



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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"I labored more abundantly...yet not I but the grace of God which is with me."

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Table Meeting: Lord's Day
 - 3860 Buckingham Drive
 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 Prayer Meeting: Tuesday & Wednesday
 - Saints Homes 8:30 - 9:30 PM
 Small Group Meeting: Saturday evening
 - Saints' Homes
 Young People's Meeting: Fridays
 - Bro. Hendrick's House 7:00-9:00PM

Upcoming Activities

Oct. 2015 - Love Feast, Oct. 11
 - Pursuit, **Oct 12, AIC, Msg. 15**
 - Conference, Winnipeg Oct 16-18

Nov. 2015 - Love Feast, Nov 8
 - Pursuit, Nov 11, AIC, Msg. 16

Church Building

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Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference -
 Taipei, Taiwan
 February 21-22, 2015
2. International Training for elders and
 Responsible Ones - Anaheim, CA
 March 27-29, 2015
3. Memorial Day Conference - St Louis, MO
 May 22-25, 2015
4. Summer Training - Anaheim, CA
 June 29 - July 4, 2015
5. ITERO - Aguas de Lindoia, Brazil
 October 1-3, 2015
6. Thanksgiving Conference
 Jacksonville, FL
 November 26-29, 2015
7. Winter Training - Anaheim, California
 Dec. 21-26, 2015

THE CHURCH-BUILDING SERVICE

THE CHURCH BEING BUILT BY ITSELF, NOT ONLY THROUGH THE JOINTS OF SUPPLY BUT ALSO THROUGH EACH ONE PART

Ephesians 4:16 says, "Out from whom [Christ as the Head] all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love." ... The **Body builds itself up** not only **through the joints of supply** but also **through each one part, each member of the Body**... The church is an organism, the organic Body of Christ with all the living and functioning members. There is no hierarchy in the Body, the church.

We all have to endeavor to avoid any kind of hierarchy... Those among us who have the ability to function must be on the alert not to take others' opportunity to function. We must give the ground so that all the saints may have the opportunity to function, and we have to encourage all the saints, great and small, to function.

TO EACH ONE OF US GRACE HAVING BEEN GIVEN ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:7 says, "To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ." This grace was given to us for the building up of the Body of Christ (v. 12). Grace was given to each one of us without exception. **We must convince the saints that there is no excuse for not functioning. As long as you believe in the Lord Jesus, you have been regenerated. In your regenerated spirit, there is a measure. We have to convince the saints of this and do our best to develop their measure.**

AS EVERY MAN HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, EVEN SO MINISTER THE SAME TO ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE VARIED GRACE OF GOD

First Peter 4:10 says, "Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God." In this verse Peter points out that each one has received a gift. The Word says everyone has received a gift, so there is no excuse; we must minister this gift to one another. We have to serve one another with this gift. The word minister in Greek really means serve. A minister simply means a servant or a deacon. Everyone is a minister, a servant, a deacon, a steward, ministering grace to others. Since we all have received a gift, we need to minister this gift to one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God. This is the grace in many aspects. The varied and manifold grace of God can be fully ministered only when all are ministering, or serving.

THE PRACTICAL SERVICE—MINISTRY

As Deacons and Deaconesses

The **practical service**, the practical ministry, in the church is by the deacons and deaconesses. The deacons and deaconesses are the serving ones.

Serving Others

The practical ministry is one of serving others. Acts 6:3 says that seven deacons were appointed to take care of the **practical need** of serving tables.

Helping Others

First Corinthians 12:28b uses the term helps. This refers to the services of the deacons and deaconesses. These verses give us a clear view that the saints in the local church should **take care of one another**. If you need something, I should serve you. If I need something, you should serve me. The church life is not merely a matter of meeting. Serving one another should be a part of **our communal life**. In the early church life, the serving ones even took care of serving tables. To help one another is the practice of the Body life in a communal way.
 (Basic Lesson on Service, chapter 11, section 2)

Prayer burden

1. "That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a **laboring priest** of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit." Lord, as Your chosen people, Your priest, make us very diligent, even aggressive, in **offering sacrifices** to You, in saving sinners, leading them to present themselves, and teaching every saint in all wisdom to present each one full-grown in Christ.
2. Lord, give us the realization that the focus of **our service** is not merely to win souls but to save sinners and offer them as sacrifices to You in our **prayers**, to become materials for the building up of Your Body.
3. Lord, we need You grace that by our daily life we prove that You are living. Lord, our present living should be a testimony that the God we serve is living. **Correct** us, **adjust** us, **control** us and **direct** us, even in small things as our thought and motives should bear a **proper Christian life** to be Your living testimony.
4. Lord, whatever **we do** must be done in our spirit, whatever **we are** must be in the spirit, and whatever **we have** must be in the spirit, that we may serve You in **newness of spirit** and even **burning in spirit**.
5. Lord, **shine upon us, enlighten us** that we should not trust in anything we have by our natural birth, **not to trust in** our natural qualifications, ability, or intelligence. Lord we condemn ourselves, we only boast in You in ourselves we have absolutely no ground for boasting.
6. Lord, "You are everything, we can **do nothing**. We **are nothing**, and **have nothing**. If we can give anything to others, it is because You have given it to us. If we can do anything, it is because You have done it through us."
7. Pray for the **conference** in **Winnipeg** on October 16 - 18.
8. Pray for our **small group / home meetings**.

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This Week's Pursuit: The Recovery of the Priesthood for God's Building

Being Laboring Priests of the Gospel of God by Serving God in Our Spirit in the Gospel of His Son

Scripture Reading: Rom. 1:9; 15:16; 16:25

I. "That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit—Rom. 15:16:

Paul is a pattern of the priesthood of the gospel; in the Epistle to the Romans, which concerns the gospel of God, he tells us how sinners can be saved and justified by believing in the Lord, how they advance in Christ by being sanctified and transformed, and how they **present themselves to God as living sacrifices** so that they may become members of the Body of Christ to live the church life, expressing Christ corporately and awaiting His coming.

... The offering of the believers to God is in **three steps**. Those who preach the gospel **offer the newly saved ones** to God as spiritual sacrifices. After the new believers grow and begin to understand what it is to be a believer in Christ, **they are encouraged to offer themselves** to God as a living sacrifice. As the believers continue to grow unto maturity, those who labor on them **present them full-grown in Christ**.

II. "God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His on—Rom. 1:9

... God must be living to us and in us in every aspect of our daily life; the fact that God controls, directs, corrects, and adjusts us, even in such small things as our thoughts and motives, is a proof that He is living. We live under the control, direction, and correction of a living God to be a pattern of the glad tidings that we spread. When we come to serve God, or worship God, we need a blood-purified conscience; our defiled conscience needs to be purified so that we may serve God in a living way. To serve God in the gospel is to serve Him in the all-inclusive Christ, because the gospel is simply Christ Himself.

The first four Gospels are concerning the incarnated Christ, Christ in the flesh, **living among** His disciples; the gospel in Romans is concerning the resurrected Christ as the Spirit **living within** His disciples... The central message of the book of Romans is that God desires to transform sinners in the flesh into sons of God in the spirit in order to constitute the Body of Christ expressed as the local churches.

"We are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh". The flesh refers to all that we are and have in our natural being; anything natural, whether it is good or evil, is the flesh. As believers in Christ, we should not trust in anything that we have by our natural birth, for everything of our natural birth is part of the flesh. Even though we have been regenerated, we may continue to live in our fallen nature, boast in what we do in the flesh, and have confidence in our natural qualifications; therefore, it is important that we be deeply and personally touched by these verses in Philippians 3.

We must acknowledge that we are nothing, have nothing, and can do nothing; we must come to the end of ourselves to be convinced of our utter uselessness. The resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit lives in us, enabling us to do what we could never do in ourselves. When we do not live by our natural life but live by the divine life within us, we are in resurrection; the issue of this is the reality of the Body of Christ as the goal of the gospel of God.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Sept. 27 - Oct. 03, 2015	25	11	11		\$290.00
Oct. 04 - Oct. 10, 2015	24	12	14		\$205.00