## **Community Prayer**

- 1. Every SG will be full of life to empower communities to grow daily.
- 2. For those who are sick in our communities
- 3. For smooth progress on the construction of the education building in God's grace to its completion
- For the next generation and Chodae children and youth ministries (Education Department) to grow in faith
- 5. For missionary work of Chodae Community Church
- For Adult education programs such as Disciple Class, One-to-One Training, and Workplace Ministry to progress smoothly in God's grace

#### June Church Schedule

June 3 [Sun] Communion Service

June 16 [Sat] FLS & GTM(유아 1 & 2 부) VBS

June 22 [Fri]~23 [Sat] SAM(유치부) VBS

June 26 [Tue]~28 [Thurs] PJM(유년부) VBS

June 25 [Mon]~28 [Thurs] Resurgence Ministry Retreat

June 29 [Fir]~30 [Sat] His Friends VBS

# **Putting God First**

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# Courage obtained through prayers and life of sharing Acts 4:23-37

#### **Announcements**

- 1. 2018 church theme is "Putting God First."
- Please use the following order for your SG service.
  2~3 praise songs / Representative Prayer / Opening Mind / Scripture Reading / SG Sharing
- 3. Schedule for Community Bible Recitation & Praise: 6/1(Community 3), 6/8(Community 14)
- 4. Church-wide home visitation is now in progress. Please pray for it.
- 5. Training for Family SG Services starts before regular SG training (The last Sunday of the month at 2:30pm, PJM room on the 2nd floor)
- 6. Make sure to submit SG meeting reports online after each meeting.
- 7. Diaspora Ministry: Please notify your community designated pastor in advance if there are SG members who are leaving church due to move to other location.

# Courage obtained through prayers and life of sharing

[Acts 4:23-37]

Praise to the Lord

• 예수가 함께 계시니 (새찬송가 325)

• 오직 예수 다른 이름은 없네 (경배와 찬양 211)

**Focus I** Prayer allows us to experience miracles in the midst of crisis, and life of sharing allows us to experience greater abundance.

**Opening Your Mind** Let's open up our minds by sharing our lives in

the past weeks as well as QT and things to be

grateful for.

**Opening the Words** Let's read Acts 4:23-37 together.

#### **Understanding Background**

Peter and John, being filled with the Holy Spirit, heal a cripple from birth in the name of Jesus Christ at the temple gate. Because of this, Peter is able to preach about the resurrected Lord to the crows gathered at the Solomon Square, and about 5,000 men who heard the word are converted. The council seizes Peter and John and interrogates them as they did with Jesus (see Matthew 21:23) about the source of their authority. The apostles boldly claim that God has given no other names than that of Jesus for salvation. Religious leaders, being fearful of the people, release the apostles from the danger. They return back to their colleagues and after reporting to them pray together.

## > Study

**1-1. Observation & Reflection** | Who is the God to whom the apostles praised together with their colleagues? And what did they pray together about? [vs 23-24, 29-31]

**1-2. Application & Sharing** | Share your experience of overcoming trials and difficulties through boldness and wisdom given by Holy Spirit through prayers, even though the circumstances hasn't changed.

**2-1. Observation & Reflection** | What principles did the early church use to share materials with each other? Who was responsible for distributing these materials? [vs 32-37]

**2-2. Application & Sharing** | As a steward who has been given time, abilities and materials, how are you serving your church and your fellow believers?

#### > Key Points

After the advent of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and disciples stand as evangelists unshaken by the persecution of the council. They desired to boldly proclaim the gospel even in the face of danger. They also prayed with one heart to see signs and news so that they can spread the gospel effectively. Because of the disciples, who are models of faith, early church community was able to gather people of various races, classes, and religious backgrounds to form an ideal spiritual community. Particularly, because of those well to do people who voluntarily shared their possession, people facing financial difficulties were able to meet their needs. The beautiful combination of faith and actions allows for unity and growth of church community.

**Prayer through the Word** | May you pour down on me power and wisdom of Holy Spirit everyday so I may boldly fulfill the missions for the kingdom of God. May I also be willing to share my possessions and abilities that have been entrusted to me in order to create heavenly community.

**To Keep in the heart |** "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." [Acts 4:32, NIV]