



Mar Thoma
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From Vicar's Desk

Successful or Useful

Achieving success is something that the majority of people strive towards. People want to know if we or others succeeded or failed in various aspects of life including education, career, family life, parenting, business and other areas. Therefore, the majority of people categorize life as either successful or unsuccessful. But how can we assess whether or not life is successful? Some people use our lifespan as a proxy for how successful we have been in life. Others may use money or their profession as a grading scale. Although money is necessary for our survival, it is not appropriate to judge one's success in life just on the basis of money.

Success is a wide concept with numerous connotations. Achieved goals are typically used to gauge success. Being happy, healthy, wealthy, powerful or popular can all be regarded signs of a successful life. Since success is a personal experience, everyone has a different definition of it. On the other hand, there are others who care more about being useful than successful.

Being successful in life is more prized than being useful in today's competitive and commercialized world. Therefore, people may employ any strategy in order to triumph without taking into account or caring about the other, especially the vulnerable. Being useful requires leading a fulfilling life with a purpose and making a good difference in the lives of others. The Bible contains numerous occasions where the ultimate goal of humanity is described as something that benefits society as a whole and, by extension, useful for God. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

Our lives are made more useful by helping those who are in need, valuing others' emotions, supporting others in their fight for survival, providing direction for those who are lost, and assisting those who are depressed. If we want to have meaningful relationships with others, we must focus on how we can help them. Any life's success must be judged on its ability to be of help. This is what we see in Martin Luther King Jr.'s words, "The most persistent and urgent question in life is, 'what are you doing for others?'" While we assess our own achievement in life, others assess our lives to determine our usefulness. As a result, in order to succeed, we must be useful.

What is the real purpose of our lives? Is it intended to be useful or successful? Life's purpose is to be useful. We must resist the urge to be self-centered. **Instead of concentrating on success, try to be useful. Let our lives be useful—useful to God and to humanity as a whole.**

Prayers and Blessings
Saju Achen

Worship Service Schedule

Dates	Service	Lesson1	Lesson2	Epistle	Gospel	Service Support
Sunday Feb 5	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Isaiah 53:1-12	1 Peter 2:18-25	Acts 3: 11-16	Matthew 8: 5-17	Snellville - Lilburn
Sunday Feb 12	Holy Qurbana English	1 Samuel 21:1-9	Hebrews 4:1-11	Colossians 2: 13-19	Luke 6:1-10	Cumming- Suwanee
Sunday Feb 19	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Hosea 14:1-9	2 Peter 1:1-11	Romans 12: 1-2	John 2: 1-11	Grayson- Loganville
Sunday Feb 26	Holy Qurbana English	Jeremiah 33:6-11	1 John 1: 5-10	James 4: 7-10	Mark 1: 40-45	Alpharetta- Marietta

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

Prayer Group	Time & Date	Location
Lawrenceville	Sat, Feb 4th at 6:30 PM	Residence of Mr. Samuel Varghese & Mrs. Elizabeth Samuel 1904 Sanderling Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043
Alpharetta-Marietta & Cumming- Suwanee	Sun, Feb 19th at 6:00 PM	Residence of Bobby George & Swopna George 2220 Summit Oaks Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043



From our Sunday School Kids

Sunday School & Geography Class Confusion

What city did God tell Jonah to go to?

2nd Grade Student: City of Savannah

Organization Program Schedule

Organization	Time, Day & Date	Venue
Young Family Fellowship	3:30 PM on Saturday, Feb 25th	Residence of Mathews and Sherin Athiyal 3671 Graham Way, Lilburn, GA 30047
Yuvajana Sakhyam	1:00 PM on Sunday, Feb 19th	After Lunch in the Amphitheater
Thirusannidhiyil	9:00 PM on Monday, Feb 13th and Monday, Feb 27th	Via Zoom
Edavaka Mission	7:30 PM Every Friday	Fellowship Hall
Fasting Prayer	10 AM on Saturday, Feb 27th	Mother Baby Room
Sevika Sangam	10 AM on Saturday, Feb 11th	Residence of Mrs. Ginomol Mathai 2655 Montclair Place, Snellville, GA 30078
Senior Citizens	10 AM on Saturday, Feb 4th	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	8:30 AM Every Sunday	Chapel
Youth Fellowship	2:00 PM on Saturday, Feb 18th	Amphitheatre
Weekly Bible Study for Youth Fellowship	7:00 PM Every Monday	Fellowship Hall
Lenten Music & Worship	6:30 PM on Saturday, Feb 25th	Sanctuary

Prayer after a lesson on Israelities Crossing the Red Sea



Dear God,
Kill our enemies and those that are mean to us! AMEN

Sunday School Class: Nursery

The top corners of the page are decorated with various styles of stars. On the left, there are several red stars of different sizes, some with yellow and orange sparkles. On the right, there are red stars, some with white outlines, and some with yellow and orange sparkles. The background is a solid light blue color.

The Star

The constellation in the night sky
That may interpret the birth of Jesus Christ
That God meant for man to know
Was told to Abraham by Yahveh
"The Lord is One", "Who was" and
"Who is" and "Who is to come"!

The star of wonder
That appeared in the sky
Quickened the minds of
The three astrologers
Reminded them of that foretold story
Jesus the bright and morning Star
Is the Savior for all in earth
Will come to reign us forever!

By Sarah George

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date
Mr. Anish Kurian	Feb - 1	Mr. T.M.Thomas	Feb - 8
Mrs. Saramma Thomas	Feb - 2	Mrs. Shirly Wilson	Feb - 8
Mrs. Mariamma George	Feb - 2	Mst. David John	Feb - 8
Mrs. Annie Varughese	Feb - 2	Mrs. Leslie H .Paul	Feb - 9
Mr. Renjit Mathew	Feb - 3	Mrs. Susan Joseph	Feb - 10
Mst. Alexander Daniel Oommen	Feb - 3	Dr. Oommen Thomas	Feb - 10
Mr. Gijo Jacob	Feb - 3	Ms. Sharon Sunny	Feb - 11
Mrs. Sherin Mathew	Feb - 3	Mr. Reji Samuel	Feb - 12
Mrs. Mariamma Abraham	Feb - 4	Mr. Anil John	Feb - 13
Mrs. Susan Chandapillai	Feb - 4	Mr. Josh Mathew	Feb - 14
Mrs. Jincy Mathai	Feb - 5	Mr. Jibin Titus	Feb - 14
Ms. Riyana John	Feb - 5	Mr. Mathew Samuel	Feb - 15
Mrs. Sangeetha Mathew	Feb - 6	Mr. Benny Samuel	Feb - 15
Mrs. Sudha Ann Zachariah	Feb - 6	Mr. Tyson Jones	Feb - 15
Ms. Krupa Sarah Zachariah	Feb - 6	Ms. Shruthi E. Thomas	Feb - 15
Mrs. Veena V. Chirayil	Feb - 7	Mr. Jaison C. Varghese	Feb - 17

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date
Ms. Noya Merin Shone	Feb - 18	Ms. Livya S. Mathew	Feb - 24
Mr. Christan S. Mathew	Feb - 18	Mrs. Meenu Koshy	Feb - 24
Ms. Mintu Mathew	Feb - 18	Mr. Varghese Abraham	Feb - 24
Mr. Philip Joseph	Feb - 18	Mr. Mathew Varghese	Feb - 25
Mrs. Ginomol Mathai	Feb - 18	Mr. Charly Soman	Feb - 25
Mr. Sunil John	Feb - 18	Mrs. Julianne S. Cherian	Feb - 25
Mrs. Jessy Alexander	Feb - 18	Mr. Sean Koshy	Feb - 25
Mr. James Wilson	Feb - 19	Mr. Sagin K. Mamman	Feb - 26
Ms. Lilia Mariam Mathews	Feb - 19	Ms. Sarah G. Mathew	Feb - 26
Mr. Bobby C. George	Feb - 20	Ms. Rhea Mathew	Feb - 26
Mrs. Susan Varghese	Feb - 20	Mrs. Leny Betty Varghese	Feb - 27
Mr. Joshua C. Mathew	Feb - 20	Mr. Febu T. Jacob	Feb - 27
Dr. Joshy Jacob	Feb - 22	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	Feb - 28
Mrs. Sapna Thomas	Feb - 23	Ms. Reanna Robin Alex	Feb - 28
Ms. Sania Jacob	Feb - 24	Mr. Nibin J. Mathews	Feb - 28



February Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date
Mr. Ajit Mathew & Mrs. Priya Mathew	2-Feb
Mr. Lukose Tharian & Mrs. Gracy Tharian	3-Feb
Dr. Rajesh Mathew & Dr. Bini Mathew	6-Feb
Mr. George John & Mrs. Lizy John	7-Feb
Dr. Jose Enos & Mrs. Saramma Enos	7-Feb
Mr. Chandapillai P Thomas & Mrs. Susan Chandapillai	11-Feb
Mr. Reni Kuruvila & Mrs. Anju Susan Raju	16-Feb
Mr. Joseph E. Jones & Mrs. Molly Jones	23-Feb
Mr. Varghese Samuel & Mrs. Susan Varghese	25-Feb
Mr. Varghese A. Chacko & Mrs. Ramani V. Athiyal	26-Feb

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
Anyone who does not love does not know God,
because God is love.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

1 John 4: 7 - 9



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Invites you to

Lenten Service

Saturdays at 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 25 - APRIL 1

