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Decision making and seeking the will of God.

Dearly beloved in Christ,

By the grace of almighty we are done with the first month of the New Year. In the beginning of the year most of us had made many pertinent resolutions about our lives. What about those decisions? Is it still working? What is the biblical basis of taking decisions? Decision making and seeking the will of God is integrally related to each other to make a proper and appropriate decisions about serious matters related to our life. In the word of God, we can see lot of decisions taken by the Godly man to uphold and upgrade his society. Some of the decisions were painful.

Numbers chapter 13 gives vivid expression of Moses sending spies to the land of Canaan to explore, assess and report the geographical features of the land, their strength and number of the population, the agricultural potential and actual performance of the land, civic organization and [forestry](#) conditions. He also asked them to be positive in their outlook and to return with samples of local produce of the land. When ten of the twelve spies showed little faith in the doom and gloom report they gave about the land, they were slandering what they believed God had promised them. They did not believe that God could help them, and the people as a whole were persuaded that it was not possible to take the land. As a result, the entire nation was made to wander in the desert for 40 years, until almost the entire generation of men had died. [Joshua](#) and [Caleb](#) were the two spies who brought back a good report and believed that God would help them succeed. They were the only men from their generation permitted to go into the Promised Land after the time of wandering.

Commonly decisions are taken in two ways. Most of the times, decisions are the automatic responses to the situations. Our human tendency is to be too quick to act and not to labor in prayer and waiting upon the Lord. Later, vote system enables and encourages a body of leaders to bypass the hard process of prayer and submission to the lord and to one another. Secondly, is the consensus system which is much more burdensome and time consuming, it provides the Lord to implement His will on our human wisdom and self-will. It forces self-willed brothers to face their stubbornness and to submit to others. It requires difficult matters to be submitted to the corporate wisdom of all of the elders. If the 12 spies had operated on this basis, perhaps they would have reconsidered the viewpoint of Joshua and Caleb. The minority had God's viewpoint the majority had a wrong perspective.

Dearly beloved, decision making has an important role in the life and growth of the church. We need to follow the consensus system to elect the representatives for the well being of the church and glory of God Almighty. Before taking decisions the church should know the mind and will of Lord, through prayer and biblically based discussions. Godly consensus leadership takes place when men submit their wills to Christ as Head of His church. When we rely on the Holy Spirit through the Word we will be devoted to one another in brotherly love and seek to give preference to one another in honor. May God bless and guide all our decisions through the process of consensus.

With prayerful regards,

Rev. Jai Varghese

Theme and Assistance in Sunday Worship Services				
Date	Offertory Collection	Lessons	Assisting in Holy Communion	Theme for the Sunday
05-02-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	<i>Samuel P.V.& Family</i>	Adv.Manoj V George Isa 42:1-9	John K Mathen, M C Varghese	Compassionate Healing
		Shilpa Manoj Acts 8:1-13		
12-02-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	<i>Thomas John & Family</i>	Achamma John Isa 65:17-25	Mathews Kurien, KK Abraham	Sabbath: Leading to the perfection of Creation.
		Reena Varghese Heb 4:1-13		
19-02-2017 Sunday (English) 9:30 am	<i>S.S. Students</i>	Gen 6:1-13 Joel P. Mathew	Dannie Jim, Abin Thomas	Fall as the violation of the purpose creation
		Rom 5:12-21 Angel Rean George		
26-02-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	<i>Chandy Matthew & Family</i>	Benny Varghese Isa 44:21-28	John K Mathen, Mathews Kurien	Beginning of the great Lent. Time of Transformation
		Bijo Matthew 1Tim 1:12-17		

Responsibility	Prayer Group
<i>Altar Decoration</i>	<i>Srinivaspuri/Lajpat Nagar</i>
<i>Bible Reading</i>	<i>Vasant Kunj</i>
<i>Offertory Collection</i>	<i>Vasant Kunj</i>
<i>Offertory Counting</i>	<i>Green Park</i>
<i>Coffee Serving</i>	<i>Govindpuri</i>
<i>Ushering</i>	<i>Badarpur</i>

Holy Baptism:

- Joanna Sarah Vijo D/o Vijo K. John and Jincy Vijo of Kidwai Nagar Prayer Group was baptized on Thursday the 12th January at our Church
- Mr. Benjamin Thomas, S/o K.George Thomas and Valsa Thomas was baptized on 18th January 2017, Wednesday at our church

We proudly welcome the new members to our fellowship

Marriage:

- Jean P. Sam, S/o. Mrs & Mr. Samuel P. M, Mehrauli Prayer group and Anu Augustine D/o. Mrs & Mr. Augustine Joseph, Mehrauli, got married on 29th December 2016 at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Anicadu
- Linta Merlin Daniel D/o. Mrs & Mr. Daniel Abraham, R. K. Puram Prayer group and Ajo Ponnachan, S/o. Mrs & Mr. Ponnachan Thomas, Kumbazha, got married on 2nd January 2017 at St. Mary's Orthodox Valiya Cathedral Church, Kumbazha
- Benji Oommen George S/o Mrs & Mr Oommen P.G, Lajpat Nagar Prayer group and Modi Sara Varghese D/o Mrs & Mr Varghese K.C, Tiruvalla, got married on 11th January 2017 at St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kozhencherry

May God Almighty shower his choicest blessings on the newly weds

Congratulations:

- Mr. K .T. Thomas and Mrs. Mercy Thomas, Aya Nagar prayer group are blessed with a grand-daughter on 3rd January 2017
- Mr. Philip T.E. and Mrs. Moncy Philip, Srinivaspuri prayer group are blessed with a baby girl on 6th January 2017

God bless the newborns!!

Condolence:

- Mrs. Thankamma (76 yrs) Mother of Mr. Beji George, Vasant Kunj Prayer group passed away on 9th January 2017 in Kerala. Funeral was held on 11th January 2017 at St. Thomas MTC, Tiruvalla
- Mr. V. S. Zachariah (89 yrs) father of Mr. Babu V. Zachariah & Mrs. Saramma Mamachan, Badarpur Prayer group, passed away on 14th January 2017. Funeral was held in Trinity, MTC, Mekkozhoor on 19th Jan 2017
- Mr. T. J. Samuel (92 Yrs) a founder member of our Church, passed away in Chennai on 13th January and Funeral was held in Mar Thoma Church Anna Nagar, Chennai on 14th January 2017

May the Almighty GOD provide consolation and peace to the bereaved families

Events of the Month:

- 5th Feb 2017, would be observed as the Parish Medical Mission Sunday
- Society General Body will be held on 25th Feb 2017, Saturday
- Parish General Body would be held on 26th Feb 2017, Sunday

News Flash:

Inter Prayer Group Competition Results

Competition	Ist	IInd	IIIrd
Quiz	Kalkaji	Govindpuri	Munirka
Choir	Aya Nagar	Kalkaji	Gautam Nagar

Congratulations to all the participants and winners!

Change of Address / Phone Number

SI	PNR	NAME	ADDRESS & Tel. No	PRAYER GROUP
1	1604	Mr. Johnson A		Gautam Nagar
2	1901	Mr. Byju Jacob Daniel		Devoli
3	1892	Mr. Saju Thomas		Srinivaspuri

Quiz – Look for yourself

*Note: Please mention the verse of your answer and write or undersign your name and prayer group in your answer. With this quiz we intend that you will read the bible in a routine manner so please try to find answers by yourself rather through other sources. This month quiz is from the **book** .*

*Send your answers either by hand or by e-mail to jerusalem.jyothi@gmail.com. Last date for sending your answers is **Sunday 19th Feb 2017**.*

2nd chronicles chapter 25-36

1. How many people were thrown down from the top of the cliff by the army of Judah?
2. Who had the charge of the palace and governed the people of the land during the time of Uzziah?
3. Who were the people who humbled themselves and went to Jerusalem?
4. A king who gave Ahaz trouble instead of help ?
5. In which valley did Manasseh sacrifice his sons ?
6. Who had built towers in the desert ?
7. Who was assassinated at his own palace ?
8. Who had battle with Josiah at Corchemish on the Euphrates?
9. Who built a dam in the river?
10. What is the holy dwelling place of God?
11. Who trespassed more against Jehovah even in the time of his distress?
12. Who fought with Neco in disguise?
13. Name the two kings who celebrated Passover?
14. Who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, but not whole heartedly?

15. Who killed Azrikam the officer in charge of the palace ?

Answers: 2nd chronicles 13-24

1. Jehoram(21:19)
2. Asa(16:14)
3. At the brook of kidrons (15:16)
4. Shilhi (20:31)
5. Jehoiada (24:3)
6. Mattan(23:17)
7. Micaiah (18:26)
8. Zerah (14.9)
9. Silver (17:11)
10. They were sitting at the gate of Samaria (18:9)
11. Jehu the seer asked Jehoshapat (19:2)
12. Ahaziah king of Israel (20:36)
13. Joash (22:12)
14. Zabad (24:26)
15. Zechariah (20:14)

*Mrs. Alis John Mehrauli , Mrs. Ani Thomas Varghese Malviya Nagar, Mrs. Susamma George Kalkaji, Miss. Krupa Mariam Koshy Kalkaji, Mr. Aslin Samuel Kalkaji, Mr. Aswin Thomas Robin Kalkaji, Miss. Linu R Chacko Mehrauli, Mrs. Susan R Chacko R K Puram and Miss. Jissa M Cherian Chattarpur scored full marks. Winner of January month quiz is **Miss. Krupa Mariam Koshy** of **Kalkaji prayer group** after taking lots. Congratulations to all.*

Prayer and Organizational Meetings				
Date	Day	Time	Organization/Area	Venue
02-02-2017	Thursday	8:00pm	Munirka	Varghese K
03-02-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Gautam Nagar	
03-02-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Kidwai Nagar/Sarojini Nagar	Roy P Thomas
05-02-2017	Sunday	7.30 pm	Andrews Ganj	
05-02-2017	Sunday	7.30 pm	Kalkaji	Sunny John
08-02-2017	Wednesday	7:30pm	Edvaka Mission Bible Study	At Church
09-02-2017	Thursday	8:00pm	Devoli	-
10-02-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Mehrauli	John Abraham
10-02-2017	Friday	7:30pm	R.K.Puram	Raji Chacko
12-02-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Medical Clinic	At Church premises
12-02-2017	Sunday	5:00pm	Ashram	George Thomas K

12-02-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Lajpat Nagar/Srinivaspuri	Valsamma Thomas
12-02-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Vasant Kunj/Mahipalpur	Adv. Manoj V George
17-02-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Chattarpur	Sunu Abraham
19-02-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Yuvajana Sakhyam Bible Study	At church
19-02-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Govindpuri	Koshy Philipose
19-02-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Moti Bagh	
24-02-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Aya Nagar	Mr.Varughese John
24-02-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Green Park/Malviya Nagar	
26-02-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Badarpur	Babu Zachariah
26-02-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Sarita Vihar	C.J.Matthew

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	John	Mahipalpur
	Sanoj Abraham	Mehrauli
2	Oommen P G,	Lajpat Nagar
	Christy Reny,D/o Mr. Reny Varghese	Kalkaji
	Raichel.P.Abraham	Munirka
	Sam John Koshy,S/o Koshy John	Devoli
3	Merin Eapen,D/o Eapen P. E.	Mahipalpur
	Nidhi Sara Shaji,D/o Shaji Cherian	Moti Bagh
4	Reny Roy,D/o Mr. Roy Ninan	Moti Bagh
	Joel Johnson,S/o Johnson C J	Moti Bagh
	Thomas Oommen	Kalkaji
	Vinitha Jacob,W/o Jacob V.T.	Mehrauli
	Viji Thomas	Moti Bagh
5	Varghese John Ham	Moti Bagh
	Shreshta Varghese,D/o Mr. Biju Varghese	Moti Bagh
	Mahima Ann Thomas,D/o Mr. Wg Cdr V. George Thomas	Kidwai Nagar
	Abraham Mathai	Sarita Vihar
6	Jiju George,S/o George P C	Malviya Nagar
	Sheryll Garg,D/o Mr. Rajesh Garg Dr.	Moti Bagh
	Josephine Oommen,W/o Mr. Oommen T. K (Dr)	Vasant Kunj
	Lael Mariam Sunil,D/o Sunil Abraham	Moti Bagh
	Lowell Abraham Sunil,S/o Sunil Abraham	Moti Bagh
	Leeron SusanSunil,D/o Sunil Abraham	Moti Bagh
	George M Babu,S/o Mr. Babu M. G.	Moti Bagh

7	Annie Ben Stephen,W/o Stephen Mathew	Aya Nagar
	Binu Varghese Samuel	Malviya Nagar
	Rini Mathew,D/o Mr. Mathew George	R.K.Puram
8	Chris Reny,S/o Mr. Reny Varghese	Kalkaji
	Sabin Mathew,S/o Mathew C J	Sarita Vihar
	Koshy John	Devoli
	Raymol Reji,D/o Regi Issac	Kalkaji
9	Rachel Sapna Binu,C/o Mr. George A. V.	Aya Nagar
	Neha Elizabeth Titus,D/o Titus John Dr.	Kidwai Nagar
10	Sosamma K George,W/o Mr. George Thomas K.	Ashram
	John Mathew	Ashram
	Jissa M Cherian,D/o Mr. Cherian C.	Chattarpur
	Lisa Rajesh,W/o Mr. Rajesh Garg Dr.	Moti Bagh
11	Mary S Philip,W/o Mr. Suresh Philip	Moti Bagh
	Lia Maria Thomas,C/o Thomas M. M	Malviya Nagar
	Aleyamma Benjamin,W/o Mr. Benjamin P. G.	Andrews Ganj
12	Prish Prabhakar Madavi,S/o Mr. Prabhakar Vitthal Madavi	Wardha Mission
	Stephen Koshy,S/o Koshy Philipose	Govindpuri
	Kezia Grace Sham George,D/o Mr. George M. Y.	Munirka
	Shiffin Joy,S/o Joy Abraham	Aya Nagar
12	Libin T Varghese,S/o Varghese T E	Ashram
	Abraham Y	Gautam Nagar
	Aliyamma Thomas,W/o Mr. Thomas Daniel	Govindpuri
	Sheela Mathew,W/o Mr. George Mathew Dr.	Vasant Kunj
13	Biju Samuel	Kalkaji
	Umesh Vasantrao Wankhade	Wardha Mission
16	Sasi Kumar	Ashram
	Benji Oommen George, S/o Oommen P G	Lajpat Nagar
17	Alan Alex George,S/o Alex George	Devoli
	Sweety Joseph,W/o Mr. Shibu Joseph	Kalkaji
	Angel Ann Biju,D/o Biju Samuel	Kalkaji
	Chacko Abraham	Mehrauli
	Lt.Col.Stanley John Phulips	Kidwai Nagar
18	Shaji Mathai	R.K.Puram
	Jaimon K Joseph,S/o Mr. Jose Joseph	Ashram
19	Aleena Roby Varghese,D/o Mr. Roby George	Sarita Vihar

	Jasween Thomas,C/o Thomas K. C.	Moti Bagh
20	Vijo K John,S/o John K Mathen	Kidwai Nagar
	George N. G.	Badarpur
	Joseph Abraham	Kidwai Nagar
21	Philips Varghese,C/o Mr. George Varghese	Mehrauli
	Biji Mathew,S/o Mr. Chandy Mathew	Mahipalpur
22	Sunitha Anil George,C/o Mrs. Rahelamma George	Govindpuri
	Justin A. Raji,S/o Raji M. Abraham	Sarita Vihar
	Elizabeth John,W/o Mr.John Kurien	Sarita Vihar
	Manchu Santhosh,W/o Santhosh Varghese	Govindpuri
23	Aleyamma Varughese,W/o Varughese Mathai	Badarpur
	Feba Bovas,D/o Mr. Bovas Daniel	Mahipalpur
	Wesley S. Mathews	Kidwai Nagar
25	Nivin Daniel,S/o Mr. Daniel Abraham	R.K.Puram
	Vishishta Sam,D/o Sam Mathew K	Chattarpur
	Elizabeth George,W/o Iype C George	Aya Nagar
26	Bennat Varghese Roy,S/o Mr. Roy Varghese	Govindpuri
	Alex Kurien	Mehrauli
	Pratibha Raj,D/o Rajan Y	Aya Nagar
	Steny Koshy,D/o Koshy Philipose	Govindpuri
	Shoji Kurian Mathews,S/o Mathews Kurian	Govindpuri
27	Shinshu Ann Alex,D/o Mr. Alexander M. T.	Aya Nagar
	Sherin Mary Benjamin,D/o Mr. Benjamin P. G.	Andrews Ganj
28	Shoba George	Moti Bagh
29	Pavana C Biju,D/o Biju Thomas	Ashram

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
3	Mrs. & Mr. George C Philip	Vasant Kunj
	Mrs. & Mr. Samuel P.V.	Mahipalpur
4	Mrs. & Mr. Daniel P T	Srinivaspuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Shaji Mathai	R.K.Puram
	Mrs. & Mr. Santhosh John	Moti Bagh
5	Mrs. & Mr. Kochukunju K M	Kalkaji
6	Mrs. & Mr. Ajo Abraham	Moti Bagh
7	Mrs. & Mr. Reji Yohannan	Kalkaji
8	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Oommen	Moti Bagh

9	Mrs. & Mr. Alexander M T	Aya Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Abraham	R.K.Puram
10	Mrs. & Mr. John Abraham	Mehrauli
	Mrs. & Mr. Philip T M	Badarpur
11	Mrs. & Mr. Varughese Mathai	Badarpur
12	Mrs. & Mr. Shibu C. Verghese	Green Park
	Mrs. & Mr. Sunil Abraham	Moti Bagh
14	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese K	Munirka
15	Mrs. & Mr. George Thomas K	Ashram
16	Mrs. & Mr. Alexander K K	R.K.Puram
	Mrs. & Mr. George N. G.	Badarpur
22	Mrs. & Mr. Issac Abraham	Kalkaji
24	Mrs. & Mr. Shibu T P	Vasant Kunj
	Mrs. & Mr. Santhosh Varghese	Govindpuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Ashish George Paracken	Moti Bagh
25	Mrs. & Mr. Bobby K Mathew	Ashram
27	Mrs. & Mr. Raju Kurien	Kalkaji
	Mrs. & Mr. Joseph M V	Badarpur
28	Mrs. & Mr. Felix Mathew	Badarpur
	Mrs. & Mr. Titus P Koshy (Dr.)	R.K.Puram
	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Samuel	Ashram
29	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas N K	Mehrauli