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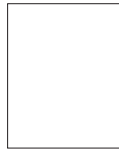
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# MAR THOMA LIFE TIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS, FB

SEPTEMBER 2009  
*Year of Salvation*



*For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land  
with streams and pools of water with springs flowing in  
the valleys and hills.*

*Deuteronomy 8:7*



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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE



<p><b>September 6</b> <i>Savika Sangham Day</i> <i>Woman in the Service of the Kingdom of God</i></p> <p><b>Area: Coppell</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>9:15 AM:</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:15 AM:</b> Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p>	<p><b>1st Lesson:</b> 1 Sam 1:1-28 <b>2nd Lesson:</b> Act 16:11-15 <b>Epistle:</b> Gal 3:23-29 <b>Gospel:</b> St. Mark 15:37-47</p>
<p><b>September 13</b> <i>Education Sunday</i> <i>Jesus is the great Guru</i></p> <p><b>Area: Dallas / Mesquite</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>9:15 AM:</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:15 AM:</b> Holy Qurbana (English)</p>	<p><b>1st Lesson:</b> Prov 4:1-19 <b>2nd Lesson:</b> Acts 22:1-15 <b>Epistle:</b> Col 1:24-29 <b>Gospel:</b> St. Luke 4:31-44</p>
<p><b>September 20</b> <i>Political Responsibilities for God's people</i></p> <p><b>Area: Garland</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>9:15 AM:</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:15 AM:</b> Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p>	<p><b>1st Lesson:</b> Isa 49:1-13 <b>2nd Lesson:</b> Acts 24:10-27 <b>Epistle:</b> 1 Pet 4:12-19 <b>Gospel:</b> St. Mat 13:31-43</p>
<p><b>September 27</b> <i>Senior citizens Day - Aged - Sharing Wisdom and Experience with The young</i></p> <p><b>Area: Irving</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>9:15 AM:</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:15 AM:</b> Holy Qurbana (English)</p>	<p><b>1st Lesson:</b> Josh 23:1-6 <b>2nd Lesson:</b> 1 Tim 5:1-10 <b>Epistle:</b> 1 John 3:1-10 <b>Gospel:</b> St. Luke 2:25-38</p>
<p><b>October 4</b> <i>Voluntary Evangelists Day- Equipping The local Congregation for mission</i></p> <p><b>Area: Plano</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>9:15 AM:</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:15 AM:</b> Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p>	<p><b>1st Lesson:</b> Neh 2:11-18 <b>2nd Lesson:</b> 2 Tim 4:1-18 <b>Epistle:</b> Eph 4:11-16 <b>Gospel:</b> St. Mat 5:13-16</p>

# PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE



<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence of</u>
<b>Carrollton East</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-12	Church Picnic
	9-20	TBD
	9-27	TBD
<b>Carrollton North</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-12	Church Picnic
	9-20	Varghese Abraham 6:30
	9-27	Daniel Abraham 6.30
<b>Carrollton West</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-12	Church Picnic
	9-20	TBD
	9-27	TBD
<b>Coppell</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-12	Church Picnic
	9-21	TBD
	9-27(Sun)	Aleyamma Mathew 6.30
<b>Dallas/ Mesquite</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-12	Church Picnic
	9-20	TBD
	9-27	TBD
<b>Garland</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-12	P.T. Issac 7:00
	9-19	TBD 7:00
	9-26	TBD 7.00
<b>Irving</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-13(Sun)	George Varghese(Babu) 6.00
	9-20(Sun)	George Aringada 6:00
	9-26	Thampy Abraham 6.30
<b>Plano</b>	9-05	Sunday School Anniversary
	9-12	Church Picnic
	9-19	Jesse Varghese 6:30
	9-26	Kurian Varughese 6.30

## PARISH MISSION CENTER MEETING

On Wednesday, September 9th 2009  
at 7:00 PM  
at The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas  
Farmers Branch



## CHOIR FESTIVAL 2009

When: 7:00 PM, Saturday, September 19th, 2009  
Where: The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch  
Participants: All the Local Mar Thoma Church Choirs  
(English and Malayalam Choirs)



DATE & Time: SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 09 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Picnic Venue :LAKE LEWISVILLE (PILOT KNOLL PARK)  
218A Orchid Hill Rd., Argyle, Tx. 76226

LOTS OF FUN and GAMES FOR ALL AGES .  
COME WITH YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY and HAVE A GREAT  
FELLOSHIP.

Early birds get " kappa and chembu " ( 9-10 am) and  
BBQ (best in town ) WILL BE SERVED.

## FIRST COMMUNICANTS CLASSES @ CHURCH

1st Communion will be conducted by our Bishop during his visit from 29th Oct - Nov. 1st 2009. So Our Minoy Achen will be conducting the first communicant's classes and the schedule is as follows.

1st class	20th Sept.	at 6 p.m.
2nd Class	26th Sept.	at 6 p.m
3rd & Final	04th Oct.	at 6.p.m.

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR



THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS  
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VICAR: REV. MINOY N. KURUVILLA

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Every Christian has unique God given abilities. Some believers, however, feel inferior because they don't have as much talent as others. We mustn't think that way as God doesn't hold us accountable for what we don't have. He will ask us as per the given talents. He wants us to discover and develop the skills we do have. Now the question comes whether we wasted our time looking others and cursing ourselves to be like what we are or we have used the time, energy and all His given resources, so that we can show our account to Him and get the award of being called "Good and Faithful Servant". God never abandoned us even though we have neglected Him and His voice. Our God is not a God who walks with us only during our good times but walks even during, heavy fog times. God always sees us, encourages us, helps us, guides us, because He knows and cares for us and our surroundings. Yes, He will protect all our children under His mighty wings in the new environment. I pray to the Lord that all our children gone for higher studies achieve their goals with Him.

We, as church is going to observe 6th September as Suvishesha Sevika sanghom dinam, a day when church remember all the women who served and contributed everything for the upliftment of the church. Each of them are unique individual in history. Birth is not an accident and neither God's call to be His representatives in all given areas is casual. It's a great privilege to belong to Christ and a high calling to stand boldly for Him during our place in time as Esther did, when she got the chance to serve His people.

Choir fest is a venture to unite, worship and strengthen communication with the neighbourhood churches. Let us join and make the choir service on 19th a great success. Yuvajana Sakhyaam Regional conference will be held on 5th September as well as 13th September will be observed as the youth fellowship Sunday. Let us encourage all our young ones to be part of it and learn more about Christ and get strength to resist the evil as the young Daniel and his friends did even though they were captive at Babylon. Sunday school anniversary is the place when our children gets the reward for their spiritual growth. May the good Lord help them to sustain their faith and bear fruits for Him. Let us join and encourage them by being a part of the anniversary on 5th September.

Seniors are the one who helps the young by their experience. We are blessed to have senior citizens in our church who pray and support young's in all ways. The church is observing 27th as the senior citizen day. Let's pray to God that they get strength, more and more so that, the parish can be challenged as well as influenced by their lifestyle and faith.

Minoy Achen.

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



### What is culture? What culture do you most associate with? Why?

Culture, has often been defined as a set of shared practices and customs associated with a specific population or group. Additionally, it has also been considered to be a systematic tool for integrated knowledge and behavior. Generally, we may understand culture to be a lifestyle. However, despite all these definitions the implications of culture is what we really need to greater understand.

Culture is a distinct form of power that functions like capital (e.g. American dollar versus Indian rupee). Despite its explicit impact, it has the dynamic power to proliferate and permeate cognitive and spiritual concepts. We live in a world and society where competing cultural notions compromise ideological and spiritual positions as they work to assert precedence over the other. As such, the emergence of numerous cultural patterns through various genres of music and pop culture has diminished the visibility of the true Christian culture.

However, the Christian faith culture is not bound by the rules of common cultures as it serves the sole purpose of uniting God and human. Therefore, it is important that we perpetuate the faith through our obedience to the lifestyle and teachings of Christ. That is, our true identity/culture must transcend the traditional limits of ethnicity, heredity and physical attributes to effectively reveal Christ. Therein, as individuals and as a community we may assume the very culture of Christ.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew 8:5-13, we read of how a centurion despite his ethnic, religious and cultural diversity exhibited incredible faith in Jesus Christ. The centurion did not deny his culture but, he was through faith in Jesus Christ able to transcend the cultural limits and experience the power of God. His faith was so great that even Jesus testified of him: "When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, 'I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith...'. In faith and obedience, let us choose the Christ culture that transcends all human and cultural limitations asserting His power through our lives.

May the Almighty God strengthen us in the power of discernment and commitment so our perspectives may transform to receive Christ as the source of true culture!

Your brother in Christ,  
Jaisen Achen 214-604-6678, 972-495-5393 revjathomas@yahoo.com

## Raffle Tickets on Sale!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500 Best Buy GC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$300 Macy's GC,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100 Olive Garden Gift Card

## Pick Up Your Book Today!

**SPECIAL AUCTION!**  
**AIR LINE TICKET FROM DFW TO KOCHI**

*Giving the Deaf A Voice...*

# MARTHOMA FEST 2009

*Hope to the Sick...*

10th Annual

## MARTHOMA FEST 2009

*"Humble Service for 10 years"*

October 3, 2009 2:30 PM—9:30 PM

### SPONSORING:

- ▣ Musical Concert by VOICE OF BEATS (Saban Sam Kottayam) ▣
- Group Dances ▣ Solo & Group Songs ▣ Rides for Children ▣ Basketball Tournament ▣ Auction for Airline Ticket ▣ Raffle Ticket
- Drawing ▣ Delicious Food ▣ and much more!

\*\*Free Admission and Parking

# Happy Anniversary

## SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	John P Varghese & Thankamma Varghese	Carrollton East
	Chacko N Mani & Susamma Chacko	Garland
3	Shawn & Elizabeth Chacko	Plano
4	Zachariah and Reeni Mathew	Irving
	Thomas & Sosamma Zachariah	Carrollton West
5	George A. Thomas & Sherin Thomas	Irving
7	Samuel V Thomas & Eunice Samuel	Carrollton East
9	Jose Cherian & Anne varghese	Carrollton North
10	Stacen Joseph & Praseetha Joseph	Carrollton North
11	Thomas Mathew & Bamini Thomas	Coppell
	P T Issac & Leelamma Issac	Garland
12	Sojan Easow & Binsy Sojan Easow	Plano
13	Babu Varghese & Jaya Varghese	Carrollton West
14	Philipose & Marayamma Philipose	Carrollton West
15	John T & Mariamma Mathew	Irving
18	Sujan George & Gisha George	Carrollton North
21	Mannil R Titus & Mariamma Rajan	Carrollton East
	Joseph & Sally Karamvellil	Irving
22	Sammon & Sunitha George	Carrollton North
	Mathews T & Susan Abraham	Coppell
26	Jacob K & Latha Chacko	Dallas / Mesquite
30	Dr. Ben Mathew & Jini Mathew	Plano



**O**ur "Farmers Branch Mar Thoma Family" is making a 'New Church Photo Directory'. If you couldn't get your family photo taken at church, please give us a hard copy of your family picture (4X6" size) to be included in the church Picture Directory before Sept 13, 2009.

Contact (214-952-9262) for more details

Thanks for all the support and cooperation

Without your Family Picture, this **D**irectory is incomplete!!!



## BIRTH

Melvin Philip and Ancy Philip of Carrollton North prayer group are blessed with a baby girl Diya Mariam Philip on July 13th, 2009.



## BAPTISM

- *Ave Susan Zachariah*, daughter of Mr. Biju and Anu Zachariah baptized on August 8, 2009
- *Jarson Joby*, son of Joby John and Biji Joby baptized on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- *Ava Ann Joseph*, daughter of Stacen and Praseetha Joseph baptized on August 22nd, 2009
- *Jaden Thomas*, son of George and Sherin Thomas baptized on August 23rd, 2009
- *Jayne Marie Philipose*, daughter of Lijoy and Leny Philipose baptized on Aug 29th, 2009.

## Condolence

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# *Saramma Joseph* of 71 years, aunt of Mr. Mathew T. George of the Dallas-Mesquite Prayer group passed away on July 30, 2009 in Detroit, Michigan

# *Mr. M.K. David*, 77 years old, brother-in-law of Mr. V.M. Thomas of Carrollton East Prayer Group passed away in Chennai on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

# *Mr. P.V. Varghese*, 78 years old, Father of Anju George (wife of Bijili George) passed away on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Kerala.

# *Mr. V.S. Mathai*, 89 years old, father of Mr. Varughese Mathew (Thampy) of Plano Prayer group, passed away on August 12th, 2009 in Thadiyoor, Kerala.

# *Mrs. Annamma Joseph*, 67 years old, sister of Mr. Abraham Theckemury (Sunny), Mrs. Susamma Chacko, Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew and sister-in-law of Mrs. Ammini Varghese of Garland prayer group, passed away on August 12th, 2009 at Garland.

# *Mrs. Mariamma Abraham*, 96 years old, mother of Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew of Coppell Prayer group, passed away on August 12th, 2009 in Kozhencherry East, Kerala.

# *Mrs. Aleyamma Kuruvilla*, 67 years old, sister-in-law of Mariamma Mathew of Plano prayer group passed away in Kerala on August 24th, 2009.

# *Mr. Oommen Varghese*, 94 years old, Grad father of Sajanu Kurien of Coppell prayer group passed away on August 28th, 2009 in Kerala.

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Susan Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
	Latha Alice Thomas	Coppell
2	Sneha Kuruvilla	Irving
	Sally Celene Parampottil	Coppell
	P V John	Garland
3	Jacob M Idichandy	Garland
	Biju Thomas	Carrollton East
	Jolly George	Carrollton North
5	Nina Samuel	Irving
	Mathew John	Carrollton East
	Kevin Abraham	Carrollton North
6	Siby Somar	Carrollton East
	Dony Daniel	Carrollton North
	Sino Abraham	Irving
7	Bianca E David	Plano
	Dr. Ben Mathew	Plano
8	Reuben John	Carrollton North
	Nancy Joseph	Coppell
	Abigail Sarah Mathews	Dallas / Mesquite
	Betsy Cherian	Carrollton West
9	Ashby Abraham	Carrollton North
	Moses Varghese	Irving
10	Ansuthomas	Irving
	Marykutty Thomas	Irving
	Sossamma John	Carrollton North
	Josh Varghese Thomas	Dallas / Mesquite
12	Dr. Varghese P Samuel	Other Area
	Kurian Varghese	Plano
	Aaron Mamoottil Mathew	Irving
	Abel Mamoottil Mathew	Irving
13	Smitha E Mathew	Irving
14	Mathew Jacob	Irving
	Melvin Abraham Thampy	Irving
	John Philipose	Carrollton West
	Sangeeth George	Carrollton North

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

15	Sterlin V Charly	Carrollton East
	Sibin E Abraham	Coppell
	Jose Thomas	Carrollton West
16	Santhosh Joseph	Carrollton East
	Dikxi Varghese	Irving
	Sweetey A Samuel	Carrollton East
17	Reba Mathew	Garland
	Samantha Rebekha Mathew	Plano
18	Rincey Daniel	Carrollton North
	Sean Philip	Irving
	Macy A John	Irving
19	Shali Jose	Carrollton East
	Bipin G Thomas	Plano
	Lilly Alex	Coppell
20	Andrew Verghese	Plano
	Robin Abraham	Carrollton North
21	Tobin Abraham	Coppell
	Sam Alex	Coppell
	Christian Verghese	Plano
22	Anna A Mammen	Plano
	Joann Mathew	Plano
23	Smitha Abraham	Irving
	Nirmala Varghese	Carrollton East
	Joseph T George	Carrollton East
	Kiran Jacob Cheriyan	Coppell
24	Reema Kurian	Garland
	Manju John	Carrollton East
	Sujith Mathew	Garland
25	Sosamma Abraham	Garland
	Varghese Varghese	Coppell
26	Bindhu Varghese	Irving
27	Selwin Stanly	Carrollton East
	Jacob John	Carrollton East
	Leena Skariah	Irving
	Winslo Idicula	Garland
28	Ethan Manoj Varghese	Plano
	Sneha George	Carrollton North
	Hephziba Mary Varghese	Dallas / Mesquite
29	Philipose C. Samuel	Carrollton West
	Rekha J Daniel	Irving
30	Andrian George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Zachariah Mathew	Irving
30	Nathan Tinu	Irving
	Ashlin Koleth	Garland