
Upcoming Events

PYCD Sports Event (June 19): Men's Basketball, Women's Volleyball & Badminton

Weekly Schedule

Fri, June 4th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10:00 AM)

Sat, June 5th (Metro) FTH & PYCD Internal Competition (6:30 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: El Salvador & Falkland Islands (Latin America)*

El Salvador

- A long history of oppression by the hands of wealthy plantation owners and military dictators led to a civil war between government forces and left-wing guerilla.
- Since signing a peace deal in 1992 both sides are now in government, but they face huge challenges. 80% of the population live in poverty while the rest are extremely wealthy.
- During the civil war loads of people became Christians. 22% of the population are now committed Christians.
- The civil war has scarred El Salvador. Years of hate, violence, suspicion and devastation continue to affect society. Pray that through peace, forgiveness and reconciliation El Salvador can build a fairer society for everyone.
- As the church grows, pray that leaders can find enough money and training to equip new leaders.
- Over 350,000 children were abandoned during the war. Pray that they would be cared for and supported as they cope with trauma and loss

Falkland Islands

- The Falkland Islands lie off the Argentinean coast in the Atlantic, but are a British dependent territory.
- Argentina invaded the islands in 1982 and were defeated by British troops and since then the British military have had a strong presence on the islands.
- Pray for Christians among the Falkland Islanders, or 'Kelpies' and among the British troops. Pray that God would put in their hearts a passion for the lost.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=172 & 173



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"Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts." (Ps 96:7,8)

Welcome

“What Makes People Happy?”

“My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.” (Ps 45: 1)

Praise the Lord and welcome to the house of the Lord for a time of rejoicing in His presence. CNN asked five leading religious leaders on May 21st, 2010 the question What makes people happy? and this is what they had to say:

Deepak Chopra (Founder of the Chopra Center and Proponent of Mind-Body Healer) says that happiness can only be brought by making others happy. He also says that creativity, finding meaning in life and seeing opportunity instead of problem also can bring happiness but true happiness can only be brought about by making others happy. Greg Epstein (Humanist Chaplain at Harvard University) says that there is no perfect happiness but imperfect happiness. Happiness is a byproduct of engaging in relationships, good works, and connection to loved ones and to humanity. These things and not belief in God is why churches and temples work. Harold Kushner (Rabbi and Author of the Book Why Bad things Happen to Good people) notes that, happiness is always a byproduct. By striving to be a good person and by fullest utilization of your talent and by knowing when you made someone’s life better. Joel Osteen (Pastor, Lakewood Church) says that there must be distinction made between joy and happiness. The latter is determined by one’s circumstances but joy is permanent state of being. Joy comes from having meaning and purpose in our life. God has a purpose for us and putting our faith in God we can live a more joy filled life. Jonathan Falwell (Pastor Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia) says that, happiness as a result of external situation of life is short lived. True happiness is the stirring of the soul. True satisfaction in life springs forth from heart and soul. It is found in a relationship with God through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He is the source of soul satisfaction.

Several centuries ago if some one would have asked the sons of Korah what makes them happy, this is what they would have answered. Our heart is full of abiding joy and a noble theme is on our lips. This makes us so much happy that we would burst forth in a love song. Our heart is swelling up like a fountain and wants to speak out the noble theme concerning our Lord and God. Our song is about our King and his righteous rule. It has to do with his majesty and splendor. Singing a love song for our King makes us happy. This happiness is the result of a living and abiding relationship with our King. On a personal note they would also say that we remember the day when earth swallowed our fathers and we barely escaped. Our king is also our redeemer and we have every reason to sing unto Him. This noble theme makes us happy and we are ready to demonstrate that love in our lives.

My dear brothers and sisters what makes you happy even as you are here in the sanctuary to worship our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The greatest thing that can make us happy is our relationship to the Creator of the Universe through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Are you happy today for this relationship? Are you happy that your sins are forgiven? Are you happy that you have a future and a destiny? Are you happy that you have a permanent home waiting in heaven? Are you happy that no matter what may happen in your life His love will never fail you nor forsake you? If you are happy then break forth in a love song from the depth of your heart and worship your King to honor him as he deserves.

In Christ Alone

Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes