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2019 Motto

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Ephesians 5:14

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Spring Cleanup - Saturday, June 08

Men's Sunday - June 16

Youth 30-hour Famine - June 28, 29

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Editorial

A United Heart...

Are you good at making decisions? Have you ever been torn between something you hold dear and something radically enticing? How has that affected your choice? It is often impossible to come to terms with the desires of your heart as there is always a push and pull. But a humble prayer can ease the problem and reset your heart and brain. *"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."* (Psalm 86:11)

With our temporal eyes, we fail to see things as they are. Our perceptions of others may be seriously flawed as our faculties don't support heavenly clarity. But God knows our hearts' desires, and it is only reasonable that we ask for wisdom from above. That wisdom will deliver us from inconsistencies and wavering natures. A divided heart, like that of a doppelganger sways to and fro from light to darkness. Millions of people are not focussed; rather they are distracted and confused, and they live sans peace both on the inside and outside.

A confession, that we're ignorant, and our hearts are not focussed to worship and fear the Lord, will unite the pieces and fill our hearts with peace. It'll clear the double vision and help us see clearly. It'll allow us to follow our Lord as a true disciple. *"And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them."* (Jeremiah 32:39)

May the Lord show us the way and help us focus.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christian Stewardship is an honorable designation. Psalm 24 teaches that the Earth and all in it belongs to God. Also, Genesis 2:15 states, "Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it". Through these scriptures, it is clear that God has the "Ownership", and He assigned us the responsibility to develop and to supervise His creations, the expression of His glory. Our prime role is to manage His creation. It is good to remember that God being the Owner has the "rights", and we being the stewards have "responsibilities". So, God controls everything and as stewards, our responsibility is to administer God's possessions in accordance to His desire. In Exodus 36, the scriptures highlight about Moses, the leader of Israelites, and how he built God's sanctuary. When Moses realized that he lacked the knowledge to construct the sanctuary, he called Bezalel and Oholiab (in accordance to God's command) to construct it. God filled Bezalel and Oholiab with wisdom, knowledge and skills to build the sanctuary. They worked sincerely for fulfilling the work and to earn the confidence of their master, and so they were blessed unlike the one in Luke 15, who hid his talent.

Since Moses lacked the knowledge to construct God's sanctuary, he depended upon His trusted servants to fulfill God's command. It is wise to understand that God knows everything and there is no need for Him to depend on us; yet, He trusts us and takes us into His confidence. He has shared a part of His work into our hands.

Now the question arises, "Are we going to do God's work assigned to us and earn His confidence upon us?" Or "Are we going to earn more for the betterment of our life that God gave into our hands?"

God blessed us with wealth, talents, wisdom, and relationships. There are two types of approaches to these gifts of God- "Owner approach" and "Steward approach". When we take the selfish approach, we are alienated from others. Also, when we take the owner approach, we are estranged and separated from God and others. But, when we take the steward approach, we are united to God and others.

So, we must be faithful stewards, using all the gifts God has given us to glorify His Name. Bible study is going well! From this week we are revising Isaiah 1 to 39. As you know our Bishop the Most Rev. Thomas K Oommen is recovering from the stroke. So our confirmation service date is postponed. I will inform the details later. But Thirumeni will attend the North American CSI Youth and Family Conference on July 24th at Houston.

Our Youth Fellowship is taking initiation to help others. It is a wonderful ministry. Please encourage them by providing your contributions.

We celebrated Malayala Lokam Sunday under the leadership of teachers and students. Our children sung Malayalam songs and lead the lay ministry. I appreciate all teachers and students of Malayala Lokam for their hard work. Especially I would like to thank Mrs. Mariamma Thomas for her co-ordination.

Our church convention and church dedication day were celebrated. Due to the inconvenience of our guest speaker, I preached three days. Thank God for strengthening me to preach. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the church secretary, Mr. Daniel Thomas and the church committee for having encouraged me to preach. I express my gratitude to all of my church members.

Mothers' day was celebrated by the Sunday school children. Teachers arranged the program well. I appreciate Sunday school director Mrs. Rajani Gajraj for her leadership.

Our mission board is collecting unperishable food for the needy. Kindly help them as much as possible.

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BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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It is also a ministry. Please give your mission contribution to the director. Mission board's door-to-door gospel work practice was lead by Mrs. Mary Alexander on May 26th.

We are planning to make a community garden in front of the church. If any family is interested, please contact me. Our church picnic is on Aug. 10th at Byng Island. All are invited to attend.

May God shower His Blessing upon you.
Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil

June 2 6 th Sunday after Easter	Fear of the Lord as the beginning of wisdom		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 3: 3-14	English Service
	Psalm	14	Read by
	Epistle	1John 5: 13-21	V. I. Kurian & Family
	Gospel	Luke 10: 21-24	
June 09 Pentecost Sunday	Come Holy Spirit Set Us Free		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 61: 1-11	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	107: 31-43	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 2: 1-13	Boby Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Luke 4:16-21	
June 16 Trinity Sunday	Community of Love		
	Old Testament	Genesis 18:1-15	English Service
	Psalm	97	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 13: 5-14	Men's Fellowship
	Gospel	Mark 1: 1-11	
June 23 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Revelation of God in worship		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 8: 22-30	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	148	Read by
	Epistle	Revelations 14: 1-7	Joseph K. David & Family
	Gospel	Mark 3:1-6	
June 30 Matins 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Make disciples		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 19: 11-22	English Service
	Psalm	34: 11-22	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 16: 3-16	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	John 1: 35-42	

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GET TOGETHER AT RICE LAKE - MAY 04, 2019

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV)

Hearty laughter, bright smiles with firm handshakes and an overwhelming sense of warmth and welcome are the key bonding factors of the CSI Church Men's Fellowship. Perhaps, the most significant aspect of these outdoor gatherings is that we are sowing seeds of faith and friendship, which is so essential to the life of this church, and meetings like this strengthen our faith and encourage a sense of community.

By Jinoj Titus

It was an immense joy to be a part of Men's Fellowship get together and a great opportunity, especially for individuals like me who have just moved to Canada. It gave me a chance to know everyone and be a part of the community through the games, entertainment and even the tasty food that was prepared. These all brought back my memories I thought I had left back home..."

By Bobby Cherian





Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship is held in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. Please come and join us for the fellowship.

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer for the month of June will be held on Saturday, June 01 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please come and be blessed.

Bible Study – “The Second Coming of Jesus Christ”

To accommodate all members, the Bible study is taking place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on every Sunday from 9:30 am to 10:15 am. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect and learn with each other while continuing to grow their personal relationship with God. Anish Achen will be leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend one of the Bible studies according to your schedule.



Spring Clean Up - June 08

Church spring clean up is scheduled for Saturday, June 08, 2019 starting at 10:00 am.

Board Meeting - June 09

A meeting of the board members will be held on June 09, 2019 immediately after the social hour at the board room.

Men’s Sunday - June 16

Sunday, June 16, 2019 will be observed as Men’s Fellowship Sunday.

Youth 30-hour Famine and Salvation Army Visit - June 28, 29

In co-ordination with World Vision, the Youth is doing a 30-hour fasting from Friday, 28 June, 2 pm to Saturday, 29 June, 8 pm.

Youth will also be serving at the Salvation Army, Ossington Center on Saturday, 29 June from 3 pm to 6 pm. Those who wish to volunteer at Salvation Army, please contact Youth Director, Joshua Moothedom before June 16.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be at the residence of Jinoj Titus and Rajitha Jinoj on Saturday, June 01 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Jordan area prayer will be at the residence of Mathew (Kunju) and Mary Joseph (Sarasu) on Saturday, June 08 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Gilead area prayer will be at the residence of Christy and Elizabeth (Shirley) Abraham on Saturday, June 15 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Shalom area prayer will be at the residence of Babu and Susan Joseph on Saturday, June 29 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

- Ecumenical St. Thomas Day July 20, 2019
- Half Yearly GB July 21, 2019
- CSI NA Family & Youth Conference July 25 – 28, 2019

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send an e-mail to the Secretary at torcsichurch@gmail.com





Convention

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Youth Update

Anna Esther Samuel

Volunteering at Salvation Army - March 30

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" – Matthew 25:40

Every 5th Saturday, our youth members have been regularly volunteering at the Salvation Army, Ossington location.

On Saturday, March 30, a few of the youth members: Joshua Moothedam, Ryan Varghese, Ashely Ajoy, Nikhil Achachen, Grace Ann Samuel and I went for the serving at Salvation Army.

One might wonder, if every single person who comes to the Salvation Army are homeless. But in fact, there are many people who are lonely, depressed, hungry, and they come for the fellowship. Each time we go for the service, we start with a small Bible study and a prayer that is conducted by their priest for the volunteers. Once we all are set and ready, at our given stations, we invite the people in. Before we start serving the food for the people, the priest reads a small Bible portion to the crowd and prays for them. For this evening, the priest taught how Jesus fed the multitude with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Each time we volunteer, we have encountered many people who are happy, sad, impatient and angry. While serving them, I have learnt that we must keep in mind that we all are equal, and a smile goes a long way. We must remember how our God has loved and blessed us.



30-hour Famine (World Vision) and Salvation Army Visit in June

In co-ordination with World Vision, the Youth is doing a 30-hour fasting from Friday, 28 June, 2:00 pm to Saturday, 29 June 8:00 pm. This is to create awareness about the people who go hungry everyday and to raise funds for the cause. We are collecting minimum 10 dollars per person. The amount collected will be send to World Vision.

In June, God willing, we are going again to Salvation Army, Ossington Centre on the 5th Saturday, 29 June from 3 pm to 6 pm. After that we will be coming to the Church together to break the 30-hour fast.

We are also doing a clothing drive for Salvation Army In June.

All are welcome to participate in this noble service.

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THE RAIN

Anna Esther Samuel

The clouds gather around
Darker and darker it becomes
The chills in the winds
Silence the world around

As the light gets covered by the cloud
Thunder quakes the earth
Lightning terrifies the meek and small
Once again silence..

Roars and lightning fill the sky
Drops of water fall on the ground
It pours and pours
Flooding the land, we stand

All dirt flows away with water
Ah! The clouds are getting clearer
Each nook looks new and fresh
The rain has refreshed the earth

There I see the promise
The seal of our tomorrow
As rain in disguise
Showers of Blessings fill our land

God has promised you rain
The ground will yield its crops
and trees will bear many fruits
And rainbows deck the skies!