

# THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS FARMERS BRANCH

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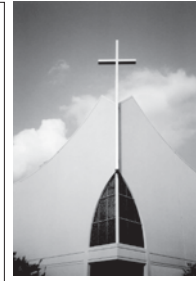
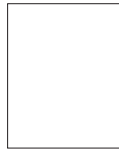
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# MAR THOMA LIFE TIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS, FB

OCTOBER 2008

*Dare to be different*

Mar Thoma Fest  
October 4th

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

Family Retreat  
2008

October 10th-12th



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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**October 5**  
*Voluntary Evangelists*  
*Day-Christian Witness*  
*In a secular*

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

**1st Lesson:**  
 2 Kings 5:1-14  
**2nd Lesson:**  
 Acts 11:19-30  
**Epistle:**  
 Acts 18:24-28  
**Gospel:**  
 St. Mat 5:13-16

**Area: Garland**

**October 12**  
*Solidarity with*  
*Physically & mentally*  
*challenged*

**9:00 AM:** Sunday School  
**10:15 AM:** Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)

**1st Lesson:**  
 2 Sam 9:1-13  
**2nd Lesson:**  
 1 Thes 5:12-22  
**Epistle:**  
 2 Cor 12:1-10  
**Gospel:**  
 St. Mat 11:1-6

**Area: Carrollton-East**

**October 19**  
*Youth Sunday*

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

**1st Lesson:**  
 1 Sam 17:32-50  
**2nd Lesson:**  
 Phil 3:1-16  
**Epistle:**  
 1 Tim 4:6-16  
**Gospel:**  
 St. Mark 10:17-31

**Area: Carrollton-North**

**October 26**  
*Christian family*  
*Sunday*

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

**1st Lesson:**  
 Josh 24:14-22  
**2nd Lesson:**  
 Gal 6:1-10  
**Epistle:**  
 Rom 16:1-16  
**Gospel:**  
 St. Mat 2:13-22

**Area: Carrollton-West**

**November 2**  
*Sanctification of the*  
*church*

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

**1st Lesson:**  
 Pro 23:15-26  
**2nd Lesson:**  
 Heb 12:1-13  
**Epistle:**  
 Eph 6:1-4  
**Gospel:**  
 St. John 6:1-14

**Area: Coppell**

# PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence of</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Carrollton East</b>	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-11	Family Retreat	
	10-18	Suraj G. John	7:00
	10-25	Stanly George	7:00
<b>Carrollton North</b>	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-11	Family Retreat	
	10-19 (Sun)	Sosamma Mathew	6:30
	10-26 (Sun)	Daniel Abraham	6:30
<b>Carrollton West</b>	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-11	TBD	
	10-18 (Sun)	Suresh Kuriakose	6:30
	10-25	TBD	
<b>Coppell</b>	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-11	Family Retreat	
	10-19 (Sun)	M. J. Andrews	6:30
	10-25	Sam Alex	7:00
<b>Dallas/Mesquite</b>	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-11	Family Retreat	
	10-18	Bijo Abraham	7:00
	10-25	TBD	
<b>Garland</b>	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-11	Family Retreat	
	10-18	Sunny Thekamury	7:00
	10-25	Santhosh T. Paul	7:00
<b>Irving</b>	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-11	Family Retreat	
	10-18	TBD	
	10-25	TBD	
<b>Plano</b>	10-05 (Sun)	Varghese Mathew	6:00
	10-12 (Sun)	Christo Mekkattukulam	6:00
	10-18	Sojan Easow	6:30
	10-25	Aby George	6:30

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Prayer is a unique experience in our day today life. It is the precious time that we meet our creator personally. It is something different as Hanna said "I ... have poured out my soul before the Lord" (1 Sam: 1:15). In prayer, God hears more than just words- he listens to our hearts. We can not define what prayer is. It is something special, unique and personal. Prayer is a privilege too that we are not only praying for ourselves but for others. Sincere intercession is the key to God's intervention. (Acts 4:31) interceding is indeed a special privilege. When we pray for others, we become partners with God in His work of salvation, healing, comfort and justice.

Prayer for me is the time of adoration and worship because God is worthy for our praise and adoration. He is the creator, redeemer and sustainer. He is the one, true and living God, almighty, all powerful, faithful and more than loving. Peter says "to him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever". (1 Pet: 4: 11)

It is the time of confession; I believe that before coming to the throne of God we need a right relationship with God and fellow human being. Bible says every inclination of the thoughts of human heart was only evil, (Gen: 6:5) therefore we need a conscious effort to make a right relationship with God. One of the important prayers in the bible is "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke: 18:13).

It is the time of thanks giving. Paul says "in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God". God blessed us with manifold blessings. We can not give any thing back to God. Through prayer we acknowledge that even though we are unworthy for His blessings God blessed us with different blessings. "What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."

It is the time of supplication. It is an experience of sitting with our closest one and sharing our happiness, worries, pain and anxiety. When we bend our knees to pray, God bends his ear to listen. When we are praying usually we can not see God, but by faith we see and experience His most awesome presence.

Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith that God is near to us. Through prayer we have instant access to our father. When with expectancy we pray according to his will, we'll see Him working in our lives, his purpose to fulfill. "Therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers" (1 Pet 4:7) May God almighty bless you and keep you

With Prayer,



Rev. Vinoy Daniel



### Sunday School

#### Regional Competition

**When:** October 25th, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
**Where:** Marthoma Church of Dallas Farmers Branch

### Young Family Fellowship

Sun 10/12/2008	Sun 12/14/2008
Biju and Anu Zacheriah	Lijoy and Leny Philipose
4833 Glen Heather Dr	412 Pleasant Run
Frisco, TX: 75034	Murphy, TX: 75094
214-705-9217	972-423-7617

Sun 11/16/2008  
Ben and Jini Mathew  
3517 Matagorda Springs  
Plano, Texas 75025  
(972) 712-5521

### Secretary's Corner

All submissions for the November edition of the Life Times should be submitted to the Secretary or Joint Secretary by **Friday, October 17, 2008**.

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

## FAMILY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch will host the Family Conference of the Diocese of North America & Europe in 2010. Our parish has hosted the Family Conference in 1984 and 1995 respectively. This is the third time that we are hosting this conference.

The Family Conference Committee consists of the following persons.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos:	Diocesan Episcopa (Patron)
Rev. Biju S. Cherian:	Diocesan Secretary
Mr. Chacko Mathew:	Diocesan Treasurer
Rev. Vinoy Daniel:	President (Vicar)
Mr. Chacko Jacob:	Vice President:
Mr. Lal Varghese:	Secretary
Mr. Jacob Mathai:	Treasurer
Mr. Bijo K. Abraham:	Accountant
Mrs. Annamma Mathew:	Diocesan Council Member
Mrs. Aswathi Mathew:	Diocesan Council Member
Mrs. Elizabeth John:	Diocesan Council Member
Rev. P. V. Thomas:	Diocesan Assembly Member
Mr. Varughese Mathew:	Diocesan Assembly Member
Mr. Easaw G. Maliakal:	Diocesan Assembly Member

In addition to the above members, the Sub Committee Conveners of various Sub Committee also will be the members of the Family Conference Committee. The Family Conference Committee requests your prayers, support and presence for the successful conduct of the conference.

## MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Who am I? Am I really the devout believer others think me to be? Am I really the troublemaker others purport me to be?

The truth of the matter is that many of us would be unable to offer a singular coherent answer to this question of identity. One reason being our identity has become increasingly relational. That is, based on the circumstance and person. So, we may express multiple identities completely dependent on the situation. As such, identity becomes something that is superfluous and focused on the external and visible. In the process the very core of our being gets lost or distorted. Perhaps this is why interest in Halloween has progressively increased. In that, it represents a central characteristic of our society - a life behind masks! In the gospel according to St. John 1:-15-23, John is questioned about his identity by the Jews, priests and Levites. They ask him, "Who are you? Are you Elijah? Are you the prophet? Who are you?" He confidently responds, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me...the law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ". When asked about his identity, John has only to speak of Jesus Christ. He doesn't discuss himself, his family or his background - he simply testifies of Christ!

For him, his identity was inseparable from his faith and acceptance of Jesus Christ. He realized that only in truly knowing Christ can one know themselves.

Essentially, in order to understand the true depth of our identity we have to rephrase the question and ask ourselves: Whose am I?? or Whose are we?? It is when our words, deeds and thoughts reflect the very image of God (Gen1:26,27) that we reveal His true and intended identity for our lives.

May we rediscover ourselves through our faith in Christ and remove the masks that distort the truth of our identity.

Prayerfully,  
Jaisen Achen  
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## OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Day	Names	Prayer Group
4	Mr. Isaac & Mary Parampottil	Coppell
	Mr. O. C. & Mrs. Susamma Thomas	Irving
6	Mr. T. P. & Mrs. Annamma Mathew	Garland
9	Mr. Sam & Mrs. Sosamma Abraham	Irving
	Mr. Alexander Joseph & Mrs. Jessy Alexander	Coppell
10	Mr. Abraham Theckemury & Mrs. Aleyamma Abraham	Garland
11	Mr. Zachariah Thomas & Mrs. Sosamma Zachariah	Coppell
14	Mr. Varghese & Mrs. Mary Mathew	Carrollton North
16	Mr. John P. & Mrs. Sossamma John	Carrollton East
23	Mr. C. V. & Mrs. Mary Thomas	Carrollton East
	Mr. Renil & Mrs. Neena Samuel	Irving
24	Mr. Varghese Thomas & Mrs. Sara Varghese	Irving
25	Mr. P. S. & Mrs. Aleayamm Cherian	Carrollton North
26	Mr. Abraham Mathew & Mrs. Reena Abraham	Carrollton North
27	Mr. Vinod M. Abraham & Mrs. Manju Vinod	Carrollton North
30	Mr. P. E. & Mrs. Mary Easow	Plano
31	Mr. Alex & Mrs. Annie Chacko	Carrollton West

## WEDDINGS

Joe Skariah & Brandie Mary Nelson were united through holy matrimony on August 30, 2008 at Mar Thoma church of Dallas, Farmers Branch

Nicholas John Butler & Christina Susan Mathew were united through holy matrimony on Sep 06, 2008 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

## CONDOLENCES

P. K. Abraham (94), grandfather of Bijo Abraham (Dallas/Mesquite) passed away at Punnavely, Kerala on September 21, 2008

Kunjayi Varghes (89), grandmother of Christo Mekkattukulam (Plano) passed away at Pazhani, Trichur, Kerala on Sep 21, 2008

Mrs. Annamma Cherian, aunt of Mrs. Nirmala Philip (Plano) passed away at Thiruvalla, Kerala on Aug 28, 2008

## BIRTHS

Mr. Stacen and Mrs. Praseetha Joseph (Carrollton - North) are blessed with a baby girl Ava Ann Joseph on July 25, 2008

Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Manju Varughese are blessed with a baby boy Andrew Abraham Varughese on July 23, 2008

## BAPTISMS

Sophia Ann Mathew D/o Mr Dillon & Mrs. Miny Mathew 2361 Shore ham cir, Lewisville, Tx 75063 was baptised on Sep 20, 2008

## NEW MEMBERS

**MR. SAJAN JOHN,  
MRS. SUNILA S. JOHN  
JASON JOHN & BENJAMIN JOHN  
3317 AUGUSTA LN. #130  
FT. WORTH, TX: 76137  
817-306-9549**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Day	Name	Prayer Group
1	Kunjamma Abraham	Carrollton North
	Jobin K Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Joshua Alex George	Carrollton East
	Joseph Skariah	Carrollton East
2	Jerry Abraham	Garland
	Jessy Mathews	Carrollton West
	Telsa Subi George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Rhea Zachariah	Plano
4	Sharon Annie George	Carrollton East
	Ajith George	Irving
	Ranji Mathew	Garland
	Smita Koshy	Plano
	Ammini Daniel	Carrollton East
5	Juliet Andrews	Irving
	Shawn Mathew	Plano
	Reyan Abraham	Carrollton North
	Prince Joseph	Irving
6	Achamma Joseph	Carrollton East
	Asha A Varghese	Coppell
	Somar Thomas	Carrollton East
	Jane Alex	Coppell
7	Elijah Thomas	Coppell
8	George V Skariah	Irving
	Saramma Joseph	Carrollton East
	Keren Christo	Plano
	Jeena Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
9	Joby Mathews	Carrollton West
	Annie Varghese	Plano
10	Samuel Punnamoottil	Coppell
	Elizabeth Susan Yohannan	Carrollton North
11	Suma Chacko	Plano
	Berly Yuhanon Panachakunnel	Carrollton North
	Elizabeth Daniel	Carrollton North
	Manoj Varghese	Plano
	Stanley James	Carrollton North
	Adam T Mathew	Irving
12	Alex P Philip	Plano
	Santosh George	Dallas / Mesquite
13	Kurien Oommen	Carrollton West
14	Jisha Jacob	Coppell
	Rachel P Daniel	Carrollton East
	Mathew Varghese	Garland
15	Shelly John	Carrollton East
	Aleyamma Abraham	Garland
	Sam Abraham	Irving
	Cassia Marie Joseph	Coppell

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Day	Name	Prayer Group
17	Greeshma Sara Jose	Irving
	Sherin Philip	Coppell
	Alvin George	Irving
	Justin Andrews	Coppell
	Bamini Thomas	Coppell
18	Alvin George	Carrollton West
	Achenkunju Chandy	Plano
	Kevin Paul	Carrollton East
19	David John	Plano
	Raju Mathew	Irving
	Dr. Sanjay Philip Oommen	Irving
	Nikita Sojan	Plano
	Sosamma Mathews	Coppell
	C J Benjamin	Carrollton East
20	Previn Varghese	Carrollton West
	Joel B Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
	Elsy Benjamin	Carrollton East
	Jacob Daniel	Carrollton North
	Reena Mathew	Irving
21	Sunny Kovoor	Plano
	Shane C Alexander	Garland
	Valsamma Jacob	Coppell
	Shiji Elsa George	Dallas / Mesquite
22	Shibu Mathew	Garland
	Joanna Skariah	Dallas / Mesquite
	Roshan V Mathew	Carrollton West
23	Yuhanon Chacko Panachakunnel	Carrollton North
	Leela Varghese	Plano
	Allen G Thomas	Dallas / Mesquite
24	Sosamma Abraham	Irving
	Sheryl Ansu George	Carrollton North
25	Manish John	Carrollton East
	Aleyamma Cherian	Carrollton North
26	Joy Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Regina Ann Mathews	Coppell
	Susan Thomas	Garland
27	Lizy David	Plano
	Raji Koshy	Coppell
	Mathukutty V Eapen	Irving
	Nincy Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
28	Subin Paul Thomas	Garland
	Sunny Abraham	Carrollton East
	Annette S Kurian	Plano
29	Megan A Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Aby Thomas	Carrollton North
30	Sunitha S George	Carrollton North
	Aby George	Plano
31	Bilue Thomas	Carrollton East
	Leslie Thomas	Coppell
	Ponnamma Mathews	Plano