
Upcoming Events

Church Picnic Oct 3rd, Saturday at Sunnyvale Park, Mesquite

Weekly Schedule

Mon-Thurs, Sept 21-24 (Carrollton) Kuriachen & Neena's residence (7:15 - 8:30 PM)

Fri, Sept 25th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Sept 25th (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Sept 26th (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro (10:30 AM - 7 PM)

Sun, Sept 27th (Metro) Child Dedication service of Aaron

Condolences

Smt Aleykutty Philipose (70 yrs) sister of Pastor P Thomas and aunt of Brs. Jogi and Sabu was promoted to glory in India on Tues, Sept 15th.

Smt Mariamma George (90 yrs) mother of Sis Susamma Koshy w/o of Cherian Koshy was promoted to glory in India on Wed, Sept 9th.

Congratulations

Bro Rajesh and Sis Suja (Fort Worth) were blessed with a baby boy born on Wed, Sept 16th named Nathan.

Prayer for the Nations: Mozambique (Africa)*

- Mozambique lies on the southeast coast of Africa and is one of the world's poorest countries.
- Mozambique has been scarred by 30 years of horrific guerrilla warfare. Deaths during this period mounted to over a million and at one point nearly 40% of the population were refugees. The landscape is still littered with millions of landmines that have the potential to kill or severely injure.
- In recent years a more democratic government has worked hard to bring about a lasting peace for Mozambique.
- Fight scenes of Muhammed Ali's famous 'Rumble in the Jungle' were filmed in Mozambique for the 2001 film 'Ali' starring Will Smith.
- Since 1995 Mozambique has had peace after 30 years of bloody war.
- During the '90s the Church in Mozambique grew faster than in any other African country. The number of Christians doubled over 12 years.
- Cyclones and flooding caused massive damage to the south of the country in 2000. Pray that Mozambique continue to rebuild and develop in the face of continuing natural disasters.
- Mozambique faces a growing AIDS crisis. Nearly 14% of the population are known to be HIV positive and 310,000 children have been orphaned through losing parents to AIDS. Pray for investment into the country's medical services, which are extremely basic.
- There is a real need for teaching amongst the men and women in church leadership. Pray for opportunities for them to mature and develop their understanding of the Bible and of God.
- There is a growing Muslim population in the northern and coastal areas of Mozambique. At the moment there are only a few Christians working in this area. Pray that people will be called with a long term commitment to reach these people and understand their culture and needs.
- The JESUS film has already been translated into 10 languages in Mozambique, but only 5 % of the population have seen it. Pray for fresh strategies and resources that will enable more and more people to be touched by Jesus through this film.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=35



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

September 20, 2009

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:
Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry.

(Ps 88:1,2)

Welcome

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” (Ps 119: 105)

Bible Translation and Selection

We must be discerning when it comes to selecting Bibles. Though promotional material and book store employees may recommend various translations, a believer must be aware that there are very few translations that are faithful to the original texts (Greek, Hebrew), credible manuscripts, and doctrinal accuracy.

For example, in 2002 The TNIV Bible, took the liberty of translating the Bible and making it gender neutral and moving away from doctrinal and the original languages and manuscripts. This caused great controversy in the Christian community. Yet, I have noticed that many believers use this Bible.

Due to the controversy, the publisher continued to print the original NIV, first published in 1984. However, a revised NIV bible is to be released in 2011 based much on the TNIV Bible of 2002.

One may ask why we are so concerned about translations that are more understandable.

Biblical inerrancy cannot be sacrificed at the altar of modern linguistic styles and cultural changes.

Revelation 22: 18-19 says “I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book”

The following is a list of Bibles accepted by conservative scholars.

Formal equivalence, literal, or word for word translations:

The New King James Version (1983)

The New American Standard Bible – Update (1995)

English Standard Version (2001)

Dynamic equivalence or thought for thought

The New International Version (1984)

Optimal Equivalence

Holman Christian Standard Bible (2004).

What must I do as a believer? Your Bible may not appear in the list above. Make sure that the translation is accurate. If you are in doubt about your Bible, speak to a Biblical scholar and your Pastor. We must use spiritual discernment and Biblical knowledge, when selecting a Bible. Instead of collecting Bibles to collect dust, we must dust our Bibles and use it so that we will be conformed into the image of Christ and bring others into His Kingdom.

In Christ Alone,

Joseph Mammen

Sermon Notes