



Church in Regina Newsletter

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

THE INTIMATE CONCERN OF THE MINISTERING LIFE

The goal of the Lord's recovery today is to recover this ministering of Christ by all the believers so that the church may be built up. This understanding is based on Paul's word in Ephesians 4, where he says that the apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds and teachers perfect the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ. For us all to be church builders, to minister Christ for the building up of the church, we need a ministering life. In order to be new covenant ministers we need such a ministering life. **We need to live a life of ministering Christ to others for the church.**

A FRUITFUL LIFE

The ministering life we see in 2 Corinthians is a fruitful life. We may be "spiritual," "holy," and "victorious" and yet not be fruitful. There are problems with that kind of spirituality, holiness, and victory. It is questionable whether those qualities are true and genuine. Is it not unusual that one could be "spiritual" without being fruitful? According to the Bible, being spiritual is for the purpose of being fruitful. In the Gospel of John the Lord does not tell us to be spiritual, holy, and victorious. Rather, in John 15 **He charges us to bear fruit**, even to bear much fruit, abiding fruit. This is to live a ministering life. (Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, Chapter 44, Section 1)

SHEPHERDING AND MINISTERING LIFE

Whenever a matter pertaining to the service is put in your hand, do not organize anything. Instead, **exercise your spirit to pray and to minister life to others**. The best shepherding takes place in the context of the church service. The reason for this is that all the leaders of the service groups spontaneously are shepherds. However, in practice, many of the leaders have functioned as organizers, not as shepherds. It is easy to organize, but to shepherd requires considerable exercise of spirit, patience, and love. It also demands that we minister life to others, even to those who are not so open. Do not neglect the ones you regard as useless. It is your responsibility to care for them, to make them living, and to help them to grow in life. In other words, you need to make them useful. This does not come by organizing; it comes by **praying, shepherding, nourishing, and ministering life** to them with patience. Do not concentrate on the ones you think are the best. Instead, pay attention to the ones who seem to be useless ones, even the worldly ones. The right way is to care for a certain worldly one, ministering life to him, until a transformation has taken place in him. This is not the way of organizing; it is the way of shepherding by praying and ministering life. (All Ages for the Lord's Testimony, Chapter 1, Section 4)

This Week's Pursuit: SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH (Msg 8)

SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH

A Life-ministering Service

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1-2; 2:25; 5:11-16 (Hymns 910)

I. As believers in Christ and children of God, we not only have eternal life and may experience eternal life, but we can minister this life to other members of the Body of Christ—1 John 5:11-16.

II. To minister life is to impart life; when we have a surplus of life, we can minister from this supply to others—1:1-2; 2:25; 5:11-13, 16.

III. The service for the building up of the house of God is a life-ministering service—a service of supplying others with the divine life—2 Cor. 4:12.

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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:

- ▶ Oct. 21-23, 2016 - Conference (Winnipeg)
- ▶ October 30, 2016 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ November 11, 2016 - Church Pursuit (Experience of Life - msg 7)
- ▶ November 13, 2016 - Love Feast

PRAYER BURDEN

“I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God.”

1. Lord, we praise and thank You for giving us **eternal life** for us to enjoy and minister to others. Lord, make us a **channel of life** to other members of the Body.
2. Lord, correct us not to think that only those who minister the word are the ones who supply life, renew us, that we may see that every **service** we do in the church must be for the **supply of life**.
3. Lord, give us a deep impression that our service becomes an **outlet of Your life** and we look to You and depend upon You so that we may **serve** in a way that others may receive the **supply of life, the flowing of life**.
4. Lord, we want to be those who are **joined** to You, **abiding** in you, and we give You the ground to fill us with Yourself so that You become our all, allowing You to **pass** through us and **flow out** from us to minister life to others.
5. Lord, as we abide in You, **subdue** us, subdue our mind, emotion and will so we touch things with our spirit, so that Your life will be **released** and be able to **flow out** to supply others.
6. Please pray for the Conference in **Winnipeg**.
7. Please pray for the brothers and sisters in **Lloydminster** for their desire to have Lord’s Table Meeting.
8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:
 - Young people’s meeting and campus work
 - Small group meetings
 - The recipients of the Bible
 - Sister Celina, brother Ricky and Eden.

“May God truly have mercy on us that all our service and work would be from Him, would come out of our fellowship with Him, and would be able to overflow with Him and His life as a supply to others.”

The church service is to supply life, for it is a service of life. If we merely handle business affairs or manage matters but do not supply others with the life of God, our service is a failure and is vain. No matter what our service may be, we should be clear that our service is a means to supply life to others. If the church were only for taking care of matters, not supplying life, the church would lose its nature and would be a society. **We must serve in such a way that others may receive the supply of life**; we need to be deeply impressed with this point and look to the Lord so that our service becomes an **outlet for His life**.

The life that we supply to others is in the Spirit, the Spirit is mingled with our spirit, and the life of God is located, abides, and grows in the mingled spirit. If we would supply the saints with life, we must release our spirit, for the divine life is in our mingled spirit. If our spirit cannot be released, the divine life has no way to be released.

We need to see the distinction between **life** and moral **character**. Christians speak of being good, which involves moral character, good deeds, and good behavior, not of the divine life in the Word of God. In order not to hinder others from receiving the divine life, we must do good deeds and have good moral character; however, good deeds and moral character do not necessarily mean that the life of God is expressed through us: We may be irreproachable and commendable in our service yet express merely good character, perfection, and human virtues, but these are not the life of God. Whenever others touch us rather than Christ in us, they touch death and not life.

IV. As serving ones, we need to be deeply impressed with the necessity of being able to minister life—1 John 5:11-16.

The service that is from God requires us to minister life to others. **The service that God wants from us does not focus on doing a work but on ministering life**. The center and focus of the service of the saints and of the church are not to build up an enterprise or work but to minister life. God’s desire is that the emphasis of our service be on ministering life instead of producing a work or enterprise. The only standard of measurement is how much the church has ministered God’s life to others and how much element of the divine life has entered into others through the church’s service.

Bearing fruit is to minister life, that is, to release the supply of the vine’s life. In order to minister life to others, we need to be joined to Christ, abide in Christ, and give Him the ground in us to fill us so that His life, His nature, His likes, and His inclination become our life, our nature, our likes, and our inclination; in our service His all becomes our all.

May God have mercy on us that all our service and work would be from Him, would come out of our fellowship with Him, and would be able to over flow with Him and His life as a supply to others. We must always remember that the service of the church is God’s flowing out to supply others with the divine life.

V. To minister is to have the out flow of life.

Life is the content of God and the flowing out of God; God’s content is God’s being, and God’s flowing out is the impartation of Himself as life to us.

In order for life to be released from our spirit, our **outer man** must **be dealt with and broken**. If our outer man is not broken, there cannot be a pure flow of the divine life. If we want the divine life to be released from within us, we must be subdued in our soul and let our spirit dominate and rule over every matter then the Lord’s life will be able to flow out.

Having the out flow of life requires that we be with Christ in His life-releasing death; this is to be identified with the **smitten Christ**, typified by the smitten rock. When we identify ourselves with the smitten Christ, that is, when we are one with Him as the smitten Christ, the divine life as the living water flows out of us. **Our human life, our natural life, must be smitten so that the living water may flow out from within us**. If we are one with the smitten Christ, identified with Him, we will experience the crucifixion of our natural life, and then just as Christ’s divine life flowed out as living water through the smiting of His human life, we also will experience the flow of the water of life through the smiting of our natural life.

VI. If we would minister life to others, we need to be aware of the attack upon the church by death—Matt. 16:18; Rom. 5:17, 21.

From Eden onwards, God’s controversy with Satan has been on the issue of life and death. What is of God is characterized by life, and what is of Satan, by death; in the church everything that issues from God is life, and everything that issues from Satan is death.

The attack upon the church will come from death, from the gates of Hades. Satan’s greatest fear with regard to the church is her resistance to his power of death. The eternal life within us can overcome death both in ourselves and in other members of the church.

We need to experience and enjoy the eternal life within us, and we need to minister this life to others by being a channel through which eternal life can flow. **God intends for the church to manifest the life of Christ; hence, the church must be full of life, and our service in the church must minister life**.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Oct. 02 - Oct. 08, 2016	22	11	12	8	\$80.00
Oct. 09 - Oct. 15, 2016	23	11	10	3	\$500.00