

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

June 18, 2023

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

Tuesday

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

7:30 pm – Chinese-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

Friday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Thursday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther – Week 12

Riches from the Ministry

The Recovery of God's House and God's City, Chapter 8

Announcements

❖ 2023 July Semiannual Training

- Subject: *An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing.*
- Video Training Dates: **Wednesday, July 5; 7:00 pm – Lord's Day, July 16; 4:00 pm**
- Late Registration Donation (including outline): \$155 per seat (\$130 plus \$25 late fee)
- Late Registration Due Date: **June 20, 2023**
- Registration Fee can be sent through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: register@churchinphoenix.org. Please indicate on the memo line "2023 July Training".
- Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/cipregisterjuly23>

❖ Hospitality & Love Feast Request for 40 Saints Visiting from the Church in Taichung, Taiwan

- Date: Saturday, July 1
- Place:
CIP will offer hospitality for 20 saints (1st group) and prepare a love feast at ~ 6:00 pm. The 20 saints will join the Lord's Table meeting on July 2.
CIT will offer hospitality for 20 saints (2nd group) and prepare a love feast for them at ~ 7:00 pm. The 20 saints will join the Lord's Table meeting on July 2.
- The 40 saints will leave for Anaheim after the Lord's table meeting.

❖ 30 Days of Prayer for The North America College Training

- We welcome and greatly need the petitions of all of the saints regarding the upcoming North America College Training, July 16-22. To this end, we have attached a list of thirty items which can be prayed over by the saints in the churches. If each participating saint prays over one item each day beginning June 17, we will make it through all 30 prayer requests by July 16 (the first day of the college training). May the Lord fully gain all of these young vessels for His economy!

❖ Offerings

- Please send your offerings through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org

Riches from the Ministry

Christ is the divine and eternal center. When He comes into me, into you, and into so many others, there is the increase of Christ. This increase of Christ is the church (John 3:29-30). Christ increased, Christ enlarged, is the church. What is the church? The church is the enlargement of Christ and the increase of Christ. We all are parts of Christ and members of Christ.

The church is the fullness of Christ, because Christ has been increased and enlarged into so many members. But what is the city? The city is a further enlargement of Christ. The first step of the enlargement of Christ is the church as the house. The second step of this enlargement is also the church, not as the house but as the city. The church as the house must be enlarged to be the church as the city. The city is something larger and safer than the house. Eventually, the whole house becomes the city. Revelation 21:22 says that there is no more temple in the city because the temple has become the city. The city is the tabernacle, the dwelling place (vv. 2-3). The city is the enlargement of the temple, the development of the house to the uttermost.

The building of the house and the city is the center of God's eternal purpose. This building is simply the mingling of God with man. When Christ comes into us, that is the mingling. Christ mingles Himself with us. Therefore, the church is a mingling of divinity with humanity, a divine mingling of God with man. When this mingling is enlarged and consummated to the fullest extent, that is the city. So the city eventually becomes the mutual building, the mutual habitation, of God and man. God dwells in us, and we in God. Oh, this is really marvelous! This is the universal, eternal mingling of God with man. We are His dwelling place, and He is ours. On a small scale, this is the house, and on a large scale, this is the city.

Christ as life is signified by the church as the house. I realize that so many of us have partaken of the enjoyment of Christ as our life. But Christ is not only this much; He is more. The New Testament first tells us that Christ is our life, but eventually it says that Christ is our Head, and we are His Body. The Body needs the Head, and the Head needs the Body. Christ is not only our life, but He is also our Head. If we only experience Christ as life, yet do not realize Him much as our Head, we only have the church as the house. There is not the city yet. When we realize that Christ is not only our life but also our Head, then Christ will have the second step of enlargement. Then the church will not only be the house but also the city. The house is mainly with the life, and the city is mainly with the Head.

We must keep in mind that Christ is these two main items to us: our life and our Head. When we realize and enjoy Christ as our life, we have the church as the house. But if we go further and realize His headship, the church will be enlarged to the city. Then the church will be safeguarded. It is much easier to capture a house than to take over a city. It is easy to break into a house, but it is not easy to get through the walls of a city. The city is the safeguard of the house.

In many of the local churches there is the real enjoyment of life in the house, but as far as the city is concerned, there are still some breaches in the wall. They still do not have the safeguard. This is why after Zerubbabel, Joshua, and Ezra, there is the need of Nehemiah for the building up of the wall of the city. The enemy hates this even more than the building of the temple. The adversaries did try to hinder, frustrate, and damage the building of the house, but not nearly as much as they opposed with their subtle wiles the building of the city. The enemy knows that the building of the house can be destroyed, but once the building of the city is completed, there is the safeguard of the wall as a defense to protect the house. So what we need for the long run is the building up of the wall. The wall is part of the city, which is the safeguard to the house.

It is good for all the young brothers and sisters to experience Christ as life. But they must go on to experience Christ as their Head. He must not only be our life but also our Head; not only our enjoyment but also our authority. We should not only be in the enjoyment of life but also under the authority of the headship...

The book of Nehemiah tells us that each one must build up his part of the wall. I cannot build for you, and you cannot build for me. Everyone must build up his own part. With the building up of the wall, the work is mainly with the stronger ones because this is a matter of fighting. This is not a matter of the emotion but a matter of the will. Whether I like it or not, I still must build the wall. Whether it is easy or hard, I still must do it. There is no choice. I must submit myself to the headship of Christ so that the wall can be built up.

There is another point regarding the wall. The wall of a city is not only for protection but also for separation. The wall is a separating line. When the wall is built up, it separates what is within from what is without. In Genesis 2 there was a garden without a wall, so it was easy for the enemy, the creeping one, to creep in. Satan crept in because there was no wall. But at the end of the Bible, there is a city with a wall one hundred forty-four cubits high. That is twelve times twelve, the number of eternal perfection. There is a perfect wall to separate what is holy from what is common. Anything that is common has no entrance into the city. (Lee, *The Recovery of God's House and God's City*, Chapter 8)

Prayer items

June 17

Let's pray for safe travel - This summer close to 2,900 college students and serving ones will gather in Champaign, Illinois for the 2023 North America College Training. They'll come from campuses and towns across the United States and from 39 countries around the globe. Please pray for their safe travel, including all flights, shuttle rides, and cross-country drives, and that the Lord will keep their going out and their coming in (Psalm 121:7-8).

June 18

Let's pray for hospitality - Many students traveling to the NACT, especially those coming from great distances, choose to extend their trips prior to or following the training in Champaign. This creates a marvelous opportunity for blending with churches, especially through the practical provision of hospitality. Pray for multiplied grace to all the local saints for hosting students before and after the college training on their way to and from the NACT (Romans 12:13).

June 19

Let's pray for each one's health - The North America College Training schedule is rigorous, starting at 6:30am every morning and ending at 11:00pm every night. Please pray for the speaking brothers to be healthy as they prepare in the Lord, for the serving ones to be in good health as they coordinate and labor together, and that each attendee would be able to fully participate and would remain healthy for the entire time with no spread of sickness (1 Thes 5:23).

June 20

Let's pray for on-time arrival - The first day of the North America College Training is July 16th. As everyone is arriving, please pray that the weather would be clear around the country so that all the planes would arrive on time. Many will be traveling by car or shuttle bus from the airports to Champaign, and all need to arrive safely and on time. Pray that not one attendee would be delayed in their coming to the training (Matthew 8:26-27).

June 21

Let's pray for the weather - The NACT is being held on the campus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. There will be many opportunities for blending and fellowship as the trainees walk between the various locations. Please pray that the weather during the college training would be conducive to fellowship, convenient for getting from place to place, and allow for outdoor recreational activities (Mark 1:35).

June 22

Let's pray for the practical services - A gathering as large as the NACT requires a smooth coordination of various practical services including ushering, registration, and audio-visual. Please pray that there would be no interruption to the ministry of the word and that each service would be carried out in a smooth and harmonious way (Romans 15:5-6).

June 23

Let's pray for safety and security - There will be many brothers serving as ushers for the entire week, as well as a number of privately hired security officers to make sure the training is secure and distraction-free. We need to pray for the safety and security of all of the trainees for the entire duration of the college training (Deut 32:10b).

June 24

Let's pray for the facilities - Please pray for the smooth and seamless service of the university staff in areas like food preparation, dorm management, and climate control.

June 25

Let's pray for the hearts - Pray that the heart of each trainee would be prepared for the training. May each one's heart be the good earth to hear and understand the word and bear fruit (Matt 13:32).

June 26

Let's pray for the oneness and one accord - The 950 coming to serve in the training represent 320 churches throughout the globe! Pray that each serving one would enjoy the anointing of the Spirit and the supply of grace to be kept in absolute oneness and the one accord so that there would be a way for the Lord to command His blessing (Psa 133:1-3).

June 27

Let's pray for the speaking brothers - There will be many brothers, including some senior co-workers who will be ministering the Word during this week. Please pray for the rich anointing and outpoured Spirit of power upon each of the brothers (Acts 2:4).

June 28

Let's pray for the blending among all the students - Each trainee will be placed in a small group and cohort and this is a unique opportunity for students from all different cultures, nationalities, and backgrounds to be brought together to enjoy the Lord and His rich speaking and experience blending for the building up of His Body. (Col 3:10-11).

June 29

Let's pray for the high school graduates - There are 341 incoming freshmen registered to attend the college training. Pray that they would genuinely and personally touch the Lord and consecrate their college years to the Lord. (Psa 110:3)

June 30

Let's pray for the small groups - An integral part of the college training is the time in the small groups each day. Each small group is comprised of 6-8 students, 2 serving ones, and 1-2 FTTA trainees. Pray that each small group would be full of mutuality, overflowing and shepherding. (1 Cor. 14:26)

July 1

Pray that the students would allow the word of God to dwell in them richly, being constituted with the word through memorizing many verses, redeeming the time. (Col. 3:16)

July 2

Pray that the Spirit would be fully released and flow in all of the singing in every session, and although the singing will mostly take place all together, the trainees would all touch the Lord personally as well as corporately through the release of their spirit. (Eph. 5:18-19)

July 3

A high percentage of students are going to be attending their first college training and not all are clear concerning the uniqueness of this ministry. Pray that all the trainees would be open to the truth ministered to them and would take in this healthy teaching of the ministry, receiving the love of the truth (2 Thess. 2: 10).

July 4

Pray that each trainee would be open to and respond to the Lord's personal speaking during their time in the training. Pray that every trainee would experience dealing with the Lord, issuing in a memorial in their hidden life with the Lord. (Rev. 2:29)

July 5

Pray that the students would use the morning time to deepen their hidden walk with the Lord, even continually confessing their sins to maintain freshness throughout the training. (1 John 1:9)

July 6

Pray that each trainee would experience touching the Lord and opening to Him to be brought on in their knowledge and experience. May the Lord use all the speaking to bring out much fellowship, both in the groups and in 1-on-1 shepherding with older serving ones, so that they would experience the light of life in their daily walk. (Phil. 3:12-14)

July 7

Pray that the Lord Jesus would appear to each one, His appearing would give them a vision, and they would enjoy the Spirit daily, increasing day by day. (Acts 26:19)

July 8

Pray that the students would use this week to be soaked and saturated with the holy Word, memorizing verses and picking up the habit of being in the Word daily, even building up a lifelong habit to be safeguarded against the decline. (Matt. 4:4)

July 9

The students would consecrate their lives and futures to the Lord absolutely for His purpose and glory. (Rom. 12:1)

July 10

The students would practice the things that they have seen and heard at the college training beginning immediately after they return home. (1 Tim. 4:15)

July 11

The Lord would call many students to give their futures to the Lord and vow to attend FTA to be made useful to Him. (Psa. 110:3)

July 12

Pray that all the students and the serving ones with their families would have the Lord's covering against any attacks from the evil one and no portion of the training, including the return time would give any ground for his attacks. (Matt. 6:13)

July 13

Pray that Satan would have no ground in the atmosphere on campus or in the beings of all those attending the college training. (Matt. 12:29)

July 14

Pray that the enemy would have no way to prevent these young ones from seeing a heavenly vision and any questions any might have would be covered in the fellowship with older ones so that all doubts and concerns in matters of the truth would be cast aside. (Acts 26:18)

July 15

Pray for the students to be free from all anxiety in their personal situations, as well as all of Satan's attacks and distractions, and they would be able to lie down in green pastures and rest in His presence. (Psa. 23:1- 2)

July 16

Pray that every student would be reminded of their consecration to Him during this week and would keep this consecration fresh by opening to the Lord everything in their life and future so that they would live a Christian life in the divine romance for His goal, to have His bride so that He could come back. (Lev. 6:12-13)