

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sat September 2	6:00pm – 8:00pm	South Area Prayer - <i>Reni & Joshi John, Irvine</i>
Sun September 3	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - <i>GGUMC</i>
Tue September 5	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - <i>TBD</i>
Thu September 7	9:00pm – 9:30pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500; 969538#
Fri September 8 – Sun September 10		Church Retreat <i>Pali Retreat Center, 30778 Highway 18, Running Springs, CA 92382</i>
Sun September 10	8:30am – 10:30am	Holy Communion Service (English) - <i>Pali Retreat Center, Running Springs</i>
Tue September 12	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - <i>Anamma & Mathew Koshy, Cerritos</i>
Wed September 13	8:30pm – 9:30pm	Western Regional Tele-prayer Conference - 712-432-1500 638599#
Thu September 14	9:00pm – 9:30pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500; 969538#
Fri September 15	7:00pm – 9:00pm	East Area Prayer - <i>Susan & Lejo Mammen, Brea</i>
Sun September 17	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - <i>GGUMC; Sevika Sangham Day</i>
Sun September 17	5:00pm – 6:45pm	Sevika Sangham Annual Auction and Dinner - <i>Acker Hall, GGUMC</i>
Tue September 19	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - <i>Ann & Isaac George, Buena Park</i>
Thu September 21	9:00pm – 9:30pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500; 969538#
Sun September 24	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - <i>GGUMC; General Body after service</i>
Sun September 24	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Youth Fellowship Meeting - <i>GGUMC</i>
Tue September 26	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - <i>Annamma & Prasad Varghese, Buena Park</i>
Wed September 27	8:30pm – 9:30pm	MTVEA Western Regional Monthly Bible Study - 515-603-3108; 638599#



Family Night

Prayer Dance kicked off the 2017 Horeb Family Night program. It was a festive night and as guests entered they were greeted by Hawaiian leis. Tropical fruit carvings & colorful decorations added to tropical mood. Songs, dances, a poem and raffle prizes helped raise funds for helping underprivileged children in India and providing supplies for the homeless here. Photos by Jerry Chacko & Abiel Cholakath



Outreach at Grandma's House of Hope

Ten members of the HMTc Parish Mission helped to pack about 300 food packages for the women and children of Grandma's House of Hope (GHH). The packages contained canned vegetables, soups, proteins, beans and fruit, dry cereal, oatmeal, pasta, etc. In addition, some of our members joined to paint some props for a Gala hosted by GHH.

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Vicar's Message Rev. Binu P. Thomas

Dear Members in Christ,
Psalm 34:1. I will always thank the Lord: I will never stop praising him.

Let us thank God for his unconditional love showered upon us and for protecting us with his spirit.

I'd like to congratulate and appreciate those who took responsibilities for all events last month; especially our VBS and Family night coordinators. Please note that our Family retreat will be conducted from Friday, September 8th to Sunday, September 10th. Sevika Sangham day is on September 17th. Pray and participate and also use the opportunity to involve the mission activities of our diocese. Pray for people in Texas and Houston for their rehabilitation. Let us praise God all the time for his grace and fellowship.

With love and prayers,

Binuachen, Elizabeth, Angelina, Agnes



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HERE

By: Aneela & Nishan George

Summer is over, fall is here.

It's time for a new Sunday School year.

We learn, read, and sing about the cross.

This reminds us to obey the true Boss.

We learn memory verses and stories together.

To be remembered forever and ever.

We show Christ's love everywhere.

Just like our teachers give us care.



Family Retreat 2017

- Theme** : Joined, Built and Growing Together in Christ the Cornerstone.
- Speaker** : Rev. George Oommen. St. Peter's CSI Church, Hacienda Heights
- Dates** : September 8 - 10
- Venue** : Pali Retreat Center, 30778 Highway 18, Running Springs, CA 92382
- Coordinator** : Elizabeth Kurien (Kamanu)



Joshua 1:9 " Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

For many students, this is a time of new beginnings. For adults, January first marks the turning of a new page in the journal of our lives, but for children, it's the end of summer and the start of the new school year. Their whole world, including their friends, teachers, expectations of them and by them, all change every new academic year. Do we remember the excitement and anxiety we felt when going down the school corridor to find our new classroom for the first time? Whether as a parent, or as an older role model, our job is to help them navigate these tumultuous changes.

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The best way we can do that is by giving them a constant anchor amid all the changes. The best anchor we can provide them with is simply God's love. Equipping them to search for and rely on God's steadfast presence will help them learn lessons now during times of trial that will carry them for the rest of their lives. How do we give them this tool? By using it ourselves.

In education theory, modeling is recognized as one of the best teaching techniques over just telling. A parent can tell his child to pray daily, but until that child witnesses the parent doing it, the words themselves won't register. In addition, besides just telling them of God's promise, let us encourage them to read the powerful promises of God's love directly from the source, His Word, the Bible. Right now, they may just see memory verses as something to do just to make their teachers in Sunday School happy. But the reason why our church stresses memory verses is to give developing Christians the ability to retain key verses they will need in times of trouble close to their heart. For me personally, this verse is one that I call upon frequently in times of stress... *Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* And I am thankful to my teacher in college who gave me this verse to keep in my heart. Our kids need key memory verses that are available instantaneously that they can call on in times of need, without pulling out a phone, pressing the Google app, and searching for "verses for times of anxiety".

Our job in Sunday School is to supplement these lessons that are happening at home. We, the teachers of Sunday School, look forward to a new year where God has entrusted us to help parents and role models to equip our children to face the exciting challenges they will face this new school year with God's love as their anchor.

Mathew Thomas
(Sunday School Principal)

Sevika Sangham Day 2017

Theme: Women-Change maker (John 4:23-30)

Annual auction and potluck dinner at Acker Hall after service.

The purpose of the auction is to praise God for His many blessings. The proceeds will be used for Sevika Sangham mission activities and the Sevika Sangham fund. Please feel free to bring vegetables, fruits, baked goods, homemade snacks, pickles, children's books, etc.

Gallery Galore



Sunday School Anniversary



Vacation Bible School



Student Dedication