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## Upcoming Events

Blood Donation with Carter Blood Care, April 11th (10AM)  
Church Picnic at Mesquite Park, April 18th  
Church Retreat at Tulsa, OK, June 26-28

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## Weekly Schedule

Wed, Feb 18th (Lewisville) Mathukutty & Lizzy's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Feb 20th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Feb 20th (Metro) Bible Study & Impact @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Feb 21st (Rowlett) Binoy & Valsamma's residence (6:30 PM)

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## Metro Church of God Monthly Support for Missions 2009

- **Voice of the Martyrs:** Organization aiding Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ.
  - **SAT 7:** Christian satellite television station by and for the People of the Middle East and North Africa.
  - **Arabic Airtime HCJB Global:** Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Radio and Healthcare in more than 100 countries.
  - **Church of God, Mumbai** (Rev. A. Mathai)
  - **Church of God, Calcutta** (Rev. K.M. Thankachen)
  - **Mt. Zion Bible College** (Rev. P.J. James)
  - **Rajasthan Mission**
  - **Karnataka, India** (Rev. Bobby George)
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## Prayer for the Nations: Cape Verde (Africa)\*

- The people of Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau fought for 14 years to gain independence from Portugal, one of Africa's longest liberation wars.
- Cape Verde is a collection of fifteen islands of the west coast of Africa. Dry and windswept, the islands have suffered long periods without rain – with one drought lasting 20 years – crippling the economy and killing off crops and animals needed for food.
- Pray for the country's leaders – that they can find solutions to the problems facing Cape Verde because of the droughts.
- Although many Caboverdians would call themselves Christians, their beliefs are mixed up with other superstitions. Pray that they would really understand what Christianity is about and turn to Jesus.

\*[http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=64](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=64)

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**February 15, 2009**

Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come. Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee! (Ps 71:18,19)

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# Welcome

“Love is patient and kind” (1 Cor 13: 4)

Greetings and Praise the Lord. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to this time of fellowship and praise in the house of the Lord.

Since, few weeks we have been seeing an array of commercialization of love in the form of Valentine’s Day. Love is the word, heart is the shape and red is the color to be found everywhere. During this time every one seems to be making up for their past mistakes in an expression of love. The season of love reinforces the idea that there are some things that money cannot buy and love is one among that. When the world seems to be thrusting ‘love’ in our face by the various means, as children of God we have been handed a precious book which is the greatest love story ever written. It is the love story between a Creator God and his estranged creation and the means of the great restoration in this love affair through the Great Exchange, i.e. Jesus Christ.

The Word of God speaks clearly as to the eternal love that God has shown for his people. God is our true Valentine because the Scriptures makes clear that He loved us so much that he gave His one and only Son to die for us. Jesus himself reiterated that greater love has no man than this that someone lays down his life for his friends (John 15:13)

Apostle Paul talks of yet another dimension of love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13 which has been hailed as the greatest chapter on true love. It gives us the measure of sincere and steadfast love. Paul emphatically underscores the litmus tests that true love encounters. The very first test is that Love is Patient. Secondly, he states that Love is Kind.

One little exercise that we may do to take the test is by changing the word love with our name in 13: 4-7. Then we should try to read what would the scripture say about true love. If we say that we have love and we are not patient and kind then we have miserably failed the litmus test. If we harbor envy, strife, jealousy, anger, unforgiveness, etc then may be we should do an introspection and ask ourselves do I really love or care in all the sense of the word. If we are convicted may be it is time that we understand love and start loving.

May the Lord enable us to become true lovers of God and His Word and each other in the body of Christ thus fulfilling the great commandment.

In Christ Alone,  
Pastor Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes