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From the Desk of Rev. Abraham P. Varkey

THE FAMILY: CRADLE OF LIFE

Family is not a human agenda but a divine institution. It is the great gift and blessing given to us by God. The relationship in the family is designated as mutual unbreakable and sacred.

In family life there is always a tremendous opportunity for growth. It opens up horizons and perspectives, it multiplies individual resources, help to overcomes problems and difficulties, makes people wiser, "more true". It is a fulltime program, twenty-four hours a day of inter personal development, where by living them out one learns some of the most important lessons about life.

The first is SHARING . Without this family life is only a collection of individuals. Sharing is essential to nourish the sense of the "we". It includes the body the emotions, thoughts, time, space, and personal possessions.

The second is PATIENCE. Everyone moves, grows, and develops at there own pace and rhythm in the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual field forcing the pace only creates problems. (1COR13:4)

Then third is GRATITUDE. It means learning to appreciate each member of the family for who they are and for what they do.

The forth is the ACCEPTANCE of others exactly as they are. it is important to make the same unconditional allowances that we expect for ourselves, learning to live with things that can at times grate.

The fifth is FORGIVENESS. It is never easy. But, it is the only way if you want the love to persist, survive, and remain.

May God help us to be blessed families on the earth radiating the above values and virtues in our life.

Worship Services for July 2006

Jul 2, Sunday	9:30am	Holy Communion Service (English)			
		2 Kings 12:1-16	Acts 1:1-11	Phil 4:10-20	St. Luke 19:11-27
Jul 9, Sunday Parish Day	9:30am	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)			
		1 Sam 3:10-21	Heb 7:11-28	2Cor 3:1-11	St. John 20:19-23
Jul 16, Sunday	9:30am	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)			
		Dan 1:6-21	2Cor 6:1-10	Eph 4:11-16	St. John 8:31-36
Jul 23, Sunday	9:30am	Praise & Worship (English)			
		Gen 7:1-24	1Pet 3:13-22	Rom 6:1-11	St. John 15:1-18
Jul 30, Sunday	9:30am	Praise & Worship and Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)			
		2Kings 5:1-19	Acts 10:34-48	1Pet 2:1-10	St. John 3:1-8

Area Prayer Meetings

Lawrenceville area:

- To be announced later.

Marietta- Alpharetta:

- Jul 1, Sat 6:00pm at the residence of
**Mr. Ajit Mathew &
Mrs. Priya Mathew**
785 Milton Oaks Dr
Alpharetta, GA 30022
Tel: (770) 619-0049

Snellville-Loganville area:

- Jul 11, Tue 7:00pm at the residence of
**Mr. Ranjan Jacob &
Mrs. Annamma Jacob**
4093 Palace Ct
Lilburn, GA 30047
Tel: (770) 717-8019

Tucker-Northlake:

- To be announced later.

Edavaka Mission:

- To be announced later.

Choir Practice:

- Every Sunday before and after the service.

Sevika Sangam:

- Jul 15, Sat 10:30 am at the residence of
Mrs. Daisy Thomas
1234 Haynes Bridge Ct.
Grayson, GA 30017
- Tel: (770) 978-8689

Youth Fellowship:

- July 15, Sat 2:00 pm at the residence of
**Mr. Jessen Joseph
S/O Mr. Joseph Abraham**
2181 Poplar Grove Ct
Snellville, GA 30078
Tel: (770) 978-0779

Yuvajana Sakhyam:

- July 15, Sat 7:00pm at the residence of
**Mr. Johnson P. Yohannon &
Mrs. Mariamma Johnson**
384 Cherington Lane
Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Tel: (678) 377-7606

Sunday School:

- There will NOT be Sunday School during the summer holidays.

Fasting Prayer:

- July 22 Sat 10:00am at the Church.

Other Information:

- Phone number change for
**Mr. Jacob K. George (Wilson) &
Mrs. Alice George**
Tel: (678) 639-1988

July Birthdays

1	Christeena Johnson
3	Suresh
4	Nancy Thomas George Jr.
7	Jacob Kuruvilla Lenie
8	Cijo
10	Philip Chacko Thomas Koshy
11	Manoj C. Mathews Steven
12	Jithesh
13	Annamma Jacob Kuriakose George N. K. George
15	Abraham Mathew Jayce Sigi Cherian
20	Jessica Mable
21	Johnson Yohannan
23	Jolly Mathew
26	Koshy Thomas
28	Jacob Mathew
29	Satheesh Thomas
30	Jessy Thomas Princy Susan Thomas
31	Shervin Thomas Philip

July Wedding Anniversaries

2	Mr. Thomas Jacob & Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas
9	Mr. George Joseph, Jr. & Mrs. Bidhu Joseph
	Mr. Sigi Cherian & Mrs. Smitha Sigi Cherian
10	Mr. Aby Pappachan & Mrs. Sheeba Pappachan
	Mr. Jacob K. George & Mrs. Alice
11	Mr. Ranjan Jacob & Mrs. Annamma Jacob
12	Mr. Shaji P. Mathew & Mrs. Neena Mathew
14	Mr. Jacob Mathew & Mrs. Aleyamma Jacob

15	Mr. Geoji Thomas & Mrs. Jessy Thomas
	Dr. Thomas C. Varughese & Dr. Juliet J. Thomas
16	Mr. Roy Varghese & Mrs. Annie Roy
17	Mr. Abraham Mathew & Mrs. Saramma Mammen
21	Mr. Sam Johnson & Mrs. Sheila Johnson
	Mr. V.S. Joseph & Mrs. Mariamma Joseph
24	Dr. Billy G. Chacko & Mrs. Rashmi Chacko
	Mr. Sasha & Mrs. Kavith
	Dr. Sunil & Dr. Anna
30	Mr. Vergis Johnson & Mrs. Anita Johnson

July Quiz

Identify the Bible reference mostly from the Book of Proverbs.

Subject: Friendship

1. Avoid friendship with easily angered people.....
2. Caution in friendship.....
3. Do not forsake friend.....
4. Earnest counsel from friend.....
5. Friend closer than brother.....
6. David and Jonathan, good friends.....
7. Jesus friend of tax collectors.....
8. Can two walk together if not agreed?
9. Lay down life for friends.....
10. The rich have many friends.....
11. Wounds from a friend.....
12. Gossip separate friends.....

Please e-mail your answers to danielthampi@bellsouth.net

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Answers will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

Answers for June Quiz

1. Psalms: 3:7, 17:13, 40:13, 71:4
2. Psalms: 25:16
3. Psalms: 71:9
4. Psalms: 35:17-22, 55:1, 83:1, 109:1
5. Psalms: 39:10
6. Psalms: 119:26-28
7. Psalms: 13:1
8. Psalms: 7:1
9. Psalms: 119:76
10. Psalms: 80:3
11. Psalms: 71:12
12. Psalms: 9:13-14, 17:14

WHERE TO PRAY

There was a remarkable change in the prayer life of the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus, and it is noted again after Pentecost. Before the death of Jesus, the disciples slept while Jesus prayed in the Garden. (Matt.26:36-46)

But, after His death and resurrection:

- (1) They assembled in the Upper Room, waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and they prayed. We should always pray when assembled with believers. (Acts1:13, 14)
- (2) They prayed as they went from house to house. (Acts. 2:42-47)
- (3) They prayed in the church when Peter was in prison. (Acts. 12: 5-19)
- (4) Paul and Silas prayed in prison. (Acts. 16:25) Here we see Christians praying in the presence of unbelievers, but not to be heard of them. Never pray to please others present; pray only to please God.
- (5) The most important place is any place where you can be alone with God. (Matt. 6:6)
- (6) We are instructed to pray in all places at all times. (1Tim. 2:8)

It is a great joy to be to talk with God, any time any place and under any condition, and to know that He will hear and answer.

NEXT MONTH: HINDRANCE TO PRAYER

-Dr. Thampi P. Daniel.

Deadline for the August 2006 AMTC Newsletter:

Please submit any articles or points of interest to editor@atlantamarthomachurch.com no later than **Wednesday, July 19, 2006**. Your prompt attention to this deadline is highly appreciated.

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