

# AMKPC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

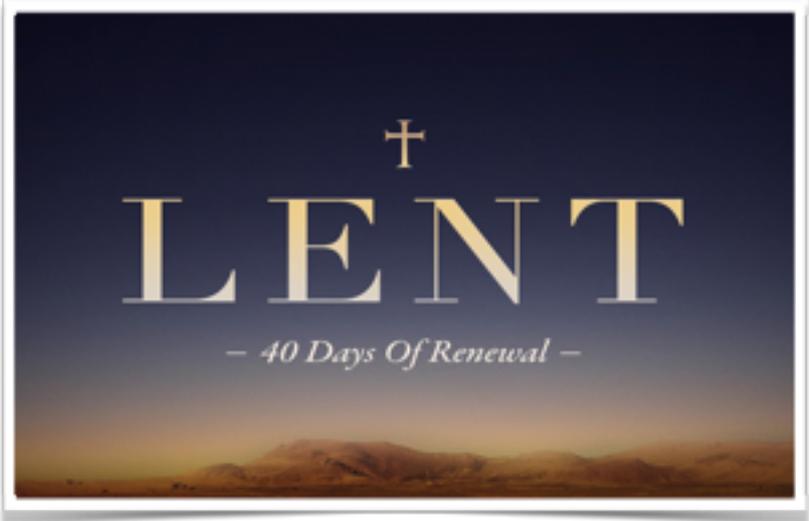
Dear AMKPC Friends,

BOOTH will run tentatively on  
26 Mar 2017.

## LIBRARY UPDATES

We are in the midst of clearing out old titles. If you would like to have any of the books to bless someone, please let us know.

If you are looking for a particular resource, you can do a search in the church website (<https://www.amkpc.org.sg/library/>) or contact us.



## LENT

1 March marks the beginning of Lent in the Christian Calendar. Lent is a period of forty days (not counting Sundays which are set aside as mini-Easters of rejoicing in the Resurrection) beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. It is a season of repentance, fasting, self-examination, and preparation for Easter that reflects back to Jesus' temptation by Satan and tempering for His earthly ministry in the wilderness. Many Christians practice fasting something during this season and give their time, resources, and energy to others in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Lent begins March 1, 2017, and continues through April 13th.

How are you preparing for Lent?

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## Jesus Washes the Feet of His Disciples

by Max Lucado, from *On Calvary's Hill*

*“During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.”*

John 13:2-5 ESV



It has been a long day. Jerusalem is packed with Passover guests, most of whom clamour for a glimpse of the Teacher. The spring sun is warm. The streets are dry. And the disciples are a long way from home. A splash of cool water would be refreshing.

The disciples enter the room, one by one, and take their places around the table. On the wall hangs a towel, and on the floor sit a pitcher and a basin. Any one of the disciples could volunteer for the job, but not one does.

After a few moments Jesus stands and removes His outer garment. He wraps a servant's girdle around His waist, takes up the basin, and kneels before one of the disciples. He unlaces a sandal and gently lifts the foot, places it in the basin, covers it with water, and begins to bathe it.

One grimy foot after another, Jesus works His way down the row. In Jesus' day the washing of feet was a task reserved not just for servants but for the lowest of servants.

In this case the One with the towel and basin is the King of the universe.

Hands that shaped the stars now wash away filth. Fingers that formed mountains now massage toes. And the One before whom all nations will one day kneel now kneels before His disciples. Hours before His own death, Jesus' concern is singular.

He wants His disciples to know how much He loves them.

You can be sure Jesus knows the future of these feet He is washing. These feet will dash for cover at the flash of a Roman sword. Only one pair of feet won't abandon Him in the Garden... Judas will abandon Jesus that very night at the table.

What a passionate moment when Jesus silently lifts the feet of His betrayer and washes them in the basin.

Jesus knows what these men are about to do. By morning they will bury their heads in shame and look down at their feet in disgust. And when they do, He wants them to remember how His knees knelt before them and He washed their feet...

He forgave their sin before they even committed it. He offered mercy before they even sought it.

*Lent has began and continues through April 13th. It is a perfect time to remember that we would have run, too. We would have betrayed, too. Yet, still, the King of the universe kneels to wash our feet, too. Lord, thank You for offering mercy before our hearts had even begun to soften and think to ask.*