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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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**Mission Sunday - September 08**

**Choir Retreat - September 14**

**Choir Sunday - September 15**

**Seniors' Sunday - September 29**

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## Editorial

*Let there be light...*

Do you remember the power outage triggered by the ice storm in December 2013 or the gigantic outage that resulted in a blackout in August 2003? Those were the times when people probably remembered Genesis 1: 3-4 and had craved for light. *'And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.'* Likewise, there could have been times when you experienced a total blackout in your lives. Sometimes, like the glow-in-the-dark objects, you had a faint glow that others could see, but that wasn't good enough to expel the darkness. Similarly, people who are nyctophobic may just not fear the night, but the lurking dangers that lay in wait.

Proverbs 20:27 says, *"The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord".* A lamp can remain in the darkness if it doesn't glow. For it to glow, someone needs to light it, and it must have the oil that is ready to be burned and exhausted. Many learned scholars claim to have received light from some source, and they call it enlightenment. Those people try hard to keep their lamps glowing. The truth is we can't light ourselves. *"For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness".* (Psalm 18:28) Unless the Lord lights the lamps, we grope in darkness. Jesus gives us the oil and lights us up. We can then give light to others and in turn, get more light from Him. When our candles/lamps light another candle/ lamp, our candles don't lose any light, but will have as much light as it had before.

In order to receive the light, the candle/lamp must yield to the lighted lamp or the source of light. We have a choice here. We may yield to the Bright Morning Star and be lighted and become the light of the world. Otherwise, we may yield to the morning star that fell from heaven and be clothed in darkness and spread the darkness around. To be unentangled from the strain of taking a wise decision, the Word of God exhorts us in Ephesians 5:14, *"Awake O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."* Then we can meaningfully sing, *"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."*

Samuel Anselm Samuel  
Editor

## Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

This month commences a new academic year. So, I would like to advise parents and children to pray in accordance with the Biblical message in 1 Kings 3:9 – “So give your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”. King Solomon requested God to give him a thoughtful heart. Like Solomon, we pray to God to solve our problems, and He grants our requests and blesses us. But once we possess the required wealth through God's blessing, we forget God and give more importance to wealth.

Such an attitude of forgetting God and focusing on wealth will provide a negative message to our children. Our new generation is always advised to study well; however, parents neglect to advise their children about the importance of church, worship, and Sunday school. Such negligence will cause the new generation to think that education is the only means to get a good job.

Dear children, I would like to advise you that without a service attitude in your job, you will surely fail. Remember, you cannot face the problems without trusting God. Only if you trust in God, you will succeed. King Solomon's life is the best example. He asked God to provide him with wisdom. God granted his request and in addition, blessed him with riches and honor. The Biblical references in 1Kings 3:12-13 says “Behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you. I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.” Dear parents and children, if we submit ourselves to God and trust Him, He will fulfill the desires of our hearts and bless us with good things. May God bless us by these words in this new academic year.

Our half yearly general body was held on August 4, 2019.

We had a blessed family picnic on August 10 at Byng Island. About 104 people attended. It was arranged by Jacob P. John, the Entertainment Director, and Zac Santhosh Koshy and Varghese V. John took the lead. Abraham P George, Elizabeth Verghis & Bobby P. Cherian arranged the food and games. All the organizations participated in it well. I appreciate all those who attended this event.

CSI North American Council family conference was successful. Including my family, 18 members attended the conference at Houston. Our youth choir sang the Canadian national anthem, and the Mass choir was conducted by our church secretary, Daniel Thomas.

At the feet of Jesus and all other prayers are going on well as usual.

September 1<sup>st</sup> is Education Sunday. All students, teachers and non-teaching staff are requested to attend the special prayer.

Mission Sunday is on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Choir Sunday is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the upcoming programs.

Yours in Christ

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil  
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**BIRTHDAYS**

01	Jacob M. John	13	Raj Hariharan
01	Levia Grace Daniel	13	John Mathew
01	Bijoy Bhutia	14	Joanne Rachel Joe
01	Anu Roshan Thomas	14	Rachel Cherian
02	Sarah M. John	19	Rohit Mathew Oommen
02	Neena Kuruvilla	19	Thejus John
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
05	Anoop James & Syama Prasad
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
23	Jeevan Fenn Varughese & Sarah Titus
28	Aaron Fredrick & Mini Fredrick

<b>September 01</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Education Sunday <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Education as a Ministry of the Church</b>		
	Old Testament	Nehemiah: 8:1-8	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	119:41-48	Read by
	Epistle	Acts:18:24-28	Pramod Punnoose & Family
	Gospel	Matthew: 5:1-12	
<b>September 08</b> Mission Sunday <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Communication of the Gospel and media</b>		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 19:10-18	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	19	Read by
	Epistle	Hebrews: 1:1-4	Mission team
	Gospel	Mark 12:1-22	
<b>September 15</b> Choir Sunday <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sing in Christ : Sing for Christ</b>		
	Old Testament	Zephaniah: 3:14-20	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	5	Read by
	Epistle	Colossians: 3:12-17	Choir
	Gospel	Mark 14:22-32	
<b>September 22</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Peace in the Context of Violence</b>		
	Old Testament	1 Samuel:24:1-12	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	52	Read by
	Epistle	Romans: 12:14-21	Ajoy Lional & Family
	Gospel	Matthew: 5:38-48	
<b>September 29</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Senior Citizen's Sunday <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Caring and Accepting the Elderly</b>		
	Old Testament	Genesis: 46:28- 47:10	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	21	Read by
	Epistle	1Timothy: 5:1-10	Senior Members
	Gospel	Luke 2:25-35	

VBS 2019

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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**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.

**Education Sunday - September 01, 2019**

Please note that there will be a special prayer for all students, teachers and school administration staff on Sunday, September 01, 2019

**Monthly Fasting Prayer**

Fasting prayer for the month will be held on Saturday, September 07, 2019 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please come and be blessed.

**Bible Study – “The 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 is leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend one of the Bible studies according to your schedule.

**Board Meeting - September 08, 2019**

A meeting of the board members will be held on September 08, 2019 immediately after the social hour at the board room.

**Mission Sunday - September 08, 2019**

Sunday, September 08, 2019 will be observed as Mission Sunday

**Choir Retreat - September 14, 2019**

Choir retreat will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019. For more information please contact Chris George, Director of Choir.

**Choir Sunday - September 15, 2019**

Sunday, September 15, 2019 will be observed as Choir Sunday

**Onam Lunch - September 15, 2019**

Onam lunch will be served on Sunday, September 15, 2019 during social hour. All members are reminded to wear traditional Kerala outfit.

**Cottage Prayer**

Shalom area prayer will be at the residence of Mathew (Rajan) & Annie George on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Jordan area prayer will be at the residence of Daniel & Mariamma Thomas on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Gilead area prayer will be at the residence of Sam & Selva Daniel on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

**Upcoming Events**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Youth Sunday                    | October 06, 2019    |
| Thanksgiving & Harvest Festival | October 20, 2019    |
| Youth Retreat                   | October 25, 26 & 27 |

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](mailto:torcsichurch@gmail.com)

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