
Upcoming Events

PYCD Written Competition (July 10) and Stage Competition (July 29 - Aug 1)

Metro Vacation Bible School: August 10 - 14 (Tues - Sat), 6 PM daily

Weekly Schedule

Fri, June 25th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10:30 AM)

Fri, June 25th (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, June 26th (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro
Three sessions: 10:30 AM - 7 PM

Prayer for the Nations: Guyana (Latin America)*

- Guyana lies on the northeast coast of South America.
- The country used to be a Dutch and then later a British colony until it gained independence in 1966.
- The colonial rulers used to ship slaves from India and Africa to work on the sugar plantations here and the legacy of the slave trade has created racial diversity and political tension today.
- Indian Guyanans living in rural areas have been really open to finding out about Jesus!
- Christians are working together with greater unity and having an impact in every area of society. Pray that they will see their country change as they stand together - working and praying for transformation.
- At times Guyana is barely holding together as a country. Venezuela and Suriname are staking their claim on parts of Guyana and inter-racial tensions threaten to rip the country open.
- Most African-Guyanans are Christians - but for many it doesn't go deep and what they believe is also twisted up with witchcraft and Rastafarianism. Pray that they will really meet with Jesus and understand his truth and love.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=179



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"The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof." (Ps 97:1)

Welcome

“Love one another. As I have loved you...” (John 13:34)

It is a joy for me to welcome you today to the Sunday worship. We call ourselves Christians or in other words Disciples of Christ. How does the world view Christians? Because we are of Indian heritage and living in America, I want to take the view point of these two countries about Christians. The majority of the Indian culture considers Christians as enemies because; they believe we (Christians) adopted the white man's religion and culture. The majority in the American culture view us as, narrow minded hypocrites. But that is not how Christ wants the world to view us. In John 13:35 Jesus says, *“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

We are so caught up in loving God that we forget to love one another. Oh! We love God so much, we read the Bible everyday, we pray to him all the time, we worship him with everything we have, that is great but, how are we with one another? How are we with our friends and co-workers? We should realize that we are representatives of Christ, Christianity and Christians. The way we act towards other people should say if you are a true Christian or not. Many people think that Christianity is all about a bunch of rule, a bunch of do's and do not's. Yes, that might be 1% true because when you are a new creation you cannot act like your old self. But Christianity is not only that, Christianity is about love.

The Bible says in John 3:16 “For God so loved the world...” When God loved the world, the world was not like how it was before Adam and Eve ate the fruit. The world was filled with sin but still God choose to love the world. He could have just destroyed it and started from scratch but no, He did not do that. He loved the world. He loved the world so much that He gave his only son Jesus to die for our sins. The world thinks of Christians as narrow minded people and hypocrites because we make it look like that. Because of the way we present Christianity in our day to day activities. If we see any person going in the wrong way, going away from God or doing things that he/she is not suppose to or just being different than us. Instead of loving them, praying for them and being with them. We tend to separate ourselves from them, we tend to talk bad things about them sometimes in form of a public “prayer request”. God wants us to love one another in spite of our mistakes. In John 13 we see that Jesus was washing the feet of His disciples. That was an act of His love, He was being humble. It is very important to be humble in order to love someone. While He was washing the feet, He also washed the feet of Judas Iscariot. He knew that Judas will betray Him and He knew that satan was working through him but He still loved him.

Sermon Notes

When Jesus was about to wash Peter's feet. Peter asked, *“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”* Jesus replied, *“You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”* “No,” said Peter, *“you shall never wash my feet.”* Jesus answered, *“Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”* “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, *“not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”* (John 13:6-9). In spite of all this, Jesus knew that Peter was going to deny Him but still He humbled himself and loved Peter. Many times we love the people who love us but the Bible says, *“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.”* (Luke 6:27-35). When Jesus died on the cross, He made a bridge. He made a bridge between God and us and also He made bridge between one another. It is really important for us to love God and strengthen our relationship with God because unless we do that we cannot love other. While we are loving God, let us not forget about the other half because the bible says, *“We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”* (1 John 4:19-21)

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