

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Oct 31, 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 Joshua, Judges, & Ruth – Week 10

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter Nine

Semiannual Training Preparation on 1 & 2 Samuel

1 Samuel: Chapters Eight through Fourteen
LS of First Samuel: Messages Six through Ten

Announcements

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Crystallization-Study of Joshua, Judges, & Ruth:

- District 1: please contact Charles Martinez
- District 2: at Ellen Arnold's front door
- Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ 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.

❖ 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

Brothers and sisters, have you realized that both love and prophecy are things of the Spirit and that these are the very things that build up the church? If you read 1 Corinthians, you will see that in this one book there are only two things that build up: the first is love (8:1) and the second is prophecy (14:5). How can the church be built up? By love and by prophecy. What is love? Love is Christ as life in my spirit for my living in my daily walk. In other words, my living is Christ as life expressed in the form of love. What is prophecy? Prophecy is also Christ in my spirit as a kind of ministry for function in the meetings. In my daily walk I have Christ as life expressed in the form of love, and in the meetings I have Christ as my ministry for my function. We need love for our living and prophecy for our function in the meetings.

...According to the entire context of 1 Corinthians, the proper way for us to meet together is that first we must have a daily walk with Christ as our life, with Christ as our enjoyment, with Christ as our everything. Then we will have the very love. Love is the expression of Christ as our life. It includes patience, meekness, endurance, long-suffering, and humility; it includes all the virtues of the Christian life. Love is so all-inclusive. Love is simply Christ expressed through us as our living. Love never falls away, because love is Christ Himself. Sometimes we must change the word love in chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians into Christ. "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have Christ, I have become sounding brass..." "Christ never falls away...The greatest of these is Christ." He is the excellent way. Praise Him!

We can never stand up to prophesy in the meetings in a proper way if we are not taking Christ as our life in our daily walk. If we are not enjoying Christ as our life day by day, it is impossible to prophesy in the meetings. If we can, I tell you, we are just pretending. Sometimes when I have offended my wife just a little, before I come to the meeting, I must apologize and seek her forgiveness; otherwise, it is rather difficult for me to stand up and function in the meeting. Without dealing with the matter, there is a hole in my conscience. On one hand, I encourage everyone to prophesy, to function in the meetings, but sometimes you simply cannot do so, because there is not only one hole but several holes in your conscience. How can an electric light bulb give light if there is a hole in it? If our conscience is not covered by the blood, we have no boldness to rise and prophesy. Sometimes people ask how I can be so bold and strong to speak in the meetings. It is because I have a conscience without offense. This does not mean that I am perfect but that I am purged and purified by the cleansing blood. Put it to the test. Suppose that today you have told some lies, not big lies, just small ones. Try to stand up and function in the meeting. If you can, you are just pretending. To prophesy in the meetings depends on our living by Christ in our daily walk. We can all prophesy, but to prophesy in the meetings depends on our living by Christ. If we do not take Christ as our life in our daily walk, it is very difficult to prophesy in the meetings.

To live by Christ, to take Christ as our life in our daily walk, is absolutely a matter of being in the spirit. It is the real practice of the exercise of our spirit. Suppose you are quarreling or arguing with your roommate, your dear wife, or your husband. You know that when you persist in arguing, you are out of the spirit; you are exercising your mind and your emotions, not your spirit. You may feel that you are definitely right and the other party is wrong, but you are not in the spirit. If you do not live in the spirit and exercise your spirit in your daily walk, how can you possibly exercise your spirit to prophesy when you come to the meeting? If you have been exercising your mind and not your spirit in all your daily living, when you enter the meeting, you will do the same thing. You will consider this brother and that brother; you will criticize and analyze this brother and that brother. You will continue to exercise your mind and not your spirit — this is your habit. You have built up this habit in your daily walk. If we do not exercise our spirit all the day, every day, how can we exercise our spirit to prophesy in the meetings? In our homes, in our family life, and on our jobs, we must practice continually the exercise of our spirit. We need to build up the habit of exercising our spirit...Forget about so many things and just exercise the spirit to say "O Lord, Amen, Hallelujah!" If you do not exercise your spirit to say "O Lord, Amen, Hallelujah" in your daily life, it is rather difficult to come to the meeting to say "O Lord." If you can do it in the meeting without doing it in your daily life, you must be an actor or actress, and you make the meeting place a theater with some kind of performance.

The way we meet depends on the way we live. How should we meet? We must live in a proper way. We must live by taking Christ as our life, a life which is always expressed in the form of love. Love suffers, love endures, love forgives. How may we express this love? Just by exercising our spirit to contact the Lord and enjoy Him.

In one translation of chapter 13 we have this word, "Love never reckons others' faults." This is love. Love covers, love never reckons, love endures, love suffers, love believes and hopes all things. What is this love? It is nothing less than Christ in my practical, daily life. If we would enjoy such a Christ as our love, we need to exercise our spirit, not our mind. If we do not exercise our spirit, sooner or later we will always reckon the faults and failures of the brothers. Exercise your spirit continually, and you will enjoy Christ and experience Him; then when you come to the meeting, out of your habit of exercising your spirit, you will have the boldness to stand up and prophesy something of Christ...With such a habit it is easy to prophesy; it is easy to say something about the Lord and for the Lord in the meetings. This is the way to meet; this is the way revealed to us through the book of 1 Corinthians.

(Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Nine)