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Warm Welcome to Anish Achen & Family...!!

2018 Motto

...for it is written, 'you shall be holy, for I am holy.'

1 Peter 1:16

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Editorial

Follow Me...

Do you have any role-models in life? Have you ever followed someone? Maybe, you are closely following some of your relatives, friends, family members or a great personality, either through social media or in life. Have you ever been a fanatic of someone? The truth is that we may all have someone in our lives who has been so influential. We may have tried to imitate them, imbibe their qualities, and follow them to any extent. Though they never asked us to follow them, or called us to take up some great responsibility, we were resolute in following them. Contrary to the norm, we have the greatest personality of all times – the creator, the redeemer and the comforter who says to each one of us, “Follow Me....”.

“As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” (Matthew 4: 18-20, NRSV)

How glorious is it to be invited by the great I AM! What a privilege! This noble calling is not only for the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also for each one of us. All those whom He called were doing their own jobs. At the time of call, they didn't think twice, but followed Him. They still had pitfalls in their lives. However, the calling in them didn't allow them to be buried in their fallacies, but it transformed them into useful and powerful vessels for the Lord. Everyone has the freedom to accept this greatest invite or offer, whether it be full-time or part-time. Be aware that it is not an easy job. We need to deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Him. He urges us to live a holy life, imitate Him, be transformed into His likeness, and follow Him in every aspect of our lives.

If you've never had an offer like this, grab this unique opportunity. If you've been following Him for a while, have you grown weary? Has your goal or target dimmed? Prayer is the only solution that can allow a rerouting and restoration. This will enable you to soar like eagles, run a race of faith and meet Him face to face.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Wisdom is obedience to God's word. Such obedience will result in a spiritual development in us. Wisdom is not gained through obeying one's teaching. The book of James 1:5-8 teaches us how to gain wisdom. The scriptures teach us that if anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask God for it in prayers, and it shall be given to him. The Bible also teaches us that the "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverb 1:7). To become wise, one should know God, who has revealed the truth of Christ to him/her.

The Book of James also refers to the different trials we encounter in life. During these trials, we lack wisdom to understand the cause or purpose. We also lack the wisdom of choice. If we approach others during these crucial moments, we may get a temporary solution. The book of James provides us with a permanent solution. It clearly teaches us to seek wisdom, which is the spiritual process of growth for those who fear God.

As Christians, it is our social responsibility to seek God for the wisdom that is needed for our society. If anyone lacks wisdom, it is our social responsibility to seek it from God for him or her. God is the source of wisdom and knowledge. The book of Proverbs says that, "Wisdom is a divine gift". This gift is not gained by living a long life or through experiences. This wisdom is gained only by asking God in our daily prayers. God who answers prayers will provide us with this divine gift - "Wisdom". This wisdom will help us to be wise in resolving problems related to job, relationships, marriage and parenting.

Now the question to ponder: "Have you asked God for this Divine Gift?".

God bless you by these words in this new academic year.

Rev. Anish M. George Padickamannil



BIRTHDAYS

01	Jacob M. John	13	Raj Hariharan
01	Levia Grace Daniel	13	John Mathew
02	Sarah M. John	14	Rachel Cherian
02	Neena Kuruvilla	19	Rohit Mathew Oommen
07	Elizabeth Verghis	20	Reji Kumar. P.B
07	Ancy Jacob	21	Mathew Chacko
07	Felix Abraham Varghese	22	Eva Bose
08	Priya Rachel Abraham	24	Annika Cherian
08	Toby Jacob	24	Sophy Aji Mathews
08	Jain Daniel	27	Quinn Joseph
10	Jithin George	28	Elizabeth Mathai
13	Shiny Paul	28	Chole Joseph
13	Varghese V. John	28	Suja Sara Koshy

ANNIVERSARIES

02	Jubin Varghese George & Manasi Varghese George
03	Jinoj Titus & Rajitha Jinoj
10	Mathew Chacko & Meera Jacob
10	Selvarajan Thampy & Eva Bose
11	George Mathew & Siji Joseph
16	Rennie Philip Joseph & Preetha
17	Leon Sundaresan & Neethuraj Taji
28	Aaron Fredrick & Mini Fredrick

September 02 15 th Sunday after Pentecost Education Sunday - Teacher's Day	Jesus the Guru		
	Old Testament	Proverbs 4: 1-19	English Service
	Psalm	141	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 22: 1-5	Benjamin Chacko & Family
	Gospel	Luke 4: 31-44	
September 09 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	My Peace I give to You		
	Old Testament	Zechariah 8: 12-19	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	119: 161-176	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 5: 1-5	Executive Committee Members
	Gospel	John 16: 16-33	
September 16 17 th Sunday after Pentecost Choir Sunday	Music from Worship: Affirmation of Witness		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 6: 1-8	English Service
	Psalm	116: 5-17	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 7: 9-16	Choir Members
	Gospel	Luke 1: 68-80	
September 23 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Christian Response to Poverty		
	Old Testament	Amos 8: 4-7	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	145	Read by
	Epistle	James 2: 1-7	Joseph K. David & family
	Gospel	Luke 16: 19-31	
September 30 19 th Sunday after Pentecost Senior Citizen's Sunday	The Wisdom of the Elderly		
	Old Testament	Genesis 24: 1-14	English Service
	Psalm	92	Read by
	Epistle	2 Timothy 1:13-14	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	Luke 1: 5-7	

VBS 2018 FINAL DAY



MEN'S SUNDAY





Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will be held in the Sanctuary on every Wednesday from 10:00 AM till 12:00 noon. All are encouraged to participate.

Education Sunday - September 02

This special Sunday of prayer is dedicated to all involved in any aspect of education. All students, teachers and all involved with education are encouraged to take part in this special service. Please come and be blessed.

Sunday School Classes Resume - September 09

Sunday School will resume after the summer break on September 9, Sunday at 9:00 AM. Parents are encouraged to send their children to Sunday School.

Church Executive Committee Meeting - September 09

A meeting of the Church Executive Committee will be held at the church office on September 09, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Choir Sunday - September 16, 2018

This year, the Choir Sunday will take place on Sunday, September 16th, and we will also be celebrating this date as Choir Recognition Sunday in honor of all those singers who enhance our worship experience each week through their music, an opportunity to express our love and appreciation. Please make special effort to join for this special celebration on September 16th Sunday.

Cottage Prayer

Jordan area prayer will be at the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Mathai (Daisy) on Saturday, September 08, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Address: 85 Nuffield Street, Brampton, ON. L6S 5T7. Please plan to attend.

Gilead area prayer will be at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Christy Abraham (Christy & Shirley) on Saturday September 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Address: 60 Meadow Lark Drive, Brampton, ON. L6Y 4V6. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

- MF Outreach - Scott Mission October 06, 2018
- Missions' Sunday October 07, 2018
- Operation Christmas Child - Shoe box October 07, 2018
- Thanks Giving & Harvest Festival October 14,2018
- Youth Sunday October 28, 2018

Church Annual Picnic at Kelso Park, Milton - July 2018

Philip and Mary Alexander

Most of the church members attended the picnic and it was a delightful time together. Our very efficient, Entertainment Director, Abhilash Raj planned and organized everything to the satisfaction of everyone. The picnic started with a prayer and continued with a well-organized "Thattu-Kada", serving Dosa, Sambar and Egg Omelet for everyone. What else could the Kerala folks ask for first thing in the morning!! We think everyone enjoyed it to their heart's content. Thanks to all the men and women who worked hard for making and serving them. Then the men proceeded to make a delicious barbecue for lunch with Chicken, Porkchops, Hamburgers, Corn etc., while the women prepared a beautiful salad, enjoyed by everyone.

There were many activities for all ages. Children were entertained with various activities by Jenny Cheri-an. Christopher Moothedom organized exercises for the young and the adults.

A special event was organized for the adults by Dr. Joseph and Geena with assistance from Smitha Abhilash. Adults were divided into different groups and each group participated in performing certain roles picked at random. It was a lot of fun, and everyone received great applause for their performances.

After lunch the time was well-spent with games, 'vadam vali' etc. This time was also utilized by some to go for walks, or go to the beach etc.

As planned before by the Evangelism committee, some of us also gave out Gospel tracts and Jesus videos and talked to some who willingly listened to the gospel, including people of other religions.

Towards the evening we were fed again with Kappa and Fish curry-a delicious ending. We had great weather and were blessed with good sunshine most of the day. We were not able to attend our church picnic last year. We consider the 2018 picnic a memorable event.

Thanks to all the leaders and for their hard work. The picnic on the whole was a real 'Adipoli'.

Love, Mercy & Grace

Mary Alexander

The Lord by His hands formed my frame
In my depth to be like Him;
He placed His image within me
Before the world knew my form.

The Lord in His mercy chose me to be
His own child eternally,
To know His presence and be like Him
That I may in His likeness be.

The Lord in His grace called me to Himself
To give me His life and mine to Him,
So, we will always dwell together

And give all glory to His precious name.

The Lord by His love took my vessel,
Emptied it all to fill His life;
By His blood He purified
And reigned in me in Majesty.

I pray dear Lord, that only Thine
Image will dwell within me,
That you may shine your glorious form
In this world for all to see.

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Men's Sunday





Vacation Bible School 2018

Samuel Anselm Samuel

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 106:1)

All glory and honour and praise be to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for enabling us to conduct Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus. From the inception till the end, we've greatly experienced the rescuing, redemptive and everlasting hand of God. Special thanks to Rev. Anish M. George for his wishes, support and prayers. Sincere thanks to Very Rev. K. J. Chacko for being a part of the opening and closing sessions, and for conducting the VBS crew's devotion.

In Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus, children learned 5 important lessons:

When you're lonely, Jesus rescues.

When you worry, Jesus rescues.

When you struggle, Jesus rescues.

When you do wrong, Jesus rescues.

When you're powerless, Jesus rescues.

The three days of VBS have made an impact on every child and every crew member. It has helped them to rely on Jesus whatever be the hurdles. Children learned these through Bible discovery, powerful singing, awesome craft works and mind-blowing games.

The decorations in the basement were amazing. Grace Ann Samuel, Anna Esther Samuel, Jefin Mathews, Jovin Mathews, Joshua Moothedom, Jinu Mary Jacob and Rini Miriam Jacob worked day in day out, relentlessly, and made the decoration a reality. Along with them, some other volunteers also stepped in for the preparations and setting up, at various stages.

We had 53 smart children this year. There were 4 classes: Pearl, Ruby, Emerald and Sapphire, taught by dedicated and amazing teachers: Jefin Mathews, Samuel Chacko, Shalini Enoch and Joshua Moothedom respectively. Ani Chacko and Christopher Moothedom also helped with the teaching in times of need.

Music sessions were lead by Anna Esther Samuel, Jefin Mathews and Rini Miriam Jacob. Grace Ann Samuel lead the crafts, and was assisted by Jovin Mathews, Priya Abraham and Jinu Mary Jacob. Miriam Chacko and Chris George lead the games. Elizabeth Mathai, Susan Joseph and their wonderful team managed food. Many parents and members of our church generously contributed and sponsored lunch and breakfast. Some parents stepped in to give ride to those who had problems with the commute. Anna Esther Samuel designed the Name tag and certificate, and Shini Samuel designed the student's booklet.

The VBS team took part in the lay ministry of the church service on August 26, 2018, the VBS Sunday. Samuel Chacko gave a brief about VBS, children sang two songs, and we actively took part in the lay ministry. We also had a lunch after the church service. Most sincere thanks to everyone who has been a part of VBS 2018. Thanks to the executive committee and the congregation for their prayers and support.





Women's Fellowship Bible Quiz

Quiz # 6 Matthew Chapters 12, 13 and 14

Instructions:

1. *May follow NIV or NRSV as reference*
2. *Answer the question with related bible verse (eg ,Ans : xxxxxx chapter 1 versus 2)*
3. *Send the answers to **elzygeorge@gmail.com***

*Answers should reach on or before **20 September 2018***

Quiz # 6 Matthew 12, 13, 14

Answer true or false and give the reference:

1. Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath (T/F)
2. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "be healed", and he was healed (T/F)
3. "A bruised reed he will not break and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out". This was prophesied about John the Baptist by the prophet Isaiah. (T/F)
4. Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. (T/F)
5. Jesus said to the disciples, "only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." (T/F)

Answer the following questions in one word or sentence with reference.

1. In these three chapters, Jesus mentions the names of people from the Old Testament, what were their names?
2. On the day of judgement, do we have to give an account of every careless word spoken?
3. The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven was given to whom?
4. How many parables were told by Jesus in these chapters? What was the most important message that Jesus conveyed in these parables?
5. Who wanted John the Baptist beheaded? Who took his body and buried it?

Winners of Quiz #5 on Matthew 8 - 11, August 2018

First - Suja Sara Koshy

Second - Shini Samuel

Third - Rajitha Jinoj, Jenny Cherian

Answers to Women's Fellowship Quiz #5 - Matthew 8 - 11

1. On four different occasions faith is mentioned as the reason for healing.
 - i. Faith of the Centurion (Matthew 8:10,13)
 - ii. Faith of the men who brought the paralytic (Matthew 9:2)
 - iii. Faith of the women who was subject to bleeding for 12 years (Matthew 9:20-22)
 - iv. Faith of the two blind men .(Matthew 9:28-29)
2. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Matthew 9:38)
3. Matthew was a tax collector. (Matthew 9:9)
4. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Jesus instructed His disciples "do not go among the Gentiles or to any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel." (Matthew 10:5-7)
5. Jesus denounced the cities of Korazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. (Matthew 11:20-24)
6. This verse was quoted by Jesus to the crowd; referring to John the Baptist. (Matthew 11: 7-10)
7. Jesus says "I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith" when speaking of the faith of the Centurion. (Matthew 8:10). Jesus replies to His disciples before calming the storm "you of little faith, why are you so afraid". (Matthew 8:25-26)
8. Apart from Jesus and Lord, there are 4 different names by which Jesus was directly addressed by the people or by Jesus himself.
 - a. Son of man (Matthew 9:6,10:23,11:19) by Jesus himself.
 - b. Son of David (Matthew 9:27) by the blind men.
 - c. Son of God (Matthew 8:29) by the demons
 - d. Teacher (Matthew 9:11) by the Pharisees
9. Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14)
10. Jesus said this referring to John the Baptist "yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11)

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