

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## The Children's Work

We expect the children's work among us to be very prevailing. Therefore, we need to have a proper realization and preparation for this work. When we speak of the children's work, we are referring to children who have not graduated from elementary school but are more than five years old. These are the target of our children's work. If we are unable to take care of the children who are younger than this age group, we will leave them to the care of their parents. In order to give a message to young people or college students, we know that we must be well prepared. Some may think that it is easy to care for the children who are between the ages of five and twelve by simply giving them a piece of candy. However, to handle the children in this way will not yield a good result. According to my observation, the most difficult work to do effectively is the children's work.

In Christianity, doing the children's work is considered to be like operating a school; hence, it is called Sunday school. In Western countries there is a Sunday school for every age: for elderly people, for younger adults, for college age, for teenagers, and for children. The denominations have Sunday school classes, and afterward everyone comes together for the Sunday church service. In the Sunday school classes they may use textbooks. **We do not agree with this method.** We feel that our children's meeting should not have the flavor of a Sunday school. From our experience we feel that if we regard the children's work as a school and teach our children from textbooks, it will be of more harm than benefit to them. This method educates the children with premature knowledge. Later, when the children grow up, they will not be very open to listen to the truth. The children hear too many Bible stories in Sunday school, and their hearing becomes dull. When they grow up, they will not be moved by what they hear. This is a problem.

### COMPILING TEACHING MATERIAL



What material should we use to teach the children? We should begin by teaching the children **how to be a proper human being.** We should show them that man is different from the animals and different from the trees, plants, and flowers. After this we should speak of man's character and conduct. We should teach the children to honor their parents and be loving, pure, obedient, honest, and proper in their conduct. We must be careful **not to give them a religious thought or concept.**

When we speak of the difference between man and the animals, we can mention that man was created by God and also that the heavens and the earth were created by God. We can also say a little about how man was created in God's image. We do not need to say more than this. I do not agree with explaining all of Genesis 1 and 2 to the children. Even if we touch man's fall in Genesis 3, we should speak briefly and should not tell the entire story of the fall. When we speak to children, we should tell them experiential stories; we should not give them too much doctrine. It is not necessarily a benefit for the children to know too much.

We need to train the teachers for the children's meeting in such a way that they can find illustrations by themselves from practical situations. For instance, they can ask the children, "Are you being honest if you steal candy from your older brother?" or "Suppose your mother saves a bigger piece of candy for your younger sister, and this makes you unhappy and jealous. Do you still love your mother and your sister?" When we speak to the children, **we must use practical examples.** (*The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 311-312*)

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### Meeting Schedule:

#### Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day  
10:00AM to 12:00PM

#### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
Saints Homes  
8:00PM to 9:00PM

#### YP Meeting

Fridays  
7:00PM to 9:00PM  
Brother Hedrick's Place

#### Small/Home Meeting

Friday Evening  
Saint's Home

### Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, CA February 12-14, 2016
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring) Anaheim, CA - April 8-10, 2016
3. Memorial Day Conference Washington, DC May 27-30, 2016
4. Summer Training Anaheim, CA - July 4-9, 2016
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall) Gold Coast, Australia - October 6-8, 2016
6. Thanksgiving Conference San Jose, CA - November 24-27, 2016
7. Winter Training Anaheim, CA - December 26-31, 2016

### Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ June 12, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ July 4-9, 2016 - Summer Training

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord, impress us more with the ark of the testimony. Make our humanity **strong in character** and **high in standard** like You. Give us the taste of the God-man living by being mingled with God, more **gold** added to our being.
2. Lord, thank You for the **sealing** of the Spirit. Show us even more of the significance of the four rings of the ark, which is there eternal Spirit. **Connect us more** with Yourself through the Spirit, that we can bear Your testimony upon our shoulders.
3. Lord, we don't want any distance between us and God. We want to be those remaining in God's presence, and **ministering directly** to Him. Bring us deeper into the tabernacle until we enjoy You in a hidden way.
4. Lord, make our service in the church in **resurrection** as shown in the budding rod. We pray that the law of life will **conform us** more to Your image for Your expression.
5. Please pray for the **college training**:
  - a) Lord, we pray that you will raise up a new generation in the Your recovery to bear Your testimony and consummate the age.
  - b) That develops a romantic relationship with the Lord by spending time with Him in the morning.
  - c) That reads the Bible everyday, experience the essential Spirit for their daily walk, experience the outpouring of the economical Spirit in preaching the gospel to their friends and schoolmates.
  - d) That is built up with spiritual companions and has renewed consecration everyday.
6. Please pray for the **Summer School of Truth** (August 1-6).
7. Please pray for the church in Regina: Lord, remember our small group meetings and home meeting.

*"... To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna..."*

**This Weeks's Pursuit:**

**CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF EXODUS (1) — THE ARK OF TESTIMONY**

I. The Ark typifies Christ as the embodiment of God; it also signifies Christ as the presence of the Triune God with His people for the carrying out of His economy to establish His kingdom on earth:

The first furniture of the tabernacle is the Ark of the Testimony, indicating that if we do not have Christ as the embodiment of God, we cannot have the **enlargement** of Christ, which is the church, His Body. The ark contained the tablets of the law as the testimony of God, the **expression** and revelation of who God is. It signifies the **centre** of God's dwelling place, the church. It signifies the **contents** of the church as the house of God.

II. The Ark of acacia wood overlaid with gold signifies the pneumatic Christ as the embodiment of God and as the mingling of divinity with humanity, the building of God with man, dwelling in our spirit for us to contact God and enjoy God:

Acacia wood signifies Christ's humanity, **strong in character** and **high in standard**, as the basic substance for expressing God. Pure gold signifies Christ's eternal and unchanging divinity. The acacia being overlaid with gold both inside and outside signifies the divine nature penetrating the human nature and resting on the human nature so that it may be expressed through the human nature.

III. The four rings of gold and the two poles on the sides of the Ark signify the move on earth of Christ as God's testimony.

The casting of the four rings of gold signifies that the eternal life-giving Spirit with the divine and nature of Christ becomes the **linking factor and power** through the experience of the cross. The two poles for carrying the Ark signify the **move** of Christ as God's testimony.

IV. "After the second veil, a tabernacle, which is called the Holy of Holies, having...the Ark of the Covenant covered about everywhere with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna and Aaron's rod that budded and the tablets of the covenant" — Heb. 9:3-4

The **hidden manna** is the portion of Christ that we enjoy in the presence of God when there is no distance between us and Him; when there is no distance between us and the Lord, we enjoy Christ in the most intimate and hidden way; this is the enjoyment of the hidden manna, the hidden portion of Christ:

The **budding rod** signifies that Christ, the resurrected One, should be in our life, our living and the resurrection life within us and that this life should bud, blossom, and bear fruit to maturity.

The **tablets of the covenant**, which are the tablets of the law, signify the law of the divine life, which is the spontaneous power, automatic function, innate ability and divine capacity of the divine life.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
May 22 - May 28, 2016	16	8	11		\$140.00
May 29 - June 4, 2016	22	11	10	6	\$120.00