
Upcoming Events

Special Meeting Dec 25th at Metro (6 PM)

Week of Fasting Dec 28 - 31 (Mon - Thurs) at Metro

Weekly Schedule

Fri, Dec 18th (Irving) Fasting Prayer @ Joshua and Susan's residence
Morning Session: (10:30 AM - 1:00 PM)
Evening Session: (7 PM)

Sat, Dec 19th (Irving) Fasting Prayer @ Joshua and Susan's residence
Morning Session: (10:30 AM - 1:00 PM)
Afternoon: Tract Distribution
Evening Session: (4:30 PM - 7 PM)

WHY GO TO CHURCH*

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

*<http://www.creatingfutures.net/archive/stories/gotochurch.htm>

Prayer for the Nations: St Helena (Africa)*

- The tiny islands of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha lie 2,000km west of Angola in the south Atlantic.
- They are part of Britain's overseas territories and everyone on St Helena will be a full British citizen before 2010.
- Most people on St Helena struggle to find enough work and are forced to find jobs at the military bases on Ascension Island and the Falklands.
- Pray for the stability of families and communities who are affected.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=97

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

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"Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." (Ps 90:16,17)

Welcome

“ I command you to love each other” (John 15: 17) (NLT)

Praise the Lord. We have great pleasure in welcoming you to the house of the Lord today as we worship the Lord in spirit and truth.

We also believe that as a church we need to demonstrate the love of God, and this is primarily done through our various evangelistic and compassionate activities done in this city and also around the world, especially in India. We have undertaken mission trips to India, gospel tract distribution, prayer walks, food donation, blood donation etc. as a means to demonstrate the love of God. In addition, we support missionaries around the world who are engaged in communicating the love of God.

One of the ways of demonstrating the love of God is to follow the command of Jesus Christ to love each other. We cannot call ourselves as a church if we miss out this important reality. The primary way in which Christ related to the church is by loving the church. His love was exhibited in his death for all mankind especially the body of believers who will respond to his call. He told his disciples that greater love has no man than this that he shall lay his life for his friend. Jesus considered us as his friends and was ready to pay the ultimate sacrifice.

What is so special about Christ's love? First of all it was unconditional. The love that he exemplified was unconditional. He loved us the way we were. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Rom 5: 8) He reached out to Peter in his sinfulness (Luke 5: 1ff) Peter is afraid and asks him to depart. But Christ wants Peter to be able to fish people and he assures to make him suitable for this ministry. Paul was caught on the way to Damascus just as he was and transformed to become the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Secondly the love of Christ is shown in action. It was a love that went beyond the ordinary to do the extra ordinary. In John 13 we read that Jesus knowing that he was about to depart showed his love more to a greater extent. He went about washing the feet of his disciples. That is love in action. Christ did not just say that he loved them but was ready to show his love in loving service. Love in action is essential for the body of Christ to reach the lost world and especially to make the world believe that we are what we claim to be.

Thirdly, this love is sacrificial in nature. This love came to give. In Mark 10: 45 Jesus said that the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. He even said that the shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He did what he said on the cross for them. He perfected love to the fullest. It did not ask anything in return but gave even the very own that he could call his own- his body and blood. On the Last Supper he said to his disciples to eat and drink his body and blood- a perpetual reminder to the believer that love is sacrificial in nature. The early church in spite of their many differences was able to exhibit this love and others were added to the church. Love can truly have many converts.

It is time that we ask ourselves are we really able to demonstrate the true love of Christ through our lives and in our existence as the body of Jesus Christ? Can we love each other unconditionally, in deed and sacrificially? If we say yes then we are mapping out to fulfill the great commission of our Lord effectively. If we say that we are trying then we are on the road to recovery of the mandate. And if we say that we never thought about this seriously, then we should start focusing more on the mandate upon us with love. May the Lord enable us as a church to demonstrate the love of Christ in its fullest and grandest meaning.

In Christ Alone

Rev Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes