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2016 Motto

'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.'

Philippians 4:6

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Editorial

Go green....

Are we in anyway responsible for killing the trees, creating e-waste and other ecologically harmful materials that imbalance our ecosystem? Mostly, these harmful wastes are the produce of our abundance. We may call abundance as the overflowing resources that make our lives comfortable. But is this real abundance? How often do the benefactors of abundance acknowledge the sovereignty and lordship of Jesus Christ who says, *'I came that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly.'* (John 10:10)

Rene Descartes, the French Philosopher, in his Discourse on Method (1637) coined the proposition – Cogito ergo sum – I think, so I am (I exist). Is man, who was created in God's own image and according to His likeness, destined to be like this? This type of mere existence has no life in it and abundance becomes a mirage. To enjoy this cornucopia promised by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, our lives should reflect the very essence of the revelation of the word of God that became flesh. Our physical, psychological and spiritual needs should be yielded to a life of service. We need to crave for abundance that can't decay. Our lives should be set apart to reflect the glory of God. Daily walk in this glamorous, yet destructive world is a real matter of concern. Only the power from above, the Holy Spirit, can sustain us and help us to be separated from the world and be available for His service.

The spirit-filled life might seem bizarre in the world we live in. but the life pruned and shaped by the Holy Spirit shall help us to mature in this world. He gives us the peace that passes all human comprehension, and fills us with the abundance of everything we need in this life and the life after. If we have the habit of hoarding for the future, it is a good idea to enjoy a spirit-filled life to the full, which will open up the treasure house of everything. So, why not take a step towards this everlasting green abundance?

Samuel Anselm Samuel

Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to all of you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Once again we are in the summer. The creation is turning beautiful once again giving us colours and many resources. It is marvelous that the almighty God has planned and put seasons that we derive lessons from nature.

July 25 is St. James Day, which is also our Diocesan day. James is the apostle whose teaching always combined prayer and work. The understanding of Christian faith for James was quite balanced. A combination of prayer and work will turn us into effective Christians in our spiritual journey. Our Diocese had its birth on St. James Day in 1879. It was on this day that Bishop John Martindale Speechly was consecrated as the first Bishop for the erstwhile Travancore – Cochin Anglican Diocese. Let us thank and praise God that He was faithful to keep the Diocese under the shadow of His grace. Let us continue to uphold the values of the Gospel and live meaningfully for His glory.

The North American CSI Family and Youth Conference and the Council will be held in Chicago from July 28 -31. We are participating in the Council and Conference as a Congregation. Heartfelt gratitude to all families who have registered their names. May our participation enhance our relationship with other CSI Congregations in North America.

I am happy to congratulate Miss Anna Esther Samuel on receiving the Toronto Police Community Service Award. She was nominated from school for the services done through the school and the community.

Mr. Raj Hariharan lost his sister and Mr. John Mathew lost his father. Let us remember the family members as they mourn the loss of their dear ones. Heartfelt condolences to the family on behalf of the Congregation. May the peace offered by the risen Lord be a tower of strength for both families.

I am happy to note that the young families and young people are joining together for fellowships and meetings. I sincerely pray that this fellowship may grow and ultimately result in the growth and witness of the Congregation.

Happy Canada Day to all!

May God almighty bless you and keep all of you in His abundant mercy and grace.

God bless all of you.

Yours in His service,

Siby Achen.



<p>July 03 7th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Giving without Counting the Cost		
	Old Testament	Genesis 13:8-18	English Service
	Psalm	15	Read by
	Epistle	II Corinthians 8:1-15	Tim Eapen & Family
	Gospel	Mark 14:3-11	
<p>July 10 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Theological Education: Making of the Faithful		
	Old Testament	Joshua 4:1-9	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	1	Read by
	Epistle	I Timothy 6:11-16	Santhosh Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9	
<p>July 17 9th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Ordained Ministry: Fragrance of Christ		
	Old Testament	Exodus 29:1-9	English Service
	Psalm	99	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 5:1-14	Joseph P Mathews & Family
	Gospel	Luke 10:1-11	
<p>July 24 10th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Marriage: Lasting Life of Love		
	Old Testament	Genesis 29:1-20	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	128	Read by
	Epistle	Hebrews 13:1-6	Joseph Thomas & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 19:3-9	
<p>July 31 11th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Baptism: Born from Above		
	Old Testament	Genesis 8:1-14	English Service
	Psalm	25	Read by
	Epistle	Colossians 3:1-11	The Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	John 3:1-8	



BIRTHDAYS

3	Monish John Abraham	12	Joshua George
3	Bishan Ghosh	14	Shibu Paul Pulikaparambil
4	Rejy Elizabeth	14	Philip Mathai
4	Siji Joseph	14	Sumin George
4	Preetha Reji Kumar	16	Mridul Mathew Kuruvilla
4	Shobha Byru	18	Nathan Abraham
5	Mohan Philip	19	Aleyamma Jacob
5	Jovin Mathew	23	Christopher Moothedom
6	Saurang P. Thampy	25	Selva Daniel
7	Ajoy Lional	28	Maria George
9	Rev. George Jacob	28	Annie Koshy
10	Rajitha Jinoj	30	Nithin Chemmanoor
11	Anna Esther Samuel		

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Prem Narayan & Reshma George
2	Vivek Joseph & Shruti Balakrishna
3	Philip Mathai & Elizabeth Mathai
14	Siby Jacob & Ancy Jacob
15	Regi Koshy & Annie Koshy
16	Daniel Thomas & Mariamma Thomas
19	Suby Mathews & Ruby Mariam Mathew



Monthly Fasting Prayer

Our regular monthly fasting prayer will be held on July 2 at 10.00 AM. All are invited

Cottage Prayer

Cottage Prayer for GILEAD Group will be held at 6.30 PM on Saturday, July 23 at Mrs. Omana Eapen's residence. All area members are invited.

Half Yearly General Body Meeting

Our church Half Yearly General Body meeting will be held on July 17 after the service. All members are invited.

Kerala Christian Ecumenical Fellowship– St. Thomas Day

Kerala Christian Ecumenical Fellowship of Toronto is celebrating St. Thomas day on Saturday, July 16 at 6.00 PM at the Fr. Michael Gatz Catholic Secondary School, 330 Central Pkwy, Mississauga at 6.00 PM. Our Sunday School and Youth fellowship members are participating in the celebration. All are invited to attend.

Outreach Ministry

We will have an Evangelism outreach Ministry on July 24 after the social hour. More members are encouraged to join the Outreach ministry work. Young Adults Association

The Young Couples/Young Adults Fellowship BBQ

The first meeting of the Young Adults Fellowship was held on June 26 to discuss ways of nurturing the fellowship of the young couples/young adults in our Church. . The members are planning an afternoon get-together on July 23, Saturday at 2 PM at the Chinguacousy Park in Brampton.

At the feet of Jesus

This month, we have cancelled the Prayer fellowship "At the Feet Of Jesus" due to the CSI North American Family and Youth conference to be held from July 28 to July 31 at Chicago.

Matin service

Our Youth Fellowship members will be leading the Matins service on July 31. All are invited

Church Picnic- August 13

Our Church Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 13 at CHRISTIE LAKE CONSERVATION in Hamilton. If you are attending the picnic please inform Mr. Joshua Moothedom so that we can purchase Group Entrance parking tickets which is cheaper than regular parking ticket. For the group entrance, fee is only \$15.00 per vehicle. All are invited to join in this fun filled fellowship at the park.



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EVANGELISM REPORT FOR MAY AND JUNE

Mary Alexander

We have had two outreaches since May 2016.

The first was to the CONGRESS CENTRE on Dixon road. There was a huge crowd there, mostly young people. We divided into two teams and began walking with the crowd. We didn't know who to turn to, but the Holy Spirit directed us to the right people. Chan, Sabina and Fabian were drawn from the crowd to accept Christ as their Savior. Jason took the Bible and wanted to learn more, although he believed in Jesus. It is amazing what God can do in less than an hour.

In June, we went to Albion Mall, and talked to people outside the Mall. We had more in the team on this trip, and again in the two teams we had seven (7) salvations. Though there were some disappointments before we started the trip, the presence of God was powerful. Some of the salvations were incredible and challenging, but wonderful experiences.

Those who had no aim or surety where they were going after death, those who were Catholics and thought they believed in Jesus, but had no personal relationship with Him, and the ones who believed that they cannot be forgiven for their actions, were all drawn to the Lord, receiving His love and forgiveness and salvation. The Albion Mall experience on June 26 was almost an emotional experience for the ones who heard the gospel and experienced the love of God, but also for the team to see the evidence of God's mighty presence and love. Everyone who got saved were immensely thankful to God and to us.

We also talked to a Muslim, a young man, who took time to listen to us. Although he listened with keen interest, and heard the gospel, he still believed Jesus was a prophet just as all other prophets. However, he took the tract, New Testament in Arabic, the CD of Jesus video, and an article, "Is Jesus God?" It was unusual because Muslims don't usually accept Christian literature. We gave out tracts, John's gospel and Jesus video (CD) to all who got saved.

We request your prayers for the saved souls. (If you like their names, write to me I will send you by email.) Our sincere thanks to all the dedicated members of the team, to the leadership of our CSI church for such an opportunity to serve the Lord as part of the church.

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