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2021 Motto

“Prepare to meet your God”

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Amos 4:12b

**Curbside BBQ
August 22, 2021**

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Editorial

Traffic lights ahead! Slow down!

Have you ever run a red light? Have you ever made a rolling right turn on red? Have you ever honked at a person reluctant to turn right on red? Traffic lights regulate the traffic of an area and keep everyone safe. They give people a sense of more confidence and safety than when they pass through an uncontrolled intersection. These lights are a powerful symbol, and they play a significant role in the lives of everyone on their drive towards eternity.

Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. (Psalms 119:105)

There are many people who don't like to go through lights and would like to take uncontrolled intersections. They rely on their own wisdom and logic to live a life in this world. The atheists and the people outside the fold, who just think about their present, are usually guided by their own intellect. But for those who have a dream of living eternally with Christ must consider the controlled intersections. The traffic lights become visible as we rely on the Word of God. The green would enable us to dash ahead and do His will in all earnestness. There may be times when we are shown only the white light, allowing us to take a slower pace towards our destination. The amber would ask us to exercise caution, as there is every chance of a backsliding and running a red light. The red light would stop us from proceeding and disobeying the Word of God. We also need to be cautious about not becoming a stumbling block for others by honking at them.

Let the Word of God guide and guard each step. It will certainly help us reach the destination and meet with the King of kings and Lord of lords in His time.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing — life forever.” Ps 133

Today the perspective towards “unity” among Christians’ have lost its significance, though it has been taught and preached. This unity, however, never transpires, and it causes our hearts to be burdened.

There are many churches around us with different opinions on theological issues. But every church preaches about the same Lamb of God, Jesus the Saviour. The Bible teaches us that ‘brothers dwelling together in unity’ is a pleasant situation. Also, our Lord Jesus addressed those who were with Him as His brothers and sisters or as His family members. This enlightens us as Christians to live in unity with our brothers. And if we are not dwelling together, there is disobedience, and our Lord Jesus is not among us.

As a Christian community or as a church we should stand together for common issues or spiritual issues. But if we stand against it, be assured that Jesus is not with us. Also, as a Christian family or a Christian individual if you are not listening to others and caring for them, then again be assured that Jesus Christ is not dwelling among you. These acts will eventually lead to many Christians seeking the Lord Jesus in other churches or in spiritual leaders.

Our CSI church is a great example of this unity. The earlier visionaries of CSI were faced with this unity issues of different cultures, denominations, languages, traditions, castes and so on. As a solution to this barrier issues, the Church of South India conducted a union ceremony at St George's Cathedral in Madras on September 27, 1947, and the motto was ‘That they all may be one’ (John 17:21). The aforesaid Biblical verses of Psalms 133 is a reflection of their decisions and their works.

Now, there is a challenge confronting us - How do our works and decisions influence others? Also, as a Christian individual, as a family, as a church, or a community, what is our contribution towards enhancing this unity? Do our works make the prevailing situation a pleasant one?

We celebrated CSI Madhya Kerala Diocesan day on July 25.

Our VBS was successful. All our children enjoyed a lot. Sure, the Word of God which they got from the VBS will work in them. I would like to appreciate Mrs. Rajni Gajraj and the team.

Thank you for those who completed the mission survey. It will be useful for our retreat.

Please give your contributions to the mission work. Especially, this is our 35th year in Canada. So our church is going to do 35 good things. I request each family to contribute a minimum of \$250 towards the mission projects.

As I am going to Edmonton and Calgary churches (our out station Churches) on August 1st, Rev Ravi Kalison will lead our Sunday worship.

Continue to pray for our church activities. Pray for each other.

May God bless us all.

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place on every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Church Sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Virtual Worship**

Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”

The Bible study will resume in September after the summer break.

Message from one of our members, Chris George - Help for COVID-19 Vaccine Booking

The rising number of COVID cases and the current third wave have emphasized the need for everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Countries with higher vaccination rates than Canada have been able to start opening up and returning to some normalcy, while Ontario has just moved into lockdown for another month. If any church members have any questions about the available COVID-19 vaccines or would like help with booking their vaccination, please do not hesitate to contact me at 6479398424. If you need detailed medical advice, please first talk to your family doctor. Aside from this, I can help to the best of my ability.

On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer) - donate@csichurchtoronto.org

Please make all your contributions (offertory, missions, membership, donations etc.) to CSI Church Toronto using donate@csichurchtoronto.org.

Board Meeting

The next online board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 8:30 pm.

Social & Recreational Event – Curbside BBQ

Social & Recreational Activities committee is organizing a curbside barbecue event on Sunday, August 22, 2021, immediately after the divine worship service. Please mark your calendar this special event. Please contact Jacob John, Director of Social & Recreational Activities for more details.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Prem Narayan & Reshma Maria George. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Shijo Perumannoor and Donna Varghese. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Gilead area prayer will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Rijo George Cherian and Gitu Rijo. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

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 secretary@csichurchtoronto.org

August 01 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ministry of the Laity		
	Old Testament	1 Samuel 25:14- 28	English Service
	Psalm	23	Read by
	Epistle	1 Thessalonians 4:1- 12	Vimal Philip & Family
	Gospel	Luke 10:25- 37	
August 08 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Honour Marriage		
	Old Testament	Malachi 2:13- 16	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	45	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 13:1- 14:1	Anilraj Daniel & Family
	Gospel	Mark 10:2- 9	
August 15 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ		
	Old Testament	Genesis 7: 11- 24	English Service
	Psalm	29	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 6:1- 14	Nittu Mathew Jacob & Family
	Gospel	John 12:20- 26	
August 22 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sacrament of Holy Communion		
	Old Testament	2 King 4:42- 44	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	100	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 11:23- 30	Christy Abraham & Family
	Gospel	John 6:15- 59	
August 29 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing		
	Old Testament	Jonah 4:1- 11	English Service
	Psalm	82	Read by
	Epistle	Act 8:26 – 40	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	Matthew 22:1- 14	



BIRTHDAYS

01	Michael Philip Gajraj	18	Nibu Varguise
02	Bobby P. Cherian	18	Jerish Bradly
03	Suby Mathews	19	Sairah Anna Prasad
06	Shijo Perumannoor John	20	Sanjay Charuvil Ninan
07	Jacob Mathew Chemparathimoottil	22	Anu Mariamma Easo. K
07	Trisha Cherian	22	Aaron Pramod
07	Littin Jacob John	23	Jubin Varghese George
08	Jonathan J. Verghis	23	Liam Varughese
09	Benjamin Chacko	23	Jithin Sathyaraj Kanaath
09	Annamma Skariah	28	Mathew Joseph
09	Aleena Cherian	29	Jophy Jacob Philip
10	Sean Raymond	29	Leon Sundaresan
13	Sam Daniel. P	29	Norah Grace Thomas
15	Saurabh Itty	30	Gitu Rijo
15	Jinoj Titus	30	Shoby Jacob Sunny
17	Anna Kurien	31	Akhil Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 08 P. Mathew & Elizabeth Verghis
- 15 Jijo Cherian Varughese & Anushka Aley Abraham
- 16 Rijo George Cherian & Gitu Rijo
- 17 William Silvanose & Suja Williams
- 18 Jacob Cherian & Biby Esther Abraham
- 18 Vinod Maliyekal & Binssy Mathew
- 26 Benjamin Chacko & Ani Chacko
- 29 K.P. Alexander & Mary Alexander

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