

**The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas,
Carrollton**

1400 W Frankford Road, Carrollton, TX 75007

News Bulletin

July 2015

From the Vicar's Desk



“Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. – Luke 2:19

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As parents, we love to remember the developmental milestones of our children. We will record in a baby book when our little ones first roll over, then crawl, and take their first steps. Often we will take photographs and save baby clothing to bring back the memories of those precious experiences.

According to Luke 2:19 Mary, the mother of Jesus, kept a baby book of sorts – in her heart. She treasured the promises that had been given about her Son and ‘pondered them.’ The Greek word for ‘ponder’ means ‘placing together for comparison.’ Mary had heard of great things concerning her son from angels and shepherds (1:32; 2:17, 18). As his life unfolded, she would compare those promises with how her son acted to fulfill them.

Our faith will be strengthened and we will be encouraged when we meditate on what the Scriptures say about God and compare it with the way He works in our own lives (John 14:21). He is God who answers prayer (1 John 5:14, 15), comforts us in our suffering (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4), and provides for our needs. When we take time to ponder, we will see the faithfulness of our great God.

As we host this year’s Ecumenical Convention let our humble prayers be: *“O Father, may I find again the dreams of childhood, when thoughts of You filled me with peace and I longed to know you more. Give me a faith that trusts you implicitly.”*- Sam Achen

SCHEDULED FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Parish Mission

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

Sunday School

Will resume in August

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 **10:00 – 10.20 AM**

Malayalam Class

Every Sunday immediately after the service

July Area Prayer Meeting

July 18 (Sat)	Mr. Satheesh Thomas	CAR
July 26 (Sat)	Common Prayer	
Prayer group contact		
Carrollton: Mr. Merin Samuel AFW: Mr. Abraham George		
Garland/ Mesquite : Mr. Jinu George Irving : Mr. Renji George		

Church Calendar Events

Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton 2015 Calendar		
Diocesan Assembly	July	2
Diocesan Family Conference	July	2-5
South East Region Junior / Senior Conference	July	16-19
Vacation Bible School	July	23-25
12th Diocesan Conference of MTVFA in Houston	July	23-26
KECF Convention	July	31 - 8/2
First Day of Sunday School and Dedication	August	2
Sunday School regional competition @ Immanuel	August	8
Youth Sports Tournament in OKC	August	14-15
Sunday School Anniversary / First day of school dedication	August	16
Parish convention	August	21-23
Parish Day & 39th Church Anniversary	August	23
Church Family Retreat	August	28-30
Sunday School regional picnic - 5th grade & below	September	5
Summer Mela	September	6
Church Picnic	September	12
Choir Bake sale	September	27

July Birthdays

DATE	NAME	AREA	DATE	NAME	AREA
1	Mrs. Achamma T Chacko	AFW	17	Mr. Sterling Thomas	CAR
1	Mrs. Josis Sam Thomas	CAR	18	Mr. Abhilash K Sam	CAR
1	Mrs. Shiny Alexander	IRV	19	Mr. Benoy C Abraham	AFW
3	Mr. Thomas Mathew	IRV	20	Mr. George Philip	CAR
4	Mr. Eapen Cherian	AFW	20	Mrs. Mariamma Pappachen	CAR
4	Mr. Mathew Chacko	AFW	20	Mrs. Sindi Babu	CAR
7	Ms. Georgina Johns	OTH	21	Ms. Julie Alexander	IRV
7	Mr. P C John	GAR	22	Mr. Jacob T Mathew	CAR
8	Dr. Betty Rajan	AFW	22	Mr. Justin Alex John	CAR
8	Jaisy K John	IRV	22	Rev. Sam Mathew	OTH
8	Mr. Philip Vaidyan Jacob	CAR	24	Ms. Angel George	GAR
9	Mr. E G John	IRV	24	Mr. Rajan P Thomas	IRV
9	Mr. Juby Alexander	IRV	25	Ms. Alphy Susan Sam	CAR
10	Mrs. Annamma Abraham	MES	27	Mr. Neha Emi Mathew	IRV
11	Mrs. Sindhu Varghese	CAR	27	Mr. Roshan Mathew	AFW
12	Ms. Tinsy Elsa John	CAR	28	Mr. Jaison John	CAR
13	Mr. Jonathan David Mathew	CAR	29	Ms. Ginger Simon	GAR
13	Mr. Thomas Roshan Mathew	AFW	29	Ms. Olivia Miriam John	AFW
14	Ms. Reyna Theres Mathai	CAR	30	Ms. Jamie Sara Jacob	GAR
15	Ms. Elizabeth Eappen	CAR	30	Ms. Susan Kurian	AFW
16	Ms. Stephanie Rose Mathew	CAR	31	Mr. Riju George	GAR
17	Mr. Jonathan Titus Joseph	CAR			

July Wedding Anniversaries

DATE	NAME	AREA
1	Mr. & Mrs. K A Thomas	GAR
4	Dr. & Mrs. K V John	AFW
5	Mr. & Mrs. Arun Kuruvilla	CAR
5	Mr. & Mrs. Lijo Varghese John	AFW
6	Mr. & Mrs. George Joy Varghese	CAR
6	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob John	IRV
6	Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Chacko	AFW
8	Mr. & Mrs. Sam K John	CAR
8	Mr. & Dr. Santhosh Chacko	MES
11	Mr. & Mrs. Pappachen P Varghese	CAR
11	Mr. & Mrs. Sam George	CAR
11	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel P Varghese	MES
11	Mr. & Mrs. Vilson V George	CAR
20	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jacob	CAR
21	Mr. & Mrs. E G Varghese	GAR
21	Mr. & Mr. Timmy Mathew	GAR
25	Mr. & Mrs. Bai Abraham Mathew	CAR
26	Mr. & Mr. Siby Sam Mathew	MES
26	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Abraham	AFW
28	Mr. & Mrs. Sanjay D Varghese	CAR
29	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson Yohannan	CAR
31	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Mathew	CAR

July Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
5 Sunday	Ordinary Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
	Stewardship – Transparency and Accountability (Tithe Offering Sunday)	
C.H.21 8	Exo. 36: 2-7	Phil. 4:10-20
	Acts 5:1-15	St. Luke 19:11-27
12 Sunday	Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
	Ordained Ministry: Marked by the wounds of Christ	
C.H.30 1	Eze. 33:1-9	Gal. 6:11-18
	2 Tim. 2:1-13	St. John 21:15-19
19 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
	Consecrated Life	
C.H.28 1	Zech.14: 16-21	Col. 3:12-17
	Acts 6:8-15	St. Luke. 19:1-10
26 Sunday	Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
	Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith	
C.H.86	Exo. 3:1-12	2 Tim. 2:1-13
	Acts 8:26-40	St. John 12:20-26

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