

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

April 18, 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 2 – Week 9

### Ministry Publication Reading

The Service for the Building Up of the House of God – Chapter Three

### Scripture Reading

Col. 3:3-4; John 17:17; Heb. 10:25; John 21:15-17; 1 John 1:3; Rom. 15:16

## Announcements

- ❖ **The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, Volume 2 available for sale at two locations**
  - District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door from 9am-5pm.
  - District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front door from 9am-5pm.
  - Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix
- ❖ **Monthly Brothers' Meeting**
  - April 24 at 8:30 am
  - Zoom link information will be emailed to the brothers
- ❖ **Virtual Lunch with FTA trainees**
  - Sign Up: goggle doc [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDPRc0qP2XTsHohdojZdELhc0nzZ\\_4cxLmPq6R-vWRG6liCA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDPRc0qP2XTsHohdojZdELhc0nzZ_4cxLmPq6R-vWRG6liCA/viewform)
- ❖ **Offerings**
  - 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:

- 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

In our service we should pay attention to four major items—life, the truth, the church, and the gospel.

We need to pay attention to life, the divine life. This is the base of all things...The things that we do depend on the life that we have. In the church life we cannot have religious services or organized activities. Our service can come only from life. The service of the church and the testimony of the church are based on life. Hence, we cannot neglect life, nor should we be detached from life. We should take Christ as the base and the source of our service, and our service should be the issue of life. It is by the divine life that we live before God, and it is in this life that we have our being, our living, and our service.

We need to fellowship with the Lord, have dealings, and consecrate ourselves. We also need to deal with sins, the world, our conscience, and obey the teaching of the anointing. These experiences are the base of our service. We must not neglect these experiences...The saints should not only love the Lord zealously but also pursue to know the Lord as life and learn to live in this life...This is the principle.

We must pay attention to the truth. The truth is our constitution. When we speak of the truth, we are referring to what is revealed in the Bible. Our living, walk, service, and administration of the church should not be according to our own view, the world, or deformed Christianity. We must do everything according to the Bible. The indwelling Spirit needs the Bible in our hands, and the Bible needs the Spirit within us. The Spirit within is our life, and the Bible is our truth. The atmosphere of our service should give people the impression that everything we do is according to the truth in the Bible. Every matter, no matter how great or small, should be done according to the truth. We would not propose, initiate, create, or decide any matter according to our will. Rather, everything we do should be based on the Bible.

The responsible saints should have the habit and atmosphere of reading the Bible, and they should bring the saints into the habit and atmosphere of reading the Bible. We want to receive the nourishment of life, the bread of life, from the Bible. We also want to see light in the truth of the Bible so that we may know the Lord's way in our living, walk, work, and service. Everything that we do should have the truth as its standard...As much as possible, we should endeavor to serve according to the truth.

We will be enlivened when we live in the divine life and walk according to the truth. Furthermore, our service will be secure. The divine life enlivens us, and the truth protects us. When we have both life and the truth, we will not easily encounter problems in our service. Otherwise, we will be in peril. If we emphasize the truth and neglect the divine life, we will become dead. If we emphasize the divine life and neglect the truth, we will lose our protection and be vulnerable to improper activities and unsound behavior...[O]ur service must be built on two bases—life and truth—in order for our service to be full of life and secure.

On the one hand, we need life and the truth for the church, which is our service, our testimony, and our Christian living. On the other hand, our Christian living is not practical without the church. Our living is the church. ...[O]ur service is the church. The life that we have received is not only a holy life; it is a serving life. We cannot be satisfied with only a holy living. We need a serving life in order to be satisfied. Although we may often feel that serving is tiring, if we stopped our service, nothing would satisfy us, and we would be restless...However, a Christian cannot serve by himself. In order to serve, he must be in the church.

The church is our living, our testimony, and also our service. Our living in life and walking according to the truth are for the service of the church. The first item concerning the service of the church is the meetings. We must have meetings, and we must know how to meet. Whether the condition of a locality is good or bad, living or dead, or strong or weak depends on the condition of the meetings. Whether or not the service in a locality can bring in blessing depends on the condition of the meetings. If the meetings in a locality are strong and living, there will be much blessing. Therefore, in order to take care of the service of the church, we must pay attention to our meetings. The various meetings must be strengthened, enriched, refreshed, and enlivened.

In the church, meetings are of primary importance, followed by visitation. The word visitation implies shepherding and teaching. To shepherd is to give food, and to teach is to impart the truth. The gifts to the Body include shepherds and teachers (Eph. 4:11). We cannot expect every saint to function in this way, but we should at least expect every responsible saint to do the work of shepherding and teaching.

There must be fellowship in order to have church service. Hence, we should endeavor to fellowship. We should contact and fellowship with the saints before and after the meetings.

...Fellowship is the means by which the spiritual blood circulates; that is, the grace of life flows. Hence, there should be continual fellowship among the saints. Misunderstandings, ignorance, and opinions are the result of a lack of fellowship.

The meetings are for supplying, propagating, motivating, and perfecting. Visitation is for shepherding and teaching. Fellowship is communion that lets life both solve the problems among us and supply our needs.

When we are in life, then the truth is secure, the meetings, visitations, and fellowship are strong, and it is time to preach the gospel. This is how the gospel is preached. When the saints are enlivened and are serving, we must spread the Lord's kingdom by endeavoring in the gospel.

Every local church should pay attention to life, the truth, the church, and the gospel. This is not doctrine. This fellowship must be our practice. (Lee, *The Service for the Building Up of the House of God*, Chapter Three)