

Secretary's Note

Dear All,

The month of **May** brought another milestone for us with the move to the Family Community Church which has enabled us to have Sunday morning worship services. We had been praying and looking for a place to worship in the mornings for some time and our Lord heard and answered our prayers.

Please continue to keep our church and the Family Community Church in your prayers as we start worshipping here.

We celebrated Sunday School Day on May 13 and had the Ecumenical Fellowship on May 20. Our Sunday School and Choir performed at the Ecumenical Fellowship gathering held at the Mar Thoma Church of SFO. I would like to thank everyone who sang songs, all the teachers who spent time practicing with the students and all of you who were there to support and to meet friends from the other parishes.

June brings about VBS. This year VBS will be from Wednesday, June 13 to Sunday, June 17. School has either ended or is about to end; summer vacations have started and VBS brings about that opportunity to be with friends from church, learn new songs, reinforce values learnt during Sunday School and of course have loads of fun. Did I hear someone say, "Water Balloon"?

Wishing you Peace, Love & Joy,
Linesh John
Secretary

Join the VBS



When: **13-Jun-2018 to 17-Jun-2018**
Where: **Family Community Church**
(478 Piercy Rd, San Jose)
When: **9 AM to 3 PM**

VBS Time

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From the Vicar's desk



- Proverbs 16 1The plans of the mind belong to mortals,
but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.
2 All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the spirit.
3 Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.
4 The Lord has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble.
5 All those who are arrogant are an abomination to the Lord;
be assured, they will not go unpunished.
6 By loyalty and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for,
and by the fear of the Lord one avoids evil.
7 When the ways of people please the Lord,
he causes even their enemies to be at peace with them.
8 Better is a little with righteousness
than large income with injustice.
9 The human mind plans the way,
but the Lord directs the steps.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Surrendering is a difficult thing to do. We usually won't surrender to anyone unless they overpower us and we are left with no other alternative. In such cases, surrender is done begrudgingly. Such surrender happens all the time. A rule is enforced and we follow it only because the leader or government has authority over us. If no one is there to enforce a rule then we try to break it. How does it work when we surrender to God?

What can this passage teach us about our attitude towards “surrender”? First, we notice humans have the freedom to set goals for life, but God’s word is the authority over the universe. God’s word is the final word on the matter, the ultimate answer. God’s control over all means he is in total control of human affairs. His sovereignty is unquestionable.

Now when we think of surrender, we usually think in terms of human choice. But here surrender is taught in terms of God’s sovereignty. This starting point in God and not mankind leaves us with a strange paradox.

If surrender is to be thought of in terms of God’s sovereignty then what difference does it make if I surrender or not? Either way his divine plan never fails. If God’s word never fails; if in the end neither good nor bad choices destroy God’s sovereignty, then why should surrender even matter? When I was a younger I always wondered, “If God knows my thoughts even before I say them, then why do I have to pray at all?” It wasn’t until later that I realized that prayer isn’t so much for God as it is for us. Through prayer we are changed. Jesus’ prayer – Father let your will be done – wasn’t to give God permission to proceed. It instead expressed Jesus’ own obedience and submission to the Father.

Surrender means lining up my will with his will. In verse 3, we read that when we commit our work to the Lord, then our plans will be established. We don’t surrender because we have no other choice. We surrender because it’s the best choice, for true freedom to live life fully comes only within the plans he has laid out for us. May God enable us to commit our works to Him and surrender to His will.

in His service,

Rev. Larry Varghese

Birthday

Day	Name	Day	Name
1	Sidhima Seth	8	Thomas Alexander
1	Sheela Thomas	10	Deepa Mathai
3	Shwetha Jones	13	Timothy Poozhikala
3	Robin Chelliyil	20	Chris Philip
4	Tintu Thomas	20	Mary Regi
4	Abraham Panicker	22	Tintu Thomas
5	Rebecca Koshy	25	Nikkita David
6	Renee Thomas	27	Ryan Abraham
7	Menaka Chandran	30	Koshy Chacko

Wedding Anniversaries

Day	Name
9	Vijay Rajan and Anupa Varghese
9	Prince T. Mathews and Jeena Mathai
12	Shaji Joseph and Sally Joseph
15	Jerry Mannil and Nimisha Mathews
19	Mathew Varghese and Jincy Mathew
23	Larry Varghese and Roshin Varghese
23	Abraham Panicker and Suja Abraham
27	Koshy Chacko and Merina Chacko
28	Thomas Alexander and Elza Varghese

Lectionary

Date	Title	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel
06/03/2018 C.H. 203	Students Sunday - ‘Wisdom the Divine Gift’ Clergy Sunday Offertory (2nd Sunday after the Pentecost)	1 King. 3:16-28 Jam. 1:1-8	2 John. 1-13 St.Luke. 2:21-32
06/10/2018 C.H. 75	Enviornmental Sunday - Creation Proclaims the Glory of God (3rd Sunday after the Pentecost)	Prov. 8:22-31 Rev. 21:1-8	Col. 1:9-20 St.Luke. 8:22-25
06/16/2018 C.H. 27	Beginning of the Fast of the Apostles- Calling and Commissioning of Apostles	Jer. 1:1-12 Heb. 10:32-39	1 Cor. 12:27-31 St.Luke. 6:12-19
06/17/2018 CH. 276	‘Worship the God in Spirit and Truth’ (4th Sunday after the Pentecost)	Isa. 6:1-8 1 John. 5:1-12	2 Thes. 2:13-17 St.John. 4:13-26
06/24/2018 C.H. 239	Cost of Discipleship (5th Sunday after the Pentecost)	Dan. 6:11-23 Heb. 11:23-40	2 Cor. 6:11-18 St. Mark.10:35-45
06/29/2018 CH. 394	End of the Fast of the Apostles- St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s Day	Jer. 16:16-21 Gal. 2:1-20	2 Pet. 3:14-18 St.Mat. 16:13-20

Ecumenical fellowship | Sunday school Anniversary Photos

