

Upcoming Events

Youth Meeting at Metro on July 11th (Friday Night). PYCD pre-competitions to be held during the Youth Meeting.

July 13th is the final weekend to register for PYCD Talent Competitions.

Metro Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place the 2nd week of August.

Weekly Schedule

Tues, July 8th (Mesquite) Ladies Meeting
Saju and Alice's residence (7 PM)

Wed, July 9th (Metro) Bible Study @ Metro (7 PM)

Fri, July 11th (Metro) Youth Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, July 12th (Metro) Metro Leadership Meeting (5 PM)

Sat, July 12th (Irving) Prayer at Joshua & Susan's residence (7 PM)

Prayer: Children of the Nations

In various countries which have recently encountered natural and man-made calamities, the children are many times the forgotten victims.

Here are some examples of children effected. These are just a few examples* from the following countries: (* <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/07/01/wounded.children/index.html>)

Mynamar (Burma): children who lost loved ones and possessions as a result of the cyclone. These children have lost one or both parents, and now they are without a caretaker and caregiver. They are psychologically devastated and have difficulty being playful and happy children again. They refuse to talk, smile, and play.

Darfur: Girls who have been sexually exploited. These girls carry a heavy burden mentally and physically. They are weighed down by the brutality that was inflicted on them. Sometimes they refuse to be around any men for the fear that is still in their hearts.

Uganda: Child soldiers. These kids were trained to kill and have killed many people. They have difficulty acting like children again because they have lost that child-like innocence through the exposure to physical and brutal violence.

Pray for these and many children who have been physically, mentally, and spiritually effected by the harsh things they have encountered in their lives.

Pray for the organizations that are trying to help the children to once again regain their childhood.

Pray that the love of God may reach the hearts of these children and they may once again realize that they are loved and cared for by One who is greater than the world.

Pray that the church may rise up to help these children in need.



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And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. (Psalm 50: 15)

Welcome

Sermon Notes

"Thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name". Psalm 63:3,4.

Greetings and welcome to another exciting Worship service at Metro. As we gather to celebrate the presence of our awesome God, who is the King of glory, let us seek His face earnestly. Just like King David expresses his desire in Psalm 63:1 "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land". This psalm has in it as much of warmth and lively devotion as any of David's psalms. I would like to invite you to visualize the circumstance in which David penned Psalm 63. He was in the wilderness of Judah; that is in the forest of Hereth, hotly pursued by King Saul. The best and dearest of God's saints and servants may sometimes have their lot cast in a wilderness, lonely and solitary, desolate and afflicted, wanting, wandering, and unsettled, and quite at a loss what to do with themselves. In spite of this wilderness experience, David's only desire was to seek God. He was in a dry and thirsty land, not because it was a wilderness but because it was at a distance from the ark, from the word and sacraments. This world is a weary land and it will never yield us any true satisfaction and the more we are away from God, the more we will be dissatisfied and disillusioned.

It is amazing to see how soon David's complaints and prayers turned into thanksgiving and praises. He admits that God's loving kindness is better than life and all the comforts of life and prosperity. Our salvation is truly the unmerited favor of God and His loving kindness in our lives. Therefore, David says that my lips shall praise thee, thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. I am reminded of the amazing story of a young Australian, Nick Vujicic, who is also one of the speakers at the PCNAK 2008 at Atlanta, GA. Nick was born without limbs. His entire church mourned for him and his parents were devastated. The doctors were shocked and had no answers at all. In spite of all adversities and challenges he survived. He had every reason to be mad at God. He felt as if he was a burden to those around him and wanted to commit suicide. But the grace of God and the support and comfort provided by his parents and family enabled him to overcome his struggles. Today, Nick is a motivational speaker and uses every opportunity to share the love of Christ with others.

We have every reason to be thankful to God for all His innumerable blessings in our lives that should spur us to spontaneously praise God. I encourage you today to shift your focus from all the things that beset us from worshipping God and refocus on to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith and worship Him in the beauty of His holiness.

May God bless us.

In Christ,
Dr. Stephen

Prayer Needs

Sis. Grace Santosh's father in Oklahoma City has suffered a stroke and one side of his body has become paralyzed. Pray for his healing and recovery.

Pray for the comfort and strength for Sis. Grace and other family members.