

Announcements

1. **Sisters' meeting this month** - October 21, 10am - 12pm
2. **College Conference** - Fall 2017 College Conference will be held at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment on 10/20-22. The cost for first-timers and registration by 10/12 is \$90. The cost for registration after 10/12 is \$100.
3. **Live training registration** - The live Winter Training registration is open. The deadline is October 29. The registration fee is \$205, including the outline.
4. **2018 Calendar order** - The Living Stream Ministry is releasing the 2018 Gospel Calendar with Scriptures in both Chinese and English. The preorder price is \$7.50 each. The deadline is 10/29.
5. **Cleaning** - Chinese-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-study of Ezekiel, vol.4, Week 21 – Ministering to the Lord to Enjoy Him as the Hidden Manna, the Budding Rod, and the Law of Life*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The All Inclusive Christ – Chapter 13*
- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Lev. 11:1-12:8	13:1-59	14:1-20	14:21-57	15:1-33	16:1-34	17:1-18:30
NT	Luke 1:1-25	1:26-56	1:57-80	2:1-39	2:40-3:20	3:21-4:13	4:14-44

Prayer Burden

1. Pray for the families affected by hurricane Harvey. May the Lord abundantly supply them both spiritually and financially through the fellowship in the Body.
2. Pray for the new beginning of YP service. Pray for the coordination among the serving ones and the cooperation between serving ones and parents.
3. Pray that the young people will truly be seeds of the gospel and ambassadors of Christ on their campuses, full of boldness for the preaching of the gospel.
4. Pray for the Recovery Version Bible distribution in Europe during this week and conferences in eight European cities on next Lord's Day.

Attendance Last Week

Group	E1	E2	E3	E4	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total	Wed. Prayer (E)	Wed. Prayer (C)	Young People	LD Children	Lord's Day (E)	Lord's Day (C)	Total
#	16	7		4	7	10	11	11	66	10	11		21	48	57	115

*The Body life is the greatest test of our spirituality;
if we cannot pass the test of the Body life,
our spirituality is not genuine*

Hymn 377 If the path I travel

- 1 If the path I travel Lead me to the cross,
If the way Thou choosest Lead to pain and loss,
Let the compensation Daily, hourly, be
Shadowless communion, Blessed Lord, with Thee.
- 2 If there's less of earth joy, Give, Lord, more of heaven.
Let the spirit praise Thee, Though the heart be riven;
If sweet earthly ties, Lord, Break at Thy decree,
Let the tie that binds us, Closer, sweeter, be.
- 3 Lonely though the pathway, Cheer it with Thy smile;
Be Thou my companion Through earth's little while;
Selfless may I live, Lord, By Thy grace to be
Just a cleansed channel For Thy life through me.

Brief Background of the Hymn

The writer of this hymn was a sister little known to the world or Christianity, but who at the beginning of the twentieth century occupied a paramount place in the Lord's move in China. It was through her that Watchman Nee, a seer of the divine revelation in the present age, was introduced to the way of life. (*From a 30 minutes video "Patterns of Faith" produced by LSM*)

Margaret Emma Barber or M. E. Barber was born in 1866 in Peasenhall, Suffolk, England. In 1890, when she was 24, she heard a call made by Hudson Taylor at a conference to go to China to preach the gospel. She answered such a call and went to China in 1895. She stayed in China most of her rest life. She died and buried in Fuchow, China in 1930.

Barber did not leave behind any writings other than a small volume of poems (later changed into hymns) that was later published in China. These compositions demonstrate her strong aspiration to live "in the Lord's presence," as well as her eager anticipation of Christ's coming back. Giving up the comfortable life in England to go to the poor and undeveloped China, she suffered a lot of pains and losses. However, in such a situation, her desire was to have daily and hourly shadowless communion with the Lord as compensation. Although the sweet earthly ties broke for the Lord's sake, she experienced closer and sweeter tie with the Lord. Although her pathway in China was lonely, she was cheered by the Lord's smile. May such a pattern of faith encourage all of us to follow the Lord faithfully "to be Just a cleansed channel for Thy life through me"!