

Weekly Schedule

Mon, Mar 1st (Lewisville)	Ladies Prayer @ Abie & Suby's res. (7 PM)
Fri, Mar 5th (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, Mar 5th (Mesquite)	PYCD Inaugural Meeting (7 PM) Sharon Fellowship Church 940 Barnes Bridge Road, Mesquite, TX 75150
Sat, Mar 6th (Garland)	Prayer meeting @ Bincy & Sheeba's res. (11 AM) 5302 Hopewell Dr, Garland, TX 75043
Sat, Mar 6th (Mesquite)	PYCD Meeting @ Sharon Fellowship (6:30 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Chile (South America)*

- Early Saturday morning (Feb 27th), an 8.8-magnitude earthquake hit Santiago, Chile with more than 2 million people affected.
- Chile lies on the west coast of Latin America. It is a long, thin country, which has the Pacific Ocean to the west and the mountains of the Andes on the east.
- Chile's political history has been violent and oppressive, particularly under General Pinochet's military dictatorship from '73 to '89. Pinochet's regime was a reign of terror; as many as 80,000 people were tortured or murdered; 1,500 people 'disappeared' and many more were forced to leave the country.
- In 1989, democratic elections gave power to the Christian Democrat Party. This democratic government is working hard to maintain a lasting stability and to deal with the divisions that still lie deep in society.
- 30% of the population still live in poverty.
- Since 1989, a democratic government has brought stability to Chile.
- Chile has seen a steady growth in the number of evangelical Christians, now 16% of the population.
- Chile is still a deeply divided nation, struggling to come to terms with the violence and repression of its recent past. Pray that forgiveness and reconciliation will overcome.
- The Chilean Church doesn't have a strong vision for world mission as many churches do not have connections with the bigger picture of the global Church. Pray that God would break this spiritual isolation and give fresh vision.
- The Mapuche are the largest of Chile's native Amerindian people. Years of abuse and oppression have left them with a deep mistrust of outsiders. Although there is a small community of 4,000 Christians among them, old traditions of animism (worshipping and sacrificing to spirits) hold a strong influence.
- Drug abuse is a major problem in the cities. Pray for freedom and a lasting recovery for people whose lives have been affected.
- Pray for the country of Chile and its people as they go through this tragic event. Pray for the wounded and the families who have lost loved ones.
- Pray for Chile and surrounding countries that may face a possible tsunami.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=15

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*Celebrating the Presence of God
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"Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him." (Ps 92:13-15)

Welcome

“Obedience is better than Sacrifice”

“My Son hear the instruction of thy father, and do not forsake the law of thy mother” (Prov 1:8)

Welcome to the house of the Lord as we celebrate his presence in our midst. Indeed it is our joy to offer the sacrifice of our lips to the Lord God who has created and redeemed us. As we worship let’s understand the importance of a obeying heart which is indeed blessed than any sacrifice that we can bring before God.

The book of Proverb is filled with practical wisdom. It gives us many advices concerning how to live in this world. In many ways a Christian can gain a world of wisdom if they apply the eternal truths of these chapters. At the outset itself the writer lays the bottom line that all the practical wisdom finds its center in the fear of God. God is the ultimate reference point of our wisdom. When one begins from there one can be assured that lives will be built according to God’s pattern and not our own. Apart from that the writer also mentions that there is great blessing in obeying the instruction and commandments of parents. In other words godly parents are also considered the fountain of practical wisdom.

Many a times in the book of Proverb the author mentions the need for seeking godly advice from parents. He also lays out the blessing of such children who consistently obey the instructions of their parents. These are parents who fear the Lord themselves and trust him completely. Only such parents can become role models for their children. Today we lack such parents in our community. Today often when we try to help the young people the growing need arises for counseling the parents first. Many a times we hear children saying if only our parents knew how to raise us up. But in the book of Proverbs the godly parents are the ones who have made a lasting trust in the Lord and the fear of God is always before them. So, there is no denying the fact that Godly parents teach their children some age old truths from their life experiences that can greatly benefit the children in the days to come. It means that parents need to speak to their children the stories of their lives- the narratives that made them strong in the Lord. The stories will speak of the faithfulness of God and the principles that they drew out of their experiences. It does not mean that the experience of the children will be the same. But the principles will remain the same.

So also children have a great responsibility laid upon them. It is to listen and obey the teachings and instructions of the parents. The first commandment with a promise is to honor the parents in the Lord. So, being under parental authority is entirely essential especially when the parents fear the Lord. Godly parents would teach them to respect and honor the Lord in their relationships and all the dealings. Many times it may not make sense to children ‘today’ but remember that it is practical wisdom which is given and all they need is discernment to choose the right and leave the wrong. Bible promises long lasting life and blessing here on earth for obedience to parents.

May the Lord help us all who are children to many a parents to listen and pay attention to the teachings and instruction of the parents- mothers who bore us and fathers who led us.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes