
Upcoming Events

Bible Study @ Metro, Theology of the Holy Spirit, June 16-18, (Tue-Thurs 7 PM)
June 19-20 (Fri-Sat), "Spiritual Emphasis" Meetings
Church Retreat at Tulsa, OK, June 26-28
Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Metro July 22 - 25

Weekly Schedule

PYCD Sports: Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball

Show your support to our Metro basketball and volleyball team this Saturday, June 13th (9 AM)
Watch our teams play at SportsPlex - 5702 Alpha Rd., Dallas, TX 75240

Words of Wisdom

The promises of God are of no value to us until, through obedience, we come to understand the nature of God. We may read some things in the Bible every day for a year and they may mean nothing to us. Then, because we have been obedient to God in some small detail, we suddenly see what God means and His nature is instantly opened up to us. "All the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen . . ." (2 Corinthians 1:20). Our "Yes" must be born of obedience; when by obedience we ratify a promise of God by saying, "Amen," or, "So be it." That promise becomes ours. -*Oswald Chambers (My Utmost for His Highest)*

Laugh out Loud

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment . **Forgive us our trespasses.**"

When he returned, he found a citation (ticket) from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. **Lead us not into temptation.**"

Prayer for the Nations: Gibraltar (Africa)*

- Gibraltar is the rocky tip of Spain that protects the western entrance to the Mediterranean.
- Since 1704 it has been a British colony - but the local population have resisted pressure to give the areas back to Spain.
- The majority of the population is Catholic. Pray that there would be an outreach for the 6 million tourists.
- There is one small Arabic-speaking church within the community of 7,000 Moroccans who work in Gibraltar. Pray these few Christians can be effective in sharing the gospel both here and with friends and families in Morocco.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=76

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Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. (Ps 84:4,5)

Welcome

Rise Up!

It's time for the people of God to rise up! There is so much potential in all of us to do great things for God. Unfortunately, we often bring excuses before God. We believe that we are too inadequate to do God's work. However, we have to remember that we serve a God who is more than able to work through us. In Exodus 4, we see Moses bringing excuses before God. He did not believe that people would listen to him. However, God told Moses to look at what is in his hand. God has already given us everything we need. He has already placed many gifts inside of us. If we submit to God, He will use even our weaknesses for His glory. We just need to step out in faith and walk in that anointing that He has placed on us.

God is always ready to move. He is just waiting on us. We just need to have that willing heart. We have to be willing to obey Him no matter what the cost is. This means that we have to make sacrifices and step out of our comfort zone. In the midst of our faith less generation, God is calling us to be faithful. He is calling us to be set apart. This is not always the easiest thing to do. You might feel like giving in to the pressures of the world, but in the end, you have to remember that it will be worth it.

There is so much brokenness in our world today. There are so many people around us who are hurting. The people of God need to rise up. We need to tap into the gifts that God has given us. Through the unique gifts and callings that God has placed upon us, we will be able to minister and speak life into those who need it. There are so many people who desperately need to see God through our lives.

It's time for us to stop being complacent in our walk with God. We cannot be lukewarm Christians any longer! We have been pew warmers for far too long now. It is time for the church to rise up! God is looking for people who are willing to go deeper. He is looking for people who will be more than just Sunday Christians. He desires people who will pursue His heart like never before! We keep telling God that we will give Him our everything after we take care of our other priorities first. We do everything we can to push off God and the calling that He has placed on our lives, but God is summoning His people to rise up NOW! We have to go after God more every day. We have to fall in love with Jesus more today than we did yesterday. Otherwise, we are backsliding. We need to move from strength to strength and from glory to glory. We are called to be no longer infants in Christ. It's time for us to put on the full armor of God and go out into the spiritual battlefield.

We, as the people of God, need to rise up for God has called us for such a time as this!

In Christ Alone,
Jennifer Cherian

Sermon Notes