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## Upcoming Events

Two-Day Bible Study at Metro, Aug 1 - 2 (Fri & Sat, 7 PM).

Topic: The Church in Today's Age

Teacher: Rev. Dr. B Varghese

Metro Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 6 - 9 (Wed - Sat, 5:30 PM).

Register Online at: <http://www.metrocog.net/newsandevents.html>

An evening with Gladys Staines\* on Aug 17, Sun (5:30pm) at Plano Convention Center. (\* Wife of Graham Staines and mother of two sons who were killed in Orissa)

Special Fasting Prayer prior to start of the school year to take place on August 22-23 (Fri & Sat) at Metro

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## Weekly Schedule

Fri, Aug 1st (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Aug 1st (Metro) Bible Study @ Metro (7 - 9 PM)

Sat, Aug 2nd (Metro) Bible Study @ Metro (7 - 9 PM)

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### Prayer: Bhutan\*

Bhutan is perched in the Himalayas between India and China.

Officially Bhutan is a Buddhist state and although it is slowly modernizing it is almost totally closed to the outside world.

Bhutan is one of the least evangelized nations in the world. King Wangchuk and the government reinforce the hold of Buddhism over the country. Pray for spiritual freedom for all in Bhutan.

Bhutan was totally closed to Christians until 1965 and even now only a small number of organizations are allowed in and only if they are helping to run hospitals or schools. There is strictly no evangelism allowed! Pray that despite all these restrictions everyone in Bhutan would get to hear the gospel.

\*[http://www.24-7prayer.com/ow/country.php?country\\_id=115](http://www.24-7prayer.com/ow/country.php?country_id=115)

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I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints. (Psalm 52:9)

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# Welcome

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened..." (Eph 1: 18)

Warm Christian greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to this time of praise and worship in the house of the Lord.

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, Paul the Apostle explains the mystery of God, hidden for ages but now as it stands revealed in Jesus Christ- a mystery with eternal consequences planned by God for all of humanity. In the course of this explanation he breaks forth in prayer for the saints at Ephesus (1: 15ff; 3: 14ff)

It is the desire of Paul that the believers at Ephesus in particular and believers in all generations must have an enlightenment of their spiritual eyes so that they can discern and understand the mystery of God planned through the ages. In another translation it says that their hearts will be flooded with light so that they may understand better.

We who have the beauty of sight may not truly appreciate what we have until we speak or meet with someone who became blind or was born blind. In their world they have only darkness and have to depend on the interpretation of someone outside of them to make things meaningful to them. Just as physical eyes enables us to see and perceive things outside of us, so also with the eyes of our heart enlightened we may clearly see the things of God which will enable us to see us truly in the light of God's standards.

In this age we need a spiritual awakening not concentrated on the outward expression of our spirituality but an inner arousal of our heart and mind to seek God's mystery exemplified in the person of Jesus Christ. In a simple way it means to be gripped by a vision from God just as Paul encountered on the road to Damascus. The light that shone brightly than the sun made him blind to things pertaining to his earthly existence and made him open up to a new mandate- God empowered destiny and purpose. Thus he was able to say that I count everything (which I thought were valuable) as worthless compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus as my Lord. This is what happens to someone whose eyes have been flooded with the light from God or whose eyes have been enlightened.

Before a rude awakening, let's all of us pray these days for a great awakening to take place on the inside of us and which would evidently be experienced on the outside too.

In Christ Alone

Pastor Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes

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## Words of Wisdom: by Oswald Chambers

Faith, however, is not intellectual understanding; faith is a deliberate commitment to the Person of Jesus Christ, even when I can't see the way ahead.

If your life is producing only a whine, instead of the wine, then ruthlessly kick it out. It is definitely a crime for a Christian to be weak in God's strength.

If we want to maintain personal intimacy with the Lord Jesus Christ, it will mean refusing to do or even think certain things. And some things that are acceptable for others will become unacceptable for us