
Upcoming Events

- November 18 (Sunday) Couples Bible Study
- November 24 (Saturday) Thanksgiving Dinner @ Metro (6:30 PM)
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Prayer Requests

Continue to Pray for Br. PT Philip (father of Sis. Alice) for a quick and complete recovery.

Pray for Sis Santhamma (w/o Br. Babu George) for healing.

Continue to Pray for Sis. Rani for strength and delivery.

Various people (children and adults) in our church family were afflicted with sickness last week. Pray for their complete healing and strength of body.

Obituaries

Mr. K. Thomas, father of Pr. Baby Thomas and Grandfather of Sis Rachel (Lali) George and Br. Johnson Baby, passed away on 11-05-07. He was 106 years old.

Mr. A.P. Philip, father of Sis. Jolly Varghese, passed away on 11-10-07. He was 80 years old.

Please keep these families in your prayers during their time of bereavement.

Weekly Schedule

Wed, Nov 14th (Carrollton) Charles & Mercy's residence (7 PM)

Friday, Nov 16th (Rowlett) Sam & Daisy's residence (7 PM)

Saturday, Nov 17th (Rowlett) Binoy & Valsamma's residence
(10:30 AM and 7:00 PM)

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I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. I will call upon
the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.
-Psalm 18:1,3a

Welcome

"...and do not depend on your own understanding (Prov.3:5)

Praise the Lord. Once again it is our pleasure to welcome you all for a time of praise and worship in the house of the Lord.

Last week we saw that since God and His words are reliable and trustworthy we can continue on trusting Him even when life treats us badly. Trusting God also means that we do not trust and depend on our own understanding of things and realities and situations but would rather seek to know the situation as God would know them. In other words we take a Biblical perspective of things and our understanding is fashioned by a biblical worldview. We do not allow the world to interpret facts for us but our interpretation follows: "Thus says the Lord in the Scripture"

Often we may think that in adverse situations it would be naïve to trust the invisible power of God and so we naturally turn to people and think that in them we have solution to our problems. The Bible also teaches that we ought to have godly counselors but when it comes to trust we should depend on God alone because we are accountable to him in this world and thereafter too (Heb.4:13)

The biggest challenge before a believer is to keep on trusting God even when everything seems to be going against us. How do we understand the love of God and express the truth that God loves when nothing seems to be working for us. Dire situations calls for dire conviction and they are namely, that God is sovereign, He is in control and He is perfect in love. Sometimes it may not make sense to us to understand our world and especially what happens to us every now and then, but by trusting in the love of God we can avoid depending on our own understanding and interpretation of facts. Hence, God wants us to think God's thought after him and that will be life and deliverance for us. May the Lord help us toward that endeavor.

In Christ Alone

Pastor Satish Kumar

Prayer for the Nations: Japan

After defeat in the Second World War and atom bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan has recovered to become the second most powerful economy in the world.

Most of the population are into Shintoism – a uniquely Japanese form of religion which worships idols, ancient spirits and dead relatives!

Only 2% of population are Christians, but a third of Japanese couples want to have a Christian wedding! Pray that this would give Christians a powerful opportunity to tell people about Jesus.

The birth rate in Japan is so low that the population is getting older and older and young people are a dying breed. This materialistic and individualistic generation is really challenging Japan's older traditional values. Pray that this generation would continue to be increasingly open to hearing about God.

Thousands of Koreans were forcibly brought to Japan during the Second World War. They are looked down on and despised and really treated as second-class citizens. Pray for the 300 churches who are working in this marginalized community.

Information from <http://www.24-7prayer.com>

Sermon Notes

Words of Wisdom

Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, a touch that never hurts. -*Charles Dickens*

Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don't mean to do harm but the harm does not interest them. -*George Eliot*

Laugh out Loud: The Christian Barber

There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"