

# Hymn

1 The Lord is my Shepherd forever,  
He maketh me down to lie,  
He leads me beside the still waters  
O how He does satisfy!

3 My Shepherd my soul is restoring,  
My will, and emotion, and mind;  
And though through the valley I'm walking,  
O what a Companion I find!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life;  
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All the days, all the days of my life.  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever,  
And I shall feast at the table spread for me;  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life.

4 A table prepared by my Shepherd  
I feast on and Satan destroy;  
My head is anointed with oil,  
My cup runneth over with joy!

2 My Shepherd Himself is my pasture,  
My Shepherd, the waters of rest;  
I eat of His riches in spirit,  
I drink, and O how I am blest!

5 And now in His house I am dwelling  
Enjoying the goodness of God;  
My pleasure is far beyond telling,  
My pleasure is Jesus my Lord!

# **Church in Regina**

## **Church Accounting Service Meeting 2024**

December 10, 2024

### Shepherding Needing the Lord's Word

Shepherding first involves **feeding** and then **guiding**, or **leading**. In the churches we need to feed the saints with the Lord's word. We should **encourage the saints to be strong, released**, and **fresh** in their spirit when they meet so that everyone is living, and we should also watch to see that they are being **properly supplied and fed**. Being living and released is one matter, and receiving the life supply and feeding is another matter.

### Giving Messages Not Being Shepherding

In **Acts 20:32** Paul says, "I commit you to God and to the **word of His grace**, which is able to **build you up** and to give you the inheritance among all those who have been sanctified." This verse says that **we must use the Lord's word when we feed the saints**. According to our Christian concept, believers can be fed only by listening to sermons. This concept must be dropped. It is often said in Christianity that believers need to be taught, cultivated, and edified through sermons. However, **feeding** is a better and more practical way. The **general atmosphere in Christianity**, of believers needing to be taught and nurtured through messages, has produced professional speakers, such as preachers and ministers. A congregation that does not have a pastor or a preacher has to hire someone. We have been affected by this atmosphere. Although we feel that it is not proper to hire preachers or pastors, we have so-called co-workers among us. The saints think that the co-workers are capable of and specialized in giving messages; hence, giving messages is the responsibility of the co-workers. **This attitude is inappropriate**; it is not the thought in the Bible. A full-time co-worker who is specialized in giving messages is, in principle, the same as a pastor or preacher in Christianity. The only difference is in name.

### Not Depending on Full-time Serving Ones

Whether you have the gift of prophesying does not matter, because **1 Corinthians 14:31** says, "You can all prophesy one by one." This can be compared to a married sister who must cook even though she says that she does not know how to cook. In **1962** I went to the United States, and after being there for ten months, I was able to cook even though I had never cooked previously. I had to cook because I had to feed myself.

### Speaking to Meet the Need

Our speaking needs to be effective. We do not care whether the message is appealing or grammatical. **We care about touching people's heart**. Once after **D. L. Moody**, a prevailing American evangelist, preached the gospel, he was approached by a learned person who was in the congregation. This person told Moody that he had used mistaken grammar in his message. Moody was not an educated person; in his youth he was an apprentice in his uncle's shoe store. But after the Lord gained him, he was fervent to work for the Lord by preaching the gospel. Moody then suggested that this person preach the gospel with his correct grammar to see how many would be saved. Moody was very clear that **he preached the word not to teach English grammar but to lead people to salvation**. He cared only for **people to be saved...** Some brothers speak with an accent. This is difficult to change. Nevertheless, as long as they are **willing to practice**, they will be able to give a message that is effective. Some brothers use beautiful words, but their speaking **does not touch people**.

### Having a Burden and Shepherding the Saints with a Parent's Heart

An elder may say that he cannot speak the word because he has not received much training and does not know the Bible. Suppose there is a co-worker in a nearby church who knows the Bible. It may not be beneficial for the elder to invite him to speak the word, because the co-worker may not have a burden for that locality. **Speaking the word must come out of a burden**. In order to be effective, a person must be **burdened to work until a fire in the saints is kindled**. Our speaking is to enliven the saints and cause them to be burning for the Lord. **If we do not have a burden, we should not speak**. The elders are obligated to feed the flock; they are like parents with children. If the elders have such a heart, the situation in the church will change.

### Knowing the Needs of the Saints

There was a brother in northern China who was a good speaker. However, after giving good messages for four years, he did not reap much result. There was also a brother who did not know how to give messages and was not eloquent, but he established the church in Tsingtao. When he went to Tsingtao in 1934, there were no brothers there. Fourteen years later more than seven hundred people had been baptized. Although this brother was not a good speaker, his messages were practical. He administrated and led the church, and he knew the needs of the saints. **In order to meet the need of the saints, he studied and prepared his messages**. If the saints needed a word on redemption, he studied and prepared a message on redemption. In this way the saints received the benefit. As a result, the church was built up in a very solid way.

SERVICE GROUPS	2023	2024
<b>Our Meetings (Corporate)</b>		
Home Meetings	Joseph, Nathan	Coordinators: Joseph, Nathan (Orolfo Family/Clement Family)
Small Group Meetings	Estela, Hendrick, Dario, Evangeline	Lolit (Truesdale St.), Ballao (Albert St), Miranda (Windsor St.), Miranda (Berthiaume Bay St.)
Ministry Meetings	Nathan, Dindo	Nathan, Dindo
Brothers' Meeting	Joseph, Nathan	Joseph, Nathan
Sisters' Meeting	Marilyn M, Malou, Cassie	Marilyn M, Malou, Cassie
Prayer Meeting	Zoom & Homes - Seria, Ballao, Nathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1st wk – combined, Seria residence</li> <li>•2nd wk – per small group</li> <li>•3rd wk – per age group</li> <li>•4th wk – per family</li> <li>•5th wk – combined, AECC (c/o Kim)</li> </ul>
<b>Priestly Services</b>		
YP Coordinator/s	Kim, Berly, Hendrick	Nathan, Cassie, Hendrick, Dario
Children Coordinator/s	Cassie, Marilyn M, Diana, Malou Evangeline, Mika, MJ, Gabriel	Marilyn M, Diana, Malou, Evangeline, MJ
College Coordinator/s	Julie, Berly, Hendrick	Berly, Hendrick
<b>Levitical Services</b>		
<i>The Lord's Table and Prophesying Meeting</i>		
Emblems Preparation	Nathan, Christian	Nathan, Christian
Bread (cooking) Preparation	Cassie, Estela, Malou	Cassie, Estela, Malou
Musical Instrument	Berly, Mika, Vincent	Berly, Mika, Vincent
Meeting Place Preparation	Christian, Antonio, Hendrick	Christian, Antonio, Hendrick
Ushering	Christian, Gabriel	Christian, Gabriel
<i>Church Office and Other Services</i>		
Offering Box (counting and recording of offering)	Cassie, Estela, Diana, Mika	Cassie, Estela, Diana, Mika
Church Deaconess (maintaining church records/database, guest book)	Hendrick, Malou	Hendrick, Malou, Kim
Local Activities Coordinator	Hendrick, Joseph	Joseph, Dario
Bookroom ("for sale": Morning Revival, Bibles, Hymnals)	Julie, Kim, Gabriel	Malou, Kim
Extra-local Coordinator (Churchring, LSM, Registration Person)	Hendrick, Joseph	Hendrick, Nathan
Audit and F/S Preparation	Hendrick, Kim, Diana	Hendrick, Malou, Diana
Church Statistics	MJ, Kim, Malou	MJ, Kim, Malou
<i>The Word of God Grew and Multiplied</i>		
Library and BFC (inventory audit, Bible sets preparation; attending BFC online meetings)	Hendrick, Nathan, Christian, Gabriel	Hendrick, Nathan, Christian, Gabriel
Church Pursuit Material	Nathan, Dindo	Nathan, Dindo
Church Newsletter	Kim, Diana, Bea, Mika, Hendrick, Berly, Nathan, Eric, Vincent, Cassie	Kim, Diana, Mika, Hendrick, Berly, Nathan, Eric, Vincent, Cassie
Word of Life	Sonny	Sonny
Life-study Questions/Summaries	Vincent, Dindo	Vincent, Dindo
Church Web Page and Media / Zoom Coordinator	Berly, Nathan	Berly, Nathan
<b>Total Serving</b>		<b>22</b>