

Thursday



God Let Your Face Shine

"I am studying theology and will soon complete my degree program. I find it both writing assignments and preparing sermons are really difficult to me. Knowing this is what the Lord Jesus has prepared for me, I will keep going. However, I feel lost. Aged 35 but no girlfriend yet, I want to get married and am always tempted. I am a paid intern in a church. Poor at money management and always having an urge to buy stuff, such as mobile phones, computers, cars (my serving in church requires driving), I don't know if this is what God wants me to do. I asked God which way I should go; my prayers do not get answered. I believe that God will use me and hope that I can bless more people."

(Brother Ren)

✂ Grateful to God for the young brother's determination to serve God. May God guide Brother Ren and help him whenever he is struggling. May God bless him and keep him.

Popularizing AEDs

Since the launch of the "Public AED Program" in 2017, Shenzhen has installed over 43,000 AEDs in public places. Hailed as "life-saving devices" due to their portability, ease of use, and effectiveness, they have successfully rescued 102 patients with cardiac arrest. To further promote the use of AEDs, Hangzhou has introduced the "Emergency Volunteer & Mobile AED" model, equipping 20 barrier-free taxis with AEDs and all the participating taxi drivers to complete a relevant first aid training. When the emergency center receives a call for help, they will dispatch an ambulance and simultaneously send a text message with the distress information to AED-equipped taxis within a 1km radius of the incident location. Currently, there are more than 240 mobile AED units running in Hangzhou.

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✂ Timely treatment can save lives. We are grateful to see mainland cities accelerating the popularization of these emergency equipment. We pray that the Lord will inspire more people to join these volunteer programs, enabling them to save themselves and others when needed.

Friday



Serving with Power

"I am serving at a gathering point for migrant workers, where brothers and sisters from other regions meet together here. Please pray for me, asking the Lord to have mercy on me. May the Lord grant me wisdom and intelligence, the gift of preaching. I want to better proclaim the gospel of Christ, and to witness the great love of our Heavenly Father. Also, please pray for the youth and children. In this internet age, many children are bound by online games. Some children are greedy, lazy, rebellious, and get into relationships in their early age. I am very anxious. There are too many temptations in this world that hinder them from coming to church and get close to God. I hope to do something for the youth, so I ask God to open a way for the church to reach them."

(Brother Zhou)

✂ Remember Brother Zhou's service in the church. Brother Zhou hopes to serve God and his congregation better. May the Lord grant him sufficient grace and power to serve.

Training Pastors

Pastors from different ethnic groups in southwest China gather regularly to study the Bible with the hope that they can care for the believers and preach the gospels in a better way. Some of them have participated in online studies but cannot keep up with that due to low language capacity. They need to put extra effort so to keep up with the progress. Although there are people who resolutely cultivate believers through discipleship training, the care and teaching for them are utterly inadequate. The small number of believers is another problem. All these have caused a big challenge of training pastors.



✂ May God raise up more local and overseas Christians to take up preaching of the gospel among ethnic minorities. May God teach us to train and equip church leaders and pastors, so that their churches can grow strong and sturdy in God's Word. Please pray for the training of ethnic minority pastors. May God give them strength and confidence to continue to serve You.

Saturday



God's Grace to Overcome

"My father passed away at the age of 90 something. The only regret is that he didn't believe in the Lord Jesus. We received compensation equivalent to 40 months' salary from the government, totaling about RMB 500,000. At the time, I thought this money could provide good care for my mother in her later years, as she is over 80 and bedridden. However, my elder brother, who's a lawyer, wanted to keep all the money for himself. When I tried to reason with him, he beat me severely. I prayed for God to change my brother, so he wouldn't forget family bonds. Later, the relevant department said the money belonged to my father's estate and required our joint signature to release it. I am grateful that God miraculously solved our concern, allowing me to experience again the biblical promise of God's righteous vindication."

(Sister Dai)

✂ When Sister Dai faced unfairness, she did not handle it on her own but sought God's impartiality and justice. We are grateful that God did not disappoint her, for those who wait on Him will not be ashamed. We thank God for His care.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Ministry Planning:** Our different departments will begin planning and budgeting for the ministry in 2025. May God guide us to take time for reflection allowing us to step back from the daily hustle and bustle and gain a broader perspective on the development of our missions. Meanwhile, pray for our needs and that we can look upon to God's provision.

2 **Live Programs:** For better communication with our audience, we have three live programs, including "This is The Day" (talk show), "Gimme Five" (music show) and "Radio Counseling Corner" (counseling program). May God facilitate normal operation of the equipment and network during the live so as to connect and interact with the audience smoothly.

"Pursue the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always!" (1 Chronicles 16:11)

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

From July 15 till August 23 are regarded as the "dog days" (hottest days) of the summer. Meanwhile Radio Liangyou is celebrating its 75th anniversary and receiving a lot of audience wishes and stories of their encounter with the radio station.

"I have begun to listen to Radio Yiyou's programs since 1980s." "I started to listen to radio in 1989. The reception has improved since I switched to mobile phone in 2013." "I have been an audience of Radio Liangyou for almost 20 years since 2005." "I became a Christian in 2012 and got to know Radio Liangyou to which I am still listening to every day."

As times change, the audience has been listening to radio programs on different devices, from radios to computers and to mobile phones. They have been listening to the programs on and off due to various factors yet have not forgot the times being with the radio station. Why? Like what the audience has said, "Thinking about the station allows me to remember the grace of God. You taught me the right way to understand God in Christianity and helped me grow spiritually. How can I forget Radio Liangyou?"

God demonstrates His unlimited possibilities through His work. The theme of Radio Liangyou's 75th anniversary is "Praising His Boundless Power". We will keep on broadcasting to hold on to our mission of "Christ to the World by Radio". We strongly believe that God has unlimited power and will finish what He has started in us.

"Now to him who is able to do in full measure more than all our desires or thoughts, through the power which is working in us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. So be it." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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Sunday



After the Change

“Although my husband is a believer, he is not keen on pursuing spiritual growth. He still smokes and is bound by worldly materialism. My relationship with my daughter used to be very poor, and I didn't know how to communicate with her. I was under pressure in various situations. I've been a believer for 17-18 years and always thought my relationship with God was good, not realizing that I was the problem. I was like a Pharisee, hypocritical. For all these years, I don't know what I would have done without the companionship of Radio Liangyou. Later, I realized that my husband was unwilling to pursue faith because of me. After I changed, our relationship improved, our hearts grew closer, and he began to read the Bible and pray. I'm truly thankful to God.”

(Sister Zhang)

⌘ We thank God for Sister Zhang's courage to change, which is entirely the result of God's work in her heart. May God continue to protect her family relationships and allow her and her husband to grow beautifully in the Lord.

New Tourism

For today's young people, consumption is no longer just a simple act of purchasing but has become a way to express themselves, convey emotions, and realize personal values. “Chasing a concert, touring a city” has become a new form of tourism. For example, hosting a concert not only significantly boosts local flight and hotel bookings but also attracts tourists to “check in” at popular local hotspots and enjoy local cuisine. Now, “music & tourism,” “sports events & tourism,” or “E-sports & tourism” and other emerging diverse forms of consumer tourism have become important reasons for travel. While creating a symphony of cultural tours and holidays, they also stimulate new vitality in tourism spending.

(“People's Daily”, July 10, 2024)

⌘ May the Lord bless the development of new tourism, allowing citizens to find vitality in life and cultural richness through diverse tourism activities. May the Lord keep travelers safe on their journeys and help them discover the meaning and value of their trips.

Monday



Feeling Empty and Lost

“My daughter is suffering from severe depression and anxiety. A 20-year-old young person should shine as the sun but not be bound by illness. She has got a bit better after undergoing treatment for some time, but is still sleeping during the day and playing games at night. We hope she can lead a normal life and learn a skill. Not willing to listen to us, she lost control of herself sometimes and even hit me once. We kept tolerating every time until her father called the police. He told her that she was an adult and had to be responsible for her own behavior. She was disciplined and educated and has behaved better. We don't know what to do. Please pray for us.”

(Sister Xu)

⌘ Sister Xu is so anxious and worried about her daughter. We believe that God knows everything. May God heal her daughter's heart and light her path, and comfort Sister Xu.

Respiratory Alkalosis in Summer

Summer is the season for respiratory alkalosis which is a medical condition in which increased respiration elevates the blood pH beyond the normal range with a concurrent reduction in arterial levels of carbon dioxide. Causes are many including respiratory and nervous system diseases, and misuse of ventilators, etc. These patients are at higher risk of developing the disease, as they are easier to be triggered by psychological factors such as tension, excitement, anxiety and emotional excitement. These psychological states will stimulate the respiratory center, causing breathing to accelerate. In addition, severe pain, some drug effects or disease statuses such as hyperthyroidism will also induce excitation of the respiratory centre to cause the illness.



(“China News”, July 10, 2024)

⌘ May God keep all the people being affected. May medical staff be given wisdom and strength to fight respiratory alkalosis as well as the mental and physical illnesses triggered, helping patients feel peaceful undergoing treatment.

Tuesday



Glory of Gray Hair

“I'm almost 80 years old and have been a Christian for several decades. Due to my limited education, I can barely read the Bible. However, I've always listened to Radio Liangyou. Since my wife and I live in the mountains, the signal is still relatively strong. My children have all become Christians and live in the city, but they're busy and don't pursue Christ as much as I'd like. I worry about their faith and spiritual growth. Since I live far from the county town, it's not convenient for me to attend church, making me feel my own spiritual growth rather slow, and sometimes even far from God. Radio Liangyou has been accompanying me all along, preventing me from falling behind in my walk with the Lord. I want to express my gratitude for your hard work, which has brought spiritual nourishment to many people.”

(Brother Xin)

⌘ Thank God that Brother Xin has not stopped pursuing his faith despite his advanced age. May God bless him with continued fruitfulness and a vibrant spirit in his old age. May God preserve him and keep him close to Him through listening to gospel programs day by day.

Face-Swapping Crime

In the past, “face-swapping” was a plot device used in movies and TV shows, but now it has become a tool for criminals to commit crimes. Recently, in Shanghai's Minhang district, a man wore a silicone mask to disguise himself as an old man and broke into four homes in the same community, stealing over RMB 100,000 in cash and valuables. The Minhang police quickly caught the suspect in another province and recovered all the stolen goods the next day. On many e-commerce platforms, keywords like “custom-made silicone masks” and “human skin masks” have been blocked, but searching for “masks” can still yield related products.

(“China Youth Daily”, July 5, 2024)

⌘ Please pray for the authorities to regulate the use of these technologies and prevent them from being used for nefarious purposes. May people be cautious when using social media and protect their own images from being used by others.

Wednesday



Firm Believer

“I went blind soon after graduation from the university. Feeling very sad and desperate but I can have nothing to do. I turned on the radio and listened the programs randomly. So, I happened to tune in the programs from Radio Liangyou. I was attracted by the things they said and I felt so comforted. At that time, I still did not know that Radio Liangyou was a gospel radio and I knew nothing about Christianity. As a believer of materialism, I was reluctant to accept to Christianity yet felt empty and lost. The fact that many scientists are Christians has caught my attention. Then I listened to your programs and became a Christian. I have been through a lot all these years with God's grace. Still suffering from the eye disease, I am resolved to follow the Savior, more faithful each day.”

(Sister Wang)

⌘ Sister Wang has had difficult life experience. May her body and soul be refreshed. Grateful that Sister Wang has survived the hard times and found hope as a God follower.

Facing NCEE

Recently, a high school graduate expressed suicidal thoughts after the release of the NCEE (a.k.a. Gaokao) results. Since the exam results released, the Beijing Psychological Aid Hotline has been flooded with calls from students all over the country, many of whom are seeking help in the middle of the night. Not only are students with low scores experiencing anxiety, confusion, and irritability, but also high-scoring students who are struggling with regret, self-blame, and depression. Some students believe that if they fail the exam, their life will be over and has no point in continuing. How to heal the psychological trauma of these students and help them overcome the post-exam blues is an important task in their life development.

(“China Youth Daily”, July 10, 2024)

⌘ May the Lord be gracious to those students who feel confused and anxious after the exams, granting them hope and guiding them to find a new direction amidst the setbacks and others' expectations, letting them understand that the exam is just one step in the journey of their personal growth towards maturity.