

Weekly Schedule

Fri, Oct 2nd (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Oct 2nd (Metro) Impact Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Oct 3rd (Sunnyvale) Picnic @ Sunnyvale Town East Park (8 - 2 PM)
356 Tripp Road, Sunnyvale, TX 75182

Directions to Sunnyvale Town East Park

Take 635 East, I-80 East, take Beltline Exit, and make right on Tripp Road.
Park is on the right hand side.

Christians

"This is a cheerful world as I see it from my garden under the shadows of my vines. But If I were to ascend some high mountain and look over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see: brigands on the highways, pirates on the sea, armies fighting, cities burning; in the amphitheaters men murdered to please the applauding crowds; selfishness and cruelty and misery and despair under all roofs. It is a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are the Christians--and I am one of them."

-Cyprian, a third-century martyr.

Prayer for the Nations: Namibia (Africa)*

- After the First World War South Africa was given this German colony to 'look after'. White farmers were given land, while black families were forced to work as labourers without any rights to own land. Namibia finally gained independence in 1990 after years of guerrilla warfare.
- There is a widening gap between the rich and the poor in Namibia and unemployment is a growing problem at 30%.
- Pray for a complete healing and reconciliation from the scars of war and oppression suffered by the black majority.
- Young people in Namibia are becoming more and more materialistic and increasingly see the church as irrelevant.
- Many churches in Namibia mix up Christianity with other beliefs, like worshipping dead relatives and the occult. Pray that there would be more leaders who are 100% committed to worshipping Jesus alone!
- As much as 25% of the adult population are infected with AIDS and there are tens of thousands of AIDS orphans. The Scripture Union is running a programme which aims address some of the root problems, particularly through educating young adults and children.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=88

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I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 89:1)

Welcome

If you Love The Lord your God, then ...

Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6: 4-9)

Moses spoke these words shortly before his death and before Joshua's conquest of the Promised Land. Moses is instructing Israel to instruct their children so that they will conquer and possess the land.

Is the Lord our God, the One we Love or do you love Him along with other things? Jesus asked Peter, "He asked him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He asked him the third time, "Do you love Me?" He said, "Lord, You know everything! You know that I love You." "Feed My sheep," Jesus said. (John 21: 17).

For the sake of our discussion, let us focus on the children. The test of our love for the Lord is; if you feed His sheep. Jesus the great Shepard said, unless our love causes us to feed His sheep, we do not love Him.

Dear parent, Can your children observe that the Lord your God, the One, is the focus of your life? Do you teach your children that the Lord your God is One? Do we show that Church is more important than any other entity? After all it is the Church that Christ died for. God entrusted Biblical education to parents and family. Church is the family of God. We must teach our children, like our life depends on it. We Pentecostals are people who experience the presence of God. But our belief and doctrines must be based on the Bible, the Word of God. Do we know what we believe and why we believe it? Do we teach our children what we believe and why we believe it? Unless we teach them, we will lose our children to doubt and unbelief.

We as a Church need focus on discipleship, us becoming a disciple of Jesus and making disciples for Jesus. We need to use each moment to glorify God in worship and use every opportunity to advance the Kingdom of God. We need to examine how much time we actually spend exalting Christ. Why is it often we do not have sufficient time to expositional study of God's Word? Faith does not come by our experience, singing melodious songs with great musical expression, praying great prayers, or any other elements. These are expressions of worship. Faith only comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

About the Church of Acts, the Bible says "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers. Praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42, 47).

If we obey these words, the Lord will continue to add those who are being saved.

In Christ Alone,
Joseph Mammen

Sermon Notes