
Upcoming Events

Church Retreat at Tulsa, OK, June 26-28

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Metro July 22 - 25

Weekly Schedule

Mon, May 25th (Garland) Chackochen & Santhamma's res (6 PM)

Wed, May 27th (Rowlett) Ladies Prayer @ Sunny & Leelamma's res (7 PM)

Fri, May 29th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Sat, May 30th (Irving) Prayer Walk @ I-635 & MacArthur (7 AM)

Sat, May 30th (Metro) Prayer Meeting @ Metro (6:30 PM)
Prayer of Consecration for Abeyson Job

PYCD Competitions

Internal competition for PYCD events at Metro on June 5th, Friday.

Prayer for the Nations: Gabon (Africa)*

- Gabon lies on the Equator, with three quarters of the country covered in rainforest. It is one of the most urbanised and richest countries in Africa - although like most of the developing world it still has huge debts from the '70s to pay back to western banks and governments.
- Gabon's president, Bongo, has been in power for more than 30 years and remains quite popular despite rumours of corruption.
- Bongo, a Muslim, has made it illegal for Christians to witness in more isolated and rural parts of the country - although it is not strictly enforced.
- Churches have grown rapidly in the '90s.
- People living in rural areas, who have never heard about Jesus before, are starting to hear the gospel through Operation Village for Jesus !
- The number of evangelical churches in the capital Libreville has grown from just 16 in 1990 to 125.
- Pray that churches can build effective witness to the growing number of Muslims in Gabon.
- The majority of Gabonese claim to be Christian, but alcoholism and is a growing problem and many fall back on traditional religions.
- Pray that Christians in Gabon will find a fresh passion for evangelism and catch the vision for mission that many of their leaders have.
- Nearly 1,000 people every year are becoming Christians at Bongolo hospital. Pray that this would continue with more lives being healed and changed by the power of Jesus.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=73

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Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder...(Ps 81:7)

Welcome

“Sir we wish to see Jesus...” (John 12:21)

Praise the Lord. Greetings to all of you in the sweet and matchless name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to the house of the Lord for praise and worship.

During the final days of his ministry on the earth some Greeks expressed their desire to see Jesus. This all happened during one of the Jewish feast and these Greeks would be those people around the Jewish nation who became interested in the monotheism of Israel. They would come for the Jewish feasts to Jerusalem to celebrate along with the Jews. Since few years they have been hearing about the fame and miracles of Jesus during these feasts and they wanted to personally meet him.

They approached his disciples Philip and Andrew who in turn went with their request to Jesus. The answer of Jesus startles us. In his response Jesus said that unless a grain seed falls to the ground and dies it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much fruit. In other words Jesus makes it clear that if someone really has to see him then they must confront his passion first. The vision of Jesus is possible only through a journey along his passion and crucifixion. His response seems out of place in the first analysis but then Jesus wants to drive home the point that if one really wants to see him then it must be through the real purpose of his incarnation. It is only in understanding the suffering of Christ that one can truly have a glimpse of his person and work.

Today a vast majority of people like to see Jesus but they want to see him in his exalted office as King and Lord. They are more pleased with a Jesus who could always meet their needs and expectation and who is sovereign and all powerful to do and make things happen. For them Jesus is like the vending machine who delivers what they need. In many of the prosperity theology and feel good gospel messages Jesus is portrayed as the one who is all powerful to grant any needs that seekers may ask. But Christ wants to put our perspectives in order. He wants primarily for us to see him in his humility and suffering. It is only in grasping the humiliated Jesus that we may really have the vision of the exalted Christ. It is only in seeing the grain of wheat die that we may see the many offspring.

But the matter of fact is that today in our sophisticated live we have no place for a Jesus who is hungry, thirsty, and naked and in need. We have no place for a Jesus who is humiliated beyond measure and became like a servant. In our age and culture we need a Jesus who is full of action like any super heroes and becomes entitled to the title of messiah. But Jesus wants us to see him in his frailty because the power of the exalted Christ is seen in his undergoing the cross.

Life may not sometimes make sense to us when we are rejected, alone, suffering and in despair. But these are the very things that can reveal the power of Jesus in our life. Are you ready to see Jesus? Then see him in weakness and he shall grant the power to withstand any situations.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes

Congratulations for the new addition to the Metro Family

Congratulations to Renny and Jophsy on the arrival of Aaron on May 22nd.

Congratulations to all 2009 College and High School Graduates from Metro