

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Trevoose, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd - Malayalam Holy Communion
2nd – English Holy Communion
4th – English Holy Communion
5th – Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer – Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM

Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
05/09/2024	Ascension of our Lord
05/12/2024	Mother's Day
05/19/2024	Pentecost Sunday
05/26/2024	Trinity Sunday
06/16/2024	Father's Day
06/27-06/29	VBS
08/04/2024	Laity Sunday
08/11/2024	Harvest Festival
08/18/2024	Harvest Festival
08/24/2024	CHURCH PICNIC
09/01/2024	Choir Sunday/Education Sunday
09/07/2024	Sunday School Competition
09/15/2024	Mission Sunday
09/22/2024	Senior Citizen's Sunday
09/27/2024	CSI Formation Day
10/06/2024	Youth Sunday
10/20/2024	Church Day
10/27/2024	Reformation Sunday
11/03/2024	Sunday school Sunday
11/10/2024	Unity Sunday
12/01/2024	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/08/2024	Bible Sunday
12/24/2024	Family Sunday
12/22/2024	Christmas Carol at 6 PM
12/25/2024	Christmas Day
12/31/2024	Watchnight Service



From Achen's Desk

Praise the Lord, God bless the Emmanuel family,
Once again it is my pleasure to address the Emmanuel family through this month's newsletter.

Pentecost

In the church tradition, Christmas is celebration of the love of God the father who sent His only begotten son Jesus Christ, Easter is celebration of the life of Jesus Christ and Pentecost is celebration of the Coming of God the Holy Spirit. When these festivals are celebrated, much importance is given to Christmas and Easter, but the church had completely forgotten to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. This festival is also called by another name as "Festival of Weeks". Pentecost means the 50th day after resurrection.

The person of the Pentecost is God the Holy spirit, the purpose for which He was sent is to fulfill the prophecies, the power of the Pentecost is to communicate, the proclamation of Pentecost is Jesus is Lord and Christ and finally the preparation and pointer of the Pentecost is "Repentance and Waiting with hope for the final coming of Christ".

The book of Acts opens with the promise of the coming of the spirit on the disciples which is realized at Pentecost. The symbols we see in Acts 2: 1-13 like dove which symbolizes gentleness. Fire symbolizes the presence of God, Wind symbolizes the unseen power of God and finally the Tongues symbolizes the Speech or the communication of God the Holy Spirit.

If there is no spirit in the body a person is dead likewise if there is no spirit of God found in church, the church is dead. As the physical body cannot exist without a soul, the church cannot exist without the spirit of God.

Pentecost challenges unity. The author of the Apostles presents the experience of the Pentecost by the followers of Jesus Christ in a very dramatic way in Acts 2. These followers were assembled in the temple precincts or heard it. The presence of God the Holy Spirit takes place when the followers of Christ hail from multiracial, multilingual, multicultural, and from other diversities. God the Holy Spirit is unified. The Tower of Babel divided and the day of Pentecost united everyone so intimately in brotherly and sisterly love and the outcome, church was born.

Let God the Holy Spirit in the midst of us transform the whole creation to unity. Amen.

Your Loving
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Wedding Anniversaries:

Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of May. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Jacob Korah & Annamma Jacob	05/10
Mr. Ivan Patterthanam & Mrs. Jiji Ivan	05/25
Mr. Noby Nainan & Mrs. Annie Nainan	05/28



May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.

By M.S.Lowndes

34th CSI Family & Youth Conference



Registration Link: <http://www.eccliafanta.org>
 Code: Family and Youth conference 2024
 tab, scroll down and click "Registration Link"
<https://forms.gle/cseakylGk6CjLcay66>
 or alternatively scan the QR Code shown alongside

Forms can also be obtained from your Pastor/Church Secretary

Mailing: Please send completed form to Mr. Mathew George, General Convener, P. O. Box 1722, Savelle, GA 30078 or email csi@conferenceus.org, with other checks payable to "ECISI" or payment through Zelle "matthew6519@yahoo.com". All payments are in US dollars only. Registration fee includes accommodation and food starting with dinner on Thursday 4th July till lunch on Sunday 7th July 2024. Conference fee varies according to room options and early registration.

Registration Charges:

Four adults in one room	\$345 per person Plus \$25 registration fee
Three adults in one room	\$380 per person Plus \$25 registration fee
Two adults in one room	\$450 per person Plus \$25 registration fee
Single occupancy	\$625 per person Plus \$25 registration fee
Children between the age group of 6 to 12	\$ 200 per child.
Children under the age of 6 years	No charges for children under the age of 6 years.

Registration fee will be waived with a minimum half payment prior to 31st March 2024.

Those who wish to come prior to the conference date or extend their stay, please inform the Committee before 31st June, 2024, so as to make the needed arrangements with the hotel.

Souvenir:
 To commemorate the 34th Family and Youth Conference 2024, the Emmanuel CSI Congregation Church, Atlanta will be publishing a memorable and historical Souvenir. All Churches, members and well-wishers are requested to support this event and sponsor an advertisement for the souvenir.
 The advertisement can include personal compliments with family photographs as well as firm's/business advertisement. The page size is on the order form. Kindly send your advertisement matter, photographs and details on or before 31st June, 2024 to catsouvenir24@gmail.com

Advertisement Charges:

Full page Business/Churches	\$350	Half page \$250
Personal	\$250	Half page \$150
Back Cover page outside	\$2500	Front Cover inside \$2000
Back Cover inside	\$1500	Souvenir last page inside \$1000

Contact: Souvenir Committee Convener, Mr. John Dommen (470)-550-7582

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Accommodation	: Mr. David John	(678) 521-1189
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Transportation	: Mr. Sojo Mathew	(404) 626-4889
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Transportation
 Transportation to and from Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, Atlanta (ATL) will be provided on Thursday, 4th July and Sunday, 7th July, 2024.
 Please send your request with flight information on or before June 28 Friday, 2024 to the Transportation Coordinators.

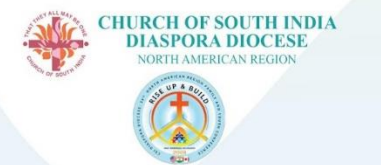
Programs
 The Conference will commence on Thursday July 4th with inauguration and entertainment program on the opening night. The main sessions will include spiritual led presentations, group discussions, singing, and other group activities.

Women's Fellowship
 A WF Meeting will be conducted led by Beena Mathew, Secretary, NA CSI. There will also be a session led by Sarah George, Educationalist & Clinical Psychologist, Emmanuel CSI Congregation, Atlanta

Recreation activities
 Basketball and Volleyball tournaments for all. Inter-congregation competition is open to one team per sport from each church. For details, contact Recreation Committee Convener, Ruben Cherian (R.Cherian121@gmail.com / 470-484-1545)

Sunday School Activities
 The Sunday School Coordinator will lead the children in Bible-based lessons. Kids will learn new songs while having fun and making new friends. For details, contact Sunday School Coordinator, Aji Paul (Ajipaul20@yahoo.com) 589-322-3473

Youth Activities
 The youth section will be led by The Very Rev. Canon Sean George, Canon to the Ordinary and Director of Communications, Anglican church, Loganville, GA. He has served as a chaplain to several independent and assisted living facilities, bringing people to Christ through his ministry. The focus of this conference is to help our youth to grow in discipleship and faith in Christ and commitment and service to our community.



34th FAMILY & YOUTH CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA - 2024

Hosted by:
Emmanuel C.S.I. Congregation of Atlanta

Date: 4th JULY, THURSDAY to 7th JULY SUNDAY, JULY 2024
 Venue: SONESTA GWINNETT PLACE ATLANTA 1775 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth, GA 30096

Theme:
 "Let us rise up and build."
 Nehemiah 2:18



Our Leaders:

Bible Quiz:
 A Bible Quiz for adults and a second Bible Quiz for Sunday School students, based on the Book of Acts (NW) will be held on Friday afternoon. Each congregation can enter 7 participants for the Quiz competition.

Talent Night Show
 Date/Time: Evening, Friday 5th July 2024. One item with a maximum of 10 minutes duration may be presented by each congregation. Please submit details to Conference Talent Night Coordinator, Roshan Joseph (Collant24@gmail.com).

Choir Festival
 A choir festival will be held for all church choirs on Saturday evening. All Choir Directors are requested to contact the Choir Festival Coordinator, Mrs. Sarah George (sarahsgeorge@hotmail.com) for participation details.

Date/Time: Evening, Friday 5th July 2024. One item with a maximum of 10 minutes

CSI FAMILY AND YOUTH CONFERENCE 2024
 The Church of South India (CSI) is a union of seven Protestant denominations, formed in 1947, and is one of the leading churches in India. It has 26 dioceses, including the Diocese of North America. CSI has a membership of over 4.5 million and 15000 congregations all over the world. The Church of South India is a member of the Anglican Communion, World Methodist Council and World Communion of Reformed Churches. CSI in North America has more than 30 Congregations.

EMMANUEL CSI CHURCH ATLANTA
 The Emmanuel CSI Church Atlanta is hosting the 34th Family and Youth Conference of the CSI North America Diocese on 4.5.24 and 7 July 2024 at Sonesta Gwinnett Place, 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, Georgia 30096. We cordially invite all members to actively participate and spiritually enrich yourself in this historic conference – the very first to be held in the beautiful state of Georgia.

Sessions
 The Theme of the conference is *Let us Rise Up and Build* (Nehemiah 2: 18). Most Revd. Dr. C.V. Mathew, former Presiding Bishop, St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India will lead the sessions.



Birthdays Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of May. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Miss Josephine Reny	05/01
Miss Tiny Mathew	05/03
Master Norrin Zazhary Russal	05/04
Mr. Nobby Nainan	05/04
Mrs. Maya Fenn Thomas	05/04
Mr. Ninan Mathew	05/07
Mrs. Meghan Jacob	05/07
Dr. Thomas Colacot	05/09
Rev. P. J. Jose	05/10
Mrs. Lizy Kunnel	05/10
Dr. Davis R. Samuel	05/12
Miss Thalitha Rosie Betty	05/12
Mr. Rays John Koshy	05/12
Mr. Mathew Mangalath	05/15
Mr. Sajin George	05/15
Mrs. Omana Mathew	05/17
Mrs. Nancy Mariam Jacob	05/18
Miss Tinu Ann Mathew	05/19
Mrs. Dhanya John	05/21
Miss Amelia Faye John	05/22
Mr. Shawn Abraham	05/24
Mr. Jacob Easo	05/24
Mrs. Anu Reny	05/25
Mr. Reny Eapen Mathew	05/26
Miss Keziah Mary Mathew	05/26
Mr. Biju Mathew Muthuthottathil	05/28
Dr. Reena Colacot	05/30



God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.

Lectionary for May 2024

May 05 **5th Sunday After Easter**
Theme: **Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission**

1 Lesson: Ezekiel 34: 25 – 31

Psalm 47

Lesson: 1 Peter 2: 1 - 10

Gospel: John 20: 19 - 23

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Anish Mathew & Family

May 12 **6th Sunday After Easter**
Mother's Day

Theme: **Blessings of Our Mothers**

1 Lesson: Isaiah 66: 10 - 14

Psalm 139

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 7

Gospel: John 5: 1 - 9

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship Members

May 19 **Pentecost Sunday**
Theme: **Come Holy Spirit, Renew Us**

1 Lesson: Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

Psalm 104: 24 - 35

2 Lesson: Acts 2: 1 - 13

Gospel: John 16: 1 - 11

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Jacob Korah & Family

Lectionary for May 2024

May 26 **1st Sunday after Pentecost**
TRINITY SUNDAY
Theme: We Worship the Triune God

1st Lesson Genesis 1: 1 - 28
Psalm 2
2nd Lesson 2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 14
Gospel John 1: 1 - 18

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Sunday School Children

June 02 **Students Sunday**
Theme: Wisdom from Above

1 Lesson: 1 Kings 3: 16 - 28
Psalm 119: 33 - 40
2 Lesson: James. 1: 1 - 8
Gospel: Luke 10: 21 - 24

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Chase John Koshy & Family

June 09 **Environment Sunday**
Theme: Creation Proclaims Glory of God

1 Lesson: Proverbs 8: 22 - 31
Psalm 19
2 Lesson: Revelations 21: 1 - 8
Gospel: Luke 8: 22 - 25

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship Members

Pentecost

Pentecost, also called **Whitsunday**, (Pentecost from Greek *pentecostē*, “50th day”), major festival in the Christian church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world.

Historically, Pentecost (Shavout) is a Jewish feast celebrating the giving of the Torah and the summer wheat harvest. It was celebrated 50 days after Easter and was marked by pilgrims coming to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event. The church’s transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival was thus related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the firstfruits of a new dispensation that fulfilled and succeeded the old dispensation of the Law.

When the festival was first celebrated in the Christian church is not known, but it was mentioned in a work from the Eastern church, the *Epistola Apostolorum*, in the 2nd century. In the 3rd century it was mentioned by Origen, theologian and head of the catechetical school in Alexandria, and by Tertullian, Christian priest and writer of Carthage. In the early church, Christians often referred to the entire 50-day period beginning with Easter as Pentecost. Baptism was administered both at the beginning (Easter) and end (the day of Pentecost) of the Paschal season. Eventually, Pentecost became a more popular time for baptism than Easter in northern Europe, and in England the feast was commonly called White Sunday (Whitsunday) for the special white garments worn by the newly baptized.