

NEWS & NOTES

<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	Every Tuesday 7.30 pm at Parsonage
<b>Ladies' Fellowship</b>	Friday 9.00 am ,8th Sept at Parsonage
<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays 9.30 am at UIS-Abbasiya.
<b>Cottage Prayer</b>	<b>Every Thursdays at 7.30 pm Venue as listed</b>
<b>Bethel</b>	7-Sep-06 Mr. Thomas Philip 4315776
	14-Sep-06 Mr. Aji John Mathew 4334697
	21-Sep-06 Mrs. Saramma Roy 4345092
	28-Sep-06 Mr. T.N.Nagesh 4824488
<b>Shalom</b>	7-Sep-06 Mr. Zachariah Varkey 9417298
	14-Sep-06 Mr. Alex Mathew 5630791
	21-Sep-06 Mr. Mathew George 5639405 9180064
	28-Sep-06 Mr. Thomas Mathew 2634174 6276717
<b>Choir Practice</b>	Every Wednesday 7.30pm at UIS, Abbasiya
<b>Sunday school reopening</b>	Our Sunday School will reopen on 8 <sup>th</sup> of Sept 2006 Timing 5.30 – 7.00 pm
<b>Annual convention</b>	Annual convention will be held from 17 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> of Oct, 2006. Rt.Rev.Dr.K.J.Samuel,Bishop of CSI East Kerala diocese and former CSI moderator will be the speaker.
<b>New Members</b>	1. Mr. Zachariah varkey & Fly–Tel. 9417298 2. Mr. Cejo Johnson –Tel. 9138276 3. Mr. Mathew John – Tel 7074726 <b>Hearty welcome to all the new members.</b>

<b>Obituary:</b> Mrs. Annamma Kurian m/o Mr. Vinod Kurien at Elavamthitta. <b>Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.</b>
<b>Note:</b> Please inform the Church Committee, any births or deaths in the families of our members for prayer and inclusion in the parish messenger.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept Saturday	<b>13<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost (Education Day)</b> 7.15 pm Holy Communion in Malayalam (Wedding Anniversary & Birthday Prayers) <b>JESUS THE GURU</b> Prov. 4:1-19, Ps. 111, Acts 22:1-5, Luke 4: 31-44
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Saturday	<b>14<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost (Tithe Day)</b> 7.15 pm Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (Wedding Anniversary & Birthday Prayers) <b>REMEMBERING &amp; CELEBRATING WOMEN'S MINISTRY</b> I sam 1:1-29, Ps 127, Acts 16:11-15, Mark. 15:37-47
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept Saturday	<b>15<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost</b> 7.15 pm Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (Wedding Anniversary & Birthday Prayers) <b>PEACE IN THE CONTEXT OF VIOLENCE</b> Isa 2:1-4, Ps 120, 1 Thess 5:12-28, Matt. 2:13-23.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept Friday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost</b> 8.45 am Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (Diwaniaya) (Wedding Anniversary & Birthday Prayers) <b>AGED-SHARIING WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG</b> Josh 23:1-6, Ps 71, 1 Tim 5:1-10, Lk 2:25-35
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept Saturday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost</b> 7.15 pm Holy Communion Service in English (Wedding Anniversary & Birthday Prayers) <b>LORD'S DAY</b> Gen. 1:31-2:3, Ps 24, Rev. 1:9-18, John 20:19-29
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept Saturday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost</b> 7.15 pm Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (Wedding Anniversary & Birthday Prayers) <b>AFFIRMING ITHE DIGNITY OF PHYSICALLY &amp; MENTTALLY CHALLENGED</b> 2Sam 9:1-3, Ps 103, Acts 3:1-10, Matt 15:29-33.

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**Presbvtter's Letter**

My dear friends in Christ,

**THE EMBLEM OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA.**

If August 15th of 1947 was a red-letter day in the history of our country for on that day was born a free and independent India, September 27th of the same year was another red-letter day in the history of the Christian Churches, it's the birth of **Church of South India**. It is providence that the Church of South India was born free indigenous and autonomous in the same year as the country attained its political freedom. The EMBLEM shows its vision and commitment to fulfill the high priestly prayer of Jesus.

The symbols, the lotus and the cross, used in the logo of the church possess a rich cultural heritage, which will help us understand our call and mission. **The cross** is red (for life) and **the lotus** is saffron (for holiness). The cross represents Jesus' death for us, bringing freedom from sin. The lotus flower from India, which is a traditional picture of God being near us. Mythologically it is supposed to be the seat of the creator. *Pankajam* one of the Indian names for lotus has a very significant meaning, it mean 'that born in mud'. This flower blossom at the sunrise and withers away after sunset, in other words it lives as long as it receives the sunrays, hence it is also called 'THAMMIPUVE' the flower of the sun. All these meaning attributed to the flower suit us well to interpret the position, nature and role of the people in the bond of union.

The petals of the lotus and the cross are beautifully knitted together with the fiery-tongues of the Holy Spirit. It is an authentic Indian expression of people's communion with God. The original colors, red (for life) and purple (for piety and ecclesiastical) in white backdrop implicitly communicate the nature of the mystical union where, an inseparable companionship is established which, again, a typical Indian thought form. The words '**That they all may be one, Church of South India**' are embossed in a circle round the lotus and the cross. The words are taken from the high priestly prayer of Jesus Christ who prayed not only for the 'Church' but also for the whole world.

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**BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER 2006**

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Placing the words in a form of circle, a symbol that also represents the universe portrays this universality. **"That they all may be one; that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. (John 17:21)"**, is an inclusive affirmation which explicitly shows Christ being the center and the church, his body. Since it is also, the prayer of the Church that it is not only churches but all people of India to be united, a prayer for national integration is well taken care of in the emblem.

The imposing central position of the cross in the logo conveys the idea that it was the indefatigable, selfless supreme sacrifice that was made by Jesus on the cross is the base of the Church. The four ends of the cross painted in deep color indicating that it is the cross that guides all members inside and outside to join in one stream to pray and labour united for a peaceful coexistence and communal harmony.

It is said that the world waits for the true interpretation of St. John's gospel from an India mystic. Our logo bridges the gap to certain extent! Saints, prophets, philosophers, theologians still unborn may yet produce many more to whom perhaps in a greater measure that before the truth of God will be revealed and through them to the whole world.

GOD BLESS YOU .

Kuwait,  
18<sup>th</sup> Aug.06

With love and Prayer  
Rev. Jiji Joseph

1st	Mr. Paul C. Samuel	
	Mrs. Preetha Mathew	w/o Mr. Ruben Thomas Mathew
2nd	Mrs. Molamma Mathai	
	Mrs. Saramma George Oommen	w/o Mr. T. George Oommen
	Nisha Merin Kochumon	d/o Mr. Kochumon Josey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nikitha Elizabeth Kuruvilla	d/o Mr. Nebu Joseph
4th	Asha Mariam Alex	d/o Mr. Alex Mathew
	Sanya Ann Jacob	d/o Mr. Jacob Abraham
7th	Mrs. Rekha Thomas	w/o Mr. Suresh Thomas
	Tania John	D/o Alex John Alexander
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mithun George Jacob	s/o Mr. Jacob George
10th	Mr. P.M. Kurian	
	Mr. Joseph Bose H.H.	
11th	Ajit Thomas Jacob	s/o Mr. K. I. Thomas
	Mrs. Laila Varkki	w/o Mr. T. Joseph Varkki
13th	Mrs. Mariam Soman	w/o Mr. Soman John
	Anna Mathew	d/o Mr. Thomas Mathew
14 <sup>th</sup>	Febine Ann Mathew	d/o Mr. George P. Mathew
	Mrs. Anila Baker Fenn	w/o Mr. Baker Fenn J.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Sam T. Kuruvilla	
	Mrs. Biji Jacob	w/o Mr. Robinson Jacob
17 <sup>th</sup>	M. Thomas George	s/o Mrs. Yollanda Thomas
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Merlin Kurian	w/o Mr. P. M. Kurian
	Preeth Mathew Zachariah	s/o Mr. Zachariah Mathew
	Manoj Kaippallil George	s/o Mr. George Kaippallil
	Mr. Joseph George	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mariam Mathew P.	d/o Mr. Mathew P. Mathai
	Mr. Jerin Jesu Varghese	
	John Zac Mathew	S/o Zachria Mathew
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. Regina Koshy	w/o Mr. Eugene Oommen Koshy
	Ashyana Mary Thomas	D/o Mr. Suresh Thomas

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. Shobhana Mathew	w/o Mr. Mathew Varghese
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr. Bejoy Oommen	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. K. P. Koshy	
	Rinu John C.	d/o Mr. Rajukutty John
	Sneha Samson Kishore	d/o Mr. Samson Kishore
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Saramma John	w/o Mr. John V. Mathai
	Mrs. Jishu Shibu	W/o Shibu Simon
	Charlene Alina Abraham	D/o Abraham Thomas
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Laila Thomas	w/o Mr. K. Thomas John
	Mrs. Anitha George	w/o Mr. George Oommen
	Mrs. Grace Varghese	w/o Mr. P. V. Varghese
28 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Jiji Joseph	
	Mr. K.M. Philip	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Jeny Jen Mathew	s/o Mr. Zachariah Mathew
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Ruben Thomas Mathew	
	Mr. George Oommen T.	

***Annual Get Together***

*The Annual Get together of our church will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept. at 7.00 pm in Church & Parish Hall .*

**Note:** *It was decided to honor the senior members of the congregation on the occasion of annual get together on 29<sup>th</sup> September 06. Members who have completed 60 years may give their names with details to Achen or the Secretary at the earliest.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER 2006**

3rd	Mr. & Mrs. Rajukutty John
10th	Mr. & Mrs. Chandy Abraham
13th	Mr. & Mrs. Neil Jones
15th	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Mathew
19th	Mr. & Mrs. George Kaippallil Mathew
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr. & Mrs Mathew George
27th	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Koshy
	Mr. & Mrs. K.C.Thomas

**THOUGHT**

**"Life can give u a hundred reasons to cry, but u can give life a thousand reasons to smile."**