

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

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From Vicar's Desk

August 01, 2022

Romans 6:3-4

'Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.'

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The church is, a sign and instrument of the kingdom of God, a people united by faith in the gospel announcement of the crucified and risen King Jesus. The mission of the church is to go into the world in the power of the Spirit and make disciples by proclaiming this gospel, calling people to respond in ongoing repentance and faith, and demonstrating the truth and power of the gospel by living under the lordship of Christ for the glory of God and the good of the world. We are reminded to put our faith, hope and trust in God who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory. We are indeed called to be the followers of Jesus sent in God's mission that God wants us and needs us to be at this time.

I am so grateful to all of you for your faith, patience, and fortitude throughout these past months as COVID-19 has brought necessary reconsideration and restructuring of our church life. Please know that the Grace of God remains visible in our community of faith, and that the vitality of our congregation continues during this unexpected and challenging time. Together, let us seek to discover the new things God is doing in our midst! I hold all of you in my prayers and request your prayers as well.

When we started our VBS this year, we asked Lord for the divine guidance and all of us can see what the Lord has done; we have finished well and want to praise God for the mercies. The music, the spoken word, and the prayers have all been magnificent. Let's pray that our children will know Christ and that they will be able to do all things through Him. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who found time to come, contribute and grace the occasion.

Many of our members are on vacation and travelling this month. May God Almighty be our guide and our protector in our journeys. God almighty will help us to set our plans and then equip us to fulfill them. May our plans reflect God's will for our life and may they be for God's glory.

Let us pray: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (Prayer of St. Francis)

May God continue to bless you all. Prayers for you all.

Yours in Christ's ministry,

Rev. George Abraham
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Message from Youth Chaplain

AUGUST 2022 MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We have come to the eighth month of this year. August is an important year for many of us, as it is a month of harvest. Many of our homes have good vegetables grown and cared for, and to see the fruit of the labor is quite significant throughout this month. It helps us to feel like we accomplished something great, through giving our time, effort, and patience. Protecting our fruits is something that we also find challenging as well, especially from invaders such as rabbits and squirrels. If all our work, time, and labor in understanding the protection of our garden are seen as a great illustration that reminds us of our lives, where are we spiritually today? Through the garden caring process, we have no choice but to be patient, but in life in general we have so many choices to make. Often so, we tend to target the choice that has less time and is more comfortable to deal with. When we look at human life, we must realize it is much frailer and more vulnerable if we do not carry out care and patience. We end up being premature and various areas in life, especially in our spiritual journey. We often must remind ourselves to wait. We should not wait by depending on ourselves but wait with God. A saying goes “Time spent waiting on God, is time never wasted”. Being patient enables us to look back and understand the fruits of our life with humility and honor God with gratitude.

Many of our young ones and youths are returning to school either this month or in September. It is a season filled with mixed reactions, some may be excited and some not so much. Nevertheless, let us remind ourselves that as we grow in wisdom through academics, let us prayerfully understand how God blessed us through the talents we are sharpening for Him. We should constantly ask Him if we are using our talents for God’s will, or if we are living for ourselves. Our life never belongs to us, it is the gift of God and all that we belong to God. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it”. Our love and prayers for all our young ones for Godly wisdom and courage to move forward, even through the stress of life.

Our Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference held in Philadelphia at the end of July was a blessed experience and many of our youths from this region attended. I encourage our youths that attended to continue to take home the theme Anchored: Slip Not. We should be Anchored in God and although we may fall from time to time, we should not remain on the ground but be grounded in God, pick ourselves up, focus on Him and live our lives faithfully to Him.

May the joy and peace of God be with us all! Wishing all of you a blessed August!

Much love,
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Sunday Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
August 7 th - Sunday	10:00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
August 14 th - Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
August 21 st - Sunday	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)
August 28 th - Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)

Lectionary

August 7 th – “I am not Ashamed of the Gospel” – Mission Sunday		
	1 st Lesson	Jer. 7:1-7
	2 nd Lesson	Rom. 1:8-17
	Epistle	2Tim 2:1-13
	Gospel	Matt. 10:16-23
August 14 th – Christian Presence in the Nation Building		
	1 st Lesson	Neh. 2:13-20
	2 nd Lesson	Acts 26: 24-32
	Epistle	1 Tim. 2:1-7
	Gospel	Luke 3: 7-14
August 21 st – Reformation Sunday; The Church that has to be Reformed by the Holy Spirit		
	1 st Lesson	2Kgs. 23:1-7
	2 nd Lesson	Heb. 4:1-13
	Epistle	Titus 3:1-11
	Gospel	Matt. 5:17-20
August 28 th – Holy Communion – “Healing of the Body and Soul”.		
	1 st Lesson	Exod. 16:11-18
	2 nd Lesson	1 Cor. 11:23-30
	Epistle	1 Cor. 10:14-22
	Gospel	John 6: 26-35



Wedding Anniversary

Mathew A Mathew	Sumana Mathew	8-Aug
John Samuel	Dr. Minnie John	9-Aug
Philip Parayil	Sara Parayil	17-Aug
Abraham Oonnoony	Leelamma Abraham	18-Aug
Kurian A Mathew	Susan Kurian	18-Aug
Abeyson C Jacob	Corimarie Jacob	18-Aug
Vipin T Kovoov	Merin Kovoov	18-Aug
Eapen Joseph	Ancy Joseph	24-Aug



Birthday Wishes

Nithin Thomas	1-Aug
Teena Sara Mathew	4-Aug
Titus Samuel	9-Aug
Thomas Tharakan	11-Aug
Gigo K Ninan	12-Aug
Akhaila T.Jacob	12-Aug
Ben George (Rajan)	19-Aug
Marissa Kevin Chacko	21-Aug
Sujith Mathews	23-Aug
Ashely Chacko	25-Aug
Sosamma E Varughese	26-Aug
Rijo Ann Cherian	27-Aug
Abraham Oonnoony	30-Aug
Reena Mathew	31-Aug

Bible Reading



The family of....	Date
Abraham Oonnoony	08/07/2022
Alexie Isaac	08/14/2022
Benjamin Jacob	08/21/2022
C.S. Chacko (Raju)	08/28/2022
Eapen Joseph (Jose)	09/04/2022
George Thomas	09/11/2022
Jacob Mathew	09/18/2022
Jacob Varughese	09/25/2022

Upcoming Events

1. August 7th Sunday – Mission Sunday

Wednesday Bible Study and Saturday Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm via ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243928868?pwd=TjdUODZQSndiQkl2amlRaEdSNEo5dz09>

Dial 1 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 812 4392 8868; Passcode:406406