

THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS FARMERS BRANCH

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Worship



Schedule



<p>November 1 <i>Sanctification of the Church</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School Assembly 9:30 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p> <p>Episcopal Visit & First Communion</p> <p>Area: Coppell</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Micah 6:1-08 2nd Lesson: Eph 02:11-22 Epistle: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Gospel: St. Luke 10:1-9</p>
<p>November 8 <i>Renewal of the Church</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>Area: Dal/Mesq.</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Duetr 06:1-09 2nd Lesson: Eph 5:1-10 Epistle: Rom 12:1-11 Gospel: St. Luke 2:42-52</p>
<p>November 15 <i>Annunciation to Zechariah</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:30 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p> <p>Area: Garland</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 1 Chro 24:1-19 2nd Lesson: Rev 8:1-8 Epistle: Heb 5:1-10 Gospel: St. Luke 1:5-23</p>
<p>November 22 <i>Annunciation to Virgin Mary</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p> <p>Area: Irving</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Zech 2:10-13 2nd Lesson: Gal 4:21-31 Epistle: Eph. 1:3-14 Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>November 29 <i>Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p> <p>Area: Plano</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Gen 18:1-16 2nd Lesson: Heb 2:1-10 Epistle: 1 John 5:13-20 Gospel: St. Luke 1:39-45</p>

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE



Area	Date	Residence of	
Carrollton East	11-01	Episcopal Visit	
	11-14	TBD	6:30
	11-21	TBD	7:00
	11-28	Thanks Giving	
Carrollton North	11-08(Sun)	James T. Abraham	6.30
	11-15(Sun)	Jini James	6.30
	11-22	Carol Practice	5.00
	11-28	Varughese P Mathew(shaji)	6.30
Carrollton West	11-01	Episcopal Visit	
	11-14	TBD	6:30
	11-21	TBD	6:30
	11-28	Thanks Giving	
Coppell	11-07	Jacob Thomas	7:00
	11-14	Mathew C. Varughese	7:00
	11-21	TBD	7:00
	11-28	Thanks Giving	
Dallas/ Mesquite	11-08	TBD	TBD
	11-14	John Itticheria	6.30
	11-21	TBD	TBD
	11-28	Thanks Giving	TBD
Garland	11-08(Sun)	James T. Abraham	6:30
	11-14	Mathew Varghese	7:00
	11-21	John Joseph	7:00
	11-28	P M Abraham	7:00
Irving	11-07	Titus Varghese	6:30
	11-14	Abraham K (Shajan)	6:30
	11-15	TBD	6:30
	11-28	Thanks Giving	
Plano	11-07	Picnic	6:30
	11-14	Thomas M Mathew	6:30
	11-21	TBD	6:30
	11-28	Thanksgiving	



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

Let's Take time to Thank God for his Constant Grace and also thank all the near and dear ones.

Please attend the special Thanks Giving Service on Nov. 26 at Church.

SEVIKA SANGHAM PROGRAMS

1/2 day retreat on October 31, Saturday. 10am-12 noon. Theodosius Thirumeni will be the main speaker. Request all ladies to make arrangements to attend the retreat.

Sevika Sangham centre meeting on November 7, Saturday 10 am -12 noon at Mar Thoma Church of Dallas Farmers Branch.



Church E-Mail Group

Please be a part of the church Email group and receive updates from our church. Sign up by sending an Email to secretarymtcfb@yahoo.com



Alter Flowers

There are dates available if you would like to Donate Alter Flowers for our Church Sunday Worship Service - Thanks!

Vicar's Message

How wonderful is the moment when our children are ready to partake the Holy Body and Holy Blood. Growing in Christ, moving towards the goal set for each one of us . "Little sins" can cause us to fall down in the forward movement towards maturity. On one hand we have to watch out for the big problems ,but on the other hand we should not forget the pebbles, which is small in size and can be neglected. Let the wonderful experience to be part of His body enrich each one of us especially the first holy communicants to be alert to every sin, both large and small.



We are blessed by our Diocesan Thirumani's visit and especially for the first communicants. Thirumani's visit paved way to understand how we as a church can work more for the Kingdom of God. We are thankful to Thirumani for spending valuable time for each organization especially the youths of Dallas. Thirumani's concern and vision towards the youth is appreciable . May the vision be a reality among us.

We are planning to observe the second Sunday as ' World Sunday School Day' .Our children along with the Sunday School teachers will be giving the leadership .Children are the hope of tomorrow. They have to carry the ' True Message' in them. It's a great privilege and challenge to live in. May God bless them and strengthen them .

This month we will read and meditate upon the vision seen by Mother Mary and Zechariah the priest. Through the vision and their surrendering to the will of God they became a blessing for others. Today we ask and look forward to our own benefits. Whereas giving up for others is the core theme of Christ .I am thankful to God for my committee members of 2009 and now we are going to have yet another election for the year 2010. Election is a responsibility, a responsibility to be a blessing for others. Father Abraham was called or elected to be a blessing for others as well as to be the light of the nation. Let this understanding rule us when we are chosen as His vessels .

Let us prepare ourselves to the advent season.

With prayers,

Minoy Achen



Episcopal Visit

Our Diocesan Episcopa Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Thirumeni will be visiting our parish from Oct 27th to Nov 1st. First Communion will be conducted by our Diocesan Bishop during his visit to our church on Nov.1st 2009 , Sunday.

Highlights Of The Visit

Oct. 30(Fri) 7PM-9PM	Meeting with Dallas youth fellowship & Young couples
Oct. 31(Sat) 10 AM-12 PM	1/2 Day Retreat of Suvishesha Savika Sangham
7 PM-8 PM	Evening worship
8 AM -9 PM	Meeting the Bishop/Public Forum.
Nov.1(Sun) 9AM	Holy Qurbana & 1st Communicant Service.



JOB OPENINGS ?

Do You Know Many Of Our Members Lost Their Jobs?

Let's extend our Helping hands and try to help those who are jobless in our church. If you find any kind job openings please pass that info to the secretary.

Lets All get through this Tough Time Together !

Important Dates To Remember



November 1	Sun	Episcopal Visit & World Sunday School Day
November 26	Thu	Thanksgiving Day Service
December 5	Sat	KECF Christmas Carol
December 6	Sun	Mission and Outreach Sunday
December 20	Sun	Sunday School Carol Program
December 23	Wed	Youth Christmas Party
December 24	Thu	Christmas Eve Carol & Celebration Program
December 25	Fri	Christmas Day
December 31	Thu	New Year's Eve Watch Night Service

Youth Chaplain's Message



"I HATE TO COME IN TO WORK THIS EARLY, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN CHECK ON WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE COMING IN LATE."



What is hypocrisy? Do you think you are a hypocrite? Why? How do you know?

Hypocrisy is derived from the Greek word *hypokrisis* which basically means "acting" or to be an "actor". It is a type of lie where one pretends to have certain beliefs, standards, values, qualities, opinions, etc. that they don't actually have. As it would be a professional actor, it serves to effectively hide the true identity of the person and portray only a false reality. So, imagine this: a world, a community, a family, a person living in hypocrisy. Why it would simply an act or play that we watch and participate in?

I am reminded of the hit movie, *The Truman Show* starring Jim Carrey, wherein Truman is on the set of a reality show about him and his life without his knowledge. His so-called friends, family, neighbors all are simply acting out their part. Perhaps the most interesting element of the movie is that Truman is real and honest despite the fact that all those around him were fake. How about us? Where do we find ourselves? Among the acting crew or with Truman?

Hypocrisy was one the vices that Jesus Christ preached so powerfully against during his public ministry. On numerous occasions to the disciples, the crowd that followed him and the religious leaders of the day Jesus strictly warned against hypocritical living (Matt 6:2, 5, 16). In hypocrisy, an individual denies the truth and dissatisfies God by exalting and elevating the primacy of a false reality or a "fake lifestyle". It corrupts the spiritual, mental and physical nature and destroys a person, a family, a community and world from the inside out.

The Christian faith must never be a "part" you play on Sunday morning or at Church events. Beware. Overcome. Take a look at the following 3 attitudes that *every* hypocrite has and work to avoid it:

Being careless. "Who cares what people think about what I do in my personal life?"

It's none of their business." If you don't care about how your actions affects others, you are on your way to hypocrisy.

Being unreachable. "Don't try to tell me what to do or how to live. I will make up my own mind independent of others." This kind of thinking puts you on a dangerous road to ruin. God puts people around us to help guide and protect us. Don't despise their counsel.

Comparing. "Well, I'm not as bad as a lot of people I see in the church." This attitude was prevalent in the Pharisees in Jesus' time. These religious hypocrites were always comparing themselves to others who they felt were less spiritual. Their appearances to people were more important than how they appeared to God.

May God lead us forward in Truth and may we be empowered to keep from the temptation of falsehood!

Your brother in Christ, **Jaisen Achen** 214-604-6678, revjathomas@yahoo.com

Wedding Anniversaries



Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Dony Daniel & Sindhu Kalluvilayil	Carrollton North
2	Mathew Chacko & Molly Mathew	Coppell
7	K T Andrews & Aleyamma Andrews	Irving
8	Vettolil Varghese & Rachel John	Carrollton North
10	Mathew Varghese & Elizabeth Mathew	Garland
	Titus & Reeja Varghese	Irving
	Jayan & Maya Varkey	Coppell
12	George Pulinhitta & Elsamma George	Carrollton West
16	Shibu & Suby Mathew	Garland
17	George V & Marykutty Skariah	Irving
18	Sunny & Annamma Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	John & Aleyamma Itticheria	Dallas / Mesquite
20	Thomas & Lelamma Chacko	Coppell
	Jaymon John & Susan Thomas	Carrollton North
	Babukutty C. Skaria & Jessy Thomas	Irving
21	Benny Thomas & Anuja Thomas	Plano
	Rajan & Shaly Varughese	Irving
23	Eapen & Sosamma Thomas	Carrollton East
	Babu C & Saramma Mathew	Garland
24	Rev. Thomas P Varkey & Marykutty Varkey	Irving
25	Roy & Anu Varghese	Garland
	Mammen & Mariamma Koshy	Coppell
26	Thomas V & Alice Thomas	Carrollton North
27	George & Lalamma Varghese	Coppell
28	John & Molly Cherian	Garland
	Mathews K Skariah & Lilly K Mathews	Carrollton West
29	P S George & Chinnamma George	Carrollton East
	Sunny & Sali Abraham	Carrollton East
	Varghese & Mariamma Abraham	Carrollton North
30	M Philipose & Mariamma Philipose	Garland
	Bijo K Abraham & Anu B Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
30	Thampy Abraham & Mini Thampy	Irving
	Satish & Lena Skariah	Irving



UPDATE
Its in the Making, Please be patient!



Church Medical Emergency Team

To handle any Medical Emergency situation in our Church, we set up a Medical Emergency Team of trained Medical staff such as Doctors, Nurses etc.

And we also have Medical Equipments including AED, CPR Mask, Glucometer, Osimeter, Blood Pressure Monitor, First Aid Kit and Stretcher etc. to handle an emergency situation & Save a life.

Our Life is so Precious and Each Day in our Life is A Gift From God Almighty!



Condolences

- # Mrs. Aleyamma Varkey, 87 years old, Mother of Mr. K.E Idicula of Garland Prayer group passed away on October 3rd, 2009 in Kallissery, Kerala.
- # Mr. Zachariah Varkey, 73 years old, father of Mrs. Beena Geroge (wife of Josen George) of Carrollton West Prayer group passed away on October 16th, 2009 in Thiruvalla, Kerala.
- # Mr. A. O Kurian, 88 years old, father of Kurian Ninan of Carrollton North Prayer group passed away on October 16th, 2009 in Bhilai, India.

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION & LUNCH



LUNCHEON
ON
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2009
AT
10:00 AM
Hosted by Parish Mission

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Date	Names	Prayer Group
1	Rachalamma Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Dr. Molly Zacharia	Irving
2	Mariamamma Mathew	Plano
	Jerry Thomas	Coppell
	Sumi John	Carrollton East
	Varughese P. George	Irving
3	Joseph G Karamvellil	Irving
	Vimal Varghese	Irving
	O C Thomas	Irving
4	Mariamamma Mathew	Carrollton East
5	Babu Rajan	Coppell
7	Julie Sara Abraham	Carrollton North
8	Noel S Kovoor	Plano
9	Noel George Abraham	Irving
	Mini Mathew	Carrollton North
10	Abraham Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Renil Samuel	Irving
	Joyal E. Samuel	Irving
	Annie G Samuel	Carrollton West
	Alex T Jacob	Coppell
	Lisa Jacob	Coppell
	Christy Mathew	Coppell
11	Neethu Chacko	Dallas / Mesquite
	Arun Jacob Mathew	Plano
	Elizabeth Andrews	Irving
12	Siljo Kuruvilla	Irving
	Paula Sarah Alexander	Dallas / Mesquite
13	Cyril Mathew	Carrollton North
	Sunij M Abraham	Garland
	Rev. Minoy N Kuruvilla	Carrollton West
	Liny Philipose	Garland
	Seena Sunil	Carrollton West
	M A Philip	Irving
14	Shalin Varghese	Carrollton West
	Baby K Samuel	Carrollton East
	Dr. Roy Mathew	Coppell
	Zita Samuel	Irving
	Snoby G. Varughese	Irving
15	Diana Jacob	Plano
	Suma Princely	Carrollton North
	P S George	Carrollton East
16	Nicole Sara Abraham	Irving
	Thomas Mathew	Coppell
	Justin C. John	Coppell
	Gelta George	Carrollton West



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

17	Zachry John Joseph	Coppell
	Nevin Chacko	Garland
	Shaju Chacko	Plano
18	Jeffrey Abraham	Garland
	Shiny Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Saramma Mathew	Garland
19	Manoj Thomas	Carrollton West
	Rachel Anna Mammen	Plano
	Depu Thomas Abraham	Irving
20	Valsala Jacob	Coppell
	Lindsey Thomas	Coppell
	Subhash Mathew	Coppell
	Emily Mary Joseph	Carrollton North
21	Mariamamma Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Marykutty Skariah	Irving
	Joshy Mathew	Carrollton East
22	Stanley Joseph	Garland
	Jose V George	Carrollton East
	Jijo George Mathew	Carrollton East
	Chacko N Mani	Garland
23	Aleena Kurien	Carrollton West
	Ryan Chandy	Irving
	Suja S Varghese	Garland
	P I Cherian	Coppell
	Steven Joseph	Garland
24	Mariamamma Joji	Irving
	Mathew T George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Sheena Abraham	Garland
	Jerry Benjamin	Carrollton East
25	Renee Zachariah	Plano
	Ginu George	Coppell
	Anica Ann John	Garland
26	Joseph M Varughese	Irving
	Soosamma Samuel	Carrollton East
	Manju Varughese	Garland
	V T Abraham	Garland
27	Lincy Samuel	Other Area
	Esther Joseph	Garland
	Mathew K S	Dallas / Mesquite
28	Binoy Varghese Thomas	Carrollton East
	Abraham Andrews	Irving
	Thomas Abraham	Carrollton East
	Koshy T George	Irving
29	Roy Varghese	Carrollton East
	Abraham Theckemury	Garland
	John Thomas	Carrollton East
30	John Kombikunnathu	Carrollton West
	Mathew V Thomas	Carrollton East
	Varghese Abraham	Coppell
	Alex V Easo	Carrollton East

