
Upcoming Events

Sunday School / Youth Anniversary, Sat - Jan 12th, (6:00 PM)

Baptism Service at Metro: Sun - Jan 13th (9:15 AM)
(Baptism candidates: *Abeyson, Jeremy, Justin, & Joel*)

Youth Sunday, Sun - Jan 13th (10 AM)

Sunday School Open-house, Sun - Jan 13th (12 PM)

Obituary

On Dec 30, 2007, our beloved Br. K.V. Philip (spouse of Sis. Mary Philip and father of Sis. Alice and Br. Prasad) entered his eternal resting place. Our prayers are with all the family members. May God's peace, comfort and strengthen them during this time of loss.

Weekly Schedule

Tues, Jan 8th (Ladies Meeting) Sam & Daisy's residence (7 PM)

Wed, Jan 9th (Metro) Bible Study @ church (7 PM)

Friday, Jan 11th (Fasting Prayer) Pr. Satish & Anitha's residence (10 AM)

Friday, Jan 11th (Mesquite) Saju & Alice's residence (7 PM)

Saturday, Jan 12th (Metro) Sunday School Anniversary (6 PM)

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Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

Welcome

"The Lord bless you and keep you...and give you peace" (Num.6: 24-26)

Welcome to the first Sunday of this New Year that the Lord has granted to us. It is our pleasure to greet all of you at this time and we pray that the Lord be gracious to you and cause His face to shine upon you. Last week has been tumultuous for us with the death of dear 'Philip achayan' and all that we can ask of God at this time is (shalom) peace that transcends all understanding.

In Numbers 6: 24-26 we have the prayer of blessings pronounced on the faithful believers by Aaron. The words of this prayer are first introduced by the monocolon "[And] the LORD said to Moses" (v.22), showing both that this is a new section in the book and that it is a divine communication. The idea of invoking God's blessing, presence, and smile on his people is not a creation of the people or a development of the priests but a gracious provision by God himself (Expositors Commentary)

It is noteworthy that even though the blessing is for the whole community, the pronoun used there is singular. It is because the blessing of the whole is also a blessing for the individual and the blessing of the individual is also a blessing for the whole. The covenant character of the community is evident here. God blesses the individual in the community and thereby blesses the community as a whole. The usage "The Lord lift up his countenance" could literally mean that the Lord smile upon you and grant you "shalom" (peace) The Hebrew word "shalom" is a fully loaded word meaning well being and not merely the inner peace and tranquility that we often think of. God desires that his covenant community must be blessed in every sense of the word and that they remain so.

It is our prayer for all of you this year that the Lord bless and keep you and smile upon you and grant his peace that transcends all understanding to guard our heart and thoughts and that we may receive from the Lord all kinds of blessing- Spiritual, Physical, Financial, and Emotional.

In Christ Alone,

Pr Satish Kumar

Words of Wisdom

Unto God, the Lord belong the issues of death---*Psalm 68:20*

Death--- the last sleep? No the final awakening. ---*Walter Scott*

Lord, now lettest now thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. ---*Luke 2:29*

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced.

Live your life in a manner so that when you die the world cries and you rejoice.

---*Native American Proverb*

If God hath made this world so fair,

Where sin and death abound,

How beautiful beyond compare

Will paradise be found

---*James Montgomery. 1771-1854.*

Wretched, poor, and helpless worm, on Thy kind arms I fall.

---*Epitaph on William Carey' Tomb*

It is a far, far better thing that I do, than anything I have ever done;

it is a far, far, better rest that I go to, than I have ever known.

---*Charles Dickens*

The Lord God will wipe all tears from all their faces.

---*Isaiah 25:8*

Sermon Notes