

Mar Thoma Church  
of San Francisco

# MTCSF Newsletter

June 2023

## From the Vicar's Desk



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

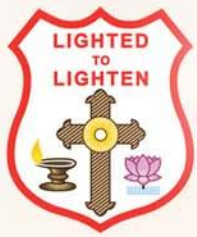
“If you love me you will keep my commandments” John 14:15

Laine Johnson speaking on revival once said, early on in her journey with Christ, she remembered reading missionary accounts of the Shantung revival in China in the early 1900s. One thing that caught her attention was that the Spirit of God moved mightily when the missionaries reconciled relationships among themselves. When the missionaries humbled themselves before each other through reconciliation and forgiveness, God began to move in the whole region. Many were converted. Revival had begun.

To think of the cost of what Jesus paid to redeem us is very humbling. The price tag for our forgiveness was his death. He who is forgiven much, loves much (Luke 7:47). When we understand His forgiveness, we will praise Him & love Him more. Forgiveness is sometimes complicated due to the strong emotions and hurt and pain that has taken root in our hearts. If we haven't forgiven others then bitterness and anger will keep you in bondage . We must be willing to forgive. Unforgiveness needs to be repented of and we need to be ready to extend forgiveness towards those who have wounded us.

In His Service,

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## Secretary's Note



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

It is June, summer is almost here, schools are closed, let's get out and enjoy every bit of it. May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed this summer.

Lord God, our heavenly father, guides our steps and all travel plans during these months of summer and vacation days. Your presence wherever we go, preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger and bring them safely to their journey's end.

Bless us O God as we plan for and prepare for VBS 2023, may your spirit shower upon our teachers, leaders and volunteers, May your love embrace the children who join the Bible School so they may come to know you more deeply and experience good fellowship. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on what we are about to do and make it a great success.

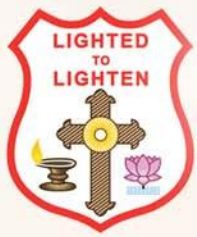
“Lord, we ask for your wisdom, for your strength, and power to be constantly present with us during the coming days.

Requesting your continued prayers and support,

With Prayerful Regards,

Philip Roy,

Secretary, MTCSF



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## Worship Schedule

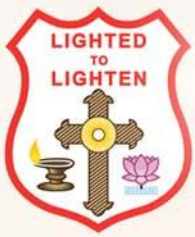
	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Celebrant(s)</b>
June 4	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Mal) Beginning with Praise & Worship Sunday School Day	Rev. Saji Thomas
June 11	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Mal) Beginning with Praise & Worship Choir Day	Rev. Dr. John Joseph Rev. Saji Thomas
June 18	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship VBS Final Day	Rev. Saji Thomas
June 25	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas

## Sunday School

Sunday June 4 At 9:00 AM last day, resumes in September after summer break

## Edavaka Mission Bible Study

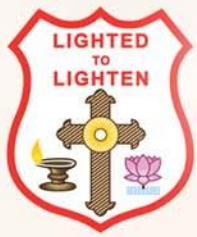
Summer Break, resumes in 1st day of sunday school



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## Area Prayer Groups Organization Meetings Events (In person or via Zoom)

- Thursday, June 1
  - WR Sevika Sanghom Prayer meeting at 8 PM via zoom hosted by MTC SF
- Saturday, June 3
  - Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer at 10 AM, Lead speaker Susan Kochamma
- Friday, June 9
  - Tri-Valley area prayer meeting at the Residence of Betsy & Pothen Joseph (Lal) at 8 PM
- Saturday, June 10
  - Fremont area Prayer meeting at the residence of Leena & Naveen George Therathanath at 6.30 PM
- Sunday, June 17
  - Choir Fellowship at Church at 11 AM
  - Central Valley Area Prayer Meeting at the residence of Shiny & Vipin Thomas (Sony), Mountain House, Tracy at 6 PM
- Sunday, June 18
  - Sevika Sanghom Sandwich making for Homeless after ASR
- Saturday, June 24
  - Sevika Sanghom cottage prayer at 11 AM via zoom
  - San Francisco & South Bay area combined Prayer meeting at 6.30 PM via zoom
- Sunday, June 25
  - Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer at Church after ASR
- Tuesday, June 27
  - Senior Fellowship Prayer meeting at 6.30 PM via zoom



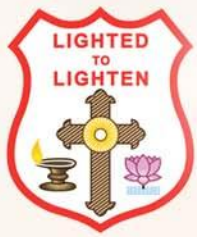
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## Special Events

Sunday, June 4 - Sunday School day  
Sunday June 11 - Choir Day  
Thursday, June 15 to Sunday June 18 - **VBS**  
Sunday, June 18 - Fathers day

## Recurring Meetings Every...

Sundays 9.15 AM	Edavaka Mission Bible Study
Tuesday's 9PM	Youth Fellowship Prayer call
Wednesday's 8.00 PM	Western Regional Edavaka Mission meeting Via Zoom
1st Monday 5:30 PM	Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting Via Zoom
1st Thursday 8 PM	Western Regional Sevika Sangham meeting Via Zoom
1st Friday 8:00 PM	Tri-Valley Area Prayer Meeting
1st Saturday 10 AM	Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer
1st Saturday 6:30 PM	San Francisco Area Prayer Meeting
2nd Saturday 11:00 AM	Yuvajana Sakhyam meeting
2nd Saturday 6:30 PM	Fremont Area Prayer meeting
3rd Saturday 11:00 AM	Choir Fellowship
3rd Saturday 6:00 PM	Central Valley Area Prayer Meeting
3rd Sunday	Sevika Sanghom Sandwich making for Homeless after ASR
4th Saturday 11AM	Sevika Sangham Cottage Prayer
4th Saturday 6:30 PM	South Bay Area Prayer Meeting
4th Sunday	Sevika Sanghom Intercessory Prayer after ASR
4th Tuesday 6:30 PM	Senior Fellowship Prayer meeting



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Titus George, June 1

Jacob Kuruvila, June 1

Swapna Mathew, June 1

Sidhima Seth, June 1

Angel John, June 2

John Mathew, June 2

John Samuel, June 2

Joseph Tharakan, June 2

Manoj Varughese, June 2

Susan John, June 3

Ruth Alex, June 4

Philip Alexander, June 4

Thomas Geevargese, June 4

John Abraham, June 5

Mariamamma Abraham, June 5

George Issac, June 5

Daniel George, June 8

Juno Jacob, June 9

Reena Ninan, June 9

Tanishq Abraham, June 10

Darlana David, June 10

Bobin Thomas, June 10

Divya Thomas, June 11

Christopher Nibin, June 12

Issac John, June 14

Jaxson Philipose, June 14

Thankam Roy, June 14

Leigh Perryman, June 15

Noah Kuriakose, June 16

Priya Mathew, June 17

Johann Thomas, June 17

Kiran Abraham, June 18

Mariamamma Babu, June 20

Jeffry Mammen, June 20

Rachel Abraham, June 21

Jinto Varughese, June 21

Aby Samuel, June 22

Michael Mathew, June 23

Caleb Austin, June 24

Immanuel Oommen, June 25

Jeffrey Philip, June 25

Joshua Varghese, June 26

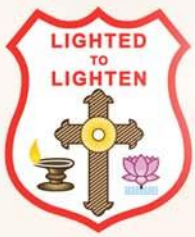
Rohith George, June 28

Rachel Isaac, June 28

Sharon John, June 28

Naveen Therathanath, June 28

Jiju Jacob, June 30



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Aniamma & Mose Thomas, June 1

Susan & Rev. Saji Thomas, June 2

Meera & Jiju Jacob, June 2

Priya & Emil Kurian, June 4

Renu & Pradeep Mathews, June 5

Mangala & Toji George, June 5

Teffi & Leejo Jacob, June 8

Pushpa & Deepak Cherian, June 11

Ammal & Bertie Jackson, June 17

Reenu & Sunil Cherian, June 21

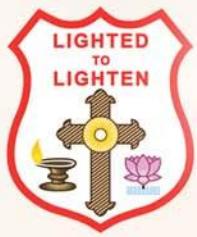
Ivy & Kuruvila Jacob, June 23

Juno & Anish Thomas, June 25

Leelamma & Varghese Thomas,  
June 26

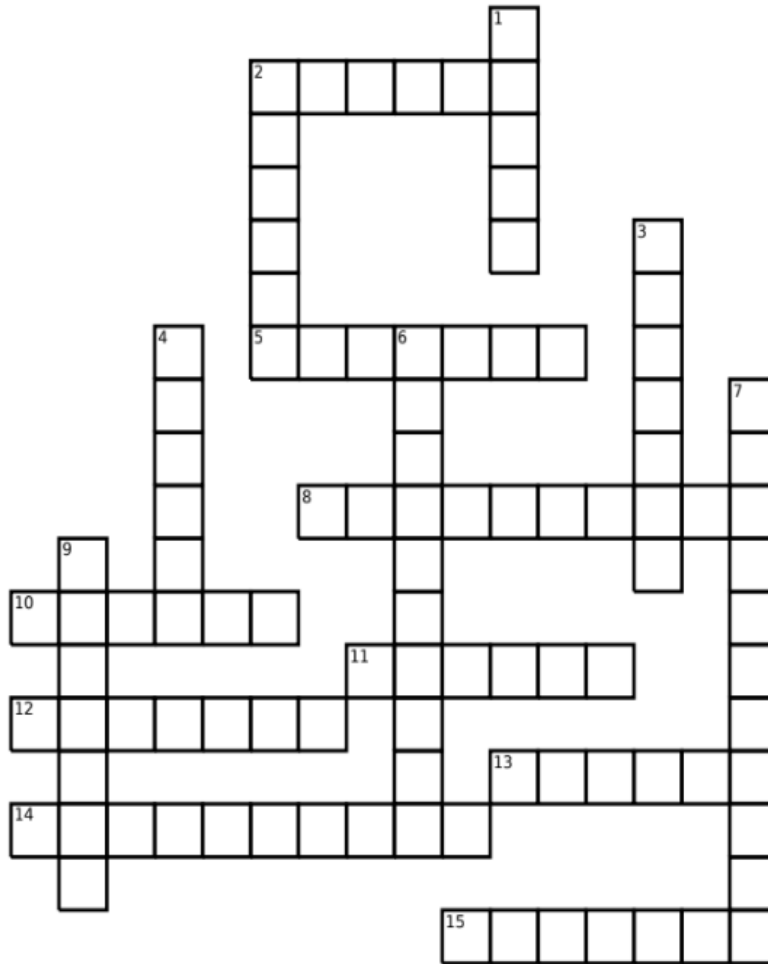
Shante & James Thomas, June 28

Blessy & Roy Chacko, June 30

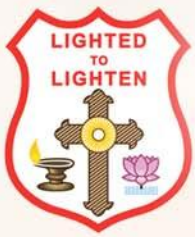


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## Crossword Haggai, NIV







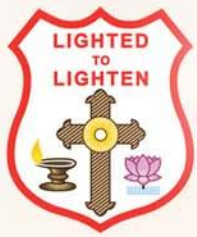
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## Across

- 2 Second Message: "Be \_\_ and work. I am with you, do not fear."  
5 The Lord Almighty said to give careful \_\_ to their ways. They were not experiencing God's blessings because His house remains a ruin.  
8 Zerubbabel was the grandson of \_\_ the king of Judah (a descendant of David) who was taken captive to Babylon. Mat.1:12  
10 In the second year of King \_\_ on the first day of the 6th month, the word of the Lord came through the Prophet Haggai.  
11 The second shortest book of the Old Testament.  
12 Fourth Message: The Lord Almighty addressed Zerubbabel as My \_\_ and said "I will make you like my signet ring for I have chosen you." So Zerubbabel represents the messianic line interrupted by the Exile  
13 \_\_ was the high priest and the descendant of Aaron.  
14 In the second month of the second year after their arrival at Jerusalem, \_\_ and the people that came with him began building the temple. Ez. 3:8. But the people around them opposed the work of the temple and it got delayed for some time.  
15 If a person \_\_ by contact with a dead body touches something it becomes \_\_. The point God was making here was the Israelites' unrighteousness was affecting both them and their children.

## Down

- 1 Just like the Lord had covenanted with the Israelites when they came out of \_\_, He did the same with the returnees from Babylon.  
2 Zerubbabel and the remnant of the people obeyed the Lord and He stirred up the \_\_ of the people and the temple work resumed on the 24th day of the 6th month in the 2nd year of King Darius.  
3 The Lord had called for a \_\_ on the fields and the mountains because of their selfish attitude  
4 The first writing prophet to address the returned exiles from Babylon.  
6 The Lord Almighty says, "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth" which is quoted in Heb.12:26-28. Since we are receiving a kingdom, let us be thankful and so worship God with reverence and awe.  
7 The third message was addressed to the priests. If a \_\_ meat touches other food, the other food will not become \_\_ meaning whatever righteousness the nation Israel might have once possessed was not transferred upon them at this time.  
9 The word of the Lord came to Haggai (First Message - set the priorities right) saying that these people think the time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built. "Is it a time for you to be living in \_\_ houses, while this house remains a ruin?" In 536 BC Zerubbabel along with other Jews returned to Jerusalem. They built an altar and offered sacrifice. In 535 BC temple work began and was stopped. In 520 BC first day of the 6th month, Haggai's call to build the temple. Do we also give too much time to our personal affairs and needs but neglect the things of God?



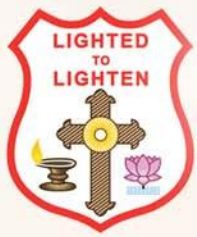
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## Church Spring cleaning



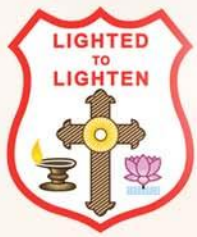
## Mothers Day





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