

The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton

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From the Vicar's Desk

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Timothy 3: 14 - 17



Dearly beloved in Christ,

The **'Swiss Army Knife'** is associated with excellence in blades and is popular for its variety of use. It was designed in the 19th century by Karl Elsener, a Swiss designer of surgical equipment. The all in one knife includes knife blades, Scissors, a can opener, a screwdriver, a toothpick, a saw, a ruler, a writing pen, and a magnifying glass. While camping in the wild it can certainly make us feel equipped for survival.

Similarly in this sinful world we need something to equip us to survive spiritually. God has given us a kind of spiritual knife-**His Word**. In 2 *Timothy chapter 3 verses 16 & 17* the Apostle Paul writes; 'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training, in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.'

The word **'equipped'** means *'to furnish or fit completely.'* How does the Bible equip us for our life's journey? It provides spiritual truth in *doctrine*; *reproof* in showing our imperfections; *correction* by revealing our sinful failures; and *instructions*; in living a righteous life. There's not a more valuable tool than God's word to make us fully equipped for spiritual survival and personal growth.

As the preparations for the 120th Maramon Convention is in full swing, and as thousands of believers gather together for hearing God's Word, let our humble prayer be; ' Lord, we thank you for equipping us with Your inspired word. You've given us the tools we need to live for you. Help us to take time to read it and to follow what you tell us.' – Sam Achen.

SCHEDULED FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Parish Mission

Prayer Meetings will held from **7:30PM** every Thursday

Sunday School

Praise and worship will begin from **9:15AM** every Sunday

Malayalam Choir

Practice will be held from **9:30AM** every Sunday

English Choir

Practice will be held from **1:00PM** on alternate Sundays after every Malayalam Holy Communion service

Fasting Prayer

Will be held at Parsonage every Friday from **10 AM – 1 PM**

Bible study

Every Sunday from **10:00 AM – 10.20 AM**

Malayalam Class

Every Sunday immediately after the service

Young Family Fellowship meeting

At the residence of Mr. Aby Jacob (CAR) on Feb 8th at 2 pm

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

120th Maramon Convention

February 8 – 15

KECF Annual General Body meeting

February 22

Will be held at 4 pm at the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch

**The South West Center A Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelist's
Association, Sevika Sangham and Yuvajana Sakhyam
Combined Regional Conference**

February 20 – 21

Will be held at the St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Dallas

Area Prayer Meetings

Feb 7th (Sat)	Mr. Saji George @ 6:30 PM	CAR
Feb 7th (Sat)	Mr. Jimmy Mathews @ 6:30 PM	GAR/ MES
Feb 14th (Sat)	Mr. Philip Jacob (Biju) @ 6:30 PM	CAR
Feb 14th (Sat)	Mr. George P Andrews @ 6:30 PM	AFW
Feb 15th (Sun)	Mr. Lyju Abraham @ 6:30 PM	IRV
Feb 21st (Sat)	Mr. Sunil Chacko @ 6:30 PM	CAR
Feb 21st (Sat)	Mr. George Eapen @ 6:00 PM	AFW
Feb 28th (Sat)	Common Prayer @ 6:30 PM	Church

Prayer group contact

Carrollton: Mr. Merin Samuel **AFW:** Mr. Abraham George
Garland/Mesquite: Mr. Ginu George **Irving :** Mr. Renji George

Youth Fellowship Events

Feb 1st (Sun)	Super Bowl Party
Feb 15th (Sun)	Sing Along Concert with Phil Wickham
Feb 21st (Sat)	Youth Fellowship Bible Study
Feb 22nd (Sun)	Youth Fellowship Bake Sale
For details contact Ms. Jamie George	

February Wedding Anniversaries

DATE	NAME	AREA
2	Mr. & Mrs. Saji George	CAR
6	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Mathew	GAR
7	Mr. & Mrs. Eapen Cherian	AFW
9	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	MES
11	Mr. & Mrs. Saju Korah	CAR
12	Mr. & Mrs. John Mathew	CAR
12	Mr. & Mrs. V S Mathew	IRV
14	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred S Pereira	AFW
17	Mr. & Mrs. George P Andrews	AFW
19	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham George	CAR
19	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Samuel	CAR
19	Rev. & Ms. Sam Mathew	OTR
22	Mr. & Mrs. Satheesh Thomas	CAR
22	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P Mathew	CAR
25	Mr. & Mrs. George Eapen	AFW
25	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan P Thomas	IRV

February Birthdays

DATE	NAME	AREA	DATE	NAME	AREA
1	Mr. George Eapen	AFW	13	Mrs. Lali Babu	MES
1	Mrs. Sosamma Thomas	GAR	13	Mr. Wilson Varghese	CAR
2	Mrs. Sheeja Rajan	IRV	14	Mr. Joel Tom Mathew	CAR
2	Mr. Sunu Samuel	IRV	16	Mr. Abhishek Vaidyan Jacob	CAR
3	Mrs. Anu Mathew	CAR	16	Mrs. Anita John	CAR
4	Ms. Amaya John	CAR	16	Ms. Faith Elizabeth Thomas	GAR
4	Mr. David Mathew	MES	16	Mr. Prakash Abraham	CAR
5	Mr. Raji P Mathai	CAR	18	Mr. Abraham Thomas	MES
5	Ms. Reena Rajan	AFW	18	Mrs. Annie Andrews	AFW
6	Mr. Midhun John	AFW	18	Ms. Jovanna Mary Cherian	AFW
7	Mrs. Evelina Thomas	AFW	18	Mr. Raji Abraham	AFW
7	Mrs. Smitha John	CAR	21	Ms. Anjali Susan Varghese	CAR
7	Mrs. Susan John	GAR	21	Ms. Maybelle Elizabeth Abraham	CAR
8	Mr. Sherwin S Thomas	CAR	24	Mr. Abel Abraham	CAR
9	Ms. Aishwarya Aby	CAR	24	Mrs. Aleyamma Simon	IRV
9	Ms. Lydia Lea Shaji	CAR	25	Mr. M K Chacko	IRV
9	Mr. Nibu K Thomas	CAR	25	Mr. Paul Thomas	CAR
10	Mr. Abraham George	CAR	25	Mr. Terry Mathew	GAR
10	Mr. Alexin Jose	AFW	26	Ms. Kezia Mary Mathew	CAR
10	Mr. Philji P Johns	OTR	27	Ms. Gloria Elsa P. Mathew	CAR
11	Ms. Chrissy Mathew	MES	27	Mr. Rajan Mepurath	MES
12	Mrs. Mary Philip	MES	27	Mr. Robi Abraham	CAR
12	Mrs. Ruby Pappachen	CAR	28	Mrs. Anu Mathew	GAR
13	Ms. Ancy Sam	OTR	28	Mr. Jobin Abraham	MES

February Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
01 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
Healing and Wholeness (Medical Mission Sunday)		
	Job.42: 1-12	2 Cor.12: 1-10
	Rev.22: 1-5	St. John 5: 1-9
<i>Lessons Read by AFW prayer group members</i>		
08 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30 AM	
Beginning of 120th Maramon Convention		
	Gen.1: 24-31	Eph.1: 3-14
	Acts 10: 9-16	St.Luke.18:31-34
<i>Lessons Read by CAR prayer group members</i>		
15 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
Pethrutha: Beginning of Great Lent; Lent – A time of reconciliation; Ending of 120th Maramon Convention		
	Gen.45: 1-15	2 Cor.5: 16-21
	Eph.2: 11-22	St.John.2: 1-11
<i>Lessons Read by IRV prayer group members</i>		
22 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 9:30 AM	
Touching the untouchable (2nd Sunday in Lent)		
	2 Kings.5: 1-10	Rom.15: 7-13
	Heb.13: 7-17	St.Mat.8: 1-4
<i>Lessons Read by MES / GAR prayer group members</i>		