

Upcoming Events



Get Ready!! Get Excited!!

The Metro 2009 VBS starts this week!! (July 22-25, Wed-Sat).

Please **register** your children (3yr-6th grade) at www.metrocog.net

Special adult & teen sessions: The Scientific & Medical Analysis of the Passion of Christ

Weekly Schedule

Wed - Sat Jul 22 - 25 (Metro) VBS at Metro Church of God (6 PM)

Sun Jul 26th (Rowlett) Prayer Meeting: Isaac & Anitha's res. (6:30 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Liberia (Africa)*

- Slaves freed from the United States founded Liberia in 1847. The divide between those descended from American slaves and those from local African tribes remains a major issue.
- Tensions resulted in civil war in 1990 – in which a quarter of a million people died and over a million became refugees abroad. There is now a fragile peace as the country struggles to recover from the devastating effects of war. Half a million Liberians are still displaced, living in other countries.
- All of Liberia's children have been victims of war. Young children were forced to fight, and more than 50,000 lost their lives. Its almost impossible to imagine the trauma suffered and the effect this tragedy will have for their future.
- Thank God for an end to the fighting in 1996 and the chance to restore peace.
- Pray that the countries leaders can find a way to bring an end to violence and hatred between ethnic groups.
- The effects of the war has brought many people to understand how much they need God – soldiers have repented for terrible war crimes and there are over 150 new churches.
- Pray that Christians will have the perseverance and wisdom to rebuild what was destroyed or disrupted through war.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=81

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Demonstrating the Love of God
Communicating the Word of God
Educating the People of God*

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Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. (Ps 85:1,2)

And After That What's Next To Do?*

“. . . seek, and you will find . . . —Luke 11:9

Seek if you have not found. "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss . . ." (James 4:3). If you ask for things from life instead of from God, "you ask amiss"; that is, you ask out of your desire for self-fulfillment. The more you fulfill yourself the less you will seek God. ". . . seek, and you will find . . ." Get to work— narrow your focus and interests to this one thing. Have you ever sought God with your whole heart, or have you simply given Him a feeble cry after some emotionally painful experience? ". . . seek, [focus,] and you will find . . ."

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. . ." (Isaiah 55:1). Are you thirsty, or complacent and indifferent— so satisfied with your own experience that you want nothing more of God? Experience is a doorway, not a final goal. Beware of building your faith on experience, or your life will not ring true and will only sound the note of a critical spirit. Remember that you can never give another person what you have found, but you can cause him to have a desire for it.

". . . knock, and it will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). "Draw near to God . . ." (James 4:8). Knock— the door is closed, and your heart-beat races as you knock. "Cleanse your hands . . ." (James 4:8). Knock a bit louder— you begin to find that you are dirty. ". . . purify your hearts . . ." (James 4:8). It is becoming even more personal— you are desperate and serious now— you will do anything. "Lament . . ." (James 4:9). Have you ever lamented, expressing your sorrow before God for the condition of your inner life? There is no thread of self-pity left, only the heart-rending difficulty and amazement which comes from seeing what kind of person you really are. "Humble yourselves . . ." (James 4:10). It is a humbling experience to knock at God's door— you have to knock with the crucified thief. ". . . to him who knocks it will be opened" (Luke 11:10).