
Upcoming Events

PYCD Annual Conference

September 11-12 (Fri & Sat), Highland Oaks Church of Christ, Dallas
September 13 (Sunday), Eisemann Center, Richardson

Weekly Schedule

Thurs, Aug 20th (Flower Mound) Paul Varkey & Chinamma's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Aug 21st (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri & Sat, Aug 21st and 22nd Special Gospel Meetings with Kanam-Achen
Highland Oaks Church of Christ (7 PM)
10805 Kingsley Rd, Dallas, 75238

Congratulations!!

On August 7th (Fri), Bro Biju and Sis Beena (Lewisville) were blessed with a baby girl named Effy.

On August 12th (Wed), Bro Santhosh and Sis Anitha (Rowlett) were blessed with a baby boy named Caleb.

Condolences

Mrs. Annamma Joseph (Podiamma) w/o Bro. M.C. Joseph, who is the brother of Joychan (Bro. M.C. Varghese), was promoted to glory in Dallas on August 12th.

Mrs. Saramma Eapen (90 yrs), grandmother of Bro Rajesh (Fort Worth) was promoted to glory in India on August 14th.

Prayer for the Nations: Mali (Africa)*

- Although a relatively peaceful country, Mali is one of the poorest in Africa. It is quickly being lost to the desert and suffers from regular droughts, plagues and famine. The countries economy and people are still recovering from a severe drought in 1983 in which people and animals died, villages were lost beneath sand and vital wells dried up.
- There is some tension between the majority of the population, who are Bambara-Malinke and the travelling Tuareg in the northern desert.
- The church grew during the '80s and the number of missionaries more than doubled.
- Pray for those who are working to bring relief from effects of drought and famine.
- Pray for missionaries who are working with the largest ethnic group, the Bambara. They are strategic in evangelising the whole country.
- There are far fewer Christians working with people in the north of the country, who are strongly Muslim. There are a few small groups of Christians among the Tuareg peoples and a rough translation of the Bible is available in their language.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=86

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Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. (Ps 86:6,7)

Welcome

“Prayer the heartbeat of the Church”

Praise the Lord. We have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the house of the Lord for a time of great rejoicing and fellowship. The Lord has been good to all of us and all the time he has been good.

The curtains fell on the 14th NACOG Conference at Valley Forge Convention Centre in Pennsylvania on 9th August with the theme of prayer reverberating from both the adults and youth meetings. All through the meetings great emphasis was laid on the act of praying. No amount of theory and teaching can alternate for the act of praying. Prayer is the only alternative for prayer. The delegates were awakened to the need of individual and corporate prayers. Personal commitments were made to prioritize prayer life.

Prayer is the heartbeat of the church and where there is a praying church you can expect miracles to happen. You can see lives changed and blessed because of the intercessory prayers made on behalf of others. The prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the Temple is an example of what prayer can do for a community. When the people sin and turn back to God in full sincerity and make a supplication from the temple dedicated unto his name, God is obliged to hear and answer that prayer. God is thus bound to listen to His people when they turn and humble themselves and pray at the house of prayer. God wants our churches to become power centers of prayer. He wants us to see our churches as house of prayers for the nations. We are often satisfied with a program centered approach to our worship services but God wants us to become primarily a praying community- a community whose heartbeat is prayer. When that happens prayer would not remain an activity on which we spend time on during our worship but prayer will become our worship and lifestyle.

A praying church experiences a closeness of relationship. Preaching can bring about change in behavior but it is always prayers that opens up the heart and prepares it for the commitment to follow. When we have people who can pray for us unconditionally we experience a flowering of relationship. Hearts open up and we experience heaven on earth- thus church becomes more attractive and encouraging. For this to happen we must become an authentic community where others need becomes mine and there is a genuine burden for the well being of others. Since prayer opens up endless possibilities for us we can experience endless promises.

It is our sincere prayer that we shall become a prayer centered church in the days to come and will realize that prayer is the very heartbeat of us and if we do not have this heartbeat we are dead spiritually. Let's open ourselves to experience this heartbeat in an unprecedented way as never before. May the Almighty God show up for us when we seek him sincerely and honestly.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes