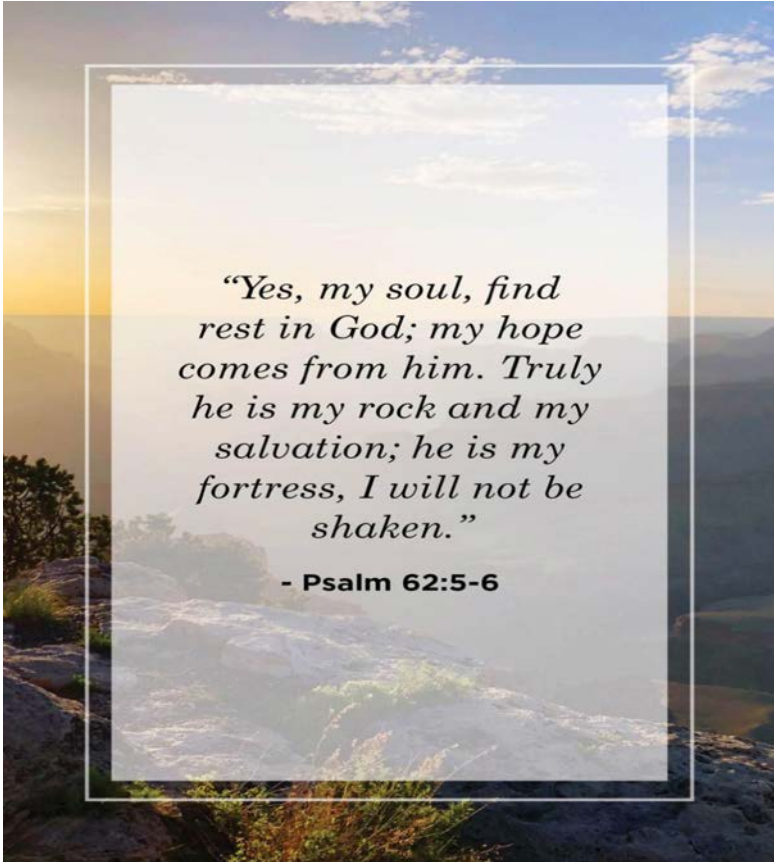




IMMANUEL  
MARTHOMA CHURCH  
HOUSTON TX



*“Yes, my soul, find  
rest in God; my hope  
comes from him. Truly  
he is my rock and my  
salvation; he is my  
fortress, I will not be  
shaken.”*

**- Psalm 62:5-6**

**NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2023**



From the Vicar's Desk



Vision and Mission 2023  
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Stafford, TX



*"Work Out Your Salvation" - Philippians 2:12*

- Family Prayer
- Family Meal
- Bible Study
- Regular Worship
- Regular in Sunday School
- Evangelize/Re-evangelize the Family
- Evangelize/Re-evangelize the Parish
- Evangelize/Re-evangelize Each Other
- Evangelize/Re-evangelize the Self
- Engage in Mission
- Connect to the Church
- Live a Biblically Sound, Christian Life



From the Asst. Vicar's Desk



We are preparing to enter a new year with new hope and dream. January is the first month of year. Did you know the month of January is named after the Roman god Janus? Janus is pictured as a man with two faces. One face is looking backward and the other forward. The beginning of a New Year is a time to review the past and to plan for the future. The past can't be changed. But a person can receive forgiveness for sins and failures. And hopefully learn from past mistakes. The Bible teaches that the future is in God's loving hands. It teaches that all plans and goals be blanketed with the words: "If it is the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." (James 4:15).

In Philippians 4:2-9 one can find five Godly goals for 2023

The goals are:

1. Repair a broken relationship. (Phil. 4:2).
2. Rejoice in your relationship with the Lord Jesus. (Phil. 4:4).
3. Reflect Jesus' gentleness. (Phil. 4:5).
4. Rest in God the Father's loving care. (Phil. 4:6-7).
5. Reverse destructive thinking. (Phil. 4:8).

Make time to read the verses that connect to each goal. Keep in mind that whatever God commands us to do or not to do, He will give us the power to obey His Word. The Bible says, "It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13).

## Cont'd From the Asst. Vicar's Desk

By God's grace, we were able to conduct and complete our 2022 House to House Christmas Carol rounds. Special thanks all those who led, participated, and made this service a great success. A big thank you to everyone who worked hard behind the screens and provided their valuable support.

Our carol service in the church was also a blessing. Even though the weather was bad, so many of our church members attended the service. The songs sung by the Malayalam Choir and the English Choir were outstanding. Thank you to all Choir Members and both the Choir directors. Special thanks to the Sunday School Students for the beautifully performed Christmas Skit. Thank you to all the teachers who contributed their valuable time to train the children.

January onwards we have two Holy Communion Services, both in English and Malayalam. Make use of this opportunity to come and participate. Let us not forget that our next generation is watching us carefully. So, we must have a spiritual discipline. There is no doubt that this will definitely influence our next generation. It is our responsibility to pass on the church tradition and deep faith in God to our children. Regularly attending Sunday School and Worship Services will help them to grow in their faith in God and hold on to our rich Church traditions. If anyone is interested in conducting prayer meeting in your home, please do let us know.

Praying for all those who receiving the First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all who dedicate themselves as altar boys and covenant girls. May God help you to stand firm in your decision and dedication.

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself" (1st Corinthians 11:27-29). May God bless you all! Happy New Year.

Rev. Santhosh Thomas

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE JANUARY 2023**

<b>1-Jan 10.00 AM</b>	Malayalam HQ, assisted by Jerusalem Area Prayer Group	<b>(New Year's Day, Good News for all Humanity "Bahya Kerala Mission")</b>	<b>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</b>	<b>Isa 52:7-12 Acts 13:44-52 Rom 1:8-17 Matt 28:16-20</b>
<b>8-Jan 8.00 AM</b>	G3 & English HQ, assisted by Youth Fellowship.	<b>(Temperance Day, Body: Temple of God to be kept in holiness, St. Stephen's Day)</b>	<b>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</b>	<b>Dan 1:1-9 1Cor 6:12-20 1Thess 5:4-11 Luke 11:33-36</b>
<b>8-Jan 10.30 AM</b>	Malayalam HQ, assisted by Sehion Area Prayer Group	<b>(Temperance Day, Body: Temple of God to be kept in holiness, St. Stephen's Day)</b>	<b>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</b>	<b>Dan 1:1-9 1Cor 6:12-20 1Thess 5:4-11 Luke 11:33-36</b>
<b>15-Jan 10.30 AM</b>	Malayalam HQ, assisted by Sharon Area Prayer Group	<b>(Fruitful Christian Living)</b>	<b>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</b>	<b>Isa 5:1-7 Col 1:3-13 Gal 5:16-26 John 15:1-11</b>
<b>22-Jan 8.30 AM</b>	English HQ, assisted by Executive Committee	<b>(Ecumenical Sunday, Unity of the Churches - God's will)</b>	<b>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</b>	<b>Ezek 37:15-23 Eph 2:14-22 1Cor 3:1-9 John 17:18-26</b>
<b>29-Jan 10.30 AM</b>	G3 & English HQ, assisted by Youth Fellowship.	<b>(Trust in the Providence of God)</b>	<b>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</b>	<b>2Chr 32:9-23 1Pet 5:7-11 Phil 4:4-8 Matt 6:19-34</b>

JANUARY BIRTHDAY

Name	B day	B day	Name
Baby Oommen	1-Jan	9-Jan	Ashley Grace Samuel
Merin Jose			Abraham Mathew
Jonah Abraham Ninan			Shanah Abraham
Alvin Joseph Sam			Ciara Oommen
Angel Mariam John			Ranjith J. John
Susan Samuel			Jincy Thankan Cherian
Gracy Mathew			Rachel Varughese
Dr. Chris Cherian	2-Jan	10-Jan	Dave Cherian Mathew
Mariamamma Kurian			Eivan Sajan
Mariamamma Thomas	3-Jan	11-Jan	Annamma Philip
Ajay Phillip Mammen			Arun Varghese
Sam Mathunny			Christian Simon Chacko
Aleyamma George			Jicky Kuruvilla
Beena Valiaparambil	4-Jan	12-Jan	Jaden Bobby Kalathoor
Sam Mathew			Benita Merin Mathai
Noelle Saranna John			Ethan Jacob Chacko
Dr. Suraj M. Cherry	5-Jan	13-Jan	Harshal Thomas
Bibi K. Samuel			Ruby Varkey
Jaison Thomas			George C Philip
Abraham K. Jose		Kanmony Mathew	
Aleyamma Samuel		Preetha Kurian	
Roy Jacob	7-Jan	14-Jan	Sam Mathew
Theresa Anne George			Nijani Philip
Jaycee Charles Chacko			Sonu E. Mathew
Kaitlyn Philip			Alan Koshy
Thomas Mathews Koshy	8-Jan	14-Jan	Selena Patel Mathew
Christina R. Anaghan			Aiden S. George
Calvin Chacko			Steffi Mariam Alex
Aaron Varghese Jeffrin			

JANUARY BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name	
Mathew Philip	15-Jan	21-Jan	Julia Sara Mathew	
Leena Thomas			Joshua G. Abraham	
Smilo Kuruvilla			Mariamamma K Varghese	
Liji Jacob	16-Jan	22-Jan	Annu Abraham	
William John			Raju M. Karikottu	
K. K. John	17-Jan	23-Jan	Benson J. Thottiyil	
Sanoj J. Eapen			Dr. Judy George Chandy	
Joe Eapen			Leah Philip	
Rahul R. Varghese			Daniel philip	
Hannah Elizabeth Eapen			Sheena A. John	
K. T. Sajee			Jewel Zachariah	
Felix Abraham	18-Jan	24-Jan	K. Johnson	
Leny S Jacob			Jiny Kalathra	
Diya Elizabeth John			Johanathan Joji	
Abhishek V. George			Johnson Samuel	
Abraham K.M			Aleyamma Abraham	
Justin Mathew			Aleyamma Jacob Chacko	
Binoy George	19-Jan	24-Jan	Mathew C. Samuel	
Accamma A. Koshy			Anpu Mathews	
Thomas P. Daniel			Nicole Miriam Thomas	
Andrew Terish Thomas			Gabrel George	
Renu Thomas John			Twinkle Mariam Thomas	
Regy T. Varghese			Kayla Ann Ninan	
Gracious John			Beena Joseph	
Annamma Mathew			20-Jan	Kayla Puthenmadathil
Annie Kuruvilla				
Shebin Chandy Thottiyil				
Sneha Varghese				

JANUARY BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name
Anna E. Thomas	25-Jan	28-Jan	Ricku Philip George
Kevin Sam Koshy		29-Jan	Nishanth Samuel
Jacob K Chacko			Neha Mathew
Abigail Leah Lijoy			Ann Kurien
Isaac Easow			Seth Mathew Abraham
Aaron Thomas Vinod		30-Jan	Jency Mathew
Varghese Kalathoor	26-Jan	31-Jan	Joel Albin Saji
Ajisha Thomas			Hannah Thomas
John Varghese	27-Jan		Jimmy Abraham
Mariamamma Abraham			
Remya Mariam Rency			
Thomas Varghese			
Mathew O. Keerikattu			
Hannah Abraham			
Julie P John	28-Jan		
Joji Itty			



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

ID	Name	Spouse	Wed day
513	Sibi Varghese Chacko	Annie	2-Jan
569	Ajo Thomas	Roshu	
368	Fiji C. George	Sindhu	3-Jan
452	Shawn Samuel	Shinu	
532	Thomas Mathews Koshy	Maggie	
262	Kuruvilla Velangadan	Usha	4-Jan
327	Sam Alexander	Sheryll	
628	Tinish Thomas	Shery	
201	Abraham G. Valayil	Jessy	5-Jan
253	George Philip	Annie	
325	Roy Chacko	Emmy	
139	Varghese K. Idiculla	Mercy	
310	Tony V. Philip	Rani	7-Jan
616	Jaison A Thomas	Sherin	
130	Sam Mathunny	Betsy	9-Jan
197	Mathew Thomas	Sosamma	
239	Bibi K. Samuel	Nisha	
260	Isac Thomas	Mini	
593	Benson Mathew	Dr. Julie	
244	Arun Kuruvilla Roy	Rosemin	
559	Shibu A. Abraham	Annu	10-Jan
443	Varghese Thomas	Susan	11-Jan
631	Kunnel M. Mathew	Annamma	
565	Mevin John Abraham	Liny	
404	Rajiv N Jacob	Leny	12-Jan
507	Thomas P Abraham	Lillykutty	
269	Joseph P. Varghese		13-Jan
385	Prize Thankachan	Merlin	
273	Abraham Chacko	Sara	
123	Mathai Ninan	Achamma	14-Jan
539	John Jacob	Ajisha	
295	Titus Eapen	Sheila	16-Jan
556	Sam Abraham	Susan	

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (Cont'd)**

ID	Name	Spouse	Wed day
161	Jacob Kunnumpurath	Aleyamma	17-Jan
210	Abraham P. Mathew	Susan	
228	Peter V. John	Aleyamma	
322	Varghese Kalathoor	Beena	
445	Smijo M. Mathew	Asha	
592	Shibu P. Varghese	Shibi	
288	Jose K. Abraham	Elsy	18-Jan
499	Samuel K. George	Vidya	
545	Gino P. Abraham	Suma	19-Jan
250	M. T. Varghese	Marykutty	
268	Joseph John	Annie	20-Jan
350	Thomas Samuel	Latha	
423	Shejo Joe Cherian	Reni	
131	M.M. Thomas	Molykutty	21-Jan
182	George Philip	Annamma	
247	Jose K. George	Sobha	23-Jan
150	Thomas A.S.	Mariamamma	24-Jan
422	Bino Thomas	Mariamamma	
617	Ricku Philip George	Jeena	
397	Mathew Vargese	Mary	25-Jan
157	Thomas Mathew	Amminikutty	26-Jan
436	Thomas. P.A	Shirly	
132	George Thomas	Mariamamma	27-Jan
401	Sunil Abraham	Jency	
414	Saban P Samuel	Kunjumol	
377	Mathew Daniel	Mariamamma	28-Jan
424	Kiran K. Roy	Nisha	
114	Liju Varghese	Rincy	
249	Thomas Varghese	Susamma	29-Jan
489	Steve K. Joshy	Blessy	
405	Rajan Daniel	Regeena	30-Jan
555	Charles Chacko Kuzhivila	Jaycee	
469	Ashwin George Jacob	Jilu	31-Jan

**ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 2023	
Edavaka Mission	Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting on January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 7:00 PM.
Senior Fellowship	Senior Fellowship Prayer Meeting to be held on January 7th at 10:00 AM at Church. Right after the Prayer Meeting Elections of Office Bearers for following positions will be held:  Vice President – 1 Secretary – 1 Treasurer – 1 Committee Members
Sevikasanghom	Sevika Sanghom Monthly Prayer Meeting on January 3rd at 7.00 PM.  Sevika Sanghom Center B Kalamela will be held on January 28th at our Church.
Sunday School	Sunday School on December 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th will begin at 9.30 AM.
IMAFF	IMAFF Prayer Meeting is scheduled to be held on January 7th 2023 at 07:00 PM at the residence of Mr. Mathews Varghese Parish ID# 447. IMAFF Office Bearers for 2023 will also be elected on that day.
HOPE	HOPE Christmas Celebration to be held on January 8th at 5:00 PM at Church.
AREA PRAYER GROUP	Bethel Area Group Prayer Meeting will be held on January 6th 2023 at 07:00 PM at the residence of Mr. Zachariah T Kalathoor Parish ID# 373. Bethel Area Representative for 2023 will also be elected on that day.  Bethlehem Area Group Prayer Meeting will be held on January 13th 2023 at 07:00 PM at the residence of Mr. Rajesh Mathew Parish ID# 647. Bethelhem Area Representative for 2023 will also be elected on that day.  Jerusalem Area Group Prayer Meeting will be held on January 14th 2023 at 07:00 PM at the residence of Mr. Shaiji Thomas Parish ID# 659. Jerusalem Area Representative for 2023 will also be elected on that day.

BIBLE QUIZ FOR JANUARY 2023

Bible Portion, Psalms 1-15 Chapters

1. "I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me". Who said this?
2. God bless the righteous and surround them with -- --- - --- -- --. Fill the gap?
3. The words of the Lord are flawless like silver refined in a furnace of clay purified ---- --- . Fill the gap?
4. Who says in his heart "there is no God"?
5. Name the Psalm with starting a question on the first verse and answer on remaining verses?

Answers for December Bible Quiz [Job 30-42]  
1. 31:1, 2. 32:21, 3. 42:10, 4. 42:11, 5. 42:16

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME	PARISH ID#	NEW ADDRESS
Thomas Varghese	298	5103 Fountainbrook Ln, Sugarland TX 77479
Bino Thomas	422	6727 Cartwright Ct. Richmond TX 77469
Liju Thomas	669	7210 Melrose Ln, Arcola, TX 77583

CONDOLENCES



Mr. Yohannan Ninan 84 years old Father of Mrs. Laly Shaji ID# 230 of Sinai Area Prayer Group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.



**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**



Darius Stan Varghese baby boy was born to Mr. Stanley Varghese and Mrs. Julin Stanley Parish ID 482, on December 14th 2022.



Congratulations to the parents and grandparents on your bundle of Joy! God Bless.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 09.30 AM. HQ MALAYALAM @ 10.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM  BIBLE STUDY @ 8.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM  EDAVAKA MISSION @ 7.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	SENIOR FELLOWSHIP MEETING @ 10.00 AM  MAFF MEETING @ 7.00 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
G3 & HQ ENGLISH @ 08.00 AM  SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 09.30 AM. HQ MALAYALAM @ 10.30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM  BIBLE STUDY @ 8.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM  SENIORS PAKAL VEEDU GATHERING @ 10.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	SEVIKASANGHOM MEETING @ 09.30 AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
HQ MALAYALAM @ 10.30 AM  SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 09.30 AM.	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM  BIBLE STUDY @ 8.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
HQ ENGLISH @ 08.30 AM  FIRST COMMUNION  DEDICATION ALTAR BOYS & COVENANT GIRLS	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM  BIBLE STUDY @ 8.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	SEVIKASANGHOM KALAMELA  HOPE MEETING @ 10.00 AM
29	30	31				
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 09.30 AM.  G3 & HQ ENGLISH @ 10.30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM				



**2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>OFFICE BEARERS 2022</b>		
Vicar	Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese	713.330.5299
Asst. Vicar	Rev. Santhosh Thomas	832.837.4721
Vice President	Mr. Reji V Kurian	281.777.1919
Secretary	Mr. Christopher George	832.851.3597
Treasurer	Mr. Thomas V Mathew	832.439.6002
Accountant	Mr. Binu Pappachan	405.922.5716
Lay Leader (Malayalam)	Mr. Saji John	847.903.6505
Lay Leader (English)	Mr. Navid John	281.788.6233
<b>AREA REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
Bethel	Mr. Joji Itty	281.716.0305
Bethlehem	Mrs. Leena Abraham	281.804.0054
Carmel	Mr. Mathew P Varghese	832.771.4723
Ebenezer	Mr. Jojoy John	832.526.6200
Hebron	Mrs. Susmy Prasanth	713.923.0778
Horeb	Mr. Vinu Jacob Mathews	713.922.0785
Jerusalem	Mr. Daniel Varghese	908.591.3621
Salem		
Sehion	Mrs. Sara Philip	281.778.1439
Sharon	Mrs. Shiji Benni	832.462.9383
Sinai	Mr. Sajeew G. Kutty	248.635.6811
Tabor	Mr. John Varughese	281.746.0005
<b>CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
Edavaka Mission	Mr. T.V. Mathew	713.855.7078
Senior Fellowship	Mrs. Josephine Eapen	832.969.2428
Sevika Sanghom	Mrs. Mereena Mathew	832.633.7206
Sunday School	Mrs. Bincy Puthenmadathil	832.215.2462
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Aju John	832.846.0763
Young Family Fellowship	Mr. Thomas Mathen	281.961.5538
Youth Fellowship	Mr. Caleb Kurien	281.853.5519
Choir	Mr. John Varghese	281.704.8181
<b>DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY &amp; MANDALAM MEMBERS</b>		
Diocesan Assembly	Mrs. Ani P. Varghese	281.716.0371
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Rajan Daniel	832.628.5481
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Isac Thomas	832.754.3631
Sabha Mandalam	Mr. M.A. Varughese	346.370.1240
<b>OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS</b>		
Administrator & Scheduler	Mr. Zachariah Koshy	281.780.9764
Facility Manager	Mr. T.V. Mathew	713.855.7078
Technology Director	Mr. Abraham Kurien	832.623.2330
<b>AUDITORS</b>		
Auditor	Mr. Abraham V. Komattu	281.750.5837
Auditor	Mr. Abraham M. A	281.865.4402

Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, 12803 Sugar Ridge Blvd., Stafford, TX. 77477

---

Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese (Vicar)  
10212 Fountain Gate Dr.  
Stafford, TX 77477  
**Home: 281.561.9147**  
**Cell: 713.330.5299**  
**E-mail: vicar@immanuelmtc.org**

Rev. Santhosh Thomas (Asst. Vicar)  
**7407 Neuces Cr,**  
**Missouri City TX 77459**  
**Cell: 832 837 4721**  
**E-mail: asst.vicar@immanuelmtc.org**



(This newsletter is for private circulation only)  
Published by Christopher George, Parish Secretary  
For and on behalf of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston, TX  
**Cell: 832.851.3597, Email: christophergeorge25@yahoo.com**