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From the Vicar's Desk



“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.”- Acts. 4:13

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Many a times we have heard people speak on the topic, ‘Ordinary people...extraordinary faith.’ I used to think it was wrong to ascribe different levels to people’s faith, as though some were better than the others. But Jesus did. He said of one individual in

Mathew 14:31, “You of little faith...” and then a chapter later he said, “Woman, you have great faith!” Yet it has nothing to do with one person being better than the next. The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:3, “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.” Faith, you see, is a gift from God. And, really, it’s not the size of that faith that matters. Jesus says your faith could be the size of a mustard seed and great things could still happen.

How do we take this measure of faith God gives us and make it extraordinary? It’s all a matter of focus. “Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Heb.11:1). So faith is being sure of something you hope for-that is, sure about unfulfilled things in the future. And it’s being certain of something you can’t see-that is, being keenly aware of the unseen divine realities all around you. Faith makes that which is unseen, real- important, and that which is seen much -less important. Great faith means focusing on the King and His kingdom priorities. The apostles lived this way. When I observe how they held on to God for dear life and confessed daily their drastic need of Him, it makes me want to do the same.

After all, we’re together on the same team. We are in the minor leagues down here on earth, training for the major leagues in heaven. Each of us has been given a measure of faith and with it we train ourselves in godliness. We work with the equipment God has given us, stretching our faith muscles. And what happens when He calls you up to the plate and pitches you a fastball? You connect. You hit a line drive, if not a home run. You make it your ambition to be pleasing to Him. (2Cor.5:9)

Some of us forget we’re in training, though. We don’t always think about the unseen divine realities happening all around us, and we certainly don’t focus on heaven as we should. This is why it helps to read the stories of average people (From the Bible as well as from the world in which we live), who despite many set- backs had taken the faith God had given them and stretched it, widened it, and deepened it. They had held their feet to the fire, punching and disciplining and beating their bodies into submission, as it were, to strengthen their faith. And they had come through with great lessons to share. They had learned to forgive when forgiveness seemed impossible, to believe and love and obey against all odds. And when they could not see where and how God was leading, they had learned to wait on the Lord and to persevere and overcome. They had learned to be faithful and to serve selflessly for the glory of God, and to be strong through greater authority. They had learned the true meaning of freedom. Absolutely anyone – any believer in Christ – can have extraordinary faith. It’s all a matter of focus,

for “faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”(Rom.10:17) - 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

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

English Choir

English Choir practice sessions will be held from **1:00PM** on alternate Sunday after Holy Communion service

Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer will be held at Parsonage every Friday from **10 AM – 1 PM**

Bible study

Every Sunday from **9:45 – 10.20 AM**

Malayalam Class

Every Sunday immediately after the service

Young Family Fellowship Meeting

Sunday May 17th @ 2PM at residence of Mr. Shibu Koshy

May Area Prayer Meeting

May 2nd (Sat)	Mr. Benoy C Abraham @ 6:30PM	AFW
May 16th (Sat)	Dr. K.V. John @ 6:30PM	AFW
May 23rd (Sat)	Mr. Sunil Abraham @ 6:30PM	CAR
May 30th (Sat)	Common Prayer @ 6:30PM at Church	

Prayer group contact

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

Church Calendar Events

Events for May

Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton

May Events

Sunday School regional Derby Run	May	2
Sunday School Diocesan Exam	May	3
Yuvajana Sakhyam Heart Health Seminar	May	10
Mother's Day	May	11
Sunday School Field Trip	May	23
KECF general body at MTCD Carrollton @ 4PM	May	24
Choir Sunday & Bake sale	May	31
Sunday School - Last day of Class	May	31

May Wedding Anniversaries

DATE	NAME	AREA
3	Mr. & Mrs. P C John	GAR
7	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Johns	AFW
9	Mr. & Mrs. Varughese Kunnumpurathu Joseph	CAR
11	Mr. & Mrs. Pat Thomas Alexander	IRV
16	Mr. & Mrs. Vinod Mathew	CAR
20	Mr. & Mrs. Shibu Koshy	CAR
21	Mr. & Mrs. John Varghese P	CAR
23	Mr. & Mrs. George Varghese	AFW
23	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Thomas	CAR
24	Mr. & Mrs. John Samuel	CAR
25	Dr. & Mrs. John Mathew	AFW
27	Mr. & Mrs. Aju Thomas	MES
27	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Varughese	AFW
30	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Thomas	AFW
31	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Thomas	MES
31	Mr. & Mrs. Manoj Pappen	CAR

May Birthdays

DATE	NAME	AREA	DATE	NAME	AREA
1	Mrs. Jolly Varghese	AFW	20	Mr. Binu Philip	MES
1	Mrs. Kunjamma Philip	MES	20	Mrs. Lizy Sam	CAR
2	Mr. Biji Thomas	CAR	20	Mr. Raju Mathew	GAR
2	Mrs. Susan Kottackal	GAR	20	Mr. Shaji Mathew	CAR
2	Mr. Thomas Abraham	AFW	20	Mr. Timmy Mathew	GAR
4	Mr. George Varghese	CAR	21	Mr. Aidan A Jacob	CAR
4	Mrs. Jolly Abraham	CAR	21	Mrs. Aleyamma George	CAR
4	Mr. Princymol George	MES	21	Mr. Elvis Pappachen	CAR
4	Ms. Renita Philip	MES	21	Mr. Y Mathaikutty	MES
4	Mrs. Tara Merin Koshy	CAR	22	Mr. Sunil Abraham Chacko	CAR
5	Mr. Lyju Thomas	IRV	24	Mrs. Jayamma Joseph	CAR
5	Mrs. Sarah Thomas	AFW	24	Mr. Joy Thomas	MES
6	Mrs. Leejia Mary Abraham	CAR	24	Mrs. Leena Samuel	CAR
7	Ms. Christina Babu	MES	24	Mr. Sanjay D Varghese	CAR
7	Mr. Ginu George	MES	25	Mrs. Anitha Thomas	MES
7	Mr. Shaji Philip	AFW	25	Mrs. Annie Jacob	CAR
9	Mrs. Annamma (Gracy) Mathew	CAR	25	Mrs. Marykutty Jacob	CAR
9	Mr. Jason Joseph John	CAR	25	Mr. Sakariah P Jacob	CAR
9	Mrs. Jimy George	CAR	25	Mrs. Sheela Mathew	MES
10	Mr. Gigi Mathew	CAR	27	Mrs. Aniyamma George	CAR
11	Mr. Eben Samuel	CAR	27	Mrs. Saramma John	GAR
11	Mr. Philip Mathew	IRV	28	Mrs. Daicy Thomas	AFW
12	Dr. K V John	AFW	28	Mr. Jacob Mathew	GAR
12	Mrs. Molly John	CAR	28	Mr. Joshua Varghese John	AFW
12	Ms. Sarah Elizabeth Jacob	IRV	28	Mr. Satheesh Thomas	CAR
13	Mrs. Albin Ann Kurian	AFW	29	Mrs. Elsy Thomas	AFW
13	Mrs. Mary Varughese	CAR	29	Ms. Susan Thomas	OTH
14	Mr. Biju Chacko	IRV	30	Mr. Biju P Mathew	CAR
14	Ms. Jamie George	CAR	30	Mrs. Mariamma Mathew (Elsy)	CAR
14	Mrs. Rebecca John	MES	30	Mrs. Mariyamma Mathew	CAR

14	Mr. Thomas Babu	CAR	30	Mrs. Mary John Varghese	CAR
15	Mrs. Lizzy Abraham	CAR	30	Mrs. Rosamma Mathew	CAR

16	Mr. John V Abraham	CAR	30	Mr. Saju Lukose	CAR
16	Mr. Thomas P Mathew	CAR	30	Mr. Sam George	CAR
17	Mrs. Cameila Johns	OTH	30	Mrs. Saramma Sam	CAR
17	Mr. Tobin Abraham	MES	30	Mrs. Shibi Sam	CAR
18	Mrs. Elsa John	CAR	30	Mr. Thomas Jacob	CAR
19	Mr. George P Andrews	AFW	31	Mrs. Anna Saju	CAR
19	Mrs. Mary Shephi Pereira	CAR	31	Mrs. Annamma Kurian	AFW
19	Mrs. Rachel George	OTH	31	Mrs. Nisha Koshy	CAR
19	Ms. Shilpa susan Abraham	CAR	31	Mr. Shelly Jacob	CAR
20	Ms. Annah Grace Mathew	CAR			

May Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
3 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
Believing in the Risen Christ		
	2 Kings 4:27-37	1 Pet.1: 3-12
	Acts 26:12-23	St. John 11:17-28
10 Sunday Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30 AM Christ's invitation to be an expression of Mission (5th Sunday after Easter)		
Mother's Day	Eze. 34:15-24	Eph. 5:1-14
	1 Pet. 2:1-10	St. John. 20:19-23
<i>May Lectionary</i>		
17 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
Waiting upon the Holy Spirit		
	Isa. 40:25-31	Acts. 1:12-14
	Acts. 1:1-11	St. John 14:25-31
24 Sunday Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30 AM The Feast of Pentecost – Come Holy Spirit Renew Us (50th day after Easter)		
DSMC	Eze. 37:1-14	Titus 3:5-8

Sunday	Acts 2:1-13	St. John. 16:1-11
31 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
Trinity Sunday – We worship in the Triune God (1 st Sunday after Pentecost)		
	Gen.1: 1-28	2 Cor. 13:11-14
	1 John1: 1-10	St. John.1: 1-18

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