

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

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## **From the Vicar's Desk**

*Dearly beloved in Christ*, as we observe the family Sunday this month, I would like to focus on the theme: **“THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (BETWEEN HUSBANDS, WIVES, PARENTS AND CHILDREN) IN GODLY HOMES.**

God created the marriage relationship to be a blessing to everyone involved. Yet many families today are clearly troubled. Alienation often exists between husband and wife, between parents and children, or among brothers and sisters. What instructions does god's word provide to help us have homes that please Him and accomplish His will?

### **(A) THE HUSBANDS RESPONSIBILITIES TO HIS WIFE**

#### **(1) The husband should be committed to marriage for life.**

Man should enter marriage fully realizing that it is a lifetime commitment. Divorce without Scriptural grounds should never be seriously considered nor discussed as an option.

*“Husband and wife are bound as long as they both live. One may remarry only when his spouse has died.”* – Romans.7:2, 3.

#### **(2) The husband should love his wife.**

Some men act selfishly or even abuse their wives, and some even claim that the Bible says a man has the right to do this. But consider what the Bible really teaches:

*“A man should love his wife as Christ loved the church & as he loves his own body.”* – Ephesians5:25-31,33

What can Jesus' love for the church teach husbands? Jesus' love was not romantic mood or emotion but a choice or commitment. He did not wait till we acted lovingly toward him but did what we needed even when our conduct was unattractive. This required serious sacrifice for our good.

Likewise a husband should be committed to do his wife good, even if she is not acting lovingly toward him. He must be good even at the cost of serious personal sacrifice.

Jesus expressed love for the church both by words and by deeds. If a husband properly loves his wife, he will not only tell her so, but will also show it by his actions.

#### **(3) The husband should work to provide for the physical needs of the family.**

Many men leave their wives and children without the necessities of life because they quit their jobs for frivolous reasons or waste their income selfishly.

*“As head of the family, a man should provide, not just for himself, but for his whole household.”* -1Timothy 5:8.

This is the God – given duty of the husband. Man should not neglect his other responsibilities by over – emphasizing work, the one who neglects working, expecting his wife or other people to provide income for his family is worse than an infidel.

#### **(4) The husband should be the head of the family.**

Some claim that the man should not exercise authority over his wife or that his authority should be limited to just certain areas. In practice women are often the leaders in making family decisions, but note:

*“The husband is head of his wife as Christ is head of the church.”* Ephesians 5:22-24.

Love will lead a husband to consider the needs and desire of the wife and children. This responsibility is not a privilege. He will make decisions for the good of the whole group, not just to please himself. This requires discussions at times to understand the views of others. However, the husband does have the final authority and will give account to God for his decisions.

### **(B) THE WIFE’S RESPONSIBILITIES TO HER HUSBAND**

#### **(1) The wife too should have a lifetime commitment to the marriage.**

Neither the man nor the woman has the right to end the marriage while the spouse is alive (Rom.7:2,3).

#### **(2) The wife should love her husband.**

*“Women should be taught to love their husbands and their children.”*- Titus 2:4

Love is a matter of choice and commitment, not primarily a romantic mood.

#### **(3) The wife should submit to the headship of the husband.**

God teaches husbands to use their authority in love. He also tells wives to submit to their husbands.

*“Just as the church should submit to Christ, not rebelliously but respectfully...”* - Ephesians 5:22-24

*“Young women should be taught to be obedient to their husbands.”* Titus 2:5

This does not mean woman has less ability or less value than man. But someone must be in charge to make decisions in the home. God has determined that this responsibility belongs to man.

### **(C) THE PARENTS’ RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR CHILDREN**

Society continually undermines and attacks the right of parents to train and supervise their own children. Entertainment, government agencies, peers, and schools all lead children to think they can “do their own thing.” Yet when the children do wrong, these same groups immediately blame the parents.

#### **(1) Parents should love their children.**

Parents who love their children will do what is best for them. This requires taking time with children both quality and quantity time. Abusing and neglecting children is not love.

*“Children are a blessing from God”* – Psalm 127:3-5

#### **(2) Parents should train their children to know and obey God’s will.**

Very few children are taught to love God. Training children is primarily the work of the parents, rather than the church. If the children grow up without the knowledge of god and his will, the parents are accountable.

*“Fathers should bring children up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”* – Ephesians 6:4

#### **(3) Disciplining children is necessary to motivate them to be good and avoid evil**

Rules and discipline should be consistent. Inconsistency provokes the child to anger (Ephesians 6:4).

Children must be treated fairly and justly – No favoritism. (James 2:8, 9)

Parents who do not discipline their children will be held accountable by God. (1Smuel 3:13)

### **(C) THE CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO THEIR PARENTS**

#### **(1) Children should listen to their parents' instruction**

Certain misguided elements in society encourage children to disregard their parents' teachings and make their own choices. Young people often think their parents are unreasonable or do not understand.

*"Listen to the instruction of parents, do not forsake it."* – Proverbs 6:20-23

Children need to remember that parents are older and more experienced. They may not be perfect (neither are the children!) yet they are still wiser.

#### **(2) Children should respect their parents.**

Young people today mock, ridicule and openly flaunt their parents. Such conduct is encouraged by many aspects of society and is ignored by many parents. Parents have God – given authority and have done much good for the children. They deserve to receive respectful treatment, including respectful speech and attitudes. (Matthew 15:4; Proverbs.15:5; 23:22)

#### **(3) Children should obey their parents.**

Rebellion is admired and encouraged by many. Acts that parents have disapproved are yet practiced – openly or by deception because '*everybody's doing it*' and other kind of excuses.

*"Children are commanded by the lord to obey their parents."* – Ephesians 6:1

Jesus set an example of subjection to his parents. – Luke 2:51

#### **(4) Children should care for their parents.**

Elderly people today are often neglected or shipped to nursing homes, not because this is really needed for the proper care of the parent, but because the children do not want to be bothered. When children are unwilling to care for their elderly parents, they lack appreciation for what their parents did for them, and they also deny the faith. (Matt.15:4-6; Ruth 4:13-15; John 19: 25 -27)

Making happy homes is not easy, especially in a corrupt society. But God's plan is always best, and the homes that accomplish the most good are those that learn and do His will. – **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**

### October Prayer Meetings

October 3 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Mr. Merin Samuel	CAR
October 10 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Mr. Sanjay Varghese	CAR
October 10 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Mr. Mon Kurian	IRV
October 17 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Mr. Saji George	CAR
October 24 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Common Prayer	Church
October 25 (Sun) @ 2:00PM	Mr. Thomas Mathew (Shibu)	YFF

#### Prayer group contact

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**Garland/ Mesquite :** Mr. Ginu George **Irving :**Mr. Renji George

# Church Calendar Events

<b>Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton 2015 Calendar</b>		
Sunday School regional teacher's workshop	October	TBC
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
Bible Sunday	December	TBC
<a href="#">United Christian Carol - Hosted by MTCDD Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">December</a>	<a href="#">5</a>
Mar Thoma Church Day	December	TBC
Sunday School X'mas party	December	20
Church Christmas Eve program	December	24
Christmas Day Service	December	25
Youth Fellowship X'mas party	December	26
Watch Night Service	December	31

## *October Wedding Anniversaries*

DATE	NAME	AREA
16	Rev. & Mrs. Sam Mathew	OTH
20	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Mathew	IRV
23	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Abraham	MES
26	Rev. & Mrs. Mathew Joseph	MES
28	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew George Thundiath	CAR

## October Birthdays

DATE	NAME	AREA	DATE	NAME	AREA
1	Mr. James Abraham	CAR	20	Mr. Matthew Varghese	CAR
1	Mr. Thomas K John	CAR	20	Mr. Merin John Samuel	CAR
2	Mr. Thomas Mathew	MES	20	Mr. Stanley J Silas	IRV
3	Mrs. Rima Simson	CAR	21	Ms. Susan Philip	AFW
4	Ms. Roshan Babu	MES	22	Mr. Aaron V Jacob	CAR
5	Mrs. Rosamma Unni	MES	22	Mrs. Jesy S Pereira	AFW
5	Mr. Toby Mathew	MES	22	Mr. Mathew M. Paulose	CAR
9	Dr. James Emilio Lefler	OTH	22	Ms. Rekha Ann Alexander	IRV
9	Mr. Josh E Cherian	AFW	23	Mr. Varghese Mathew	MES
9	Mrs. Joyes Abraham Varughese	CAR	24	Ms. Mishika Rachel Kurvilla	CAR
11	Mr. Pratheesh John Koodathinal	CAR	25	Ms. Allison Thomas	AFW
12	Ms. Megha George	CAR	25	Mrs. Lizy Abraham	AFW
12	Ms. Neena George	CAR	25	Ms. Roselin Reju	AFW
13	Mrs. Ani John	IRV	25	Mrs. Saramma Varghese	GAR
14	Ms. Priyanka Mariam Thundiyath	CAR	26	Ms. Sona Sara Mathew	MES
15	Mr. Abraham Philip	CAR	27	Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham	MES
15	Mr. Blake Zachary Stephens	OTH	27	Ms. Feba Jose	AFW
15	Ms. Linsa Sam	CAR	27	Mr. Jacob John	CAR
15	Mrs. Pratheesha Susan Mathew	CAR	27	Mr. Jayden Abraham	MES
15	Mr. Robin S John	CAR	27	Mrs. Juby Sunu	IRV
16	Mr. Jason S Lukose	CAR	27	Mr. Jude Simon	GAR
17	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew	CAR	27	Mrs. Mary John	AFW
17	Mr. Sam George Saji	CAR	27	Mrs. Mini George	IRV
18	Mrs. Mariamma Mathew	IRV	27	Ms. Nisha John	CAR
19	Mr. Allan Aby Jacob	CAR	27	Ms. Sophia Rajan	AFW
19	Mrs. Lija Susan Korah	CAR	28	Mr. Jason Mathew Jacob	GAR
20	Mrs. Beena Pappen	CAR	29	Mr. Adrian John Jacob	CAR
20	Mrs. Ligi Thomas	OTH	31	Mr. Joshua Eappen	CAR

## **October Lectionary**

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
<b>4 Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>Ministry of the Laity (Voluntary Evangelists Day)</b>	
CH. 302	1 Sam. 25:14-28	1 Thes. 5:12-22
	1 Thes. 4:1-12	St. Luke 10:25-37
<b>11 Sunday</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship @ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>Differently Abled: Dignity and Dependence</b>	
CH.111	Exo. 4:1-17	2 Cor. 12:1-10
	Acts 3:1-10	St. Mat.17:14-21
<b>18 Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>Youth in search of meaningful life - Youth Sunday</b>	
CH.183	Gen. 39:1-23	1 Tim. 6:11-14
	Heb. 12:1-13	St. John.1:43-51
<b>25 Sunday</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship @ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>Family as a Gift of God – Christian Family Dedication Day</b>	
CH.387	Josh. 24:14-22	Gal. 6:6-10
	Eph. 3:14-21	St. Mark. 3:31-35

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