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2012 Motto

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.* Isaiah 43: 19

May 13- Family Sunday & Anniversary Thanksgiving Service



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Editorial

Light instills confidence in every person to face the realities of this world and is an essential component of life. The sun and the moon have always given light, warmth and love to everyone. As the end time is closing in, it remains the prerogative of heavenly bodies to disintegrate. When the sun loses its celestial glory, the forces of nature shall fall apart bringing in total annihilation.

Though the sharp sun beams light our days, they have their own limitations. They can't illuminate every part of the earth at the same time. People use different kinds of lights to escape darkness. It is interesting to note that some like darkness, which might be a reflection of their minds and thoughts. Though the sun cannot bring everything to light, the Son can. St. John calls the Son as the light of the world. In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I'm the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life". It is noteworthy that Jesus is described as the bright and morning star that can shatter any black hole. If we give this light a chance to glow our lives, then we would be able to shine as the light of the world. Our actions, thoughts and aspirations would be purified by Holy Spirit, expelling darkness.

The light of life that illumines the darkness, transforms not only the bearer, but everyone near it. The sons of light have the right to bring heaven on earth. They can comfort the broken-hearted, bring unity in diversity, show forth agape and establish God's justice. In the course of action, the light of the Son would shatter the dark clouds and bring love, peace and joy to everyone.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

(Matt. 5: 16)

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

We observe the Pentecost Sunday this month. This occasion is considered as a remembrance of the great arrival of the Holy Spirit in the life of the early church. Jesus Christ, during the time of His ministry had assured His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit, and, on the day of Pentecost, according to His promise they were gifted the fruits of Holy Spirit. Jesus' apostles preached the Gospel where the Jews were gathered and about three thousand people were converted and baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is also known as the birthday of the Church.

We have to learn significant lessons from the event of Pentecost. The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us that we have to be united in the uniting power of the Spirit that was poured out on the first century church (Acts 2:1-4). The whole church was gathered in one place, they were in mutual fellowship and they were enthusiastically waiting for the advent of the Spirit upon them, their common goal. As we commemorate 'Pentecost', let's get united.

I sincerely appreciate and thank our dear executive committee members for spending time to discuss seriously the overall growth of our parish. I trust that these kinds of discussions and follow ups will certainly help our church to reach the heights. The church needs various levels of growth. Spiritual growth is one of the important areas to be concentrated. As I've mentioned before, the church must have a common place, common fellowship and a common goal to be achieved. The sanctuary is the common place meant for all the members to gather. The worship time is the common fellowship for all and the anticipation of blessings from above is the common goal for all. Attending church worships and all other fellowships regularly enriches a person's spiritual life and the social well-being.

The Bible encourages us to meet regularly for the worship. 'And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another... (Hebrews 10:24, 25). This is fundamental to spiritual growth. In order to grow spiritually, we need to be taught, trained, rebuked and corrected by God's Word with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This way we will be prepared for every good vocation. This is the essence of spiritual growth.

We are expected to be the bearers of the fruits of the Spirit -love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. When we become more loving, more joyful, kinder, and more self-controlled, then we can be assured that spiritual growth is happening in our parish life.

As we prepare for the closing programmes of our church silver jubilee, I seek the whole hearted prayer, support and participation of all our dear parishioners in all the events. Silver jubilee is surely a land

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mark in the faith journey of our parish. All the committee members are doing their best to make this episode meaningful, I request you all to join with them and give them all the necessary help.

May God bless you all

Yours in Christ

Shajiachen

As we celebrate Mothers' Day this month, let's thank God for their altruistic and inestimable love, compassion and service.

When God Made Moms

By the time the Lord made mothers, he was into his sixth day of working overtime. An Angel appeared and said "Why are you spending so much time on this one"? And the Lord answered and said, "Have you seen the spec sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 200 movable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that can hold three children at one time and that disappears when she stands up; have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart, and have six pairs of hands."

The Angel was astounded at the requirements for this one. "Six pairs of hands! No Way!" said the Angel. The Lord replied, "Oh, it's not the hands that are the problem. It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers must have!"

"And that's just on the standard model?" The Angel asked.

The Lord nodded in agreement, "Yes, one pair of eyes is to see through the closed door as she asks her children what they are doing even though she already knows. Another pair in the back of her head is to see what she needs to know even though no one thinks she can. And the third pair is here in the front of her head. They are for looking at an errant child and saying that she understands and loves him or her without even saying a single word."

The Angel tried to stop the Lord. "This is too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish."

"But I can't!" the Lord protested, "I am so close to finishing this creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can feed a family of six on a pound of hamburger and can get a nine year old to stand in the shower."

The Angel moved closer and touched the woman, "But you have made her so soft, Lord."

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May 06 Fourth Sunday after Easter	In fellowship with the risen Christ		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 36: 26-36	English Service
	Psalm	139: 1-12	Read by
	Epistle	2 Thessalonians 2: 13-3: 13	Mr. Regie Koshy & family
	Gospel	Mathew 28: 16-20	
May 13 Fifth Sunday after Easter	Empowered with the risen Lord		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 55: 16-13	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	27	Read by
	Epistle	Philippians 3: 7-16	Mr. Joseph Thomas & family
	Gospel	John 20: 19-23	
May 20 Sixth Sunday after Easter	Risen Christ with His church		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 65: 17-66: 2	English Service
	Psalm	100	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 1: 9-20	Mr. T. Mathew Chacko & family
	Gospel	John 3: 31-36	
May 27 Seventh Sunday after Easter Pentecost	Come Holy Spirit, Unite us your people		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 61: 1-11	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	107: 31-43	Read by
	Epistle	Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-13	Mr. Philip Mathai & family
	Gospel	John 16: 5-15	

BIRTHDAYS

03	Annamma Chacko	25	Daisy Pothen
04	Jonathan Koshy	27	Rev. Shaji M. Jooohnson
06	Elijah Johnson	27	Jenny Cherian
07	Smitha Victor Sam	27	Preetha Joseph
08	Andrew Paul	27	Sheethal Thamby
11	Swarup Itty	30	Ann Abraham
20	Mini Fredrick	30	Joshua Koshy
22	Abhilash Raj	31	Samuel Chacko
23	Santhosh Zac Koshy		



ANNIVERSARIES

09	Joy Abraham & Ann Abraham
10	Thomas Mathai & Nisha Thomas
18	Tim Eapen & Ninu Ann Varghese
20	Gregory Chungath & Tessly Chungath
23	Shaji Levison Moothedom & Daisy Pothen
24	P. J. Skariah & Annamma Skariah
26	John Mathew & Sheeba Thomas
27	Mathew Modayil Kuruvila & Elizabeth Kuruvila



Fasting Prayer

Our Monthly fasting prayer will be held from 10 AM to 1 PM on May 5, Saturday at the Church. All are invited.

Cottage prayer

Cottage prayer for Scarborough, Richmond Hill, Markham and Whitby area will be held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Levison Moothedom on Saturday, May 12 at 6:30 PM. All area members are invited.

Cottage Prayer for JORDAN group (Brampton Area) will be held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Joseph on Saturday, May 19 at 6:30 PM. All area members are invited.

Cottage Prayer for GILEAD group has not been scheduled yet.

Church Anniversary

The 26th anniversary of our Church will be observed on Sunday, May 13th 2012. All are invited for this special family Sunday and anniversary thanksgiving service.

Prayer Meeting

Our monthly Prayer meeting will be held on May 25, Friday at 7:30 PM. Dr. Nibu Varguise will be leading the prayer. All are invited.

Women's Sunday

Sunday, June 3rd will be observed as Women's Sunday. Our Women's fellowship members will be taking an active part in the worship service.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will be held every Sunday as usual.

Malayalam Class

Malayalam class will be held every Sunday after the worship service.

Confirmation class

Confirmation class will be held as usual.

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR 2012 — 2013

APRIL 1, 2012	Sunday	Palm Sunday / Malayalalokam Anniversary
APRIL 5, 2012	Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service
APRIL 6, 2012	Friday	Good Friday Service
APRIL 8, 2012	Sunday	Easter Sunday
APRIL 20, 2012	Friday	Church Family get-together
MAY 13, 2012	Sunday	Family Sunday & Anniversary Thanksgiving service
MAY 26, 2012	Saturday	Ecumenical Program (Tentative)
JUNE 3, 2012	Sunday	Women's fellowship Sunday
JUNE 29, 2012	Friday	Episcopal Visit
JUNE 30, 2012	Saturday	Silver Jubilee closing function
JULY 1, 2012	Sunday	Confirmation Service
JULY 7, 2012	Saturday	Ecumenical St. Thomas day (Tentative)
JULY 20-22, 2012	Friday-Sunday	Family get-together/Family retreat
JULY 22, 2012	Sunday	Half-yearly General body meeting
JULY 28, 2012	Saturday	Church Family picnic
AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2, 2012	Thursday-Sunday	Vacation Bible School
SEPTEMBER 9, 2012	Sunday	Men's fellowship Sunday
OCTOBER 14, 2012	Sunday	Thanksgiving & Harvest festival



OCTOBER 19, 2012	Friday	Church Family get-together
OCTOBER 21, 2012	Sunday	Choir Sunday
OCTOBER 26-28, 2012	Friday-Sunday	Gospel Convention
NOVEMBER 4, 2012	Sunday	Sunday school Sunday
NOVEMBER 17, 2012	Saturday	House to house caroling
NOVEMBER 18, 2012	Sunday	House to house caroling after service
NOVEMBER 24, 2012	Saturday	Ecumenical Carol Service (Tentative)
DECEMBER 1, 2012	Saturday	House to house caroling
DECEMBER 2, 2012	Sunday	House to house caroling after service
DECEMBER 8, 2012	Saturday	House to house caroling
DECEMBER 15, 2012	Saturday	Church Carol Service
DECEMBER 25, 2012	Tuesday	Christmas day service
DECEMBER 31, 2012	Monday	Year end & New year Worship service
JANUARY 6, 2013	Sunday	Youth Sunday
FEBRUARY 3, 2013	Sunday	Sunday school exam
FEBRUARY 17, 2013	Sunday	Sunday school Talent show/Anniversary
FEBRUARY 24, 2013	Sunday	Annual General body meeting

Please note that all the above dates are tentative and are subject to change. Any changes to this schedule will be announced in the Church.

MALAYALALOKAM 7th ANNIVERSARY

By God's grace, our 7th Malayala Lokam Anniversary celebration was a great success. The students took an active participation in the worship service, as well as in the cultural show. The ability of the Malayala Lokam students to communicate in Malayalam was commendable.

The cultural show was outstanding. The Malayala Lokam students presented the skit- Nanmayude Kaalavum Maanushika Bandhangalum. Kerala dance, Violin display & Cinematic dance were also performed. The ambience was great. The THALI was delicious. It was a blessing to see all our talents coming together. Many thanks to all those who worked hard to make this celebration a great success.

The total amount collected from the lunch sale is \$600.00. All proceeds will go to the two special needs' schools under MKD. The parents as well as well-wishers contributed generously to the good cause.





The Executive Committee Members of the CSI Church, Toronto

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Sunday School Director	Mrs. Raimole Joseph		Mr. Benjamin Chacko

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"Yes, she is soft", the Lord agreed, "But I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish."

"Will she be able to think?", asked the inquisitive Angel.

The Lord smiled and replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason, and negotiate."

The Angel then noticed something and reached out and touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak with this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one."

"That's not a leak." The Lord objected. "That is a tear!"

"What's the tear for? the Angel asked.

The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her disappointment, her pain, her loneliness, her grief, and her pride."

The Angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything! Truly, You do all things well... Moms are truly amazing!"

Happy Mother's Day!

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