
Upcoming Events

PYCD Praise and Prayer Meeting @ Metro (May 29th)

Weekly Schedule

Wed, May 5th (Mesquite)	Ladies Prayer @ Sis. Lissy Joseph's res. (7 PM)
Fri, May 7th (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, May 7th (Lewisville)	Area Prayer @ Abie & Suby's res. (7 PM)
Sat, May 8th (Metro)	Family Seminar @ Metro (6:30 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Cuba (Latin America) *

- Cuba is the Caribbean's largest and least 'touristy' islands.
- In 1959 a young revolutionary, Fidel Castro, seized power for the Communists. The cigar smoking, long bearded dictator has been in power ever since. Throughout the '60s US anti-Communist hatred and paranoia was at its height and the Soviet Union only added heat to the situation by supporting Cuba and supplying it with nuclear weapons. All this came to a head in 1962 with the Cuban missile crisis; a nuclear standoff between Cuba and the USA, which is said to be the closest the world has ever come to a nuclear conflict.
- In the years that followed Cuba exported its own brand of Communism to revolutionaries across Latin America and Africa, while the USA responded by giving its support to the countries' dictators.
- Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Cuban economy has struggled to keep much of the population out of poverty.
- During the '90s there has been rapid church growth and many churches are filled with young people despite the fact that Cuba's communist ideals have opposed Christianity for 40 years.
- After being closed for 25 years the Cuban Bible Society reopened in 1990. Since then one million Bibles have been printed in Cuba and as many have been legally imported and sold.
- Over one million Cubans have fled the country – either to escape Communism or poverty. Most of these refugees try to settle in the United States. Unfortunately both the USA and Cuba have attempted to use refugees as political weapons – either to make themselves look good, or the other country look bad.
- For many years Christians faced imprisonment and discrimination under Communist rule. In the last ten years this persecution has really reduced (although it has not stopped completely). Pray for complete freedom for Christians in Cuba.
- Cuba used to have the lowest rate of church attendance for any country in the West. 80% of the population still do not have any real connections with a church.
- The Cuban government support spiritism, communicating with spirits and the dead, as being part of Cuba's 'cultural' heritage. As many as 3 million people are followers of spiritism or voodoo cults.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=19



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"O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day." (Ps 96:1,2)

Welcome

“His time”

“He has made everything beautiful in its time...” (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a joy for me to welcome you to today’s worship service. Many times when we think about the things that are going on in our lives, as humans we tend to think about the problems or difficulties we face. These problems or difficulties might sometimes hinder us from giving our best and everything to God when we come to worship him.

Because we are living on this earth, we do have problems that we have to face, but we still have a hope in Christ Jesus. The Bible promises us many things like “...if God is with us who can be against us...” and “...God can do miracles, if we have faith in him...” etc. We also see in the Bible about people like Abraham, Moses, Joshua etc. and how God did supernatural things when his people had faith in him. Because we believe in God and His word, we pray to God about our situation. We have complete faith in him that he can do great things in our lives. We believe 110% that God can change this situation around. We do all this and sometimes we don’t see any answers. We might not see anything happening. Everything we hear or see about that situation might get worse than before and the people around us might say things that may test our faith. We try to do it ourselves because we don’t see God’s work. These are the times that God is testing our faith in Him. Remember, GOD TESTS OUR FAITH AND SATAN TESTS OUR PATIENCE.

When we look in the Gospel of John chapter 11, we see the story of “The Death of Lazarus”. The Bible says that Jesus loved this family. We can also see that in vs3. “...Lord, the one you love is sick”. Here we can see that the Lord loved Lazarus. I believe that God loved Lazarus in the same way He loves us as he promised in John 3:16 “For God so loved the world...” When you keep reading the story, in vs4 it says, “When He (Jesus) heard this, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will not end in death...’. Wow, I bet that was a relief for the messengers who I believe went back and told Mary and Martha that “Lord said, that your brother will not die!” and when we read vs5-6 we see that Jesus loved that family (Lazarus and his two sisters) yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick he stayed there two more days. I don’t understand why he did that. I mean, don’t you rush to the people you love when you hear that they are sick. The one thing that I learned from this is that we can’t completely understand God because if we completely understand God, he can’t be God, He becomes like any other person. When we keep reading, in about vs11 Jesus tells his disciples that Lazarus is dead. Wasn’t this the same Jesus who said that “This sickness would not end in death”? What happened? Many times our situation is like that too. We believe in the promises of God but things always don’t turn out the way we believe they would. I am not saying not to believe in God’s promises but I am saying that we should believe that He will fulfill the promises in His perfect time. When Mary and Martha saw that their brother died, they might be shattered in their faith because Jesus said that this sickness will not end in death. When Jesus came to Bethany, Martha came to him and said “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When things like this happen even we say things like Martha said. But Jesus asks her and us a question, DO YOU BELIEVE? Do you believe that the God we serve and trust is bigger than every situation? Do you believe that God can do the impossible? Do you believe in His timing? Believe in Him even when you don’t feel like it. He makes all things beautiful in His time.

In Christ Alone

Abeyson Job

Sermon Notes