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### Upcoming Events

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

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### Weekly Schedule

Thurs, June 10th (Mesquite)	Area Prayer @ Viju & Nancy's res. (7 PM)
Fri, June 11th (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, June 11th (Metro)	Impact & Adults Bible Study @ Metro (7 PM)
Sat, June 12th (Dallas)	Volunteer Work @ North TX Food Bank (9 AM) 4500 South Cockrell Hill Rd, Dallas, TX 75236

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### Prayer for the Nations: French Guiana & Grenada (Latin America)\*

#### French Guiana

- Sandwiched between Brazil and Suriname, French Guiana is the only remaining colony in South America.
- For years Guiana was infamous for its off shore prison colony - Devil's Island.
- There has never been any permanent work established among the tribes who live in the equatorial jungle. Pray that Christians from tribes in Brazil and Suriname would be called to share the gospel and disciple people from their tribes who live in Guiana.

#### Grenada

- Grenada is the most southerly of the Winward islands.
- It is the second largest producer of nutmeg! It also makes money from banana and cocoa crops.
- Most people are descended from Africans who were brought here as slaves from the 16th century onwards to work the sugar plantations.
- Although many people would call themselves Christians, many don't have a personal relationship with God.
- Slave owners didn't allow their slaves to marry and even now this legacy continues - most children don't know their dads.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=174 & 176](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=174 & 176)



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

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"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously." (Ps 96:9,10)

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# Welcome

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# Sermon Notes

“Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways” (Hag 1:5)

Praise the Lord. Welcome to the house of the Lord for a wonderful time of fellowship with the Lord and with each other.

The book of Haggai contains a message of encouragement for the people of God who have stopped rebuilding the temple of the Lord. It was King Cyrus of Persia who in 537 BC gave the permission to the Israelite to return to their own land after seventy years of captivity in Babylon. The names and numbers of those who returned are mentioned in Ezra chapters one and two. After having come back they laid the foundation of the temple and rebuilt the altar and offered sacrifices. But due to many reasons the work came to a standstill for many years. It was then again the encouragement of prophets Haggai and Zechariah that the work resumed back in 518BC and finally came to completion in 515 BC.

There were many reasons why the initial enthusiasm of the people failed for the rebuilding of the Temple. These could be termed as external and internal reasons. The external reasons were caused by the political instability caused by the death of Cyrus in 529 BC and only after Darius I became king in 518 BC that stability was restored to the province. Secondly reading Ezra chapter 3 and 4 reminds us that many in powerful positions under the Persians did not want the Jews to rebuild the temple and tried their best to thwart the work of the Temple. But the most important reasons that Haggai lays out have to do with the people of Israel themselves.

Since laying the foundation, the people have become disoriented and have changed their priorities. That is why the message is very clear that they have to literally set their heart on their ways. Twice in chapter 1: 5, 7 the message comes loud and clear that they have to consider their ways. The call of God is for people to consider their ways and change their attitudes and ways of life. The people are saying that it is not time yet to rebuild the house of the Lord. They are postponing God’s work while they are busy in building their own paneled houses. They are changing their focus on to themselves and not to God. Each of them are busy with their own world while the house of God lies in ruin. They are trying to establish themselves at the expense of their Creator and Redeemer.

The prophet takes them around to show their folly in doing this procrastination. He says that the consequences have been great to neglect and hence they need to come back to rebuild. They have sown much but harvested little, drank but never had their fill, clothed themselves but not warm, earned wages but put in bags with holes, they looked for much but found little(Hag 1: 6, 9, 10; 2: 15f) The land is suffering with drought and famine and there has been loss of produce. They are unable to experience their blessings. Their miracle is not happening.

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The cause and consequences of their actions must now spur them to action. The cure is prescribed by the prophet in 1:8 and that they need to go up to the hills and bring wood and build God’s house. It is for Him to take pleasure and be glorified. If the Lord is pleased then he will start blessing them because all the endless sufferings that they are enduring is due to the hand of God heavy upon them. God will bless them and be with them and he will make their work to prosper. He gives them his promise of provisions and protection and says that the latter glory of this rebuilt temple shall be greater than its former glory. The Lord was faithful to His promise. God’s own son the embodiment of divine grace and glory stepped into that temple which was rebuilt by the people during this time.

My dear brothers and sisters even today the Lord is calling us to build his kingdom, his house. Many a times, we are so preoccupied with our own comfort zones, that the work of the Lord has taken a back seat. We then cry out why the Lord is not looking at us with grace and favor. He wants us to repent and come back to him by setting our hearts on our ways. He promises that from the day that we set our heart on his ways he shall bless us (Hag 2: 19) Are you willing today to reshape and readjust your priorities? Are you willing to seek the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul?

In Christ Alone  
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