

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

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News Bulletin

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From the Vicar's Desk



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”– Jeremiah 29:11

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We all try to think ahead and make a road map for our lives.

I am here to tell you that God has declared in his word that He already has plans for your life. Many times we find ourselves in barren fields of self-doubt, kicking the dust of misunderstanding etched in the ground of our lives' tragedies and pain. We have all had times where we thought we were in God's will only to find things coming apart on the broken wings of good intentions. Many times in life our hopes are bashed, promises broken and our way seems lost. It is in realizing that we are but humble pilgrims lost without God's direction that we can find our way.

“So you will go out in joy, you will be led into a whole and complete life.” – Isaiah 55:12

God knows what His will is for our lives, he has declared it, and it is set in stone. God says to you “I know the plans that I have for you, I formed you, I breathed life into you and I redeemed you. I promise you that God has a plan for you. We have a hunger pang inside of us to have a happy life, and to find comfort and joy in our home and in our relationship. God has a plan to make that happen in our lives. We have to keep our eyes on God and coordinate our spiritual vision with what god has placed in our hands and in our hearts. We have the infallible living Word of God, which is the anvil that has worn out all the hammers of all the lies of the enemy over the ages. We have the Holy Spirit living in us, strengthening us, bringing us comfort and hope.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105.

God's plans for us are found in His Word. We have His mighty word with every promise, every instruction, every commandment, and stories of redemption that we can believe in and stand on. We have in the New Testament the words of our Savior and the message of the cross, by which the Apostle Paul instructs us that through the blood that redeemed us on that cross, ‘we are more than conquerors’ (Romans. 8:37). We are more than conquerors over sin, Satan, the world, heartaches, and trials. We can cheerfully face these things as we know God has a plan for our lives and he will perform it in Christ Jesus. Not only will we overcome but we will also glory in our journey with our Lord. It is His path we follow and as we walk with him, our faith and joy will be increased by what we

endure. We are conquerors, victorious by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of our testimony owing all to our Redeemer who has laid out His plan for our life.

Let God be God, and he will part the red Sea in our life. When Moses and Israel stepped out, God performed a miracle for them, and for the first time in History there were footprints seen at the bottom of the Red Sea. Sometimes realizing God's plan for hope and a new future will lead us where we have never been before. We will not be walking in someone else's footprints; we will be making our own. We may be leaving footprints where they may have never been seen before, in new path blazing through the obstacle that is in front of us, as God destroys the enemy that is behind us. So go ahead and move forward in life knowing confidently that God has it all planned out for us if we will but trust Him. Follow God's plan for our life, and trust His unfailing, forgiving love. In his plan, every pain, hurt wound, and disappointment that we have experienced will find peace. If we will but trust his plan for our life, we will find the sense of wholeness and completion that we long for. As our young friends are back to school, it's my humble prayer and advice:

**ONWARD AND UPWARD YOUR COURSE PLANS TODAY,
SEEKING NEW HEIGHTS AS YOU WALK JESUS' WAY;
HEED NOT PAST FAILURES, BUT STRIVE FOR THE PRIZE,
AIMING FOR GOALS FIT FOR HIS HOLY EYES.**

– In Christ's service, Sam Achen.

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

September Area Prayer Meeting

September 12 (Sat)	Church Picnic	
September 26 (Sat)	Common Prayer	Church

Prayer group contact

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

Church Calendar Events

Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton		
2015 Calendar		
Summer Mela	September	6
Church Picnic	September	12
Sunday School Anniversary	September	13
Choir Bake sale	September	27
Sunday School regional teacher's workshop	October	TBD
Parish Mission Sunday	October	18
Sunday School Fall Carnival	October	24
Family Dedication Sunday	October	25
World Sunday School Day	November	1
Regional youth retreat @ Immanuel MTC	November	TBD
Sunday School teacher's 2016 planning meeting	November	14
Combined Yuvajana Sakhyam and Youth Fellowship Sunday	November	15
Thanksgiving Day service	November	26

September Wedding Anniversaries

DATE	NAME	AREA
5	Dr. & Dr. James Emilio Lefler	OTH
13	Mr. & Mrs. Kuruvila Thomas	MES
13	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Philips	MES
20	Mr. & Mrs. Raju Mathew	GAR
22	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Mathew	CAR
25	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kurien	AFW
26	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham George	AFW
26	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Mepurath	MES
27	Mr. & Mrs. Biju Chacko	IRV
27	Mr. & Mrs. Juby Alexander	IRV
27	Mr. & Mrs. M K Chacko	IRV
29	Mr. & Mrs. Raju Abraham	AFW

TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGE

Mr. & Mrs. M K CHACKO (IRV)

Home # 972.294.5885

September Birthdays

DAT E	NAME	ARE A	DAT E	NAME	ARE A
1	Mrs. Any Chacko	CAR	20	Ms. Grace Ann Thomas	CAR
2	Mrs. Biji Kuruville	IRV	20	Mrs. Salamma Alexander	IRV
2	Mr. Joseph Thomas	CAR	21	Mr. Aidan Mathew Samuel	CAR
2	Mr. Samuel P Varghese	MES	21	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew	MES
2	Mrs. Susamma Babu	CAR	21	Mr. Bai Abraham Mathew	CAR
4	Mrs. Anita Kocherry	CAR	21	Mr. Renni Eappen	CAR
5	Mrs. Sunitha Panicker	CAR	21	Mr. Shibu Abraham Philip	CAR
9	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham	AFW	22	Mrs. Anne Ginu	MES
9	Mrs. Omana Mathew	AFW	22	Mr. Dennis Simson	CAR
9	Mrs. Shoba Roshan	AFW	23	Mrs. Aleykutty Eapen	AFW
10	Mr. Manoj Abraham	CAR	23	Ms. Densy John	IRV
11	Ms. Ann Mathew	AFW	23	Mrs. Manju M John	CAR
12	Mr. Matthew Varghese	CAR	24	Mrs. Ammukutty Mathew	AFW
13	Mr. Rajan Thomas	AFW	24	Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob	CAR
14	Mr. K A Thomas	GAR	24	Mr. Joseph Mathew	MES
14	Mr. Thomas Kurien	AFW	24	Mr. Mathew Varughese	CAR
15	Mr. Renji George	IRV	25	Mr. Jacob Thomas Chacko	MES
16	Mr. Chacko P Thomas	CAR	28	Ms. Blessy Mathew	CAR
18	Mr. Benoy Thomas	CAR	28	Mr. Jebin Mathew Luke	CAR
18	Mrs. Susan Chacko	AFW	29	Ms. Jasmine Shirly Pereira	AFW
19	Mr. Sterling A Thomas	OTH	30	Mr. Alfred S Pereira	AFW
20	Mr. Aaron Mathew	IRV	30	Mr. Rajan Philips	MES
20	Mrs. Aleyamma Kunchandy	CAR	30	Mr. Rajan Thomas	CAR
20	Dr. Fay Simon	GAR	30	Mrs. Susan Thomas	MES

September Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
6 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
	Jesus The Great Guru -Education Sunday	
CH.402	Prov. 4:1-19	Col. 1:24-29
	Acts. 22:1-5	St. Luke 4:31-44
13 Sunday	Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
	Women Partners in God's Liberation Sevika Sanghom Day	
C.H.242	Exo. 1:15-22	Jam. 2:14-17
	Rom. 16:1-16	St. Mark 15:37-41
20 Sunday	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM	
	The Wisdom of the Elderly (Senior Citizens Day)	
CH.270	Gen. 24:1-14	2 Tim. 1:3-14
	Philemon 8-22	St. Luke 1:5-7
27 Sunday	Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
	The Sacrament of Holy Qurbana	
CH.316	2 Kings 4:42-44	1Cor. 11:23-30
	Acts. 27:27-38	St. John 6:55-59

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