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# THE EPISTLE

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*Lectionary/Worship Information*

<b>Sunday, August 10, 2014</b> Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage (9th Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Gen.2:18-25	<b>Epistle:</b> Eph.5:21-32
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Heb.13:1-6	<b>Gospel:</b> Mat.19:3-6
<b>Sunday, August 17, 2014</b> Reformation Sunday-Worshipping Community which has to be reformed by the Word of God (10th Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> 2 Kings 23:1-6	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 Pet.1:13-25
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Rev. 1:1-9	<b>Gospel:</b> Mat. 7:21-27
<b>Sunday, August 24, 2014</b> The Sacrament of Holy Qurbana (11th Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Gen.14:17-24	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 Cor.10:15-17
<b>Lesson 2:</b> 1 Cor.11:23-34	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 14:12-26
<b>Sunday, August 31, 2014</b> Christian witness in a multi faith society (12th Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Dan. 1:1-21	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 Pet.2:1-10
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts. 10:9-16	<b>Gospel:</b> Mat.5:13-16

## BIRTHDAYS

1-Aug	Shiny Mathewkutty	Agape	26-Aug	Mariamamma Philip	Shalom
1-Aug	Smitha Mathew	Manna	26-Aug	Vincent Johnkutty	Shalom
3-Aug	Aleena Thomas	Emmanuel	27-Aug	Kevin John	Ebenezer
3-Aug	Christopher Thomas	Manna	28-Aug	Jeffrey John	Manna
9-Aug	Mary Mathew	Agape	28-Aug	Stacy Abraham	Agape
11-Aug	Nicholas Koshy	Shalom	29-Aug	Preethy Varghese	Emmanuel
13-Aug	Nekha George	Emmanuel	29-Aug	Benjamin Thomas	Ebenezer
14-Aug	Gracykutty Jacob	Shalom	29-Aug	Renita Thomas	Ebenezer
15-Aug	Crystal Kurien	Manna	29-Aug	Shawn Thomas	Ebenezer
21-Aug	Jerin Abraham	Manna	30-Aug	Justin B Pappachen	Ebenezer
21-Aug	Syja Cherian	Agape	30-Aug	Sen S. Mathai	Shalom
22-Aug	Jeffrey Mathew	Manna	31-Aug	Soji Skariah	Garland
24-Aug	Jiju Thomas	Ebenezer	31-Aug	Rinu Thomas	Sunnyvale
24-Aug	Thankamma Thomas	Manna			
24-Aug	Varghese Alexander	Agape			
25-Aug	Abey Kuruvilla	Emmanuel			
26-Aug	Juby Joseph	Agape			

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Roby Chelagiri	Emmanuel
9-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Shibu Mathai	Agape
9-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Rinu Thomas	Manna
11-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Mathew	Manna
13-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. John Mathew	Emmanuel
14-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Shibu Chacko	Agape
14-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Chrisit Kurian	Manna
19-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Raju Chacko	Emmanuel
19-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese A. Varghese	Agape
20-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese K. Mathew	Emmanuel
25-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew P. Thomas	Emmanuel
26-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob C.C	Agape
27-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Mathews Idiculla	Agape
30-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas	Ebenezer
30-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Abraham	Agape

### MESSAGE FROM VICAR



*Dearly Beloved in Christ,*

The month of August is an important month in many ways. By the end of third month, Schools and Colleges will be opened. Many are going to Colleges and some for Professional Courses. I pray that the Almighty God will enlighten the wisdom of our children and strengthen them to study the difficult subjects successfully.

Celebration is the theme for Sunday tenth of August. Marriage is a Sacrament in which the couples receive the Grace of God for their healthy family life. Marriage is not just a contract between a man and a woman. It is pledge taken in the presence of God and an opportunity to attain the grace to lead this life. The Western Church holds the view that the ministers of this Sacrament are the men and woman who are united in marriage. The priest is a witness and just confers blessings on behalf of the church.

Marriage brings joy, peace and security in ones life. However this experience is not automatic. It becomes a reality to only those who begin Weeded Life with God who united them as husband and wife. Once the Boy and the Girl agrees to live together, faithfulness, honesty and sincerity genuinely follow. Only when the couple accept each other in love as they are, without counting the merits of the other, their love express the Agape (love selfless) of God. In Christian marriage the husband or wife is not the ruler, but they are equal partners and comrades in Christ. They become one in body mind and spirit, for the sake of the Home which they are going to build together. None should deter them from this goal. They both will maintain the unity of family in love. It is only in such a home that children grow up to full maturity, and the family life will last till the end.

Parents remember to send Your children for education in the new year with a word of prayer.

With prayers for blessings.

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## *Organizational Activities*

### **Church**

Vidhyarambham Prayer – Sunday 08/10.

Kerala Ecumenical Christian Fellowship Annual Convention @ Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch – Friday (08/22) – Sunday (08/24)

First Fruit Collection starts in August. Agape: Sunday, 08/10, Ebenezer & Shalom: Sunday, 08/17, Manna: Sunday, 08/24, Emmanuel: Sunday 08/31.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School Regional Competition hosted by St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Dallas: Saturday, 08/16

### **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

Yuvajana Sakhyam Picnic @ Branson, Missouri – Friday (08/29) – Sunday (08/31)

### **Prayer Fellowships**

Manna Prayer Fellowship: Saturday, 08/09 @ the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Saji & Jaya George.

Agape Prayer Fellowship: Saturday, 08/16 @ the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Shibu Chacko & Rekha Kurien.

Manna Prayer Fellowship: Saturday, 08/30 @ the residence of Mrs. Jaisy Raju.

Agape Prayer Fellowship: Sunday, 08/31 @ the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Sunil K. Abraham & Tiji.

### **Bible Quiz**

*-By Mariam Chacko*

1. Did Adonijah, King David's son, attempt to be king?
2. Where will be New Jerusalem?
3. Where is God's body now?
4. Who was Korah in the Bible?
5. Who is the author of the Book of Genesis?
6. What was the reaction of Esau towards Jacob?
7. What did God do to Sarah?
8. How old was Abraham when Ismael was born?
9. Did God accept Noah's offerings?
10. When God looked from heaven, what did He see?

### Answers:

1. 1 Kings 1:5
2. Rev. 21:1-2
3. 1 Cor. 3:16-17
4. Num 16:1
5. Moses
6. Gen 27:41
7. Gen 21:1-2
8. Gen 16:16
9. Gen 8:21
10. Gen 6:5