



St. Peter's C.S.I. Congregation, Kuwait

Presbyter's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.
Loving greetings in Jesus name.

As the schools re-open this month, may God guide our students and teachers. Let us wish each of them all the best and uphold them for God's blessings too.

"Knowledge is Strength" is a good old saying. We exercise regularly and eat well to build our strength. Since knowledge is vital part of strength, it is necessary to take equal pains to develop knowledge. Above all, the fear of the Lord is the key to the treasure. True knowledge enriches the following things:

Searching for true knowledge protects a Christian from selfish gains. Money can buy certain comforts and offer some security. But for more valuable than wealth, is the knowledge of God because it is a heavenly treasure rather than an earthly one.

Searching for true knowledge creates the fear of the Lord (Ps.119:38). God gives knowledge to those who earnestly seek it.

We gain knowledge through a constant process of growing; first we must trust and honor God. Secondly, we must realize that the bible reveals the knowledge to us. Thirdly, we must make a life long series of right choices and avoid moral pitfalls. Fourthly, when we make mistaken choices, we must learn from our errors and recover from it. According to the scripture, every one who hears and obeys the word of God and puts them in to practice is like a wise man who builds his house upon the rock. (Mat.7:24)

Searching for true knowledge builds virtues and character for the humanity (Phili.4:4). Since we are made in God's image, we do have the ability to reflect God's character in our love, patience, forgiveness, kindness and faithfulness.

The most important knowledge in the world is the knowledge of the God. It helps one to love God and make valuable contributions to humanity.

C.S.I. is celebrating its 61st anniversary. Let us thank God for joining us together in the great church of C.S.I. and also pray that we may ever remain as faithful members of this church to bear witness to the Lord.

May God blessings be upon you.

Jacob Achen
20-08-2008

REGULAR PROGRAMMES:

Intercessory Prayer: Every Tuesday 07:30 pm, at Parsonage

Ladies' Fellowship: Friday, September 19th – 08:45 am at Diwaniya

Youth Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Friday – 3:30 pm

Choir Practice: Every Wednesday 07:30 pm, at UIS, Abbasiya

Cottage Prayer: Every Thursday 07:30 pm

COTTAGE PRAYER:

Date	Shalom Prayer Group	Bethel Prayer Group
04 th	Mr. Abraham Jini Jacob Tel: 5628985 Mob: 6227525	Mr. Kochumon Josey Tel: 4332085 Mob: 6050495
11 th	Mr. Alex John Alexander Mob1: 7856869 Mob2: 6880001	Mr. Ajai P. Oommen, Tel: 4345092 Mob: 9384159
18 th	Mr. Mathew Thomas (Nidheesh) Tel: 5657699 Mob: 7200371	Mr. Zachariah Mathew (Santhosh) Tel: 4753701 Mob: 6852487
25 th	Mr. K.P. Koshy Tel: 5610584 Mob: 9759747	Mr. Joseph Boss (in Riggai) Mob: 6590773

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kuwait Episcopal Church Fellowship (KECF): Bible Quiz Competition is scheduled to be held on 10th Oct '08. Participants are requested to prepare well in advance.

Bible Portions:

Sunday School Students: 2 Kings, Mathew & Philippians.

Senior: 2 Samuel, Mark & Ephesians.

Summer Programme: By the grace of God for seven consecutive weeks, variety of programmes were held. Our sincere appreciations are to those who have contributed to it by conducting Bible quiz, games, talks/presentation, cooking class and musical show. We thank the members and guests who were present for the programme.

Family Get-together: Family get-together will be held on 26th September at 7.00 pm, at the Parish Hall. All are requested to attend.

Sunday School: Our Sunday School will resume after vacation on the 5th September, for the year 2008-2009.

Wedding: Hearty congratulations to Mrs. & Mr. Manoj Jacob Kurien (Manoj & Jaya) who were united in the Christian married life on 4th August 2008.

New Arrival: Baby boy to Mrs. & Mr. Biju George Paul on 16th August 2008. Congratulations to the new proud parents and praise God for his blessing.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. & Mr. Ajosh Mathew and Mrs. & Mr. Santhosh Mathew.

Hearty welcome to each of the new members who have joined the congregation recently.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Mr. Jim Mathews Joseph will replace Mr. Mathew Varghese.

CONDOLENCE:

We deeply mourn the sudden demise of **Mr. Kovoor Cherian Thomas**, who was called to eternal rest on 29th August 2008. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas Kovoor, daughter Princy & son Dodson. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER 2008

The Following members of our Congregation are celebrating their birthdays during this month. I request all of you to come forward for special prayers and blessing during the weekly worship service.

May God keep you in His loving care, for you to reflect His love in all you do.

Date	Name	
1 st	Preetha Mathew	W/o Ruben Thomas Mathew
2 nd	Samma George Oommen	W/o George Oommen T
	Nisha Merin Kochumon	W/o Kochumon Josey
3 rd	Nikitha Elizabeth Kuruvilla	D/o Nebu Joseph
4 th	Asha Mariam Alex	D/o Alex Mathew
	Thomas Stephen	
7 th	Rekha Thomas	W/o Suresh Thomas
	Tanya John	D/o Alex John Alexander
8 th	Mithun George Jacob	S/o Jacob George
10 th	P M Kurien	
	Joseph Boss H H	
11 th	Ajith Thomas Jacob	S/o K I Thomas
	Laila Varkey	W/o T Joseph Varkey
12 th	Binu Cherian	S/o Cherian M. K.
13 th	Mariamamma Soman	W/o Soman John
	Anna Mathew	D/o Thomas Mathew
	Mahima Thankam John	D/o Aju John
14 th	Febine Ann Mathew	D/o George P Mathew
	Anila Baker Fenn	W/o J Baker Fenn
15 th	Joey V. Oommen	S/o Susan V. Oommen
16 th	Sam T Kuruvilla	
	Biji Jacob	W/o Robinson Jacob
17 th	M Thomas George	S/o Yolland Thomas
	Reenu Saju	W/o Saju Abraham
18 th	Merlin Kurien	W/o P M Kurien
	Preeth Mathew Zachariah	S/o Zachariah Mathew
	Meera Mathulla	W/o Mathulla Issac
	Joseph George	

Date	Name	
20 th	Mariam Mathew	D/o Mathew P Mathai
	Jerin Jaisu Varghese	
	John Zac Mathew	S/o Zachariah Mathew
	Sherin Koshy	W/o Santhosh Mathew
21 st	Rejina Koshy	W/o Eugene Oommen Koshy
	Ashyana Mary Thomas	D/o Suresh Thomas
	Biju Mani Chacko	
23 rd	Bejoy Oommen	
24 th	K P Koshy	
	Sneha Samson Kishore	D/o Samson Jackmol
	Bertina Elsa Mathew	D/o Biji T Mathew
25 th	Samma John	W/o John V Mathai
	Jisha Shibu	W/o Shibu Simon
	Arya Arun D	D/o Arun Davidson
26 th	Charlene Alina Abraham	D/o Abraham Thomas
27 th	Laila Thomas	W/o K Thomas John
	Anitha George	W/o George Oommen
	Grace Varghese	W/o P V Varghese
28 th	K M Philip	
	Binu Cherian	
29 th	Jeny Jean Mathew	W/o Zachariah Mathew
30 th	Ruben Thomas Mathew	
	George Oommen T	
	Mathew Alexander	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER 2008

Date	Name
3 rd	Mrs & Mr Rajukutty John
10 th	Mrs & Mr Chandy Abraham
13 th	Mrs & Mr Neil Jones
15 th	Mrs & Mr Alex Mathew
23 rd	Mrs & Mr Mathew George
27 th	Mrs & Mr Thomas Koshy

May your day be filled with happy memories of the past and bright hopes for the future.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time		Venue	Theme	
6 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion	Church & Ph.	Wisdom and Knowledge: Gift of God	17 th Week after Pentecost Education Day
12 Fri	8.45 am	Holy Communion	Diwaniya	Accepting the aged	17 th Week after Pentecost
13 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion	Church & Ph.	Communication of the Gospel and media	18 th Week after Pentecost
20 Sat	7.15 pm	Worship Service	Church & Ph.	Christian presence in a secular society	19 th Week after Pentecost
26 Fri	8.45 am	Holy Communion	Diwaniya	Mathew Apostle and Evangelist	19 th Week after Pentecost
27 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion	Church & Ph.	Church of South India formation day	20 th Week after Pentecost Choir Day

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson	Gospel
6 Sat	Proverbs 2: 1-12	Ps. 119: 9-16	James 3: 13-18	Luke 2: 41-52
12 Fri	Isaiah 40: 21-31	Ps. 139: 1-18	1 Timothy 5: 1-10	Luke 2: 25-38
13 Sat	1 King 19: 10-18	Ps. 19	Hebrews 1: 1-4	Mark 12: 1-11
20 Sat	Genesis 41: 8-36	Ps. 100	Acts 11: 19-26	Mark 5: 1-20
26 Fri	Isaiah 33: 13-17	Ps. 18: 1-6, 20-30	2 Corin. 4: 1-6	Mathew 9: 9-13
27 Sat	Exo. 15: 1-21	Ps. 122	Rev. 19: 1-16	Luke 19: 36-40

Lighter Mood - Good Test

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and soon until you get a response.

"That evening, the wife was in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He said to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?' **No response.** So the husband moves to closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, 'Honey, what's for dinner?' Still **no response.** Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?' again he gets **no response.** So he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" And again there is **no response.** So he walks right up behind her.

'Honey, what's for dinner?' ;;; "James, for the FIFTH time I've said, CHICKEN!"

Moral of the story:

The problem may not be with the other one as we always think, could be very much within us..!