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### Upcoming Events

PYCD Stage Competition (July 30 - Aug 1)

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

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### Weekly Schedule

Thurs, July 15th (Mesquite) Ladies Prayer @ Sis. Ponnamma's res. (7 PM)

Fri, July 16th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10:30 AM)

Fri, July 16th (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, July 17th (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro  
Three sessions: 10:30 AM - 7 PM

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### Technical Difficulties

Please note that the church website (metrocoq.net) is not fully functional. Thanks for your patience till this issue is resolved.

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### Prayer for the Nations: Jamaica (Latin America)\*

- In 1998 Honduras Ruled by the Spanish and then the English, Jamaica was the first Caribbean island to gain independence.
- Because the market for sugar and bananas has dropped and tourism is declining the country has been getting poorer. Violence and armed crime are growing problems.
- Violence, crime and drug trafficking continue to destroy Jamaica; it has one of the highest homicide rates in the world and half the male population are drugs users. Pray that Jamaica's political and spiritual leaders would have the courage and wisdom to turn the country around.
- Jamaica often leads the way for the rest of Caribbean. Pray for students studying at Bible school in Jamaica - that through them God would give fresh life and vision to the whole of the Caribbean.
- Most churches don't have anything to do with the poorest people in Jamaica. Pray that Christians would out God's love into action and reach out to those who have nothing.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=132](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=132)

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

July 11, 2010

"For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked." (Ps 97:9,10)

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# Welcome

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you.....when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”. Isaiah 43:5,2.

Greetings and welcome to another exciting Worship service at Metro. In this fast paced world where we live in, man has scaled great heights still the most significant thought that dominates the mind and life of every person is “fear”. Today people are fearful of the economy, fear of losing jobs, fear about break-up in marriage, fear about their future, fear about their children’s future, fear of death and the list just goes on. But among all these fears, one fear that has continuously diminished among everyone is the fear of God. The word of God teaches us not to be afraid of anything. Infact, many scholars claim that the word of God mentions about 365 times to not to be afraid.

We read about a parable that Jesus told his disciples in Luke 19:11-22 about 10 minas. A ruler went to a far country and gave 10 of his workers a mina (three months wages in those times) each. It was a defining moment, which gave a chance to test their skills, develop initiative, practice good judgment and profit from their investment. The 1st man earned 10 more minas from his 1 mina and likewise the second man earned 5 more minas. But the word says, one of them was afraid of failing so he buried his mina. Jesus described this man as wicked and commanded that his mina be taken and given to the one who brought in 10 minas. Many times fear of people, fear of failure and fear of rejection can tempt us to bury our gifts. When God called people like Moses, Gideon, Deborah and Esther they all had to overcome their natural fears. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, fear of lack made them want to go back to Egyptian slavery. Fear of persecution caused the disciples to forsake Jesus in His darkest hour and caused Peter to deny Him thrice.

As Christians we need to refuse to let fear stop us. The devil always wants to remind us of our past failures. But the word of God encourages us in Isaiah 43: 18,19 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland”. I am reminded of a story when soon after World War II, the Reverend John Grauel, a Methodist minister from Massachusetts , began helping Jewish refugees resettle in Israel . On March 23, 1947, he sailed aboard the refugee ship “Exodus”.

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# Sermon Notes

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The ship carried 4554 Holocaust survivors. It was intercepted and captured by British destroyers off the coast of Haifa , Palestine . The British stormed the Exodus and two refugees and one crewmember died. The ship was diverted and the Jewish refugees were sent to displaced persons camps in the British Zone of Germany. Rev. Grauel encouraged the fearful refugees. He rushed to Jerusalem and gave persuasive testimony; how the Exodus was rammed seven times, then boarded by armed sailors who shot and clubbed to death defenseless boys. “The Exodus had no arms,” Reverend Grauel insisted. He then gave a firsthand report on what happened to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine . His compelling testimony paved the way for a United Nations vote that recognized the Jewish state of Israel.

Today, the Lord asks us to trust in Him and not to be afraid. When we put our trust in Christ, we do not have to be afraid of anything.

May God bless us.

In Christ

Stephen O. Mathew