

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

**November 2015**



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

*“Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of god from the heart.” – Ephesians 6:6*

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings! As we are about to celebrate ‘thanks – giving’ this month, I would like to focus on an attitude

– ‘heart attitude’ to the lord. The love of God motivates us to live for God.

We love watching the skill and passion of great athletes as they give their all on the field. It shows their love for the game. Conversely, when a long season is winding down and a team is already eliminated from any opportunity for championship or play-off games, sometimes it seems that the players are merely ‘going through the motions.’ Their lack of passion can be disappointing to fans who have paid to watch a good game.

Passion is a key aspect of our personal lives as well. Our heart attitude to the Lord is revealed in how we serve Him. The apostle Paul said that our service includes the way we go about our daily work. In Ephesians 6:6-7, we read that we are to approach our work, “not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as bond servants of Christ, doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.”

It shows how those filled with the Holy Spirit, who subject themselves to one another in fear (5:18, 21) should relate to one another.

### ***1. Our relationship with Christ is the primary thing in life.***

Every believer should live everyday with the focus, “I fear Christ, I am no longer my own. I belong to Christ my lord. I must do His will. I must live to please Him. Someday I will stand before Him to receive the reward for my faithful obedience. “Christ must be at the center of all we think and do.”

### ***2. Our relationship with Christ should put our focus primarily on heaven, not on this world.***

The world’s focus is on the here and now. God’s focus is on rewards in eternity. An old song goes, “This world is not my home, I am just passing through; my treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckoned me from heaven’s open door, and I can’t feel at home anymore.” Because of our relationship with Christ, we should have our focus on laying up rewards in heaven, not on rewards in this life. This is a neglected doctrine in our day. I wonder how many of us did something this past week because we were consciously motivated by the thought that the Lord will reward us.

The key word for us in that verse is ‘from the heart.’ We have a heavenly Father who loves us deeply and sacrificed His son for us. How can we do anything less than give our very best for Him? The passion to live for God that comes ‘from the heart’ provides our best response to the One who has done so much for us. Let our humble prayers be: “Father, every day offers opportunities for us to express our love for you. May the passion with which we live, work, serve, and

relate to others be a fitting expression of our gratitude for your love for us.  
“Wish you all a blessed Thanks-giving.” – 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 **10:00 – 10.20 AM**

### ***November Area Prayer Meetings***

November 7 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Mr. Pradeesh John	CAR
November 14 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Mr. Juby Alexander	IRV
November 28 (Sat) @ 6:30PM	Common Prayer	Church
<b>Prayer group contact</b>		
<b>Carrollton:</b> Mr. Merin Samuel <b>AFW:</b> Mr. Abraham George		
<b>Garland/ Mesquite :</b> Mr. Jinu George <b>Irving :</b> Mr. Renji George		

# Church Calendar Events

<b>Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton 2015 Calendar</b>		
World Sunday School Day	November	1
Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday	November	8
Sunday School teacher's 2016 planning meeting	November	14
Youth Fellowship Sunday / Diocesan Episcopa Visit / 1st Holy Communicants	November	15
Thanksgiving Day service	November	26
Bible Sunday	December	TBC
United Christian Carol - Hosted by MTCD Carrollton	December	5
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

## ***November Wedding Anniversaries***

DATE	NAME	AREA
3	Mr. & Mrs. Sunu Samuel	IRV
4	Mr. & Mrs. Biji Thomas	CAR
6	Rev. & Dr. Roy Thomas	GAR
13	Mr. & Mrs. Wilson P Mathew	CAR
14	Mr. & Mrs. John K John	IRV
16	Mr. & Mrs. Geeth Punnose Varghese	CAR
16	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Babu	CAR
17	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Simon	GAR
18	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Philip	CAR
21	Mr. & Mrs. Riju George	GAR
23	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Varughese	CAR
23	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Thomas	AFW
24	Mr. & Mrs. John V Abraham	CAR
26	Mr. & Mrs. John P Varghese	MES
28	Mr. & Mrs. E G John	IRV
30	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Simon	GAR

## **November Birthdays**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AREA</b>
2	Ms. Jency John	IRV	17	Mrs. Rebecca A. Kuruvilla	CAR
2	Ms. Joyce Alexander	IRV	17	Mr. Samuel Mathew	CAR
2	Ms. Olivia Rachel Varughese	CAR	18	Mr. P. M. Jacob	CAR
2	Mr. Steve Mathew	CAR	19	Mr. John K John	IRV
3	Ms. Christa Ann Jacob	CAR	20	Ms. Princy John	IRV
3	Mr. Sherron S Thomas	CAR	21	Mr. Vilson V George	CAR
4	Ms. Jame K John	IRV	22	Ms. Ann Abraham	AFW
4	Mr. Joel Thomas	CAR	22	Ms. Geena Glory Ginu	MES
4	Mr. John Mathew	CAR	22	Mrs. Molly John	CAR
5	Mr. Jose Varughese	AFW	23	Mr. Benjamin Abraham Jacob	CAR
5	Ms. Lena Abraham	CAR	23	Mr. Sam Mathews	GAR
8	Ms. Joanna Ann Sam	OTH	23	Mr. Tyler Scott Stephens	OTH
9	Mr. Mathew Thomas	CAR	24	Mrs. Annamma John	IRV
10	Mrs. Aliamma John	CAR	24	Mr. George Mathew	CAR
10	Ms. Nissy Rachel Luke	CAR	25	Mr. Alexson Alexander	IRV
11	Mr. Binu Kurian	AFW	25	Mr. Joel Raji Mathai	CAR
12	Mr. Mathew Abraham	CAR	25	Mr. P K John	IRV
13	Mr. Joshua Varghese Joseph	CAR	26	Ms. Keziah Mariam Shaji	CAR
13	Ms. Sneha Thomas	OTH	26	Mr. Rebecca Mary Thundiayath	CAR
14	Mr. Varughese Kunnumpurathu Joseph	CAR	28	Mrs. Beena Thomas	CAR
15	Mrs. Jeena Joseph	CAR	28	Mr. Joshua Jacob	CAR
16	Mr. Jason Philip Abraham	CAR	29	Mr. Wilson P Mathew	CAR
16	Mr. Pappachen P Varghese	CAR	30	Mr. Abraham George	AFW
16	Mr. Thomas Mathew	CAR			

## A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Lord, so often times, as any other day  
When we sit down to our meal and pray*

*We hurry along and make fast the blessing  
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing*

*We're slaves to the olfactory overload  
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold*

*But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more  
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for*

*For my family, my health, a nice soft bed  
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head*

*I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those  
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know*

*Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure  
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure*

*That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place  
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace*

*So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided  
And bless each and every person invited*

*Amen!*

--Scott Wesemann



## **November Lectionary**

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
<b>1 Sunda y</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>World Sunday School Day- Sanctification of the Church</b>	
CH.246	Exo. 2:1-10	Eph. 6:1-9
	3 John 1-15	St. Luke 18:15-17
<b>8 Sunda y</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship @ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>Renewal of the Church – Light on the lamp</b>	
CH.231	Zech. 4:1-14	1Cor. 3:10-15
	Rev. 1:12-20	St. Mat. 5:14-16
<b>15 Sunda y</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 9:30AM Diocesan Episcopa Visit</b>	
	<b>Annunciation to Zechariah</b>	
CH.213	1Chro.24.1-19	2 Cor.2:12-17
	Rev. 8:1-8	St.Luke.1:5-23
<b>22 Sunda y</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship @ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>Annunciation to Virgin Mary</b>	
CH.39	Zech.2:10-13	Eph.1:3-10
	Gal. 4:1-7	St.Luke.1:26-38
<b>29 Sunda y</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM</b>	
	<b>Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. Celebrating the Good News</b>	
CH.225	Gen. 18:1-16	2 Cor.1:3-11
	2 Tim. 4:9-18	St.Luke.1:39-45



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