

CHURCH IN REGINA

Meeting Place: 3860 Buckingham Drive E, Regina, SK, Canada S4V 3A1

1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth."

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CHURCH MEETINGS:

Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays

Saints' Home 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Young People Meeting

Fridays

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays

Saints' Home

Seven ANNUAL FEAST

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
 Anaheim, CA
 February 14-16, 2020
2. **ITERO (Spring)**
 Anaheim, CA
 March 27-29, 2020
3. **Memorial Day Conference**
 Atlanta, GA
 May 22-25, 2020
4. **Summer Semiannual Training**
 Anaheim, CA
 June 29 - July 4, 2020
5. **ITERO (Fall)**
 Moscow, Russia
 October 1-3, 2020
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**
 Boston, MA
 Nov. 26 - 29, 2020
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**
 Anaheim, CA
 December 21-26, 2020

MATERIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE LORD'S MOVE, Week 4

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:32-35

The principle according to the New Testament is this—we trust in God. We do not control or take the way of organization, but we leave the matter of support completely in the Lord's hands... When Brother Nee was young and serving the Lord full time, he lived in poverty, not receiving that much support. In 1948 we had a conference in Shanghai, and Brother Nee stood up to say that he eventually started a business because nearly two hundred co-workers died of tuberculosis due to their lack of food supply. When he said this, he wept, and all of us wept in the meeting. In China any widow who remarried would be despised. Brother Nee said that his going into business was like a widow remarrying but that he did this not for himself but for his children.

Today... there is no need for us to suffer the way we did in China. The saints' incomes are more than adequate for the full-time workers' support. We would not organize anything or put anything in our control. Instead, we leave the whole matter to the Lord. We have to pray that the Lord would bless the United States [North America] and use it for His ultimate move. Meanwhile, we should be faithful to Him in doing our jobs, not for a higher standard of living, not for bigger homes or bigger cars, but for the advancement, the furtherance, of the gospel. (Excerpt from *The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move, Chapter 5*)

The scope of our thinking along the line of material needs should always be on the basis of "my needs and to those who are with me. (Acts 20:32-35)" The money God sends to me is not only for me, but also for those with me. A brother once suggested that God would surely supply the needs of all our fellow workers, so we need not feel too concerned about them, especially as we are not a mission and have no financial obligations towards them. But our brother forgot that we are not only responsible for our own needs and the needs of our work, but in a spiritual way we, like Paul, are responsible also for those with us. Whether we are good fellow workers or not will be evidenced by the measure of our thoughtfulness for our brethren in the work.

Since we are not a mission, and have no man-made organization, no headquarters, no centralization of funds, and consequently no distributing center, how can the needs of all our fellow workers be supplied? This question has been repeatedly put to me by interested brethren. The answer is this: all needs will be met if each one realizes his threefold financial responsibility—first, in regard to his personal family and needs; second, in regard to the needs of his work; and third, in regard to the needs of his fellow laborers. We must not only look to God to supply our own wants and all those related to our work, but we must look to Him just as definitely to send us extra funds to enable us to have something to send to our associates in the work. Of course we have no official obligation towards them, but we cannot ignore our spiritual responsibility. (The Normal Christian Church Life, Chapter 11, Question about Finances)

Those who serve the Lord full-time should not regard their work for the Lord as their profession. If necessary, some may still need to work in order to make a living for themselves. Whether or not we do this depends on how much our burden occupies us. If your burden occupies you in full and the environment affords you a living, then you should certainly spend all your time on the Lord's work. But if not, you should still work to support yourself, and not only yourself but also your co-workers,...

According to Luke 8:1-3, a group of sisters ministered to the Lord Jesus and the twelve out of their possessions. The twelve disciples followed the Lord full time, and they all needed financial support. Certain women who loved the Lord and who had the substance to support the Lord and His followers met their need. In the early years in the church in Shanghai, the financial support came mainly from the sisters. A number of sisters were nurses in a leading hospital, and these sisters supported the church and the co-workers in Shanghai. I have also observed this in other places.

In a very real sense, the sisters love the Lord much more than the brothers do. Among the twelve was a Judas, but there was no "Judas" among the sisters. Judas did not know how to love the Lord, but he certainly knew how to count money. Those who care for money in this way will never support others. The more they count their money, the more they love it and desire to keep it for themselves. Under God's sovereignty certain of the women in the Bible married wealthy men. Consider the case of Esther, who married a Gentile king. By exercising influence over her husband, she was able to support all the Jews. Among the women in Luke 8:1-3 was "Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward" (v. 3). Although Roman politics persecuted the Lord Jesus, the wife of a Roman official used her husband's money to support Him. I have known cases of sisters who have used their husband's money to support the Lord's work. (Excerpt from *the Life-study of Acts, Chapter 48*)

Prayer Burden

1) Lord point us at the **right direction**. Move us in Your recovery that matches Your move today. May we show strength and take action. Lord, these days are the consummation of the age. Rekindle our love for You.

2) As full-timers, **we live by faith and trust in You**. Thank You for supplying us through the saints and the churches. As You are faithful to meet all our needs, make us faithful to cooperate with You.

3) Lord, for Your move, burden some to **serve you** in a job-dropping and job-keeping way. Our functions may be different but Lord, we are all in the **fellowship for the furtherance of the gospel**.

4) In this age of grace, Lord continue to supply us. Fill all our needs according to Your riches. Without Your blessings, we have nothing. **Train us to be faithful and serve You full-time**.

5) Lord, **all things belong to You**. You are not a beggar but a bountiful Giver. You follow our labour with showers of blessings for Your kingdom. Train us to put aside an **extra portion** for the fellowship unto the gospel.

6) Lord we pray and seek Your leading regarding our **offering to the work**. Have mercy on us that we would follow Your principle with no regulation. **All our offerings are for the church and for Your move**.

7) Please pray for:

INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL TRIPS

- Switzerland (Jan 9 - 23, 12 trainees); Ethiopia (Jan 24 to Feb 10, 13 trainees)

NORTH AMERICA

- 16 trainees in Canada; 190 trainees in US
 - Pray for **300 saints** to migrate to GTCA selected cities for ongoing care and labor. Of these 300, thirty would be full-timers.
 - Pray for **a strong leadership** in the churches
 - Millennials (**Generation Y**) will have burden to migrate to strengthen the churches.
 - Enlarge our view of the Body of Christ for **the Lord's renewed move** in North America

Airdrie, AB

- Preserve the **14 families** that they **enter** into the reality of the day-to-day church life;
 - For a **meeting place** that fits the need in terms of availability, adequate space, and a sanctified atmosphere;

Guelph, ON

- Preserve the **twenty saints** who live there
 - The burden to see the saints **take the ground** in Guelph.

London, ON & Southwest Ontario

- Strengthening the **blending** of the saints with the other churches
 - **The spread of the gospel**, especially on the university and college campuses
 - **Migration of a Chinese speaking family** to help care for the Chinese speaking saints

8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**

- The **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
 - The children, YP and College **work**
 - The **readings** of the **Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth

LIFE-STUDY OF REVELATION

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

Joint Partaker in the Tribulation, Kingdom, and Endurance in Jesus (Message 6)

If we are **joint partakers** in the tribulation in Jesus, then we are joint partakers in the kingdom. To partake of the persecution in Jesus is to partake of the kingdom. Not many of us have heard of the endurance of Jesus. We have heard of the power of Jesus, the love of Jesus, the holiness of Jesus, the righteousness of Jesus, but not of the endurance of Jesus. Nevertheless, as we live in Christ, we not only partake of His life and holiness, but also of His **endurance**. When we **abide** in Christ, we partake of His endurance and have the endurance to bear suffering and opposition. The Lord's word is even called the **word of endurance**. Today the whole world is opposing and rejecting Him, but He does not fight back. He simply endures it all. Now as we have fellowship with Him and abide in Him, we partake of His endurance. As His followers, we must follow Him on the same pathway with endurance. In this way we also can endure persecution, rumors, rejection, and opposition. This is a strong proof that we are those who are waiting for the Lord's coming back. **As we wait for His coming back by being a joint partaker in His tribulation, kingdom, and endurance, we are being disciplined, trained, prepared, and qualified to be His fighting army**. Are you waiting for the Lord Jesus to come back? If you are, then you also must be a joint partaker in His tribulation, kingdom, and endurance. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 6)

The Local Churches (Message 7)

Before we came into the local churches, we were wanderers. We never had the sense that we had come home or that we had reached our destination. But the day we **came into the local churches, we realized that we had come home**. After wandering for years, we knew that we had finally reached our destination. When we first came into the **local church life**, something deep within said, "This is the place," and we knew that we were home. Because we have arrived at our destination, we do not need to travel anymore. So many seeking Christians today are travelers; they travel from one denomination or group to another. But the day we came into the **church life**, our wanderings ceased. The **local churches are what God desires today**. This is the last station of His revelation. Our need is simply to live the local church life. Our testimony is that we are not an organization—we are the local expressions of the Body of Christ. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 7)

The Seven Lampstands (Message 8)

Many Christians today do not know the life-giving Spirit and the sevenfold intensified Spirit, or the seven Spirits as the expression of Christ held by the churches as the lampstands. If you would meet this Spirit, **you must be with the churches**. If you would touch, enjoy, and experience this Spirit, you must be **a part of the church, for it is the churches as the lampstands which hold the seven Spirits of Christ who are the very expression of Christ**. This Spirit is no more separate from Christ than your eyes are separate from you. Since a person's eyes are his expression, they cannot be separated from him. Likewise, since the seven Spirits are Christ's expression, they cannot be separated from Christ. The churches are the lampstands, and the lamps are the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God as the expression of Christ. This light is shining brighter and brighter, and the vision is becoming clearer every day. The local churches as the golden lampstands shine with such a Spirit in the dark age of today. In today's dark age, the church really needs the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God to shine forth the testimony of Jesus. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 8)

The Son of Man in the Midst of the Churches (Message 9)

Christ today is **"in the midst of"** the churches. On the one hand, as the High Priest, He is interceding in the heavens for the churches, and, on the other hand, He is moving in the churches to care for them. If we would participate in His move and enjoy His care, **we must be in the churches**. In verse 18 we see that the Lord is "the living One," the One who "became dead" and who is "living for ever and ever." The very Christ who walks in the midst of the churches, who is the Head of the churches and to whom the churches belong, is the **living One full of life**. Hence, the **churches as His Body should also be living and full of life**. Hallelujah, we have a living Christ who has overcome death! Our Christ, who is the resurrected Christ, **is living in us and among us**. He is living forever and ever. What a living Christ we have in the recovery! In the recovery, all the churches should be as living as Christ, full of life and overcoming death. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 9)

The Church in Ephesus—Love, Life and Light (Message 10)

If we would be brought back to the beginning, we should forget everything and simply enjoy Christ as the **life supply**. For this, we must love Him above all things, above our work for Him and whatever we have for Him. By **simply loving Him**, we shall be brought back to the beginning where we care for nothing except God Himself as our life supply in the tree of life. This is the **proper way to maintain the church life and to be kept in the church life**. Here we have the **best love**, the **tree of life as our life supply**, and the **lampstand with the shining light**. How marvelous! The more we love Him, the more we have the right to eat of Him and to enjoy Him as the tree of life. Then, as a result of this, the light of His testimony will shine brightly. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The **Prairie college conference** is on February 15-16, 2020. This is a long weekend in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the beginning of reading week at the universities. The venue is on the church in Edmonton and the deadline for registration is on February 2, 2020.
2. The **International Chinese Conference** is on February 14-16, 2020. The deadline for registration is on January 31, 2020.
3. The **Brothers' Meeting** will be on January 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM at sister Kim's place.