

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

Tuesday

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meetings at Districts 1 & 2

7:30 pm – Chinese-speaking prayer meeting at District 2

7:00 pm - Spanish-speaking prayer meeting in the homes

Friday

6:30 pm – English-speaking College Meetings

7:00 pm – Chinese-speaking Student Meetings

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

8:00 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

The Will of God – Week 5

Ministry Publication Reading

Perfecting Training –
Chapter Fourteen

Scripture Reading

Matt. 26:41; 1Thess. 5:17

Announcements

- ❖ **The Holy Word for Morning Revival: The Will of God available for sale on Lord's Day, 7/05, at Two Locations**
 - District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door.
 - District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front porch.
 - Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

- ❖ **Gospel Resource from BfA - Share the Good News**
 - BfA would like to announce to all the brothers and sisters a new gospel page on the Bibles for America site gospel.biblesforamerica.org called [Share the Good News](#). The Lord has burdened us to pray for people everywhere during this COVID-19 global pandemic and to share with them the gospel of Jesus Christ. This new page has various easy-to-use resources for telling people about God's salvation:
 - **Digital tracts:** Click on one of the 11 tract titles to read and send the tract to people via text message, email, Facebook, or Twitter. For example, you can see the page for "Freed from the Fear of Death"
 - **Gospel videos:** Watch the gospel videos right on the page: "Is Jesus in Your Boat?"; "Who Is Jesus?"; and "The Meaning of Life." Share a video using the share icons below each image.
 - **Blog posts:** These gospel posts from the BfA Blog are a little longer than the digital tracts. You can read and share the post "Why Did Jesus have to Die?" using one of the sharing buttons at the bottom of the screen on mobile devices or along the left side on a computer.
 - **Podcast episode:** Listen to a gospel episode from the BfA Podcast called "The Big Question" right on the page and send it to someone using the share icons below it.

- ❖ **Offerings**
 - All offerings are to be carried out electronically.
 - Monies can be sent through *Zelle* or *Popmoney* (security verification code: 602-370-5813) to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Persevere in Prayer

❖ Intercessory Prayer in North America:

- Sign up at <http://www.beseeching.org> to receive daily emails containing a prayer burden, along with crucial verses.

❖ Church Prayer Burdens: <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

Riches from the Ministry

A HABIT TO LIVE CHRIST

According to the revelation of Ephesians we have to pray in order to have the church life. Although you may have the knowledge concerning the church, without praying unceasingly you cannot have the church life. The church life does not remain with your knowledge; it remains with your praying, even with your continual and persistent prayer all the time. At the end of Ephesians such a charge is given, indicating that the church depends upon our prayer life. If we don't have a prayer life, we are through. We may have a lot of knowledge, a lot of revelation concerning the Body, but this does not mean we can have the church life. To have the church life depends upon our continual prayer. Ephesians 6:18, like other verses in these four books, uses many modifiers: "By means...of all prayer...praying at every time in spirit...in...petition." We have to pray and watch unto prayer in petition. This is the way to watch unto prayer. This means you have to pray every minute and then you have to be awake, not sleeping. We have to be awake to this kind of continual prayer, and this watching is in all petition. This means that while you are praying, you are watchful; while you are praying, you are awake.

According to the Lord's word in Matthew 26, we are all sleepy persons. If you don't sleep physically, you sleep spiritually. And many times you sleep psychologically...Sometimes you are sleeping spiritually. This means your perception is dormant. To be a person who prays unceasingly you must be a watchful person, a person fully awakened, fighting against your sleeping nature and your sleeping being. How do you fight? By petitioning. Prayer is a general thing; petition is a special, particular thing. You have to watch unto the general prayer by special petition.

In Matthew the Lord Jesus only said watch and pray, but Paul developed it very much. Paul's speaking corresponds with the Lord's. The Lord said, "The spirit indeed is ready," and Paul said, "Praying at every time in spirit..."...[L]et your spirit pray much. Exercise! If you don't pray today you cannot pray tomorrow. If you don't pray in the morning you cannot pray at noontime or in the evening. One time of prayer strengthens you to pray two more times. Two times of prayer strengthens you to pray four times. The more you pray the more you will have to pray. The more you pray the more you will like to pray. And the more you pray the more you will be able to pray...Exercise increases your strength. If you don't pray, you just don't like to pray. If you pray, your appetite for prayer will be increased. So you have to pray and watch unto prayer in all petition. This means don't cease in prayer. Don't stop your prayer. Pray all the time and keep yourself all the time wakeful. You have to fight against the threefold sleep: physical, psychological, and spiritual. This word concerning prayer is the concluding charge in the book of Ephesians, a book which reveals the Body of Christ. Isn't this meaningful? If you don't have such a kind of watchful prayer, it would be difficult to have the church life.

First Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Pray without ceasing." Now you understand how to pray without ceasing—just be watchful. To be watchful helps you to build up a habit of prayer. The ultimate and consummate conclusion of all the charges in the Bible is that we need to live Christ and walk in the spirit. It is not to love this or love that, nor is it to do this or to do that. The final word is to live Christ and to walk in spirit. We need to do this by the way of watching unto prayer in all petition. There is no other way that we can live Christ continually, and there is no other way that we can walk in spirit. Actually, here the word walk equals the word live. To walk in spirit actually means to live in spirit. So to live Christ is a matter to live in spirit. This can never be possible unless we have a prayer life with a continual watching in all petition.

Let me repeat: to live Christ, to practice the one spirit with the Lord, is by the continual and unceasing prayer. To have such a prayer life, we all must learn to watch. We also must be on the alert to be awake. We have to watch unto this kind of prayer. When you discover that there is something within you reluctant to pray, you have to fight against it. When something within you tells you not to pray, you had better pray twice as much. Although you may say you have nothing to pray, Paul tells us we have many things to pray. He said to pray at every time in spirit watching in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints.

We must remember Ephesians 6:18: "By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit, and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints." We have to admit there is much possibility for us to have this kind of prayer life because we have so much in the environment and in our own life to pray for. I have the assurance that all the saints in the Lord's recovery do have an appetite, an aspiration, to pray. In the Lord's recovery the saints are praying people. Perhaps when you were somewhere else in the past, you didn't have that much aspiration for prayer, but after you came into the Lord's recovery you began to aspire to pray. Although you may not have been successful to such an extent, still you had the desire and the hunger and the thirst to pray. Now please practice the hunger. The more you pray the more you will be thirsty to pray. I can assure you, it is not too hard. The habit of living Christ must be the habit of prayer. And the habit of prayer is not so hard to build up. Practice this yourself, and eventually you will be a good coach to help so many into this kind of praying life. I have the assurance that after a few years many saints in the Lord's recovery will be coached into this kind of prayerful life to live Christ and to practice the one spirit with the Lord.