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Motto: Year of Spirituality

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 AM



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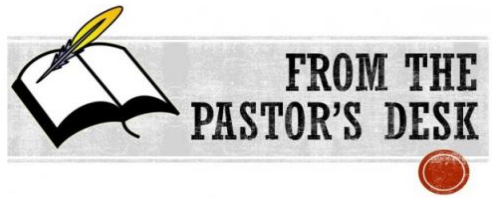
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My beloved Seaford Gospel Tellers,

Let me admit that, even now I couldn't get this North America CSI Council and FAY Conference out of my mind. For all the Talks, deliberations and Services from July 24th - 28th, held in Houston, was an eye opening session to me, under the theme "*Desert Blossoms*".

Our Main Speaker, Bishop John Perumbalath Thirumeni pointed out the very fact that at present in the Church, we do have a form of strong tradition, but unfortunately the Spirit of Creation is absent in all those rituals. The empty rituals are performed out of the urge and habits of few. Liturgies and doctrines are regularly parroted without any genuine, authentic or heartfelt understanding.

For in many places, the Church almost looks dry and dead. Instead of asking, who's fault is this, let's ask:

1. *How can we make our Church a better and Holy place?*
2. *How can we remove the emptiness from our Churches, even when are known as the biggest Church?*
3. *Why our witness is becoming so sparse or non-existent?*
4. *Why is there a form of dry spirituality in our Church?*
5. *Is this Structure really a result of a deep relationship with God?"*

This Conference taught me that it is only the absolute grace of God that keeps His people in America going, even when everything around seems like a dry desert.

May our compassionate God breathe the Holy Spirit as a gift to the Church and enliven all desert heart and deserted Churches to look for hope and holiness.

One among you in this Desert journey,
Robin achen

NEWS & EVENTS

MID-YEAR GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Mid-Year General Body meeting of our Congregation was held on Sunday, July 14th after the worship service. Mid-Year accounts was presented and discussed at the meeting.

The General Body also made the following decisions:

- To continue the lunch program on every Sundays till next Annual General Body meeting with the financial support from our members
- To withdraw the membership and affiliation with UCC after consulting with our Bishop.
- To have Contemporary worship service in English on every fourth Sundays till February 2020
- To assign 2019 Carol Rounds money for Audio Visual project

C.S.I. FAMILY & YOUTH CONFERENCE

The 32nd CSI Family and Youth Conference in North America hosted by the St. Thomas CSI Church, Houston was held from July 25 to 28 at the Hyatt Regency in Houston, Texas. About 450 CSI members attended this year's Conference. 55 members from our church attended this Conference.

The guest speaker, the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Perumbalath, Bishop of Bradwell, Church of England spoke from the Theme "The Dessert Blossom". Our Moderator, the Most Rev. Thomas K. Oommen, Kochamma – Dr. Susan Thomas, the Rt. Rev. Oommen George (Bishop of Kollam-Kottarakara Diocese) and the Rev. Joby Joy (Youth Leader) were also there to lead sessions.

In the various tournaments held in connection with the Conference our teams were the winners of Shuttle Badminton tournament and Volleyball tournament and were runner up of the Basketball tournament. Also, our team won the second place in the Quiz Competition.

NOTE: The Council had decided to hold the drawing of the Raffle ticket till next year to raise more money. The date and time of the drawing will be announced later.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School classes were held at the Church from July 11 to 13 (Thursday thru Saturday) from 9 am to 4 pm. About 47 students attended this year's VBS. Thanks to Achen and Kochamma for their leadership and guidance. Special thanks to the Sunday School Teachers and the Youth members who volunteered their services on those three days.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mariamma Easow, 82 years (Kumplampoika) mother of Mrs. Sheela Varghese (Staten Island) was called to Eternal Home on Thursday, June 25th. Funeral was held on Wednesday, July 31st.

Our heartfelt condolences to the grieving family. Please continue to uphold them in your prayers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL PRAYER

A special Memorial prayer is being arranged at the church for late Mr. George Tharian by his son Mr. Michael Tharian and family on Sunday, August 11th at 4:00 p.m. Bishop of Kollam-Kottarakara Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Oommen George will attend this special prayer meeting.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

There will be a Cottage Prayer meeting at the residence of Mrs. Susan Ninan (East Meadow) on Sunday, August 18th at 6:00 P.M.

(Address: 604 Benton Road, East Meadow, NY 11554)

CSIDE OUT VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL

The Inter-Church Volleyball tournament hosted by our Church will be held on Saturday, August 17th at SPORTIME Bethpage Multi-Sport Gym, Bethpage from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Convener, Mr. John M. David or Joint Convener, Mr. Linoy Simon.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will host this year's Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 8th. Be prepared to bring your vegetables and other items for auction

and also to participate in the auction.

CHURCH CONVENTION

The Annual Revival Convention of our church is scheduled for October 11 to 13 (Friday - Sunday). Evangelist George Cherian (Thiruvalla) of Missions India is the main speaker for this year's convention. Please plan early to attend this without fail on all three days.

TELE PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 9:00 PM – August 13, 20, 27

Tele-Conference Number: 605-468-8025 Access Code: 918802#

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Fellowship Bible Study will be held at the Church on August 14, 21, 28 at 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This year's Sunday School Regional Competitions will be held at the CSI Christ Church in Pennsylvania, PA, on Saturday, September 7th. We will provide transportation if necessary for our children who are qualified to participate in this competition. Also, note that the training is in progress for these students at the church to prepare them for the competitions. For more information, please contact the Sunday School teachers.



OTHER NEWS

REFRESHMENT

As per the decision at the Mid-Year General Body meeting, we will continue to have refreshment on every Sundays after the worship service till next Annual General Body meeting. This can be accomplished only with the wholehearted cooperation from our members through their generous contributions. It's an encouragement to see that more and more families are writing down their contribution amount on the Refreshment List displayed on the Notice Board. Those who have not done yet are requested to do so as soon as possible so that we can make this program a big success.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Mr. Jacob John for leading the worship service and to Ms. Sruthi John for doing the sermon on Sunday, July 28th in the absence of our vicar who was attending the C.S.I. Family and Youth Conference in Houston.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!



August

05	Saramma T. Oommen	Glen Oaks
05	Saramma Joshua	East Meadow
07	Thomas T. Oommen	Glen Oaks
07	Betsy Daniel	Dix Hills
08	Elizabeth Thomas	Queens Village
10	Jacob Kurien Philip	New Hyde Park
11	Sushil Itty Jacob	New Hyde Park
13	Tina Ann Abraham	Bellerose
13	Aaron David George	New Hyde Park
14	Millen Jiju Kuruvilla	East Meadow
18	Don Thomas	New Hyde Park
18	Thomas E. Mathew	Tampa, Florida
19	Jane Susan Chandy	Roslyn Heights
20	Annie Joseph	Jamaica Estates
20	Karen Mary Mani	Staten Island
20	Ashley Mathew	East Meadow
22	Zachariah Abraham	Elmont
23	Rosen Philip	Flushing
26	Mariamamma Kinatukara	Commack
29	Kenneth Varghese	Wantagh
30	Keziah Mary Varghese	Wantagh
31	Naithan Abraham John	Salisbury

September

01	Aaron Chandy	Roslyn Heights
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary!



August

08	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Daniel	Dix Hills
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08	Mr. & Mrs. Kizhakayil I. Mathew	Dix Hills
11	Mr. & Mrs. Libin Abraham John	Salisbury
15	Mr. & Mrs. Shabu Jacob Itty	New Hyde Park
18	Dr. & Mrs. John P. Thomas	New Hyde Park
20	Mr. & Mrs. George P. Joshua	New Hyde Park
20	Mr. & Mrs. P.C. Abraham	Queens Village
20	Mr. & Mrs. Alex G. Joseph	Commack
21	Mr. & Mrs. Binchu John	New Hyde Park
22	Mr. & Mrs. Saji Kurian	Glen Oaks
23	Mr. & Mrs. Raju John	Floral Park

ALMANAC

August 11
(English)

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Marriage: Lasting Life of Love

Genesis 29: 1-20	Mr. Thomas T. Oommen
Psalms 128	Ms. Betsy Daniel
Hebrew 13: 1-6	Mr. Libin Abraham John
Matthew 19: 3-9	
Bible Bearer:	Mr. Kizhakayil I. Mathew
Offertory:	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Daniel
Elements:	Mr. Jophry Philip Mr. Jayan P. Kurian

August 18
(Malayalam)

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Baptism: Born from Above

Genesis 8: 1-14	Mrs. Saramma T. Oommen
Psalms 25	Mr. Sushil Itty Jacob
Colossians 3: 1-11	Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas
John 3: 1-8	
Bible Bearer:	Mr. Don Thomas
Offertory:	Dr. & Mrs. John P. Thomas
Elements:	Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty Mr. Thomas J. Paickattu

August 25
(English)

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Exodus 12: 1-14
Psalm 42
1Cor. 10: 14-22
Luke 22: 7-20

Mr. Alex G. Joseph
Ms. Ashley Mathew
Mrs. Jane Susan Chandy

Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

Mr. Saji Kurien
Mr. & Mrs. George P. Joshua
Mr. Binchu John
Mr. George David

September 1
(Malayalam)

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Communication of the Gospel and Media

1Kings 19: 10-18
Psalm 19
Hebrews 1: 1-4
Mark 12: 1-22

Mr. Zachariah Abraham
Ms. Kezia Mary Varghese
Mrs. Mariamma Kinatukara

Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

Mr. P.C. Abraham
Mr. & Mrs. Raju John
Mr. Oommen Kuruvilla
Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen



2019 Calendar

January 01
January 4-6
February 02
February 17
February 23
February 24
March 01
March 03
March 06
March 09
March 17
March 30
March 31
April 14

New Year's Day Service
Youth Winter Retreat
Elected Officials Retreat
Annual General Body Meeting
Choir Retreat
Sunday School Mid-Term Exam
Women's Fellowship - Day of Prayer
Women's Fellowship Sunday
Ash Wednesday
Youth Winter Fellowship Meeting
Youth Bake Sale #1
Sunday School One Day Trip
Women's Fellowship Bake Sale #1
Palm Sunday/Sunday School Bake Sale #1

April 15-17	Passion Week Special Services
April 18	Maundy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 20	GEMS Meeting
April 21	Easter / SS Piggy Bank Collection & Egg Hunt
April 27	Region 1&2 Almaya & W.F. Retreat
May 12	Mother's Day
May 19	S.S. Painting Competitions
May 19	Youth Fellowship Bake Sale #2
May 25	Youth Spring Fellowship Meeting
May 31-June 2	Church Family Retreat – Spruce Lake, PA
June 09	S.S. Final Exam / W.F. Bake Sale #2
June 16	Mission Sunday / Father's Day
June 16	S.S. Memory Verse Competition / Election
June 22	Sunday School Annual Competitions
June 29	Church Picnic
July 11-13	V.B.S / Sunday School Anniversary
July 14	Mid-Year G.B. Meeting
July 21	Sunday School Graduation / Elder's Breakfast
July 25-28	CSI Family & Youth Conference
August 04	Laity Sunday
August 17	Inter Church Volleyball Tournament
August 18	Youth Fellowship Bake Sale #3
September 08	Harvest Festival
September 08	Choir Sunday / First Day of Sunday School
September 29	W.F. Bake Sale #3
October 05	Youth Fall Fellowship Meeting
October 11-13	Church Convention
October 13	Youth Sunday / Y.F. Bake Sale #4
October 18	All Night Prayer
October 20	Sunday School Operation Christmas Child
October 26	Church Family Night
November 02	Sunday School Fall Fest
November 09	Almaya-Women's Fellowship Get Together
November 10	Sunday School Sunday / S.S. Bake Sale #3
November 29	International Choir Fest / K.C.C. Performance
November 30	Youth Get Together
December 01	Thanksgiving Sunday
December 6,7,13,14,20	Christmas Carol Rounds
December 15	Legislative General Body Meeting
December 21	Christmas Carol Service/S.S. Program
December 22	Parish Day
December 25	Christmas Day

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

6th Annual

CSIDE OUT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday August 17th

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8AM - 5PM

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