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## Upcoming Events

Church Retreat at Tulsa, OK, June 26-28

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

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## Weekly Schedule

Thurs, Jun 4th (Carrollton) Ladies Prayer @ Lizzy Thomas' res (7 PM)

Fri, Jun 5th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Jun 5th (Metro) PYCD Internal Talent Competition (7 PM)

Sat, Jun 6th (Keller) Dr. Stephen & Blessy's residence (6:30 PM)

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## PYCD Talent Competitions

Please provide the names of children who will be participating for PYCD competitions.

An internal competition will be held this Friday to decide who will represent Metro from each age level.

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**Reminder: Please bring in your Metro Kids Piggy Bank funds that you've collected to support the two children in India. Turn in your funds to Santhra**

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## Prayer for the Nations: Ghana (Africa)\*

- In 1957, Ghana was the first British colony to gain independence. It is the second largest producer of gold in Africa and also supplies 15% of the world's cocoa. With these kind of resources Ghana should really be a lot better off, but the corruption and mismanagement of governments in the '60s and '70s have left the country in poverty.
- Violence in rival clans has recently erupted after one of Ghana's most respected traditional rulers, the king of the Dagombas, was shot and beheaded.
- 45,000 children have ended up abandoned and homeless on the streets.
- There has been a significant increase in evangelism to Muslims and people who follow traditional religions.
- Islam is growing across Ghana and conflicts and violence between Muslims and Christians are on the increase.
- Since 1965, 39 more languages have a translation of the Bible or New Testament – an awesome achievement which can impact the lives of so many!
  - Over 64% of Ghanians call themselves Christians, but only 12% actually go to church. Pray that the truth of Jesus can break the power of the occult, which runs deep in society. Pray that the millions of people who are 'Christians would really know how amazing, exciting, loving and powerful God is.
- 70% of villages have no church – Ghanaian Christians want to see more churches planted across the country in every community. Pray that this goal can become a reality.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=75](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=75)

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That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth. (Ps 83:18)

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# Welcome

## **“Jesus Christ never changes”**

Many of us are familiar with the saying “The only thing constant is change.” We live in a world where we are persistently threatened with change. It is something we cannot escape from regardless of the lengths we take to avoid it. How much we dislike change is insignificant, because in the end everything eventually changes.

Our universe is changing. In many science classes, students are taught that all observed systems continually change from order to disorder. In other words, the universe is being exhausted. Besides that, our world is changing. One has to only take a glance at sites such as CNN.com to observe this. Modern technological devices are concocted at least every week to alter our lifestyle. Philosophical and national beliefs bring frequent changes to the balance of world power. Terrorist attacks make threats towards our freedom as a nation. Revolutions take place throughout different countries that topple governments down and launch new ones in their place instantly. Climate changes, hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, and volcanic eruptions warn us of the changes taking place in nature. People also change. We may be in a good mood one day, but we might be in a bad mood the next day. It’s upsetting when the people closest to us change and we cannot be sure of what to expect from them. We all change whether we like it or not; this is the nature of life.

Even in our church, many things are changing. A majority of us have experienced some kind of change in the recent days, weeks, months, and years. The current economic recession has caused many to lose their jobs and their means of livelihood. On the other hand, several are going into new jobs. Some of us have lost our loved ones and some have lost friendships. The youth are about to finish another year of school and are transitioning to summer. Several people are thinking about traveling during the summer. Some young adults just graduated college in the past few weeks. Other young adults are thinking about the change grad school is going to bring into their lives. There is a possibility for some to move to new cities and states. No matter who we are, some of us have just gone through change, are currently dealing with change, or will encounter change in the near future. We all find these changes to be intimidating and dreadful because the old and the familiar are more secure.

To all of you in this church who are worried about the changes taking place in your lives, our God is truly the one and only constant we can rely on. The Bible teaches that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). This verse speaks volumes! He has not changed and He will not change. And because He is the same as He was yesterday, we can find stability for our souls. Because he is the same, we know that what He has promised in His word will remain true for you and me even today. The truth that “...whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16) will not change, because our Savior changes not.

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# Sermon Notes

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God is telling each and everyone of you to be assured that no matter how much your body, your situation, your place in life changes, God will not! He will always have room for you at his table, he will never stop loving, he will always offer forgiveness to those who ask, his grace will never be limited, and his mercy will not suddenly run out.

Throughout my life, I have been subjected to change and am presently in the middle of change. I have searched for an absolute in times of change and I have learned that He changes not. Therefore, I have security! Put your trust in this unchanging God and you can find sanctuary in this changing world.

In Christ Alone,  
Sycil Mathew