

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 14, 2021

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 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

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, Volume 1 – Week 1 (REPEAT)

### Ministry Publication Reading

Serving According to Revelation – Chapter 2

### Scripture Reading

Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:11-12;  
1Cor. 1:27

## Announcements

### ❖ Phoenix Conference with brother Ron

- o March 5-7
- o Conference messages will be given live via Zoom.
- o Details regarding meeting schedule and Zoom information will be forthcoming.

### ❖ Spring 2021 Online California College Conference

- o The conference schedule is as follows (all times in PST):  
February 26, Friday; 8:00 pm – 9:15 pm  
February 27, Saturday; 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
February 27, Saturday; 8:00 pm – 9:15 pm  
February 28, Lord's Day; 8:00 pm – 9:15 pm
- o Registration Deadline: February 21
- o Suggested Donation \$10, contribute via Venmo@uscchristianstud

### ❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- o February 20 at 8:30 am
- o Zoom link information will be emailed to the brothers.

### ❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, Volume 1 available for sale at two locations

- o District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door from 9am-5pm.
- o District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front door from 9am-5pm.
- o Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

### ❖ 2020 Contribution Letter

- o Saints who need a 2020 Contribution Letter from The Church in Phoenix can request it from Won Huang via email at [wzhcpa@outlook.com](mailto:wzhcpa@outlook.com)

### ❖ Offerings

- o Please send your offerings through Zelle or Popmoney to the church's bank account using the following email address: [offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org).

Persevere in Prayer

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

## Riches from the Ministry

The way for the church to serve is for all members to serve. The Bible speaks of the church as the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 1Cor. 12:27), and regarding the service of the church, the Bible reveals that the church is also a Body, the mystical Body of Christ (Rom. 12:4-8; 1Cor. 12:4-27; Eph. 4:11-12). The Body denotes not only matters related to life but also matters related to function. The function of the church is the function of the Body. The verses in Romans, 1 Corinthians, and Ephesians concerning the church as the Body of Christ emphasize the function of the church in relation to Christ. Function denotes service. Hence, the service of the church is the service of the Body, and the service of the Body is the service of all the members. Therefore, the way for the church to serve is for all the members to serve. Every saint is a member of the Body of Christ with a function; therefore, every saint should fulfill his function.

However, many saints do not serve or do not seem capable of serving. Some saints are not clear concerning their salvation, or they have not had a thorough experience of salvation. Others might be cold or backslidden. Still others may not have the heart to serve the Lord even though they have been saved for many years. Although such saints seem incapable of serving or do not want to serve, all saints have the capability of serving and should serve, because they are members of the Body of Christ.

Since the service of the church involves all the members, the service of the church should encompass every aspect of the church. The content of the church is Christ as life, that is, Christ Himself, and the service of the church encompasses all the functions of the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is more than one member. It has many members, and each member has a function. The service of the church involves the corporate functioning of all the members of the Body.

In our physical body we do not have one member functioning while the other members remain inactive. In a healthy body all the members move when the eyes move; the members do not remain still. It is not possible for only one member to function at a time, nor is it normal for a few members to function while other members remain still, unless some members of our physical body are paralyzed. If only one or a few saints function in service, a church is "paralyzed" and "sick."

Our service in the church is not normal. The saints pray when we speak of prayer, clean the meeting hall when we speak of cleaning, and preach the gospel when we speak of preaching the gospel. It is not normal for the saints to pay attention only to what is spoken of by the brothers in the meetings to the exclusion of other things. Normal service involves the need to focus on many things at the same time. Some saints need to be led to study the Bible, others need to be led to pray, and still others need to be led to preach the gospel. Some need to be led to clean or to take care of other services. Some saints should go out to preach the gospel, others should gather for prayer, and still others should take care of different services. The saints should not preach the gospel only when we speak of the need to preach the gospel. Nor should the saints focus exclusively on cleaning the meeting hall when this matter is brought to our attention. It is not normal to have a "gospel month," during which everyone preaches the gospel, or a "visiting month," during which everyone visits the saints. Nevertheless, this seems to be our practice. When we speak of having a love feast for the sake of fellowship, everyone busies himself with the details of a love feast, while at the same time praying less and neglecting the gospel. When we speak of exercising the spirit, all the saints pay attention to this matter, but they drop other practical service...Such a situation is abnormal.

The service of the church involves all the members. The service of all the members is needed for the members to carry out their various functions. Some members should lead the believers to pursue deeper spiritual growth, and others should teach new believers to read the Bible, pray, deal with the Lord, and follow the leading of the Spirit. Some members should lead people to salvation, and others should lead people to serve. Some members should speak the word, and others should offer particular prayers as a supply.

If we see that the service of the church is the service of all the members, there will be a desire in us to see the saints functioning in service in many different ways. This is the way for service to encompass every aspect of the church. If we realize that the service of the church is the service of all the members, we also will encourage the various functions of the saints.

We must understand that in the service of the church certain saints can do things that we cannot do, and we can do things that they cannot do. Certain brothers must take care of certain matters. Those who see the revelation of the service of all the members know that others cannot replace their function, nor can they replace the function of others, because every saint is different. The brothers and sisters must be clear concerning this. Those who have not seen this revelation have not seen the service of all the members. The clearer we are concerning the service of all the members, the stronger our feeling will be concerning the service of all the members. This will enhance our function and cause us to encourage the function of the saints.

We must also pay attention to deeper spiritual growth. The responsible saints must pursue deeper spiritual growth and stir up the saints to pursue deeper spiritual growth. We must lead the saints to pursue knowing Christ and expressing Christ so that the stature of Christ may increase in the church.

...Our service must not consist of many outward activities without a rich inner life, nor should we have zealous excitement without spiritual reality. Our experience of life should be more than outward activities, and our spiritual reality should be higher than our zealous excitement. (Lee, *Serving According to Revelation*, Chapter Two)