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2015 Motto

'Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone.'

'ദൈവത്തെ ഭയപ്പെട്ടു അവന്റെ കല്പനകളെ പ്രമാണിച്ചുകൊൾക;

അതാകുന്നു സകല മനുഷ്യർക്കും വേണ്ടുന്നതു'

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Annual Gospel Convention
June 12, 13, 14
Friday to Sunday

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Editorial

Stay protected....

Are you on the lookout for a safe zone? Have you ever been cornered? Have you found yourselves to be in a kind of endgame? Well, a safe zone can be a relative term. It determines how safer you are from another zone. There is no completely perfect zone. A few days ago we heard about a bear that was treed at Newmarket. There was no escape for the bear. Though it took refuge in the tree, it couldn't protect the bear from the killer bullets. The quest for a safe zone can lead us to the ultimate safety under the wings of a mother bird.

No power can thwart the security we have in the presence of our loving father, the maker of heaven and earth, when we put our trust in Him. Psalm 91 says, '*He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings, you may seek refuge.*' Just as chicks find complete safety under the wings of the mother bird, we can take refuge in the unconditional, *agape* love of our father. He is a mighty fortress, unlike any mundane fortresses. The trust in God can help us from two things: the snare of the trapper, and the deadly pestilence. The snare is a lurking danger that we are unaware of, whereas the plague is a danger that we are aware of. The trust gives us the assurance that He'll cover / conceal us with His pinions. If a mother bird is so careful not to let go any of her chicks to the impending danger, how much more would our God be? His faithfulness will be our shield from every danger.

To gain this absolute safety, we need to have a good knowledge of His Omni-qualities and to trust in His unfailing love. This secret is the elixir of life, which can help us come out of depression, anxiety, problems, dangers, foreboding thoughts and every negative vibe. It is really encouraging and rewarding to know that we are 100 percent protected from every danger. Let our lives be filled with His love and grace.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear ones who are loved by our Lord,

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Saviour!

According to the Church Calendar, we are at the Pentecostal Season in June. On the following Sundays till the end of November, we will be reflecting upon themes that pertain to Church life and social importance. As we live in the world shaped by the Almighty, we're responsible for our lives on this planet. Every believer is a steward who should attempt to make the creation more beautiful and sustainable. So our relationship with God, fellow-humans and creation matters a lot.

Every year, June 5 is observed as the World Environment Day. This year, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has proposed a theme connecting the well-being of humanity, the environment, the economy and the responsible management of the earth's natural resources. Our Church (CSI) is the pioneer in the fields of faith and ecology. The call is again to be responsible stewards. The way we use our talents and resources and the attitude in using them often determine whether we are stewards or "rulers". May the Almighty give us grace to love nature and enjoy the quality of life.

We are having our Annual Gospel Convention at our Church on June 12, 13 and 14. The Convention is meant for revival of our life in whole. For revival to happen, we need to examine our lives before the Word of God and ultimately surrender to our Master's will. We need to take initiative and participate in the meetings actively, prayerfully and submissively. Let us uphold our speaker Mr. Anson Thomas, who works to find liberation on the foundation of the Word of God for women who have lost their life in darkness, in prayer. Kindly pray for all preparations that are being done in relation to the convention so that many would find healing, peace and eternal happiness in their lives.

I thank everyone who is planning to participate in the North American Family and Youth Conference at Buffalo from July 2 to 5. Let our participation enrich our fellowship with other congregations in North America. Kindly support the Council and the Conference with your valuable prayers. Let us "break ourselves for the broken one" so that many may be united with our Saviour in their lives. As years pass by, we need to increase our participation in the North American Conference.

The classes for the candidates for Confirmation are progressing. I request all of you to keep our Thirumeni and all the 10 candidates by their names in your valuable prayers. Let's pray for a meaningful service of Confirmation, and a time of consecration of our faith in the Almighty.

June 21 is marked as the Father's Day in which we ponder the importance of fatherhood. From the role of a bread-winner to a fellow home-maker, fatherhood is a vital responsibility which caters to the formation of generations. Let us all strive to shape our generations in the image of God which might be marred by our selfish motives. Let us remember that our generations are watching us and waiting to ask questions which, at times may displease us. Let us understand fatherhood as a privilege, honour and responsibility.

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Spring Cleanup

Spring Cleanup 2015



<p>June 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Environment Sunday</p>	Creation Proclaims Glory of God		
	Old Testament	Proverbs 8:22-31	English Service
	Psalm	19	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 21:1-8	T. Mathew Chacko & Family
	Gospel	Luke 8:22-25	
<p>June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Gospel Convention</p>	Proclamation of the Message of God		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 2:1-10	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	81	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 10:34-43	Abhilash Raj & Family
	Gospel	Luke 4:16-21	
<p>June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 6:1-8	English Service
	Psalm	139	Read by
	Epistle	II Thessalonians 2:13-17	Vilayil I. Kurien & Family
	Gospel	John 4:15-26	
<p>June 28 5^h Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Cost of Discipleship		
	Old Testament	Daniel 6:11-23	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	34	Read by
	Epistle	II Corinthians 6:1-10	K. Philip Alexander & Family
	Gospel	Mark 10:35-45	

BIRTHDAYS

01	Leonard Fredrick	19	Sheeba R. Thomas
01	Jefin Abraham Mathews	19	Alex Oommen
02	Oommen Cherian	21	Liji Varghese John
11	Norah Kurien	21	Tianna Lelia
11	Mary Joseph	21	Noah Jacob
15	Ajin Annie Varguise	27	Christopher Gajraj
15	Rejini Gajraj	28	Shawn Cherian
19	Akshay Koshy		



ANNIVERSARIES

07	Joseph P. Mathews & Soniya Mathews
21	Christopher Gajraj & Rejini Gajraj



Cottage Prayer

Cottage Prayer for GILEAD Group will be held at 6.30 PM on Saturday, June 27 at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Abhilash Raj. All area members are invited.

Annual Gospel Convention

Our Annual Gospel Convention will be held on June 12, 13 and 14. Mr. Anson Thomas, Mumbai will be our Guest Speaker. *(please see Pilgrim's May issue for details)*

Please invite your friends and relatives for the Convention, and come with your family.

Your valuable prayers are requested for the success of the Gospel Convention

Convention timings

Friday, June 12 ... 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 13 ... 6:30 PM

Sunday, June 14 ... 11:00 AM

Church Annual Picnic

This year our Church Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 15.

Please mark this date and plan to attend the picnic.

Venue: Sibbald Point Provincial Park, 26071 York Rd. 18, Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0

Site: PS4 Picnic Shelter 4

(More details to be published later.)

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On behalf of the Congregation, let me express our deepest and heartfelt condolence to the family of Mr. Reji Johnson who lost their loving father. Let us continue to pray for them so that peace and hope may abound in the bereaved family members.

It is with a humble heart we thank God almighty for keeping us safe in this land as we complete one year of our ministry. My family joins me in thanking each and every one for keeping us in your prayers and supporting us in our needs. Kindly continue to uphold us in your prayers, since it matters a lot in our ministry.

May the good Lord continue to bless and keep our congregation in His grace and grant us peace. To Him be all glory and honour forever and ever.

Yours in His service,

Siby Achen.

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CSI CHURCH, TORONTO
Annual Gospel Convention

June 12 - 14, 2015

Speaker



Mr. Anson Thomas
(Recipient of the 2009 CNN Real Heroes Award for Women Empowerment)



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Be Blessed

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Friday

June 13: 6:30 p.m
Saturday

June 14: 11:00 a.m
Sunday

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