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## Upcoming Events

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

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

All Metro members are welcome to attend the VBS closing night on Saturday

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 martyred in Orissa)

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

Church Retreat in Glenrose, TX (Fri - Sun, Sept 5 - 7).

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## Weekly Schedule

Wed - Sat, Aug 6 - 9 (Metro) VBS @ Metro Church of God (5:30 PM)

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### Prayer for the Nations: Karnataka, India\*

Several Christians were attacked by Hindu militants in the state of Karnataka, India in recent weeks.

On July 13, Hindu militants disrupted a morning worship service at the Full Gospel Assembly Church in the village of Harapanahalli Taluk, Davangere district and beat believers present. Pastor Prakash Nayak and an evangelist, Kari Basappa, were severely injured. The militants also destroyed Bibles and song books in the attack.

On July 20, another church in the same district, the Gypsy Prayer Hall, was attacked by a group of Hindu militants. At approximately 12:30 p.m., the militants stormed into the church during a worship service and shouted insults and threats at believers present. Bibles and song books were burned. They dragged Pastor Naik (48) and two other believers outside and beat them. The three were then taken to the local police station where they were accused of forcibly converting Hindus.

Also on July 20, approximately twenty Hindu militants stormed into the Friends Mission Prayer Band Church in the village of Konvallichawla, Haveri district during a worship service and assaulted Pastor Abraham. The militants also destroyed Christian literature, including Bibles. They took Pastor Abraham to a local police station, planning to have him arrested, but he collapsed as a result of his injuries and was hospitalized.

Pray for healing for those injured in these attacks. Ask God to bless the ministry of these and other Christian workers spreading the Gospel in India. Pray that the Lord will work in the lives of the persecutors and lead them to faith in Christ.

\*[http://news.christiansunite.com/Religion\\_News/religion07445.shtml?from=gadget](http://news.christiansunite.com/Religion_News/religion07445.shtml?from=gadget)

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Educating the People of God*

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I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD;  
for it is good. (Psalm 54:6)

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# Welcome

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# Sermon Notes

*"...realize what a rich and glorious inheritance he (Christ) has given to his people"  
(Eph 1: 18)*

Greetings in the matchless 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.

Last week we saw how Paul intends in his prayers for the believers that their eyes may be enlightened so that they are able to understand the things of God. This opening of the inner eyes will reveal to them the rich and glorious inheritance that Christ has given to his church.

Often Christians become too narrow sighted because of the glare of earthly things, which may glitter for a time but has no enduring worth. In the light of this earthly glitter- it could be money, possessions or positions that we fail to realize the glorious and rich inheritance that Christ has promised to believers.

The flooding of light in our heart, which is the seat of all our thought and moral judgment and also feelings and emotions enables us to know that in the New Testament God has blessed us with all the heavenly blessings. In this way we have a superior inheritance than the saints of the Old Testament because they were promised an earthly inheritance in Abrahamic covenant.

This inheritance for the believers is the promised Canaan- rest, which was the promise of God for the redeemed from Egypt. God has made plentiful provisions for us in assuring this rest in Christ Jesus. That is going to be our final destiny and it would be a Sabbath celebration for the Lord in which all the redeemed of the Lord are going to enjoy the fellowship of the triune God. It would be time of final triumph for our wearied bodies tempted and tried in this sinful world of existence. It would be the final victory over sin, death and Satan- the shout and song of the redeemed.

The greatest inheritance that we have is that we have God with us, in us and for us. The Psalmist raises this simple question: who have I on heaven and whom do I desire on earth more than any thing? The answer is that it is God and God alone. The glorious inheritance that we all will partake with the saints is an unbroken, unhindered, and unending fellowship with our Savior and Lord. May the Lord grant us grace that we may set our eyes and mind on this glorious and rich inheritance, which the Lord will divide and give to us just as the land of Canaan was portioned off for the people after the conquest.

In Christ Alone

Pastor Satish Kumar

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## Words of Wisdom: by Oswald Chambers

". . . do not worry about your life. . ." ( Matthew 6:25 ). Our Lord pointed out that from His standpoint it is absolutely unreasonable for us to be anxious, worrying about how we will live. Jesus did not say that the person who takes no thought for anything in his life is blessed— no, that person is a fool. But Jesus did teach that His disciple must make his relationship with God the dominating focus of his life, and to be cautiously carefree about everything else in comparison to that. In essence, Jesus was saying, "Don't make food and drink the controlling factor of your life, but be focused absolutely on God." Some people are careless about what they eat and drink, and they suffer for it; they are careless about what they wear, having no business looking the way they do; they are careless with their earthly matters, and God holds them responsible. Jesus is saying that the greatest concern of life is to place our relationship with God first, and everything else second.