

MTCSF Newsletter

FROM VICAR'S DESK

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings. I hope you had a blessed summer. Now we are returning to another academic year; our children and youth are going back to their schools and colleges, most of which are in person during this pandemic. Many of the faithful are returning to their workplace after summer vacation, or going through hybrid-mode at work. As we slowly return to our daily schedules, I exhort you to pay greater attention to the spiritual matters, as we often sideline them in the name of being "busy". ("Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:2, NIV)

We live in a world of "busy-ness," chaos and disorder. This absence of proper order causes a disturbance in our life. The world has become quite complicated. This becomes a challenge when we live a simple faith in a complicated world. The public ministry of Jesus Christ was simple, and so was the gospel message. But as Christians, when we live in a complicated world, we are challenged to redefine our own Christian identity in relation to the world, and are propelled to change our strategy of witness to a more pragmatic, yet effective one. "Therefore, we are ambassadors of Christ, God making His appeal through us..." (2 Corinthians 5:20). Our presence in this world should reflect our relationship with the Lord. We need to be cognizant of and address issues and challenges we face, living as Christ's witness, and propose different approaches which will enhance our attitude towards the Christian responsibility of representing Christ, as His witnesses in this world. There needs to be a pragmatic approach, not just in theory. Let us live our lives with simplicity aiming for the simple gospel of Christ Jesus.

May the blessings of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Dennis Achen

SECRETARY'S NOTE

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

Thank you all for continuing to follow our COVID protocols for attending church in person. Sunday School has started its next academic year, thanks to the teacher and volunteers. Family night program was well received and got tremendous participation from our members, thanks to the organizers. Office bearers and exec committee/sub committees are working through the fire safety recommendations and also transitioning our communication and collaboration platform to gSuite(Google) . Harvest festival auction planning is in progress, coming up with creative ideas on executing the action in a virtual mode.

Lets continue to stay safe through this pandemic and keep the folks who are impacted in our prayers.

Prayers and Regards,
Anil Jacob



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NEWS

- Church capacity increased to 100
- Please reserve to attend service in person at [in person reservation link](#)

MONTHLY EVENTS

Edavaka Mission	Saturday, September 4, 2021 – Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer meeting at 10:00AM
Edavaka Mission	Monday, September 6, 2021 – Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting at 5:30PM
Sevika Sanghom	Thursday, September 2, 2021 – Western Regional Sevika Sanghom Meeting at 8PM
Sevika Sanghom	Sunday, September 19, 2021 - Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer at 2PM
Sevika Sanghom	Saturday, September 25, 2021 - Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting at 11AM
Senior Fellowship	Sunday, September 26, 2021 - Senior Fellowship meeting at 4PM
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Saturday, September 4, 2021 – Yuvajana Sakhyam Hike Event at 4PM

RECURRING EVENTS

Every Sunday, 9:15 AM – Edavaka Mission Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9 PM - Youth Fellowship Prayer call

Every Wednesday, 8 PM – Western Regional Edavaka Mission meeting

Every 1st Thursday, 8 PM – Western Regional Sevika Sanghom meeting

Every 1st Saturday, 10:00 AM – Edavaka Mission fasting prayer

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Friday, September 3, 2021 - San Ramon Area Prayer Group Meeting at 8PM

Saturday, September 4, 2021 - Fremont Area prayer meeting at 7PM

Saturday, September 18, 2021 - Central Valley prayer group meeting at 5PM

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - South Bay Area prayer meeting at 4:30PM

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - San Francisco Area prayer meeting at 6PM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 5th, 10 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana Service Live streamed and reduced capacity in person Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : San Ramon Capacity:100 Attendance : All Areas
September 12th, 10 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana Service Live streamed and reduced capacity in person Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Sevika Sanghom Capacity:100 Attendance : All Areas
September 19th, 10 AM	English Holy Qurbana Service Live streamed and reduced capacity in person Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Central Valley Capacity:100 Attendance : All Areas
September 26th, 10 AM	English Holy Qurbana Service Live streamed and reduced capacity in person Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Fremont Capacity:100 Attendance : All Areas



LITURGICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 5, 2021 Education Sunday

Monday, September 6, 2021 Labor Day

Saturday, September 11, 2021 Patriot Day

Sunday, September 12, 2021 Sevika Sanghom Day

Sunday, September 19, 2021 Senior Citizen Day

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 St. Matthew the Apostle Day

Monday, September 27, 2021 Inauguration Day of the Church of South India (CSI)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lanah Alexander (01)	Indrawati Joe (03)
Shweta Sujit (03)	Merlin Cherian (04)
Aleyamma Thomas (04)	Andrew Anish (06)
Susan Mathews (07)	Paul Johny (08)
Sadeep Joseph (08)	Smita Mathews (08)
Johannah George (12)	Robin John (12)
Ann Jubin (12)	Thomas Alexander (13)
Mary George (13)	Elizabeth Anish (14)
Sheba Isac (14)	Roshana Jacob (14)
Ryan Johnson (14)	Liya Joseph (14)
Mintu Alexander (16)	Jimmy Philipose (16)
Nathan Thomas (16)	Michelle Mathew (18)
Santhosh Abraham (19)	Mathew George (20)
Joel Mathews (21)	Sheena Palachuvatil (21)
Timothy Philip (21)	Chrissen Joseph (22)
Leejo Jacob (23)	Lilly Philip (23)
Delicia Saji (23)	Anisha Thomas (23)
Nell Thomas (23)	Sunil Cherian (24)
Shabu Eapen (24)	Abel John (24)
Tanya Reuben (24)	Joanna Priju (25)
Ammal Jackson (26)	Joanna Varghese (27)
Binesh George (28)	Reggie John (28)
Bincy Skaria (28)	Joanna Thomas (28)
Naomi Alex (29)	John Chankaramangalam (29)
Mathew Thomas (29)	Thampy Zachariah (29)
Johan George (30)	

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Asha & Renji Puthenpurukal (02)

Lisha & George Thomas (04)

Sunita & Philip Mathew (05)

Shanu & Santhosh Cherian (06)

Lija & Liju John (12)

Preetha & Biju Soman (14)

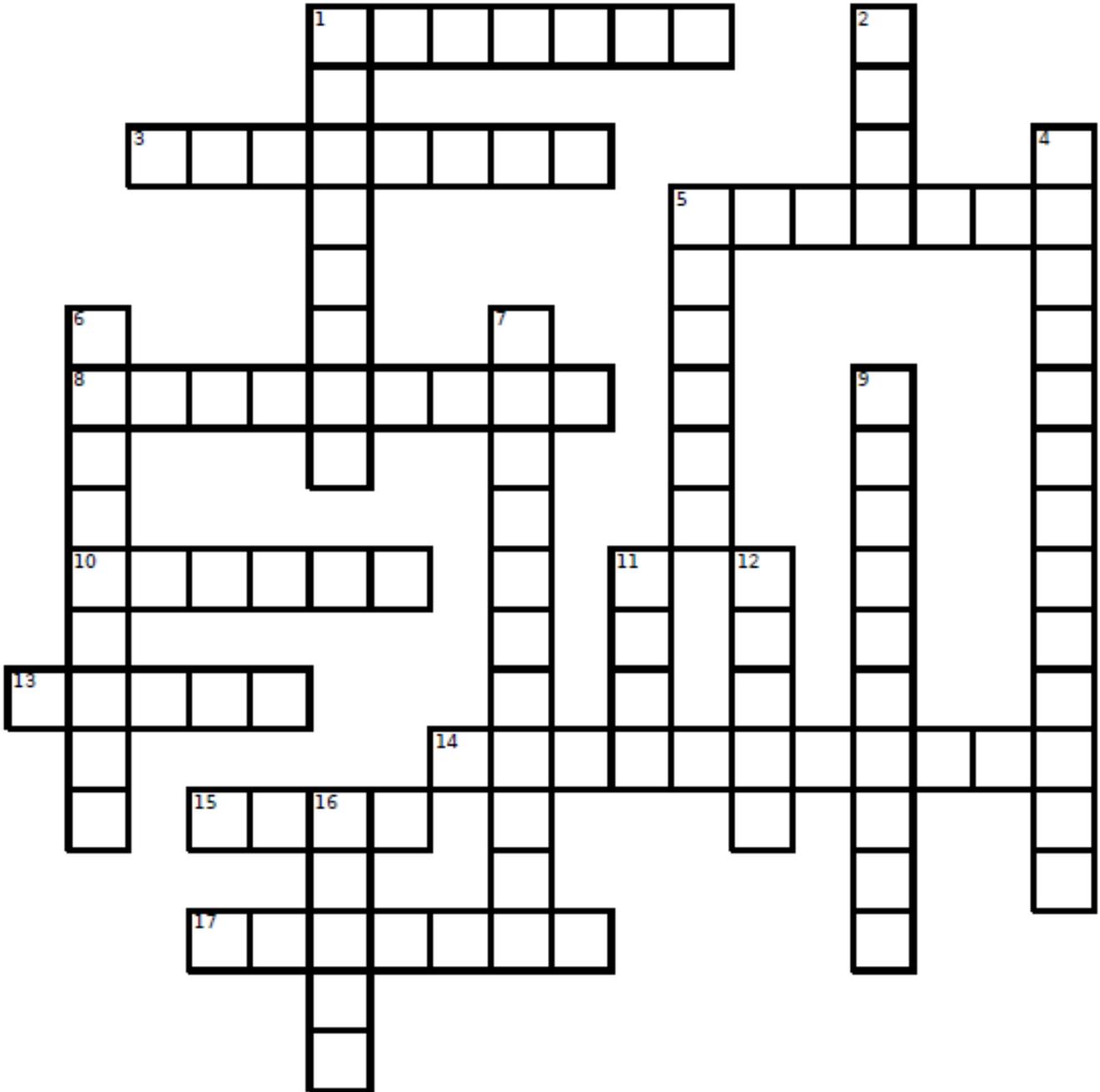
Anu & Gigi George (16)

Valsa & Raju Issac (22)

Sheryl & John Abraham (24)

Anu & Jojoy Mathew (25)







Across

- 1 Israelites are to give the first portion of their ground meal to the ___ so that a blessing might rest on their household.
- 3 When the priests enter the inner court they are to wear linen clothes and linen turbans on their heads. When they go into the outer court they need to keep their ministering clothes in the sacred rooms. They must not wear anything that makes them ___.
- 5 When Israelites allot their inheritance, they are to present the Lord a ___ of the land as a sacred district (25000 by 20000 cubits)
- 8 All the people of the land will participate in the special gift for the use of the prince in Israel and the prince will provide the offerings to make ___ for the house of Israel.
- 10 The prince will have the land bordering the area of the sacred district and city running lengthwise from the western to the eastern border; He will no longer oppress His people and will allow them to possess the land according to their ___.
- 13 Most of the Levitical priests who wandered away from the Lord after their idols were not to come near Him to serve in any of the holy offerings; they may slaughter the sacrificial animals and be in charge of the temple maintenance. But the Levites and the descendants of ___ who was faithful could only come near to minister before Him. In every age, God has a remnant who clings to Him in spite of the mounting pressures of the majority to conform!
- 14 Even though ___ destroyed His temple, God gave Ezekiel the temple vision to tell His people that He wanted to have a relationship with them.
- 15 The altar for the sacrifice has three tiers. Four horns project upward from the altar hearth and the steps of the altar face ___.
- 17 In the sacred district, an area of 25000 by 10000 cubits is for the Zadokite priests, who minister before the Lord (a sanctuary 500 by 500 cubits will be inside of it). An area of 25000 by 10000 will belong to the ___, who serve in the temple. Adjoining the sacred district, an area of 25000 by 5000 will be given to the city and it will belong to the house of Israel (Jerusalem).

Down

- 1 In the Old Testament ___ was celebrated on the 14th day of the first month, Nisan.
- 2 The outer gate facing the east must remain ___ because the glory of the God of Israel has entered through it.
- 4 In addition to the Israelites' detestable practices, they brought foreigners ___ in heart and flesh into His sanctuary.
- 5 The ___ (ruler) himself is the only one who may sit inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the Lord other than the priests.
- 6 In the first month on the first day, the priest need to take a young bull without defect and purify the ___.
- 7 The rules for priests: must not shave their heads or let their hair grow long; teach His people the difference between holy and common, serve as judges in any disputes, must not marry divorced or widows except widows of priests; keep the laws and appointed feasts. The Lord is the only ___ they have.
- 9 Ezekiel heard a voice from inside the temple, "This is the place of my throne ... and I will live among the ___ forever (giving them hope!)."
- 11 The ___ of the new temple is the surrounding area of the temple is ___.
- 12 Zadok was a high priest in David's time and 11th in descent from ___. 1 Chron.6:50
- 16 The dedication of the altar will be complete in ___ days and from then on the Lord will accept their offerings.

CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
		Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting	Western Region Sevika Sanghom	San Ramon Area Prayer	Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer Yuvajana Sakhyam Hike Event Fremont Area prayer	Education Sunday Bible study - Edavaka Mission Holy Communion Service - Malayalam
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting			Patriot Day	Sevika Sanghom Day Bible study - Edavaka Mission Holy Communion Service - Malayalam
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting			Central Valley prayer	Senior Citizen Day Bible study - Edavaka Mission Holy Communion Service - English Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer South Bay Area prayer San Francisco Area prayer
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	St. Matthew the Apostle Day Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting			Youth Fellowship Bible study Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting	Bible study - Edavaka Mission Holy Communion Service - English Senior Fellowship meeting
27	28	29	30			
Inauguration Day of the Church of South India (CSI)	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting				