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2017 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

The Best Trail....

Do you travel a lot? Life is a travel, and everyone is a traveller. Some enjoy travelling, and spend most of their time doing so. Travelling becomes memorable when everything works out well. Imagine a driving situation when many vehicles barge into a single lane, where there is room for only one. It would be a chaos. It is still difficult when people don't care about the traffic rules and signs. Would you prefer to travel through a broad way or a narrow way? The reason for your preference may be based on sound judgement. But the narrow way is the best way in life.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matthew 7: 13-14)

There is no dispute about the fact that there are two ways: a broad one and a narrow one. The broad one is normally the people's choice as there is too much space, the journey is smooth, and is time efficient. On the other hand, the narrow one has a difficult terrain, it is too narrow to allow people travel in groups, and there are only a few travellers. At this juncture, the word of God urges us to exercise our wisdom in choosing the way. Jesus himself chose the narrow way, and showed us that it is possible. The wisdom of this world is too complex that it might hinder our decision. If we have the nerve to keep ourselves holy, and follow Christ by carrying our crosses, the gate to the narrow way will be opened.

Just as we gain lives and points on our way to the destination in an online game, it is mandatory that we gain Jesus, who is the way, to find the narrow way. Let us journey towards life and not towards destruction.

Happy journeying!

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

Hope all of you are having a blessed summer with activities, fun and visits. Summer in Canada is a time to refresh and renew ourselves with bright sunshine and warmth of the weather.

August is a month in which the Church ponders on the important themes like the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist. It is very important that in all generations we remain educated about the observances of the Church. The dominical sacraments which are core to the life of the Church of South India plays a very important role in keeping the witness of the Church alive. Moreover, it is also pertinent to redefine our existence as a congregation of the Church of South India in multi – cultured society, which practices many religions and life priorities. The upholding of Biblical values should be given priority over the flowing tendencies of the society that may surround us. Like Daniel in the Bible, we need to re-emphasize the integrity in our relationship with God each day of our life. Let “Jesus culture” be born and increase in each one of us, rather than eastern or western way of life.

As a Congregation, we were privileged and blessed to host the 31st CSI North American Family and Youth Conference of 2017 in Toronto once again, after 1994. We had eminent leaders and efficient team to make the conference fruitful. Thanks to each and every one who has contributed to the fruitful completion of the conference. Many members generously contributed their time, talents, efforts, thoughts, faculties, technological skills, artistic imaginations and so on. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the conference general convenor, sub - committee convenors and members who took the pain to have continuous gatherings, planning and execution of ideas for the completion of the conference. All glory and honour be unto the name of the Lord who alone enabled each of us to carry out the mission united.

We had the honour of having the Moderator of the Church of South India, The Most Rev. Thomas K Oommen Thirumeni and Dr. Susan Thomas Kochamma in our sanctuary for the final day of the Conference. It was indeed a blessing that members from various Congregations could be united in our Sanctuary, worshipping the Lord.

Mr. Joy Chemmanoor was elected to the CSI Council of North America to represent Region 5 & 6 and Mrs. Elizabeth Verghis was elected as the Secretary of the Women's Fellowship in North America from our Congregation. It is an honour for our congregation. Hearty congratulations to both of them on their election. May the Lord strengthen both of them to carry out the responsibilities, trusting in His grace and power.

Our young members Ms. Mona Anna Abraham and Mr. Vivek Philip have completed their doctoral researches in the field of Human Physiology and Medical Science respectively. Hearty Congratulations to both of them on their achievements. May the Lord bless them abundantly and grant them a bright future.

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Our members - Mrs. Nisha Thomas lost her father, Mrs. Mariamma Thomas lost her brother and Ajoy Lional's brother lost his mother-in-law. Heartfelt and sincere condolences to the bereaved family members. Please continue to pray for the families and their dear ones. May the Lord grant them eternal hope and peace.

The Half Yearly General Body will be held on August 6th in our sanctuary. All members are requested to give your prayerful participation.

Our Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 12th from 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM. All families are requested to join the fellowship and make it a fruitful time of sharing and fellowship. Please be encouraged to give your names to Mrs. Susan Kurian and kindly make our picnic a success.

The Vacation Bible School for 2017 will be held from August 31st to September 3rd. Please send all kids to the VBS sessions. Parents are invited to volunteer or teach in VBS sessions. Kindly uphold the endeavor with your prayers and participation in terms of time, talents and money. There are opportunities to sponsor food, materials and resources.

The Lord bless and keep each and every one of us in HIS grace. Let us continue our journey of life trusting God and according to HIS Word.

May God bless and keep all the members of the Congregation in His grace.

Yours in His Service,

Siby Achen.

<p>August 6</p> <p>9th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Transfiguration of Christ		
	Old Testament	Exodus 18:13-27	English Service
	Psalm	27	Read by
	Epistle	II Peter 1:16-19	Abraham P. George & Family
	Gospel	Luke 9:28-36	
<p>August 13</p> <p>10th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Sacrament of Baptism		
	Old Testament	Exodus 14:15-31	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	32	Read by
	Epistle	Titus 3:3-8	Jacob P. John & Family
	Gospel	John 3:1-8	
<p>August 20</p> <p>11th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Sacrament of Holy Eucharist		
	Old Testament	Genesis 14:17-24	English Service
	Psalm	104:15-35	Read by
	Epistle	I Corinthians 10:15-17	Idiculla V Kurian & Family
	Gospel	Mark 14:12-26	
<p>August 27</p> <p>12th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Christian Presence in Multi Faith Society		
	Old Testament	Daniel 1:1-21	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	67	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 10:9-16	Suby Mathews & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33	



BIRTHDAYS

Michael Gajraj

Sam Daniel. P

Surya Joseph

Saurabh Itty

Suby Mathews

Jinoj Titus

Jacob Mathew Chemparathimoottil

Nibu Varguise

Trisha Cherian

Jubin Varghese George

Jonathan J. Verghis

Susan George

Benjamin Chacko

Mathew Joseph

Annamma Skariah

Jophy Philip

Ajay Joseph

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P. Mathew & Elizabeth Verghis

Jacob Cherian & Biby Esther Abraham

Benjamin Chacko & Ani Chacko

K.P. Alexander & Mary Alexander

Ajay Joseph & Surya Joseph



Hearty Gratitude

It was indeed a blessing that our Congregation could host the 31st Annual CSI North American Family and Youth Conference – 2017 in Toronto. Thanks to all congregation members who made this conference a blessing by their prayerful presence and participation. A very special word of appreciation to all members who toiled day and night taking time out of their busy schedule in daily life to make the conference happen. They contributed their time, talent, money, tireless efforts, imaginations, technological skills, managerial faculties, artistic aptitudes and all kinds of input in various capacities. God has enabled our congregation to make this conference a remarkable one. Thank you all. May God continue to bless our faith journey as a Congregation unto HIS glory.

Fasting Prayer

The monthly Fasting prayer will be held on Saturday, August 5th at 10.00 am in our sanctuary. All members are invited to attend the Fasting Prayer.

Half Yearly General Body meeting

The Half Yearly General Body meeting will be held on Sunday, August 6th after the Divine Service. All our members are requested to attend the Annual General Body.

Area Prayer Group Meetings

All families in our Shalom, Jordan and Gilead Area Prayer Groups are encouraged to hold Area Prayer Group Meetings from the month of September. The arrangement shall be:

First Saturdays of every month: Shalom Group

Second Saturdays of every month: Jordan Group

Third Saturdays of every month: Gilead Group

Please contact your respective area prayer group leaders for arranging the prayer meetings at your homes.

Heartfelt Condolences:

Mr. Babu Varghese, father of Mrs. Nisha Thomas, was called to eternal home on 15th July. Funeral was held at Kozhikode on 18th July. Please continue to pray for Mr. Thomas Mathai, Mrs. Nisha Thomas, Ms. Megan Thomas, Ms. Savannah Thomas and all dear family members.

Mr. Varkey Varghese, brother of Mrs. Mariamma Thomas was called to eternal home on 19th July. Funeral was held at Kottayam on 22nd July. Please continue to pray for Mr. Daniel Thomas, Mrs. Mariamma Thomas, Mr. Shawn Joseph, Mrs. Suzanne Thomas and all dear family members.

Mrs. Mary Thomas, mother - in - law of Mr. Ajith Lional, brother of Mr. Ajoy Lional, was called to eternal home on 20th July. Funeral was held at Kottayam on 21st July. Please continue to pray for Mr. Ajith Lional & Family, Mr. Ajoy Lional, Mrs. Regy Elizabeth, Master Ashley Lional, Ms. Angelina Lional and all dear family members.

May the almighty God grant His heavenly peace to all who mourn the passing away of dear ones and comfort the bereaved family members



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School classes for 2017 will be held from August 31st to September 3rd (Thursday – Sunday) at our Church. The classes will be held from Thursday to Saturday. The final day will be on Sunday, with participation in the Church service.

Kindly invite the children of your friends and neighbours to join our VBS. Please be a part of the blessed ministry among our children by contributing your time and talent.

The VBS team invites teachers and volunteers for this ministry.

Your generous donations for VBS in money & kind are welcome. Requesting our church members to come forward and sponsor food and materials for the VBS. Kindly contact Abraham P George for donations, contributions & sponsorship.

All parents are requested to visit VBS sessions at our sanctuary.

Annual Picnic

Our 2017 'Annual Picnic' will be held at Sibbald Point Provincial Park on Saturday, August 12 from 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM

There will be a nominal charge of \$25/- per family and \$15 /- for individuals.

Please register your names with Mrs. Susan Kurian.

Parking: A daily vehicle permit is to be purchased at a fee of \$20/- per vehicle upon arrival.

Please ask for reduced rate for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. A valid proof of ID will be required for this privilege.

Location:

**SIBBALD POINT PROVINCIAL PARK,
26071 YORK ROAD 18,
SUTTON WEST, L0E 1R0,
ONTARIO
TEL. NO: 1-905-722-8061**

The allotted shelter for CSI Church, Toronto is Shelter Number: 6.

Please ensure your enthusiastic presence and prayerful participation at the Picnic.

Route map given on the next page..



1315 Kipling Ave

Etobicoke, ON M9B 3N7, Canada

Get on ON-409 E

- ↑ 1. Head north on Kipling Ave towards Firwood Crescent 7 min (4.7 km)
- ↗ 2. Use the right lane to take the slip road onto ON-409 E 4.3 km

Follow Ontario 401 Express and ON-404 N to Woodbine Ave/York Regional Rd 8 in East Gwillimbury

- ↗ 3. Merge onto ON-409 E 400 m
- ↙ 4. Use the left 2 lanes to merge onto Ontario 401 Express 18.7 km
- ↘ 5. Take exit 375 for Don Valley Parkway/Ontario 404 450 m
- ↙ 6. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for ON-404/Newmarket and merge onto ON-404 N 49.6 km

Take Ravenshoe Rd/York Regional Rd 32 and ON-48 N to your destination in Georgina

- ↙ 7. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Woodbine Ave/York Regional Rd 8 19 min (22.8 km)
- ↘ 8. Turn right onto Ravenshoe Rd/York Regional Rd 32 850 m
- ↙ 9. Turn left onto ON-48 N 8.6 km
- ↙ 10. Turn left onto Park Rd/York Regional Rd 18 (signs for York Road 18 N) 11.4 km
- 📍 Continue to follow York Regional Rd 18 1.7 km
- ↘ 11. Turn right 230 m
- ⚠️ Restricted-usage road
 - 📍 Destination will be on the right

Sibbald Point Provincial Park

26071 Park Rd, Jacksons Point, ON L0E 1L0, Canada

31st CSI NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE





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