

Week of 11/18/2024

Words of Encouragement

Our external delights, our ambition and reputation, and our human relationships - for all these things our desires are eager, our appetites strong, our love warm and affectionate, our zeal ardent. Our hearts are tender and sensitive when it comes to these things, easily moved, deeply impressed, much concerned, and greatly engaged. We are depressed at our losses and excited and joyful about our worldly successes and prosperity. But when it comes to spiritual matters, how dull we feel! How heavy and hard our hearts! We can sit and hear of the infinite height, and depth, and length, and breadth of the love of God in Christ Jesus, of His giving His infinitely dear Son – and yet be cold and unmoved!... If we are going to be emotional about anything, shouldn't it be our spiritual lives? Is anything more inspiring, more exciting, more loveable and desirable in heaven or earth than the gospel of Jesus Christ?... The gospel story is designed to affect us emotionally – and our emotions are designed to be affected by its beauty and glory. It touches our hearts at their tenderest parts, shaking us deeply to the core. We should be utterly humbled that we are not more emotionally affected than we are.

-Jonathan Edwards

Pray for the Unreached

Saramaccan People in Suriname

Population: 32,000 | Primary religion: Ethnic Religions | Percent Evangelical Christian: .80%

Pray for today's people group to obey God and that Jesus to become their source of eternal salvation. Saramaccan believers number about four percent of population. Pray for them to spread Christ's fame throughout their community. Pray for the Saramaccan refugees in Guyana to thrive physically and spiritually. Pray that God would soften their hearts to Christ. Pray for Saramaccan believers to facilitate a movement to Christ among their people.

Prayer Requests

- UPDATE: Please pray for Chet during this busy season at work. He has been the only social worker for two months and has multiple hard cases. A new social worker was hired, so help has arrived and is being trained. Please pray for endurance and dependence on the Lord during this time.
- Please pray for John Dillon who had a heart attack a few weeks ago. Please pray for continued recovery and comfort for them all.
- UPDATE: Jeff Mason's scans came back negative for growth with his lung cancer. Praise the Lord! Please pray for continued healing and peace.
- Please pray for the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and the continued recovery efforts.
- Please pray for Cove Shelter and the current season. Please pray for provision and people to serve.
- UPDATE: Please pray for Brad as he begins to prepare for his counseling exam in December. Please pray for him to be able to study well and fight against the lies of the enemy.

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Scripture Reading

Consider reading Revelation 15 in preparation for this week's sermon.

Calendar

- Sunday: 9:45 AM Prayer Time for the Lost at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service

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