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2025 Motto

“Here am I. Send Me!” - Isaiah 6:8

"അടിയൻ ഇതാ, അടയാനെ അയക്കേണമേ" - യെശയ്യാ 6:8

November 2: Sunday School Sunday
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Editorial

Fight fear with faith!

When making choices and big life decisions we are often inclined to find ways to stay within our comfort zones. Stepping out into the unknown is not easy for many of us, so having mixed emotions of fear and uncertainty or an overall apprehension for a new situation is quite normal. That said, we should be discerning and be able to recognize if we feel prolonged anxiety of fearfulness about something.

Fear is a powerful emotion that has the capacity to adversely impact how we feel and act. But the Bible reminds us that fear is from the devil, not from God, and its consuming nature can be likened to how 'the enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour' (I Peter 5:8). As Christians have God's Word and promises to fight for us and set us free from any kind of bondage. However, it is not enough to merely know these things, but we must proclaim it over our situations.

The three Bible verses below stand out as an assurance of God's transformational power that works in us to help us break out from fearful situations and mindsets.

II Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

I John 4:18: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love".

Romans 8:15: "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"".

The Bible instructs us not to fret, worry or be anxious, and tells us that the antidote for all these things is prayer. So, in the months of long cold nights that lie ahead, may we find time to consciously claim God's promises of power, love, hope, peace, and soundness for us and over our situations. We can boldly fight fear with faith because Christ has already won the battle for us and has overcome the world. Let us remember that we are His, and claim our peace

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter the month of November, we come to the closing pages of the Christian liturgical year; a time that invites us to look back with gratitude and to look ahead with hope. This month beautifully weaves together themes of learning, unity, justice, and expectation.

The first Sunday is observed as Sunday School Sunday, a reminder that the Church's mission of nurturing faith begins with the youngest among us. Christian education is not merely about teaching Bible stories; it is about shaping lives that reflect the story of God's love. When a child learns to pray, share, forgive, or trust in Jesus, heaven rejoices, for faith has taken root in tender soil. In the Gospel, Jesus placed a child in the midst of his disciples and said, "Unless you become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." The innocence, humility, and receptiveness of children are not traits to be outgrown, but virtues that all believers must reclaim. The Sunday School is thus not a small wing of the Church but its beating heart, where the foundations of discipleship are laid, and the next generation of believers is being quietly formed.

We also celebrate Unity Sunday, recalling the visible expression of oneness among CSI, CNI, and Mar Thoma Churches. This unity is not accidental, but theological — it springs from the prayer of our Lord in John 17: "That they may all be one." Christian unity is not a uniformity of structures, but a shared obedience to Christ's mission in the world. In a fragmented age, the Church must model what it means to belong together, to hold differences in love, and to witness as one body of Christ. Another significant observance this month is Girl Child Sunday. It calls us to affirm the value of every life created in God's image and to repent of the ways society, and times even the Church failed to honour the girl child. The stories of the Bible are full of women and girls who became agents of divine change — from the courage of young Miriam watching over Moses, to the faith of Mary, the mother of our Lord. The Church is called to be a community where every girl is protected, celebrated, and empowered to flourish in the light of God's purpose.

Finally, the last Sunday of November ushers us into Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year — a season of holy waiting and hopeful anticipation. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas; it is a deep spiritual posture that reminds us that history itself is moving toward God's fulfillment. We wait for Christ's coming not in passive idleness but in active readiness by preparing our hearts, reconciling our relationships, and renewing our faith. As we wait, we are reminded that God's promises never fail and that hope, though often delayed, will not disappoint. The God who came in Bethlehem still comes among us in our worship, in our struggles, and in the cries of a weary world longing for peace.

As a congregation, may we live this month with thankful hearts and renewed commitment — instructing our children, embracing one another in unity, protecting the vulnerable, and preparing our hearts for the Lord's coming. Let us move toward Advent with eyes open to grace, hands ready to serve, and hearts filled with hope.

With prayers and blessings,
Binuachen



Bible Study

The weekly Bible study will be held every Wednesday from **8:00pm** onwards. Please plan to attend the Bible study through our church Zoom line.

Mizpah: Fellowship with Former Vicars. Guest: Rev. Raju Jacob and Family

This fellowship will be held on Wednesday, **November 12, 2025** at 7:30pm through our church Zoom line.

Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place every Thursday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the church sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through Zoom line.

Sunday School Day:

World Sunday School Day will be observed on **November 2, 2025**. Sunday School teachers and students will be participating in various parts of the lay ministry.

Malayala Lokam Sunday

Malayala Lokam Sunday will be observed on **November 9, 2025**. The students of Malayalam Lokam will perform various cultural programs immediately after the worship service. For further information, please contact Malayala Lokam Director, Steephamol S.S.

Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting will be held (in-person) on **November 9, 2025**, at 1:30pm immediately after social hour.

KCEF Carol Service

The Kerala Christian Ecumenical Fellowship (KCEF) will be hosting their annual Ecumenical Carol Service on the **November 15, 2025** at The Canadian Mar Thoma Church, 159 Sandiford Dr, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 0Y2. For more information, please contact Rev. Binu Philip or Zac Santhosh Koshy.

Cottage Prayer Meetings

- **Jordan area prayer** will be held in-person on **Saturday, November 8, at 6.30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Jithin Thomas Ninan and Elizabeth Pothen at their residence at 4 Chopin Cres, Brampton.
- **Gilead area prayer** will be held in-person on **Saturday, November 1, at 6.30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Benjamin Chacko and Ani Chacko at their residence at 1237 Deer Run, Mississauga.
- **Shalom area prayer** will be held in-person on **Saturday, November 22, at 6.30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Calvin Jacob and Ashley Varghese at their residence at 34 Neapolitan Crescent, Scarborough.

November 02, 2025 Sunday School Sunday	Called to Serve		
	Old Testament	I Samuel 3:1–10	English Service
	Psalm	26	Read by
	Epistle	I Peter 2:1–10	Sunday School Students
	Gospel	John 15:7–17	
November 09, 2025 22nd Sunday After Pentecost	Unity Sunday: Vine and Branches		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 37:15–23	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	133	Read by
	Epistle	I Corinthians 12:12–27	Malayala Lokam
	Gospel	John 15:1–8	
November 16, 2025 Girl Child Sunday	Affirming the Worth of the Girl Child		
	Old Testament	Numbers 27:1–11	English Service
	Psalm	71:1–12	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 21:7–14	Girl children
	Gospel	Mark 5:35–43	
November 23, 2025 24th Sunday After Pentecost	Peace in the Context of Violence		
	Old Testament	I Samuel 24:1–12	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	52	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 12:14–21	Robin Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 5:38–48	

November 30, 2025 Advent Sunday	Grace of God: The Hope for the Lowly		
	Old Testament	Exodus 2:1–10	English Service
	Psalm	30	Read by
	Epistle	II Thessalonians 2:13–17	Abraham Varghese & Family
	Gospel	Luke 1:46–59	



Youth Retreat



BIRTHDAYS

1	Christina Susan Kurien	13	Heza Angel Sydney
1	Norah Susan Santhosh	14	Ashley Lionel Ajoy
2	Steepphamol S.S	14	Mathew Abraham
3	Ani Chacko	14	Reuben Benjamin
3	Bijino A.S	14	Reshmi Chandy
4	Christina Fredrick	15	Elizabeth Kuruvilla
4	Kevin Varghese Mathew	15	Gracy Salomon
5	Nisanth NS	16	Balaji I. Kuruvilla
6	Asher Mathew Jacob	16	Abel David
6	Nancy Grace Daniel	16	Jerlin Elza Joseph
8	Vivek Joseph	17	Tomcy Thomas
8	Alby Williams	17	Supriya Supriya
8	Benony A.S	17	Steffy Karerakkattil Sunny Rapheal
9	Nikhil Joseph	17	Evelyn Arnold Prem
10	Jithela Yohannan	18	Jared Chacko
10	Paul Samuel	18	Chanchal Shaji
10	Dawn Abraham Sabu	19	Jincy Jose
10	Jacob John	19	Chris George
11	R. Linus Sherwin	20	Biby Esther Abraham
11	Amos Jacob	20	Elizabeth Mohan Kurien
11	Nevaeh Issac	20	Paul Daniel Frederick Asokan
13	Reji Johnson	21	Amelia Ancy Jacob



BIRTHDAYS

25	Surekha Jacob	27	Norah Ann Littin
26	Milly Johnson	28	Eldho Mathulla
26	Prem Narayan	28	Aiswariya Ann Jacob
26	Nesy Victor	29	Matthew Gajraj
26	Anju Kurian Mathew	29	Sonijya Raj
27	Leanne Chacko	29	Tarun Mohan
27	Mary Jacob	30	Smitha Abhilash
27	Shona Sam	30	Susan Mathew

ANNIVERSARIES

10	Sanjay Charuvil Ninan & Jency Jose
11	Sanal N. David & Mithul Nimmy Manuel
18	Kumbicottu Varghese Abraham & Shalini Mary George Enoch
19	Ajoy Lional & Rejy Elizabeth
19	Shanto Sydney & Annu Sara Paul
19	Sheno Sydney & Chinnu Sara Paul
22	Rakesh Thampi & Neena Kuruvila
25	Nibu Varguise & Ajin Annie Varghese
26	Abraham P. George & Elzy George
26	Naveen John & Niya James
29	Sajesh Mathew & Bency Mathew
30	C. Mathew Thomas & Rebeccamma Thomas

എന്റെ കേരളം

ഇന്ത്യ മഹാരാജ്യത്തിന്റെ തെക്കു പടിഞ്ഞാറു ഭാഗത്തു സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരു ഇടുങ്ങിയ ഭൂപ്രദേശമാണ് കേരളം. ഭാഷയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ 1956 നവംബർ 1 - നാണ് ഈ സംസ്ഥാനം രൂപം കൊണ്ടത്. പ്രകൃതിയുടെ മനോഹാരിത കൊണ്ടും കല -സാംസ്കാരിക പൈതൃകം കൊണ്ടും, കേരളത്തെ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്വന്തം നാട് എന്ന് വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു.

കേരളത്തിന്റെ ആകെ ഭൂവിസ്തൃതി 38,863 ചതുരശ്ര കിലോമീറ്റർ ആണ്. കിഴക്കോട്ടും പടിഞ്ഞാറോട്ടും ഒഴുകുന്ന 44 നദികൾ കൊണ്ട് കേരളം ഒരു പച്ച പരവതാനി പോലെ കാണപ്പെടുന്നു. പ്രശാന്തമായ കായലുകൾ, മനോഹരമായ കുന്നിൻ ചരിവുകൾ, വിസ്തൃതമായ കടൽത്തീരങ്ങളുള്ള തീരപ്രദേശം എന്നിവയുൾപ്പെടെ വൈവിധ്യമാർന്ന ഭൂപ്രകൃതികളിലാണ് കേരളത്തിന്റെ സൗന്ദര്യം കുടികൊള്ളുന്നത്. കഥകളി, മോഹിനിയാട്ടം, മാർഗ്ഗംകളി, ചവിട്ടുനാടകം പോലുള്ള പരമ്പരാഗത നൃത്തരൂപങ്ങളിലും, കളരിപയറ്റ്, ആയുർവേദം, വൈദ്യശാസ്ത്രം, സുഗന്ധദ്രവ്യങ്ങൾ, വ്യത്യസ്തമായ പാചകരീതികൾ എന്നീ മേഖലകളിലും കേരളം ലോക പ്രശസ്തമാണ്.

AD. 52 - ൽ ട്രേശുക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ ശിഷ്യനായ, തോമസ് അപ്പൊസ്തലൻ ഇന്ത്യയിൽ എത്തിയത് കേരളത്തിലൂടെയാണ്. 1841-ൽ ബെഞ്ചമിൻ ബെയ്ലി ആദ്യത്തെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ മലയാള ബൈബിൾ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ചു.

കേരളത്തിന്റെ മാതൃഭാഷ മലയാളം ആണ്. ഇതിനു 1200 ലേറെ വർഷം പഴക്കമുണ്ട്. മുതിർന്നവരോടുള്ള ബഹുമാനം, ശക്തമായ സമൂഹ ബന്ധങ്ങൾ, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തോടുള്ള ഉയർന്ന ആദരവ്, ശുചിത്വം, മതപരമായ സഹിഷ്ണുത, ആതിഥ്യമര്യാദയുടെ പുരമ്പര്യം തുടങ്ങിയവ നമ്മുടെ സംസ്കാരത്തിന്റെ എടുത്തു പറയേണ്ട മൂല്യങ്ങളാണ്.

കേരളത്തിന്റെ ഭാഷയും സംസ്കാരിക പൈതൃകങ്ങളും, മൂല്യങ്ങളും അടുത്ത തലമുറയ്ക്കു പകർന്നു കൊടുക്കുക എന്ന ദീർഘ വീക്ഷണത്തോടെയാണ് നമ്മുടെ സഭ 2005 ഏപ്രിലിൽ മലയാളലോകം എന്ന സംഘടന സ്ഥാപിച്ചത്. ഇപ്പോൾ 20 വർഷങ്ങൾ പിന്നിടുന്നു.

പിന്നെ നാം ഓരോരുത്തൻ ജനിച്ച നമ്മുടെ സ്വന്തഭാഷയിൽ അവർ സംസാരിച്ചു കേൾക്കുന്നത് എങ്ങനെ? (അ. പ്രവൃത്തികൾ 2:8)

നമ്മുക്കും നമ്മുടെ തലമുറകൾക്കും നാം ജനിച്ച നമ്മുടെ സ്വന്തം ഭാഷയിൽ ദൈവത്തെ ആരാധിക്കുവാൻ മലയാളലോകം സഹായിക്കട്ടെ...

എല്ലാവർക്കും കേരള പിറവി ദിന ആശംസകൾ!!!

- സ്റ്റീഫാമോൾ എസ്.എസ്
ഡയറക്ടർ, മലയാള ലോകം

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Youth Sunday



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