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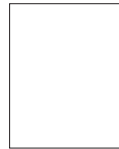
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>July 5 <i>Christian Stewardship– Tithe Offering</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p> <p>Mar Thoma Family Conference– Houston</p> <p>Area: Carrollton-West</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2 King 12: 1-16 2nd Lesson: Acts 5: 1-11 Epistle: Phil 4: 10-20 Gospel: Luke 19: 11-27</p>
<p>July 12 <i>Theological education of the people of God</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Bible Study/ Intercession 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p> <p>Area: Coppell</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Amos 7: 10-17 2nd Lesson: 1 Tim 4: 6-16 Epistle: Eph 4:7-13 Gospel: St. Mark 6:30-44</p>
<p>July 19 <i>Ordained Ministry- Divine Calling and Election</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Bible Study/ Intercession 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p> <p>Area: Dallas/Mesquite</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>July 26 <i>Baptism and conver- sion in a pluralistic society</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Bible Study/ Intercession 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p> <p>Area: Garland</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2 Kings 5: 1-19 2nd Lesson: Acts 10: 34-48 Epistle: 1 Pet 2: 1-10 Gospel: John 3: 1-8</p>
<p>August 2 <i>Gift of the holy Spirit for Mission Mission Sunday</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Bible Study/ Intercession 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p> <p>Area: Irving</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2 King 2: 1-18 2nd Lesson: 1 Cor 12:1-13 Epistle: Gal 5: 16-24 Gospel: St. John 15: 12-27</p>

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence of</u>	<u>Time</u>
Carrollton East	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-19	Y. Sakhyam Musical Evening	7:00
	7-25	TBD	
Carrollton North	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-19	Y. Sakhyam Musical Evening	6.30
	7-26(Sun)	Jose Thankachan	
Carrollton West	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-19	Y. Sakhyam Musical Evening	6.30
	7-25	Jose Thomas	
Coppell	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-19	Y. Sakhyam Musical Evening	7.00
	7-25	George Mathew	
Dallas/ Mesquite	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-19	Y. Sakhyam Musical Evening	TBD
	7-25	TBD	
Garland	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-18	Santhosh T. Paul	7:00
	7-25	TBD	7:00
Irving	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-18	Joseph P Varghese	6:30
	7-25	P.K. Kuruvilla	6:30
Plano	7-04	Houston Family Conf.	
	7-11	VBS	
	7-19	Y. Sakhyam Musical Evening	
	7-25	TBD	

SNEHA THEERAM MISSION PROJECT

Snehatheeram is a voluntary agency formed by the Trivandrum-Kollam Diocese of the Mar Thoma Church in 2000 with the main objective of caring for the victims of HIV/AIDS. It all started with the death of a Mar Thomite who had AIDS. This incident caught the serious attention of our Sabha and decided to do something about it. Our present Diocesan Bishop Rt.Rev.Thomas Mar Theodosius was instrumental in starting the Snehatheeram project in Manjalumoodu. On June 1st, 2004, the Trivandrum-Kollam diocese officially started the project known as "Mission to People Living with HIV/AIDS". Initially the project was started with the intention of rehabilitating about 25 families. Today over 300 families affected with HIV/AIDS are being cared and supported through Snehatheeram. In 2005, our parish decided to support this project in Manjalumoodu, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. Our parish provided the financial support for the construction of the day care center in Manjalumood. This center is used for fellowship of the affected people and their families.

Following are the main programs/activities.

1. Awareness generation among the community through poster exhibitions, seminars, workshop, film shows, street plays etc.
2. Fellowship meetings of affected persons with interactive sessions of singing, yoga, devotion and community meal.
3. Distribution of family kits of balanced food packets every month.
4. Mutual support groups are promoted so that they can collectively face social and economic challenges. Small savings, income generating activities also form part of this program. Vocational training to the young to equip them to engage in gainful employment.
5. Snehatheeram Clubs inculcate among school children and college students leadership/citizenship qualities and goal consciousness.
6. Swanthwanam provides counseling by professionals to the families to reassure them and enhance their self confidence.
7. Infrastructure Development. Snehatheeram provides and maintains houses and sanitation facilities to the affected families.
8. Children's Village at Vellarad (Mezhacodu). Here, homes for destitute children are being built. The biggest challenge now is to rehabilitate the destitute children. To address this problem the diocese has purchased 1.85 acres of land at Vellarada at a cost of Rs.30 lakhs. The funds provided by our parish were used towards the purchase of this land.

I was invited to attend a committee meeting held on Feb.6th,2009 at Snehatheeram Day Care Center and I took that opportunity to visit Manjalumoodu one more time. Rt.Rev.Thomas Mar Timotheos Thirumeni presided over the meeting. Plan and details to build 5 cottages, a community hall and an Administrative Block with Superintendent's residence were discussed and approved. Each cottage will be used to house 10 students under the care of a house mother. It was decided to build 2 cottages and the Administrative Block in the first phase with the approval of the diocesan council. It was also decided to construct a building block in the rehabilitation project in the name of the Dallas M.T.C Farmers Branch, Texas and another block in the name of Mar Theodosius Block Timotheos Thirumeni thanked our parish for all the support and expressed the hope that the Farmers Branch parish will be the first to complete the first Block. For this they are expecting Rs.5 lakhs from us.

Snehatheeram has already started child sponsorship program for each child affected with HIV/AIDS and especially orphans. Some members of this parish have already sponsored some children. I had the opportunity to visit this area two times and to see for myself the pathetic condition of those poor people. It is a life-changing experience. I would urge our members to visit this place while on vacation. The financial support we are providing is for a noble cause.

Abraham Mathew,
Mission Co-coordinator.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

I am happy to come ones again to our homes through the church life time news letter. We are busy with the given schedules and all commitments we embrace to achieve our set goals .Our day often begins with deal of hustle. We make ourselves ready as quickly as possible, grab a quick breakfast and sometimes leave it due to lack of time and just rush out the door.

On the other hand, Israel's (people of God) day begin in the evening. They rest (sleep), and then get up in the morning to join God's work which is in progress. As it is said "He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep" (Ps 121:4) .Yes, Israel rested in God's infinite ability at night and stated the work with Him or joined God in what He is already doing.

We must work hard, but does success depends just on our effort? We must realize that everything depends on God. Who never stops working on our behalf. Believe in His promise and let us move forward with positive mind that we are going to join His plans not ours. This month we can take some of our precious time for the family conference from 2nd of this month to 5th of this month. It will help us to grow in the fellowship of His words.

Children are the gift of our God to us. We spent out our everything to them, Let us take the initiative to send our beloved ones to the VBS week(July 9th – 11th) so that it may become a blessing for them to know about their redeemer and learn the Christian values and ethics. When we taste His love ,we are forced to spread that taste ,by witnessing for Him. Keeping this attitude in mind Yuvajana Sakhyam is planning to raise funds for the needy and downtrodden people in our mother land India. To have fire, you need more than one coal. Yes, we need your support and help towards this good cause.

There is a Youth retreat under the able leadership of our Youth chaplain going to ponder on the theme "BORN IDENTITY" from July17 – 19th at Lakeview Methodist camp site. Make sure that our youths are encouraged to participate and make use of the opportunity. I am thankful to all of my co –workers especially the emergency medical team for their support and encouragement .

Let us move forward with His plan and vision.
Minoy Achen.

Message from the Youth Chaplain

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, Ps 33:12

**What sets you apart from others? Are you just one among the crowd?
What is spiritual freedom?**

Happy Independence Day!

This month we celebrate the independence of our country the USA from Great Britain in the 18th Century. It is a time of joy for all Americans because we affirm our right to freedom despite the obstacles and challenges that lay before us. The forefathers of this great nation chose to express their freedom through their emphasis of "difference". It took the form of a new administration empowered by the people and varied educational methods among other innovations. This uniqueness is what made America past and the standard for America future: a place of difference! In a similar manner, personal transformation in our lives must be emphasized through a "lifestyle of difference". It is the outright statement that our values are not utterly dictated by the whims of culture and fad. Rather, it is the acute proclamation that in Christ there is the Way, Truth and the Life. Firstly, this spiritual difference must arise in our lives through a personal desire to overcome the obstacles and hindrances we face, so as to know Him (Mk 10:46ff). It is truly a call to relationship wherein Christ despite our faults, receives us as His very own. Next, it is the conscious decision to work towards change, difference and spiritual transformation in life (Lk. 19:8). Lastly, the fruit of this spiritual difference spreads from the personal to the family to the parish to the community (Lk.19:9). May God Almighty strengthen us all to live a life of difference in true spiritual freedom all the days of our life!!!

Your brother in Christ,

Jaisen Achen

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JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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

STUDIO GO!
Game Show
Real Teamwork
Real Service
Real Fun!

VBS 2009
Studio GO!

Theme : Go Win With Jesus
Date : July 9th, 10th, and 11th
Fee : \$10
Registration Website :
<http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/mtcfbvbs2009/>
Contacts : Gigi Andrews – 817-498-9372
Georgie Maliakal – 972-668-6068
Lalitha John – 972-529-8981

JULY BIRTHDAYS

25	Annamma George	Carrollton North
	Simryn Jacob	Irving
	Anu Mathew	Coppell
	Sunidhi Mathew	Garland
	M J Andrews	Coppell
26	Namita Easow	Other Area
	Sona Samuel	Carrollton North
	Reji J Joseph	Coppell
	Simi Joseph Karamvellil	Irving
27	Roshan Joseph	Carrollton East
	Mithun Mathew	Coppell
	Elcey Ninan	Carrollton West
	Chris Pulinthitta	Carrollton West
28	Saju Joseph	Carrollton East
	Sosamma George	Carrollton North
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
	Susan B Thomas	Carrollton North
Mathew Pappy	Garland	

Young Family Fellowship

Families 15 years and under are welcome to attend the Young Family Fellowship Meetings. The upcoming Meetings are-

Sun July 12, 2009

Aiju and Betty George
7307 Sparrow Point Ln.
Sachse, TX 75048
972-461-0989

Sun Aug. 2, 2009

Ben and Jini Mathew
3517 Matagorda Springs
Plano, TX 75025
972-712-5521

CONDOLENCES

Mr. James Timothy, 73 years old, father of Suja Thomas (wife of Reji. L Thomas) of Garland Prayer group, passed away on June 5th, 2009 in Dallas, TX

Jolly Kuruvilla (58) Mother of Rincy Saji Daniel of Carrollton N Prayer group passed away in Kundara ,Kerala on June 23 .

The nephew of Mr. Thomas M Mathew (Johnson & Sally), passed away this morning at 5AM in New York. He was 30 years old and was from Chicago, and passed away while visiting New York to attend a wedding this morning

BIRTH

George Varghese and Subi Philip of Dallas Mesquite prayer group are blessed with a Baby boy Andrew George on June 22nd 2009.

Doys Varghese Kurian and Nilam Kurian of Carrollton North Prayer group are blessed with a baby girl Riya Jay Kurian on May 7th, 2009

BAPTISM

Kaitlynn Rebecca Idichandy, daughter of Jacob Mathew Idichandy and Siney Idichandy was baptized on 13th June, 2009

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM MUSICAL CONCERT

Date: July 19th, 2009 (Sunday)

Time: 6.30 PM

**Venue: Grace Church, USA
4020 Nazarene Dr., Carrollton, TX 75010**

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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