

**The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas,
Carrollton
1400 W Frankford Road, Carrollton, TX 75007**

News Bulletin

August 2015

From the Vicar's Desk



“PUT ON TENDER MERCIES, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, LONGSUFFERING; ... BUT ABOVE ALL THESE THINGS PUT ON LOVE.” – COLOSSIANS 3:12, 13.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings! When I was a young adult, I remember when I was about to leave the house, sometimes my mother would stop me and say, “You can’t go to the church dressed like that!” It’s usually about the color of the shirt that I wore or the footwear. Though being questioned about my fashion choices may feel like an affront to my good taste, I have realized that her correcting influence is always an upgrade.

Scripture often calls us to ‘put on’ attitudes and actions that match our identity in Christ. Sometimes we are known by the clothes we wear, but we can make Jesus known by wearing attitudes and actions that reveal his presence in our lives. The apostle Paul advised us to set the fashion standard by modeling the wardrobe of Jesus’ compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness (Col.3:12). And he added, “Above all these things put on love...and let the peace of God rule in your hearts.”(Vs.14, 15)

Clothing ourselves in Jesus’ likeness begins with spending time with Him. If you hear Him say, “You can’t go out like that!” let Him lovingly take you back to ‘the closet’ so he can clothe you with His likeness. It’s always an upgrade.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we make preparations for this year’s convention and family retreat, let our humble prayer be:

“LORD, HELP US TO SEE OURSELVES THE WAY YOU SEE US. BY YOUR SPIRIT TEACH US TO ADORN OUR LIVES WITH THE ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS YOU HAVE DESIGNED FOR US AS A PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT OUR IDENTITY WITH YOU.”

Rev. Sam Mathew

SCHEDULED FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Parish Mission

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

Sunday School

Sunday School will begin at 9:15AM

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

August Area Prayer Meeting

August 8th (Sat)	Mr. Saju Korah	CAR
August 23rd (Sat)	Church Convention	
Prayer group contact		
Carrollton: Mr. Merin Samuel AFW: Mr. Abraham George		
Garland/ Mesquite : Mr. Jinu George Irving : Mr. Renji George		

Address Changes

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Church Calendar Events

Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton 2015 Calendar		
First Day of Sunday School and Dedication	August	2
Sunday School regional competition @ Immanuel	August	8
National Youth Fellowship Conference	August	TBC
Youth Men's / Women's retreat	August	TBC
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
Senior Citizen Sunday	October	11
Sunday School regional teacher's workshop	October	TBC
Parish Mission Sunday	October	18
Sunday School Fall Carnival	October	24
Family Dedication Sunday	October	25

August Birthdays

DATE	NAME	ARE A	DATE	NAME	ARE A
1	Mrs. Annamma Mathen	MES	17	Mrs. Tina Thomas	CAR
1	Ms. Detty P John	CAR	18	Ms. Santy Sosa Sam	CAR
2	Mr. Mathew George Thundiyath	CAR	19	Mr. V S Koshy	IRV
6	Dr. Elizabeth Samuel	CAR	20	Mr. Rojin V John	CAR
6	Ms. Jerusha	OTH	21	Ms. Ashitha Mathew	IRV
6	Mrs. Manju Mathew	IRV	21	Ms. Tabitha Kurian	IRV
6	Mr. Rejish Rajan Abraham	CAR	22	Ms. Abigail Rachel Mathew	CAR
6	Mrs. Susy Johns	AFW	22	Mr. Andrew Varghese	CAR
7	Ms. Alexa Sara Jacob	CAR	22	Mr. Jeremiah Thomas	GAR
8	Mr. Jacob John Abraham	CAR	22	Mr. Sajan Thomas	CAR
8	Mrs. Smitha John	GAR	23	Ms. Jesmia Elisa John	CAR
9	Ms. Gabrielle Rajan	AFW	23	Mrs. Shirly Philip	AFW
9	Ms. Manna Thomas	AFW	24	Mrs. Saramma Abraham	CAR
9	Mrs. Marykutty Mathew	CAR	27	Ms. Anita Mary Jacob	IRV
9	Mr. Philip Johns	AFW	27	Ms. Jianah Pradeesh	CAR
10	Mr. Jacob Simon	GAR	28	Mrs. Amy Thomas	AFW
12	Mrs. Ammukutty Mathew	IRV	28	Mrs. Mary Rajan	AFW
12	Mrs. Anju Mathew	MES	28	Mr. Tony John Panickar	CAR
15	Ms. Danica Simon	GAR	29	Mrs. Tina Abraham	AFW
15	Mr. Mathew Kaniyampuzhakkal	CAR	29	Mr. Tony Abraham	AFW
15	Mr. Vinu John	GAR	30	Mrs. Gibil Robin S John	CAR
16	Dr. Anu John	IRV	30	Mr. Saju Korah	CAR
17	Mr. Shawn Koshy	CAR	31	Mr. Asher Vinod Mathew	CAR

August Wedding Anniversaries

DATE	NAME	AREA
9	Mr. & Mrs. Raji P Mathai	CAR
12	Mr. & Mrs. P J George	OTH
15	Mr. & Mrs. Saju Lukose	CAR
18	Mr. & Mrs. Raji Abraham	AFW
19	Mr. & Mrs. Gigi Mathew	CAR
19	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Thomas	AFW
22	Mr. & Mrs. George Philip	CAR
23	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Varghese	CAR
24	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Mathew	CAR
25	Mr. & Mrs. Sam K Thomas	CAR
31	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Vaidyan Jacob	CAR

August Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
2 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
	Mission: Sharing God's Pain Mission Sunday	
C.H.306	Isa.6: 1-8	2 Cor.11: 16-31
	Acts.9: 10-18	St. Luke.10: 1-12
9 Sunday	Contemporary Worship @ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
	People of God: Salt and Light of the World	
C.H.25	Isa. 49:1-7	Rom. 13:11-14
	Eph. 5:1-5	St.Mat. 5:13-16
16 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
	Church: Reformed and Reforming Reformation Day	
CH.201	2King. 23:1-6	Acts 2:43-47
	Rev. 3:14-22	St. Mat. 13:33-35
23 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 9:30AM 39th Parish Day	
	Honor the bond of Marriage	
CH.394	Mal. 2:13-16	Heb. 13:1-6
	1Cor. 13:1-14:1	St. Mark 10:2-9
30 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 8:00AM at the Retreat Center Ordinary Worship in Malayalam at the Church	
	Baptism: Dying and Raising up with Christ	
CH.408	Gen. 7:11-24	1Pet. 3:19-22
	Rom. 6:1-14	St. John 12:20-26

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