
Upcoming Events

Sunday School Anniversary: Jan 10th (Sat) @ Metro

Baby Dedication Service: Jan 11th (Sun) @ Metro

Weekly Schedule

Wed, Jan 7th (Fort Worth) Abey & Tessy's residence (7 PM)

Thurs, Jan 8th (Rowlett) Ladies Meeting
Abey & Saji's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Jan 9th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Jan 9th (Metro) Bible Study & Impact @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Jan 10th (Metro) Sunday School Anniversary (6:30 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Benin (Africa)*

- Benin used to be one of the biggest areas for slave trade in West Africa. After gaining independence from France in 1960, Benin has seen seven take-overs of power and numerous different governments.
- After 18 years under Marxist regime, democratic elections were held in 1991 and the nation experienced stability under a born-again Christian president.
- Spring 2006 saw the election of another evangelical Christian leader, Yayi Boni. Boni intends to further 'clean up' any remaining corruption and target the economy in an attempt to reduce poverty.
- 44% of the country's population is under 14 years of age!
- Thank God that the presidency stayed in Christian hands in the 2006 election. The former Muslim, Yayi Boni, has long been an evangelical Christian and seeks to use his expertise in economics to further help his country out of poverty. Pray that President Boni would have integrity and wisdom in his leadership and that his plans for the cotton industry would produce prosperity.
- Although the church is growing all over Benin and now 30% of the population are profess Christianity.

*http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=57



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"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness..." (Ps 65:11)

Welcome

“Blessed is the man...who meditates on the Law of the Lord” (Ps 1: 1-2)

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you to this time of worship on the first Sunday of 2009. Indeed we want to wish you also a very happy and blessed New Year.

Psalm One is very familiar to us and the Psalmist lays out the blessedness of a person who refrains from the way of wicked, seat of scoffers and standing in the assembly of sinners. But this blessedness has a positive element too. He meditates on the Law of the Lord. So blessedness consists in not withholding from certain things but also in engaging in certain things. Just because this person has made a firm commitment not to do certain things doesn't make him invincible. Sooner or later he will succumb to pressure and start doing the same old things again. But now he has started a new life style altogether and that is to spend his time, talent and resource in finding the true joy of his heart and life. He embarks on a journey of understanding the Word of God because in finding them he has life and eternal life too.

As we have stepped into yet another year we may be musing over all the opportunities that we could have used last year to study the Word of God. But since we cannot retrieve all those precious moments what we can do is to start doing now what is of eternal value. The Psalmist says that meditating of the Law of the Lord has eternity written all over it. Friends, take a challenge to engage the word of God in your life in this year from the very beginning and see the results of God's powerful intervention in your life through out the days to come and for all eternity.

What do we mean by meditation of the Word of God? J I Packer a well-known theologian in his book Knowing God says that meditation is the activity of calling to mind, and thinking over, and dwelling on, and applying to oneself, the various things that one knows about the works and ways and purposes and promises of God. It is an activity of holy thought, consciously performed in the presence of God, under the eye of God, by the help of God, as a means of communion with God.

The purpose is to clear one's mental and spiritual vision of God, and to let his truth make its full and proper impact on one's mind and heart. It is a matter of talking to oneself about God and oneself: it is, indeed, often a matter of arguing-with oneself, reasoning oneself out of moods of doubt and unbelief into a clear apprehension of God's power and grace. Does meditation help us? Yes of course because it humbles us. As we contemplate on God's greatness and glory and our own littleness and sinfulness, and it encourages and reassures us- comforting us- as we ponder the unsearchable riches of divine mercy displayed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon Notes

Brothers and Sisters in Christ let us make every effort in this New Year to cultivate the habit of dwelling upon the Word leading to transformation that will indeed bless on this earth and surely on the other shore too. One of the resolutions that we can take for this year is to become more Christ like and that is possible by meditation on his Word.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar