

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 Joshua, Judges, & Ruth – Week 7

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter Six

Scripture Reading

John 20:22; Matt. 28:20

Announcements

❖ SCYP HS Conferences:

- **HS Conference:**
October 22-24, 2021
Cost: \$15.00/person
Due Date: October 10, 2021
- **Late Registration will not be accepted.**

❖ December 2021 Semiannual Training will be held by video training only

- Registration Due Date: Dec. 05, 2021
- Registration Fee of \$125 per trainee (non-refundable) can be sent through Zelle or Popmoney to the church's bank account using the following email address: register@churchinphoenix.org. Please indicate on the memo line "2021 Winter Training". Shared seating is not an option for this video training.
- Video Training Schedule: 12/20/21 – 12/25/21
- Note: Completed Registration means payment of \$125 has been made AND online registration has been submitted.
- Registration form: <https://tinyurl.com/2021WinterTraining>
- The church in Phoenix is planning to carry out the video training corporately via Zoom.

❖ 2022 Gospel Calendar

- Price: \$10.00 per calendar, prepaid
- Payment must be received by Oct. 24.
- Please send your payment through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org. Include in the memo: 2022 Gospel Calendar, Your Name
- If any questions, please see bro. Xinyu (Newman) Zhang

❖ Offerings

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

Persevere in Prayer

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

Riches from the Ministry

In meetings with the resurrected Christ, the main factor is the breathing of the holy breath, the life-giving Spirit (John 20:22). In meetings for the ascended Christ, the central matter is the blowing of the rushing violent wind (Acts 2:2). This means the blowing of the Spirit of power. So in all the meetings with the resurrected Christ, we see Christ breathing Himself into His disciples as the breath of life, the Spirit of life. Then in the meetings for the ascended Christ, we see the empowering, the clothing of the Spirit with power. I feel deeply burdened that we still need to see more concerning the meetings with the resurrected Christ. I believe that the Lord will recover more and more regarding this matter.

[I]n these few chapters — Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 and 21, and Acts 1—is a full record as a kind of portrait revealing the presence of the resurrected Christ, showing how living He is and how He is with us all the time. If we are alone, He is with us; if we are two or three, He is with us. If you are three sisters together, He is with you; if we are two brothers together, He is with us. If you are one who is seeking and loving Him, He is with you; or if you are one who has failed like Peter, He is also with you. Whether you are strong or weak, He is with you. Whether you are in the room or walking on the road, He is with you. Whether we are on the mountain or by the seashore, He is with us. Whether we understand or do not understand, He is still with us. Whether we are conscious of His presence or not conscious of His presence, the resurrected Christ is with us. Hallelujah!

By all these stories we realize the wonderful presence of the resurrected and living Christ. Never forget that one verse: "Behold, I am with you all the days" (Matt. 28:20). He did not say, "I have been with you," or "I was with you," or "I shall be with you," but, "Behold, I am with you." He used the present tense. "Behold, I am with you all the days." By what way? By any way.

The Lord appeared to Mary the Magdalene first, and in the same day He showed Himself to Peter. Do you know the reason in these two cases? The reason with Mary the Magdalene was positive, and the reason with Peter was negative. According to the record of the four Gospels, Mary the Magdalene never was backslidden. Ever since she was saved, she followed the Lord continually. She loved the Lord, served the Lord, and was so much for the Lord. On the resurrection morning she was the first at the empty tomb, and she was the first to pass on the information. What about Peter? That is another story. Just a short time before, he denied the Lord three times. Now he heard that Jesus was risen, and he and John came to see the empty tomb. Many times I have told people that we brothers are just so definite: when we behold the fact, we admit the thing. "The Lord Jesus is not here, so let us go home." When Peter and John saw the empty tomb, they just went away. But Mary the Magdalene remained there. Her tarrying was a positive act, a proof of her love for the Lord, and it was through this act of hers that the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to her. You see, the reason the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to Mary was entirely positive. But the reason He revealed Himself to Peter was negative, for Peter had backslidden.

Many times we have this experience: the Lord visits us, not for some positive reason, but, unhappily, for a negative one. He comes to us sometimes, but to us it is a shame... Sometimes, immediately after you lose your temper with your wife, the Lord Jesus comes to you. Many times He visits us not for some positive reason but for a negative one. We have backslidden; we have denied Him; we have failed Him in many things. When He reveals Himself to us in this way, we are covered with shame. On that resurrection day He not only appeared to the positive Mary but also to the negative Peter. When we take into account all the record of Jesus meeting with His disciples after His resurrection, we see that this living Christ is with His disciples anywhere, anytime, regardless of the situation. Whether you are positive or negative, whether you have had a victory or a failure, He is always there. He not only appeared to Mary but also to Peter. He not only appeared to the positive one but also to the negative one. What a Lord!

The way to have a proper meeting is to realize such a present, living Christ. He is just so present; He is just so living. After His resurrection He became such an omnipresent One. Whether you are on the street or in the room, whether you are on the mountain or at the seashore, whether you are prepared for His presence or not prepared for His presence, He is there. He is always with you. If you are by yourself, He is with you. If you are with another, He is also with you. If we are in the meetings, He is with us.

The Lord is recovering something on this earth which is absolutely different from Christianity and any religion. He is recovering a people who realize that Christ is the resurrected One, that He is so living, so present, and so available to them all the time. We should come together not to have a religious worship, not to learn anything of Christianity, not to perform any duty or keep any form, but just to tell people how we have been meeting with the Lord Jesus today. He is so living and present to us all day long that we cannot contain Him; we must share Him with all the people. If we come to the meetings like this, our meetings will be revolutionized.

We have the full assurance that the Lord is going to renew everything. Forget about the old Christianity, forget about the old teachings. Even these stories are not old stories to us; they are altogether new. Bring all these verses to the Lord in a new way. Do not consider that you became familiar with these stories when you were in Sunday school. Forget that. Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 and 21, and Acts 1 are so new to us. The Lord is recovering something more of the proper meeting life from these chapters. (*Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Six*)