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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPT. 2023

Sept. 03 Care oriented Education Woman: the Apostle of Christ			
8.00 am	English HQ assisted by Bethlehem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov.1: 1-12 Acts. 8: 26-38 Col. 1 24-29 Matt 19: 16-22
10:30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sevika Sanghom	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Num. 27:1-11 Acts.16::1-15 Rom. 16:1-6 John 4:27-30
Sept. 10 Old age that combines faith & experience			
8.00 am	G3 & English HQ assisted by the YF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Num. 27:1-11 Acts.16:11-15 Rom. 16:1-6 John 4:27-30
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by the Sr. Fellowship	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 40:21-31 Eph. 6:1-9 1Tim. 5:1-10 Luke 2: 25-38
Sept. 17 Old age that combines faith & experience			
10:30 am	English HQ assisted by Carmel prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 40:21-31 Eph. 6:1-9 1Tim. 5:1-10 Luke 2: 25-38
Sept. 24 The Glorious Coming of our Lord			
8:00 am	Praise & Worship by CFF & English HQ assisted by the CFF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Mala.3;13,,4:2 1 Tes 4: 13-18 Acts: 1: 6-11 Matt. 24:42-51
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Ebenezer area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Mala.3:13;4:2 1 Tes 4: 13-18 Acts: 1: 6-11 Matt. 24:42-51
Oct. 01 Christian Presence in Differing Life Spaces			
8.00 am	English HQ assisted by Hebron area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 49: 1-6 Acts 16: 19-34 Gal. 1: 11-17 Luke 12: 41-48
10.30 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Horeb area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 49: 1-6 Acts 16: 19-34 Gal. 1: 11-17 Luke 12: 41-48

SWR SPORTS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

2023 SWR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



2023 SWR MEN'S BASKETBALL C TEAM CHAMPIONS





Dearly Beloved in Christ,

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

As we enter a new month, I am reminded of the verse from Psalm 34:8, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him". The new month arrives with its own unique blessings and opportunities for us to taste and experience the goodness of our Creator.

Construction work related to our Jubilee project is about to start. Looking forward to your continued prayerful co-operation and support in this regard. Congratulations to all the participants and winners of the sports meet held in Dallas last month. Everyone's co-operation in all efforts to keep our youth connected to the church is highly appreciated. Remember that they are the backbone of the church.

September is a time of transition—a gradual shift from the height of summer to the approaching autumn. As we witness the changing seasons, let us remember the faithfulness of God that remains constant through all seasons of our lives. Let us enter worship with hearts ready to remember, celebrate, and give thanks for the ways God has carried us through. Worship is a spiritual wellspring, a source of refreshment for our souls. Just as the earth is nourished by the sun's rays, our spirits are renewed in God's presence. As we engage in worship, may we be open to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, allowing God to mold us into vessels that reflect His love and grace. We must be able to make worship the center of our spiritual journey. Let us come together, lifting our voices in song, offering our prayers and seeking the Lord's guidance. As we worship, let our hearts be knit together in unity, drawing strength and inspiration from the community of believers that surrounds us. In this season of warmth and growth, let us come together in worship, our hearts open to the presence of God. As we gather, whether in person or through virtual means, let our worship be a reflection of our deep gratitude for the life, love, and grace that God bestows upon us each day. Let us continue our worship in spirit and truth that deepens our faith, refreshes our spirits, and strengthens our bonds as a church family. As we taste and see the goodness of the Lord, may our lives be a testament to His grace and a reflection of His love.

Kindly remember.

- Worship is an opportunity to know God
- Worship is an entry point to abundant life
- Worship is a revelation through Christ.

With prayers and blessings,

Rev. Santosh Thomas, Asst. Vicar

2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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God's Emergency Numbers

- When in sorrow - call John 14
When you are lonely or fearful - call Psalms 23
When you want to be fruitful - call John 15
When you have sinned - call Psalms 51
When you grow bitter and critical - call 1 Corinthians 13
When you worry - call Matthew 6: 19-34
When you feel down and out - call Romans 8: 31-39
When you are in danger - call Psalms 91
When your faith needs stirring - call Hebrews 11
When God seems far away - call Psalms 139
When others fail you - call Psalms 27
When you leave home to labor or travel - call Psalms 121
When you want assurance - call Romans 1: 1-30
For Paul's secret of happiness - call Colossians 3: 12-17
For Paul's idea of Christianity - call 2 Corinthians 5: 15-20
When the world seems bigger than God - call Psalms 70

SEPT. BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

Bible portion Psalms 121 to 136.

1. Name the place which is built like a city that is closely compacted together?
2. Those who trust in the Lord --- --- --- --- which cannot be shaken but endures forever (Fill the gap).
3. Those who sow in tears will --- --- --- --- . (Fill in the gap).
4. Sons are a ----- from the Lord, ----- a reward from him. (Fill in the gap).
5. Name the Psalm in which all verses end same?

Answers for August Quiz.

1. 106:33, 2. 112:4, 3. 119, 4. 119:9, 5. 119:105.

[Psalms 106-120].

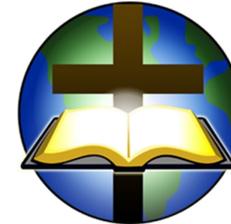


Come join us!

Guest Speaker : Mr Sunny Stephen

IMTC Parish Mission Retreat

9/29/2023 - 10/01/2023
Trinity Pines Conference Center



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sisterhood, Self-Discovery, Serenity

Host Parish: Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston
12803 Sugar Ridge Blvd, Stafford, TX 77477

September 1-3, 2023

Coordinator Contacts:
Jiana Kuruvilla (346) 283-4927
Jewel Zachariah (832) 334-8622



CALENDAR

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer 5 pm Women's Conference	2 8 am Diversified Ministry 10 am Senior Fellowship 5 pm Baptism 7.30 pm Prayer
3 8 am English HQ Women's Conference 9.30 Sunday School 10.30 Mal HQ	4 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Edavaka Mission Diocesa	5 6 am Prayer	6 6 am Prayer 8 pm Ephphatha Bible Study	7 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Edavaka Mission	8 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer Marriage rehearsal in Oklahoma	9 10 am Sevika Sanghom Marriage at Oklahoma
10 8 am G3 and Eng. HQ 9.30 am Sunday School 10.30 am Malayalam HQ 6 pm Prayer Sinai	11 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Edavaka Mission Center	12 6 am Prayer	13 6 am Prayer 8 pm Ephphatha Bible Study	14 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Edavaka Mission	15 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer 7 pm Parish Convention	16 10 am Sevika Sanghom 7 pm Convention
17 9.30 am Sunday School 10.30 am English HQ	18 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Edavaka Mission Prayer Region	19 6 am Prayer	20 6 am Prayer 8 pm Ephphatha Bible Study	21 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Edavaka Mission	22 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference	23 Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference 7.30 pm Prayer Carmel
24 Praise and Worship CFF8 am, English HQ 9.30 am Sunday School 10.30 am Malayalam HQ	25 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Sevika Sanghom Center meeting	26 6 am Prayer	27 6 am Prayer 8 pm Ephphatha Bible Study	28 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Edavaka Mission	29 6 am Prayer 10 am Fasting Prayer 5 pm Edavaka Mission Conference	30 Edavaka Mission Conference

September Area prayer Meeting Contd...

Carmel area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday, September 23rd at 7.30 pm the residence of Mr. Roy Jacob (Id # 355). Their address is: 1803 Riverbend Crossing, Sugarland , TX 77478.

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	Sept.: Sunday school starts @ 9.30 am Sept. 3-24: Return gently used text books
Sevika Sanghom	Sept. 03: Sevika Sanghom day Sept. 17: Bake sale
Edavaka Mission	Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 pm via Zoom (Every Thursday)
Senior Fellowship	Sept. 02: Monthly Meeting @ 10.00 am Sept. 14: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am Sept. 21: Pakal Veedu @ 10 am
YF	-
IMAFF	Sep 22: Prayer meeting @ 7.30 pm at IMTC
YFF	Sept. 23: Prayer meeting @ 6.30 pm @ the residence of Mr. Thomas Mathen (ID # 449)
AREA PRAYER GROUPS	<p>Horeb area prayer meeting: Saturday Sept. 2nd @ 7.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Mathew Titus (ID # 598). Address: 2414 Hidden Park Ct, Richmond, TX 77469.</p> <p>Sehion area prayer meeting: Sunday, Sept. 17th @ 6.00 pm at the residence of Dr. Sheebu Chacko (ID# 480) Address: 4543 Royal Bend Ln., Sugarland, Tx 77479.</p> <p>Hebron area prayer meeting: Sunday Sept. 24th @ 7.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Baby Samuel (ID # 606). Address: 5918 Buffalo Gap, Missouri City, TX 77459.</p> <p>Sinai area prayer meeting: Sunday September 10th @ 6.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Philip Mathew (ID #.612). Address: 2005 Rock Prairie Ct., Pearland, TX 77581</p> <p>Continued on.....Pg 12</p>

IMTC ANNUAL PARISH Convention

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023
FRI & SAT : 7PM - 9PM
CONCLUDES WITH SUNDAY SERVICE

Main Speaker
PROF. KOSHY THALAKAL

Theme:
"Get a new Heart & a new Spirit". Ezek. 18:31
"പുതിയ ഹൃദയത്തേയും പുതിയ ആത്മാവിനേയും സമ്പാദിക്കുക". യെഹ. 18:31

CONDOLENCES

1 Mrs. Saramma Chacko, 85 years old, aunt of Varghese Kalathoor (ID # 322) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Thiruvalla, Kerala.

2. Mr. K. P. Mathai, 88 years old, father of Mr. Anil Mathew (ID # 512) of the Jerusalem area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Kozhencherry, Kerala.

The vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heartfelt condolences. Kindly uphold the bereaving family members in your thoughts and prayers.

NEW JUBILEE PROJECT FUND-RAISING INITIATIVES



1. Donor Tree:

Church Members who have donated more than \$15,000 dollars towards the Jubilee Project will be recognized on a donor tree that will be featured on a wall in the Jubilee Hall.

2. Room Sponsorships: Church Members or church organizations will have the opportunity to sponsor a new room that will be constructed as a part of the Jubilee project. *Sponsors will be recognized on a 15 x 12-inch plaque that will be placed at the door entrance to that room.*

Available rooms (as of 8/27/23) are as follows:

- Basketball Court (1) @ \$50,000.00
- Multipurpose Rooms (2) @ \$25,000 each.
- HOPE room for \$25,000.

We have received sponsorships for the following:

- Jubilee Hall = \$50,000.00
- Basketball Court (1) @ \$50,000.00
- Multi-purpose Room (1) = \$25,000.00
- Clergy Room = \$15,000.00
- Meeting Room = \$15,000.00



SEPT. 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



180	Gene G. Abraham & Jennifer Susan Chacho	24-Sep
384	Varghese Sebastian & Dr. Susy Varghese	26-Sep
127	Liju James & Lena James	27-Sep
138	Mathew C. Samuel & Mariakutty Samuel	28-Sep
504	Richard Philip & Dr.Cindy Jacob	28-Sep
472	Rajeev Thomas & Achamma Rejeev	29-Sep
656	Ajay Jacob Sam & Reenu Sara Sam	29-Sep
122	George Mathew & Ammini George	30-Sep
387	Premadas Mammazhiyil & Sherine P. Mercily	30-Sep
468	Reju Eapen & Jiny Eapen	30-Sep
620	George Varghese & Reena George	30-Sep

THE BIBLE

The Bible has 3,566,480 letters, 810,677 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 Books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm. The middle verse is in the 8th verse of 118th psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah; it contains 18 letters.

The word "and" occurs 46,627 times, the word "Lord" 1855 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of 2 Kings are alike. The longest verse is Esther 8:9, the shortest is John 11:35. Ezra 7:12 has all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J. The name of God is not found in Esther. The word "boy" occurs in the Bible three times and the word "girl" two times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars and save the date !

Sept 15-17	Parish Convention
Oct. 28	Auction (Tentative)
Oct. 28	Hallelujah Night
Oct 15	Parish Day
Dec 01	House to House Christmas Caroling (Tentative)
Dec 23	Christmas Carol Service
Dec 29-31	Year end retreat



SEPT. 2023 BIRTHDAYS



Susamma Thomas	1-Sep	Dr. Sam Joseph	
Adam T. Thadikkal		Sara Sam	8-Sep
Vino Cherian	2-Sep	Aleena Susan Mathew	
Anna Laura Dominguez		Cherian K. Abraham	9-Sep
Chacko Jacob		Mekha S Thomas	
Jessin Thomas Abraham		Edwin Kuruvilla	
Ann Liz Terish	3-Sep	Bini George	
David Thomas Mathew		Ansu J. Abraham	10-Sep
Raymond Christopher George		Sonia Mariam Sajo	
Leah Thomas		Regi Pappachan	
Keira Malini Thomas		Emil Mathew Mathews	11-Sep
Seena M. Keerikattu	4-Sep	Betsy Sam	
Asha M. Philip		Jason Varghese	
Rhiana Pappachen		Rachel Mathew	12-Sep
Joe B. Varghese		Anna George	
Josh B. Varghese		Alexander Samuel	
Shejo Joe Cherian	5-Sep	Shreya S. Joy	
Sonia Varghese		John Varughese	
Tina George		Jacob John	13-Sep
Dr. Julie Ann Mathew		Gene G. Abraham	
Abraham Mathew		Reji V. Kurian	
Joshua Chacko		Johnson Thomas	
Jacob John	6-Sep	Aiden Zach Thomas	
Praveen Varghese Philip		Arun T. Benni	
Sheena Ann Varghese		Jims P. Varghese	14-Sep
Joseph Chandy		Preethy Philip	
Sanjna John	7-Sep	Abraham K. John	
Sanjay Philip		Issac Chacko Philip	
Mathew Varghese		Libi Abraham	
		Ajay Jacob Sam	



SEPT. 2023 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



George M. Abraham	15-Sep	Liju James	24-Sep
George John		Jacob Kunnumpurath	
Jibin Philip		Silas Mathew Jacob	
Thomas K Varughese		Somy Samuel	
Saramma Shaji		Thomas Daniel	
Kiara Philip		Ginu Varghese	
Annette A. Varghese	16-Sep	Ammini Abraham	25-Sep
Dr.Reji John		Nirmal Mathew, Koruthu	
Rev. Jaison A Thomas		Annamma Thomas	
Lejoy V. Mathew	17-Sep	Aleyamma Idiculla	
Eype P. Thomas		Emma Elizabeth Abraham	
Melvin Abraham	18-Sep	Susamma George	
Oommen K. Mathew		Caleb Ambalavelil Thomas	
Ryan John		Liju John Thomas	
Joshua Matthew Jacob		Dr. Laji James	
Mattson Thomas		Ajith Jacob	
Nikha Elizabeth John		19-Sep	Jeffin Anil Mathew
Arlene Ann Thomas	Jimmy George		
Levi Jerome Eapen	Alexander Ajo Thomas		
Sherly Thomas	20-Sep	Asher Lino Samuel	
George Mathew		Jane Chacko	
Dr. George Mammen		Mariamamma Thomas	
Levi Samuel		Anugraha Elsa Johnson	
Michael Brian Samuel	21-Sep	Joel C. John	27-Sep
Ryan M. Varghese		Seina Mary Saji	
Sunu A. Mathew	22-Sep	Koshy Thekethundyil	28-Sep
Ryan C. Roy		Jennifer S. George	
Brinda Grace Varghese		Dr. Abraham Chacko Jr	
Bobby Mathew		Ethen George Shetty	
Siju Varghese		Annie Varghese	
Eric Philip George		Liya Joby	
Emil Ann George	23-Sep	Lino Samuel	29-Sep
Dan M. Sanil		Siby P. Mathew	
Suja T. Keerikattu		Shane S. Mathew	
Nicole Stephen		Sharon E. Jacob	
Suja Cherian		Rosin Thomas	
Ancy John		Annie Ponna Thomas	
Thompson Jacob			30-Sep
Angelynn Reni Kavalayil			
Zayne Joseph Thadikkal			



SEPT. 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



252	Vijo Zachariah & Jincy Philip	1-Sep
372	Allen John Jacob & Dancy John	2-Sep
581	George C Philip & Sosamma George Philip	2-Sep
610	Justin J. Samuel & Lida Susan Abraham	2-Sep
134	George K. Eapen & Saramma Eapen	4-Sep
388	Vinney Samuel & Nisha V. Samuel	4-Sep
671	Roy Philip K & Anieamma Joseph	4-Sep
130	Yohannan Mathunny & Saramma Mathunny	6-Sep
385	Thomas Abraham & Alicekutty Thomas	7-Sep
386	Dr.Reji John & Haley Nicole Sooudi	7-Sep
109	Mathai P. Koshy & Sosamma Koshy	10-Sep
257	Charlie P. Matthew & Suma C. Matthew	10-Sep
360	Alex Thomas & Susan Alex	10-Sep
446	Blessy Johns Abraham & Julie P John	10-Sep
589	Abraham Varughese & Selin Varghese	10-Sep
140	Philip M. Abraham & Marimma Abraham	11-Sep
650	Rency Koshy & Remya Mariam Rency	11-Sep
347	John P. Mathew & Aney K. John	12-Sep
571	Kurian George & Sosamma George	13-Sep
138	Toji M. Samuel & Beena Toji Samuel	15-Sep
449	Thomas Mathen & Bobby Mathew	15-Sep
502	Binu Alexander & Aksa Alex	15-Sep
510	Anil Valiaparambil & Beena Valiaparambil	15-Sep
272	Saji T. Koruthu & Annamma Koruthu	16-Sep
302	Kuruvilla John & Soniya Kuruvilla	16-Sep
481	Reno Samuel & Somy Samuel	16-Sep
232	Joseph Varkey & Thankamoni S.Varghese	18-Sep
355	Roy Jacob & Reena Roy	18-Sep
464	Aby V. George & Anuja George	20-Sep
173	Joy N. Samuel & Sally J. Samuel	22-Sep