

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 21, 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 2

### Ministry Publication Reading

Serving According to Revelation – Chapter 3

### Scripture Reading

Acts 6:3; 1Cor. 12:7; Phil. 3:12

## 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 [www.college-conference.com](http://www.college-conference.com)
- o Suggested Donation \$10, contribute via Venmo@uscchristianstud

### ❖ 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

### ❖ Intercessory Prayer in North America:

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

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

## Riches from the Ministry

### **DEEPER SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

...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.

I have a heavy burden concerning bringing the saints into a deeper spiritual pursuit. It is not too difficult to encourage the saints to zealously preach the gospel or to join gospel teams, but it is not easy to lead the saints in spiritual pursuit or into deeper spiritual experiences. Nevertheless, a church that lacks deeper spiritual experiences will not have weight and will not be able to satisfy the Lord. Therefore, we must pursue and enter into deeper spiritual growth. May we all pay attention to this point, and may the Lord prepare our hearts!

### **OUR BASIS FOR MEETING AND SERVING**

...The saints fulfill their service and manifest their function by letting the Spirit reign in them and by growing in life. The brothers who have grown in life under the leading of the Spirit are spontaneously manifested as responsible ones. The brothers or sisters who diligently serve God, the church, and the saints by the gracious leading of the Spirit are spontaneously manifested as well. There is no human organization or arrangement among us. We have only the manifestation of the Spirit in the brothers and sisters. A brother who lets the Spirit work in him unhindered, who loves the Lord fervently, who is willing to pay the price to be broken, who lives for the Lord, and who knows the Lord and His ways will spontaneously be manifested as a responsible one. Similarly, those who follow the Spirit's leading and are constrained by the Lord's love to labor and serve the church and the saints will spontaneously serve in the church.

The saints who participate in the service are manifested through the leading of the Spirit and the growth in life. All our service arrangements are based on the manifestation of the Spirit in the saints. We do not want human will or human organization. We let the Spirit make things manifest in the saints.

### **PURSUING TRUTH AND LIFE**

The truth of the Bible is the foundation of the believers and the church, and the divine life is the content of the believers and the church. In order for a church to have a firm foundation and rich content, the saints must have an adequate knowledge of the truth and a sufficient experience of life. Only the truth of the Bible can make us firm and accurate, rather than excessive, and only life can make us rich and living, rather than dead or dull. When we have both truth and life, our service will be firm, rich, accurate, living, and full of light and spiritual reality.

### **THE CHURCH SERVICE SUPPLYING LIFE**

The purpose of the service of the church is to supply Christ as life to others. This cannot be achieved merely by taking care of the details of outward matters. Often, the matters that we take care of are without spiritual value, because we do not supply the life of Christ to others through them. If our service is normal, we will supply the divine life to others in all the affairs of the church that we touch. This point is very serious. Merely accomplishing a church service does not make the service successful. The services are not our goal; rather, the services are the means to supply the life of Christ to others.

For example, the saints who sell books in the bookroom should not have the air of department-store salesmen. They should supply something spiritual. The saints who serve in book sales should be polite and loving, and they should seize the opportunity to fellowship with those who buy books and to supply something spiritual to them. In this way they will not only sell books of letters but also supply the living Christ. A person who comes to buy a Bible can be supplied with the living Word, Christ.

Our business office should not be like a bureaucratic government office. The saints serving in the business office should not take care of things like common government officials. This is not valuable. Instead, those who serve should seize the opportunity to supply Christ to the brothers and sisters and to the unbelievers. Then our service will have spiritual value.

...The responsibility of the church is not focused on matters or work but on supplying life. Every aspect of our service should be a means for people to gain the spiritual supply of Christ's life. Our service should be different from handling business matters in the world.

Every service in the church is for us to contact people, to give us an opportunity to transmit the life of Christ into others. Regrettably, we often miss these opportunities. For example, the baptismal service often does not render a spiritual atmosphere to the persons being baptized. Rather, the saints in this service exhibit an attitude that they are merely doing things. In addition, the ushering saints are often harsh and strong; they do not express the meekness of Christ so that people can smell the savor of Christ. The services in the church are not monumental, but they are opportunities for us to supply and minister Christ to others. If we want to supply and minister Christ to others, we must be filled with Christ and allow our outer man to be broken. Only in this way can we express Christ so that those whom we contact can touch the life of Christ and can receive the spiritual supply.

(Lee, *Serving According to Revelation*, Chapters Two & Three)