of expressing Christ in terms of real situation of people are endless. When we inter act the real situation of people we are making relevant the incarnation of Christ to the society. We have been generously treated by God. Can we be anything else but generous to your fellow men?

Mother Teresa says "when a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed." May God almighty bless us all



Rev. Vinoy Daniel



2008 Graduating Class

H. S. Graduates	Graduating H.S	Future Plans
Reshma Abraham	The Colony	UNT – Nursing
Susan Abraham	Hebron	Univ. of Houston-Pharmacy
Sharon Abraham	Garland.	B. S – Biology
Nikki Chacko	Plano East Senior	CCCC-Bus. Finance
Kiran Cheriyan	Flower Mound	UTD-Comp. Engineering
Stephanie Jacob	Hebron	Univ. of Houston-Pharmacy
Femi Joji	MacArthur	UNT
Shani Joseph	Hebron	TWU –Nursing
Joel Kovoor	Allen	
Alvin Mathew	Allen	Texas A&M- Biomed. Science
Betson Mathew	Sachse	Richland College
Mithun Mathew	Flower Mound	UTD -Comp. Engineering
Nivin Mathew	Poteet	State University - CIS
Reba Mathew	Lakeview Centennial	Texas State Univ. – Health Info
Rozil Mathew	Hebron	UNT - Computer Science
Subin Thomas	Allen	Manipal College of Dentistry
Cyril Varughese	Irving Academy	UTA-Pharmacy
Rijo Titus	Creekview	UT Austin
Merlin Varughese	Townview Magnet	UNT - Speech Pathology
College Graduates	Graduated From	Major
Diana Daniel	TWU	B. S. – Pyschology
Lijo John	Midwestern State Univ.	B. S – Nursing
Robin Karimpanaimal	Midwestern State Univ.	B. S.- Nursing
Aleena Kurien	UNT	Doctor of Osteopathy
Siljo Kurivilla	SMU	B. S. - Biology
Christopher Philip	UTD	B.A. Music & B. S. Neurosciences
Chris Pulinhitta	UTD	B. A - Criminal Justice
Kelvin Varghese	SMU	B. S. – Physics

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Day	Name	Prayer Group
3	Mr. P. J. & Mrs. Ponnamma Kurian	Garland
4	Mr. Jose George & Mrs. Shali Jose	Carrollton East
5	Mr. Anil & Mrs. Meenu John	Irving
7	Dr. Joseph Kurian & Mrs. Susy Joseph	Other Area
10	Mr. Koshy & Mrs. Alice George	Irving
11	Mr. Sujan & Mrs. Vini Easow	Other Area
12	Mr. Abraham & Mrs. Santhamma Varghese	Coppell
15	Mr. Jacob Varghese & Mrs. Sheeba Kochukunju	Irving
	Mr. Abraham & Mrs. Jiji Andrews	Irving
16	Mr. Sajan & Mrs. Susan Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Mr. John & Mrs. Mariamma Jesson	Garland
	Mr. M. J. & Mrs. Molly Andrews	Coppell
18	Mr. Jacob & Mrs. Shiney Idichandy	Garland
	Mr. Joseph Skariah & Mrs. Achamma Joseph	Carrollton East
19	Mr. Aiju & Mrs. Betty George	Garland
	Mr. Tom & Mrs. Bindhu Mathai	Garland
21	Mr. C. G. Georgekutty & Mrs. Sosamma George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Mr. George Varghese & Mrs. Jolly George	Irving
22	Mr. Anil & Mrs Sandy Mathews	Dallas / Mesquite
23	Mr. Jose & Mrs. Lisy Thomas	Carrollton West
25	Mr. John & Mrs Susannamma Philipose	Carrollton West
	Mr. George & Mrs. Aleyamma George	Carrollton West
	Mr. Subhash & Mrs. Suja Mathew	Coppell
28	Mr. Sunij & Mrs. Mini Abraham	Garland
	Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews	Irving

JULY BIRTHDAYS

24	Chacko Johnson	Irving
	Kelvin Varghese	Coppell
	Grace Varghese	Irving
	Anitha Zachariah	Plano
	Liz Leya Ninu	Parsonage - Chaplain
25	Annamma George	Carrollton North
	Sunidhi Mathew	Garland
	M J Andrews	Coppell
	Anu Mathew	Coppell
26	Reji J Joseph	Coppell
	Sona Samuel	Carrollton North
	Simi Joseph Karamvellil	Irving
27	Namita Easow	Other Area
	Elcey Ninan	Carrollton West
	Chris Pulinthitta	Carrollton West
	Roshan Joseph	Carrollton East
28	Mithun Mathew	Coppell
	Sosamma George	Carrollton East
	Saju Joseph	Carrollton East
29	Valsamma Joseph	Garland
	Susan John	Plano
	Lydia Susan Varghese	Coppell
	Satish Skariah	Irving
30	Eipe Skariah	Irving
	Mariamamma M Eapen	Irving
31	Renney Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Leelamma Issac	Garland
	Bryan M David	Plano
	Shaji Mathew	Carrollton East
	Sojan Easow	Plano
	Mathew Pappy	Garland

CONDOLENCES

Aleyamma Kurian (102), grand mother of Ligimol Mathew (Carrollton East) passed away on June 8, 2008 in Kerala, India.

Mr. A. S. Thomas (68), brother of Mr. Abraham S. Alumkal (Carrollton-North) passed away on June 23, 2008 at Naranganam, Kerala

Mr. John Zachariah (79), father of Mr. Anil Jacob (Coppell), passed away on June 24 at Thiruvalla, Kerala.

Tillu Kuriakose (34), cousin of Ligimol Mathew (Carrollton East) passed away on June 24, 2008 in Kerala, India

BAPTISM

Jadon Mathew Abraham, son of Bijo K Abraham and Anu Bijo Abraham was baptised on June 15,2008

Mar Thoma Fest 2008

"Giving a voice to the deaf, and hope to the sick"

What: 9th Annual Mar Thoma Mission Festival
When: Saturday, October 4th, 2008
Where: Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, F.B.
Why: To support the AIDS/HIV & Deaf Mission Projects

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1	Lijy John	Dallas / Mesquite
	Jaimy Ninan	Carrollton West
	Arun Samuel Varghese	Coppell
2	Robin Babu	Garland
3	Reuben Mathews	Plano
	Anitha Tinu	Irving
	Thankamma John	Carrollton East
4	Micahel John	Garland
	K C Geeverghese	Plano
5	Mary Thomas	Carrollton East
	Jeevan Jose	Carrollton East
	Thomas Zachariah	Carrollton West
	Rachel Thomas	Carrollton East
	Suraj George John	Carrollton East
	Kunjunjamma Mathews	Dallas / Mesquite
6	Kavitha S George	Coppell
7	Rejo Titus	Carrollton East
	Joshua Joseph Karamvellil	Irving
	Lia B Varghese	Coppell
	Aby Thomas	Carrollton West
	Ethan Mathews	Plano
8	Mammen Koshy	Coppell
	Riyan Chinnu Mathew	Irving
	Jevin Koleth	Garland
	Benson Thomas	Carrollton East
9	Justin Abraham	Carrollton East
	Sabu George	Carrollton East
	Jaison Thomas Abraham	Carrollton East
	Akil Sam Jose	Irving
	Febin Joji	Irving
10	Jess George	Carrollton East
11	Blessy Miriam Varghese	Carrollton East
	Anisha Koshy	Irving
	George Mathews	Plano
13	Sherin E Thomas	Irving
	K E Idicula	Garland
	Vini Easow	Other Area

JULY BIRTHDAYS

14	Shobha Skariah	Irving
	Susan Varughese Daniel	Carrollton East
	Sara T Maliakal	Carrollton North
14	Gracykutty Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Linu Samuel	Other Area
	Alexander Mathew	Coppell
	Renji Alexander	Dallas / Mesquite
15	Varghese Abraham	Carrollton North
16	Erin Sarah Paul	Carrollton East
17	Varghese Kuzhuvellil	Irving
	George Oommen	Other Area
	Jinu George	Coppell
19	Mathew Samuel	Carrollton East
	Hannah Mariam Yohannan	Carrollton North
	Jessy George Mathew	Carrollton North
	Shika Chacko	Other Area
	Shilpa Mathew	Carrollton East
20	Rev. Vinoy Daniel	Parsonage
	Varghese Titus	Irving
	Chris Abraham	Irving
	Shaila Mathew	Plano
21	Justin Thomas	Carrollton East
	Cicily Rajan	Coppell
	Jason Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
	Suju Mathew	Garland
22	Reuben P Thomas	Carrollton East
	Sunil K Zachariah	Carrollton West
	Sarita John	Irving
	Kevin Philip	Carrollton North
	Mary Koshy	Coppell
	Diana Daniel	Carrollton North
	Allen Z Jacob	Coppell
	Bindhu Susan Issac	Garland
23	Cherian Illampallil John	Coppell
	Deepa Joseph	Irving
	Pradeep Philip	Carrollton West