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2022 Motto

“No More Silence..”

“മിണ്ടാതെയിരിക്കരുത്..”

Acts 18: 9

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## **Editorial**

*Happy Thanksgiving..*

“Thanks, I really appreciate it” – is a commonplace expression. People use it for various reasons. Some use it because they are really thankful for all the help and favours received. For some, it just a figurative language, used as a courtesy. When one of them is from within, the other is just an ephemeral, outward expression. We are very keen on finding different reasons for thanking others. It gives us a sense of accomplishment, and makes us feel good. How often do we thank our redeemer?

“O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endures for ever.” (Psalm 136:1)

Psalm 136 lists three things the psalmist is thankful for: the awesome creation of Elohim – the wonders, heaven, sun, moon and stars; the awesome work of El Shaddai – the mighty hand that led the Israelites out of the bondage; and the awesome being of El Elyon – ever merciful, loving, and caring God. There has been a paradigm shift in our conception of thanksgiving. Present day thanksgiving shrinks itself to mere festivities, rather than the real spirit of feelings that should well up from our inmost beings. Moreover, thanksgiving has lost its real flavour – to many, it is no more the pouring of their hearts to the Holy One, but it all centers around a turkey, and is a time of reunion and bonding.

Our very existence, protection against evil, redemption, journey mercies, meeting our needs, our environment, our families, relatives and friends are just a few reasons that can trigger our inner self to fall prostrate before the God of all mercies and be thankful. Shall we not raise our voices and sing with the psalmist, “I’ll praise thee; for I’m fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

What are you thankful for?

Samuel Anselm Samuel  
Editor

## Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

As we enter another month let us praise and thank God for all his blessings in the past and let us pray for his mercy in our journey ahead.

We observe youth Sunday and reformation Sunday in the month of October. Also, we are having Thanksgiving Day and our harvest festival in this month. We are living in a modernized, technologically advanced, science-based world and our youths are the primary beneficiaries of all these advancements. So, the danger is the possibility of shifting from Christ centered/faith centered life to a pleasure centered life. So, it is the time for us to determine the boundaries for our engagement and develop a new lifestyle which will keep the youth as disciples of that great master Jesus. I praise God for our youth fellowship and congratulate all their efforts that enrich our church life.

The last Sunday in October we observe as Reformation Sunday, which commemorates the Protestant Reformation as well as Martin Luther. It was movement against the corruption and other evil practices existed in the Catholic church. If a person – out of contrition for their sins and as a sign of repentance – made a financial gift to help with the building Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, then the church would furnish that person with a certificate acknowledging that gift and promising that they or their loved ones would be freed from a portion of the misery expected in the afterlife. In short, the church at that time taught that even those bound for heaven had to be cleansed of their earthly sins and this cleansing (purging) in the afterlife took place in a place called Purgatory. The certificates offered by the church (called "Indulgences") promised to lessen this time of cleansing for oneself or others who have already died. November 1st was an important day for the selling and buying of these indulgences, known as All Saints Day on the church's calendar. The day before Martin Luther posted a list of 95 Theses – 95 reasons that he objected to this practice of selling indulgences. Along with other writings by Martin Luther, those 95 Reasons went viral. Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do like buying of Indulgences. Instead, we are forgiven because of who God is. We are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy. Luther and his followers expelled from the church that marked the beginning of protestant churches. Every Protestant church including CSI traces their roots back to this moment in history.

I request the prayer and support of all the families for our Harvest festival on October 16. After two years we as CSI Toronto Church family gathering for the Harvest festival. let us come together and thank God for sustaining us in these years. And you all know it is the major source of our income. Let us pray and work together to make this year's harvest festival a grand success.

God bless you all

In His Service

Binu Achen



### **Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship**

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

### **Bible Study – “Book of Hebrews”**



The Bible study will take place on every Thursday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the book of Hebrews. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect with and understand each other while continuing to build personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Binu Achen will be leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend the

Bible study through Zoom.

### **Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be announced later.

### **Youth Retreat**

Youth retreat will be held from September 29 to October 01, 2022 at the Anchor Retreat Centre, 14 Beaver Creek Lane, Gilmore, Ontario. Reverend Binu Philip will be the main speaker for the retreat. There will be a registration fee of \$120.00 per person. Please contact Youth Director, Jefin Mathews for more details.

### **Thanksgiving & Harvest Festival - October 16, 2022 “Gratitude is the memory of a glad heart”**



Our Church Thanksgiving Service and Harvest Festival will be held on October 16th Sunday. As a Church family this is another opportunity to thank our Lord for the countless blessings that HE has showered in each of our lives.

It is our tradition, for each earning member to offer One Day Income at the altar during the Thanksgiving Service. Please do come prayerfully with your offering.

Church Annual Harvest Festival and online auction will take place immediately after the Thanksgiving Service. Please send your contributions (a minimum of 3 suitable items) for the online auction by October 10, 2022. Please note that details of the online auction will be published on Church WhatsApp group. Please plan to come early and be part of this great event once again this year.

### **Youth Sunday – October 30, 2022**

Sunday, October 30, 2022, will be observed as Youth Sunday. Youth members will take part in the lay ministry.

### **Cottage Prayer**

**Gilead area** prayer will be held at the residence of Samuel Anselm & Shini Samuel on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Please note that this will be an in-person prayer meeting.

**Jordan area** prayer will be on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Daniel & Mariamma Thomas. Please join the virtual fellowship.

**Shalom area** prayer will be on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Jinoj Titus & Rajitha Jinoj. Please join the virtual fellowship.

<b>October 02</b>	<b>Being with the outcast and marginalized</b>		
	Old Testament	Esther 4:1-17	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	43	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 15:12-21	Rijo Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Mark 1:40-45	
<b>October 09</b>	<b>Sunday for the Mentally and Physically challenged and Palliative patients. Disability: Care and Honour</b>		
	Old Testament	2 Samuel 9:1-13	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	146	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 9:32- 35	Anilraj & Family
	Gospel	Mark 3:1-6	
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26 :1-11	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	65	Read by
	Epistle	1 Timothy 6:6-12	Board Members
	Gospel	Luke 21:1-4	
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Christian Response to Consumerism</b>		
	Old Testament	Genesis 3:1-7	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	37	Read by
	Epistle	Philippians 3: 17-21	Santhosh Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 6: 25-34	
<b>October 30 Youth Sunday</b>	<b>Witness to Transform Lives: Missing to the Contemporary World</b>		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 19:19-21	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	119 :23-40	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 26:11-18	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	John 15:1-27	



**BIRTHDAYS**

01	Sajan Itty	16	Grace Ann Samuel
02	Joseph P. Mathews	17	Sherone Ann Jacob
02	Abraham K. Varghese	18	Omana Saramma Eapen
02	Abel Binu	20	Joshua Shaji Moothedom
04	Siby Jacob	20	Suja Williams
04	Darryl Thomas	20	Meera Jacob
04	Joanna Elizabeth Siby	21	Grace Elza George
05	Febil Sam Mathews	21	Suja Williams
06	Fremita Fredrick	21	Pramod Punnoose
07	Christy Abraham	21	Samgeo Santhosh
08	Samuel Anselm Samuel	22	Jane Zaira Toms
08	Neashini Govada	23	Sinu Susan Mathew
09	Geogy Thomas V	24	Nittu Mathew Jacob
09	Michael Govada	24	Sarah George
09	Kenneth Kuruvilla	24	Ethan Ninan
10	Austin Christopher Peter	24	Joel Paul Cheriyan
10	Abhay K. S	24	Aghil V. Aji
11	Maya Jacob	25	Susan Kurian
11	Micah Philip Jacob	25	Sarah Oommen
12	Aiden Manuel David	25	Jenin Rachel Sam
13	John Cheriyan Mathew	26	Shini Samuel
13	Isabel Johnson	27	Adam John Cherian
13	Rijo George Cherian	27	Jith Koshy
14	Reshma Maria George	27	Ancy Mathew
15	Joby Paul Mathew	29	Hannah Anna Abraham



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Christy Abraham & Elizabeth Shirley Abraham
- 10 Jithin Thomas Ninan & Elizabeth Pothen
- 12 Sanoj George & Thalvina Varkey
- 24 Philip Mathai & Diani Mathai
- 28 Ven. K. Sam Thomas & Sally Thomas
- 28 David Raja Singh & Thankaraj Rajeni Sobana
- 29 Rinu John Mathew & Anju Anna Jacob
- 30 Vilayil I. Kurian & Susan Kurian
- 30 Varghese V. John & Liji Varghese John
- 31 Bishan Ghosh & Sheeba Levison Ghosh
- 31 Pramod Punnoose & Sini Pramod

### Upcoming Events

Women's Fellowship Retreat November 05, 2022

KCECF Carol Service November 26, 2022

Carol Service December 17, 2022

Confirmation Service December 18, 2022

Christmas Service December 25, 2022

New Year's Service December 31, 2022

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*In everything give thanks,  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

*As you harvest your crops, bring the very best  
of the first harvest to the house of the LORD your God ...*

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