

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Nov 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

The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ – Week 1

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter 12

Semiannual Training Preparation on 1 & 2 Samuel

1 Sam. Chapters 29-31; 2 Sam. Chapters 1-4

LS of First & Second Samuel: Messages 21 through 25

Announcements

❖ 2021 International Thanksgiving Conference:

- Message 1: 7:00 PM Thursday, November 25, 2021
- Message 2: 10:00 AM Friday, November 26, 2021
- Message 3: 7:00 PM Friday, November 26, 2021
- Message 4: 10:00 AM Saturday, November 27, 2021
- Message 5: 7:00 PM Saturday, November 27, 2021
- Message 6: 10:00 AM Lord's Day, November 28, 2021
- Conference Zoom link information will be emailed to the saints.

❖ 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>

❖ Holy Word for Morning Revival: The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ

- District 1: contact Marilyn Towle
- District 2: at Ellen Arnold's front door
- Cost: \$6.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ 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

First Corinthians 14:26 says that when we all come together everyone has something, and the first item is a psalm; therefore, the psalm is the primary function in the meeting. What is a psalm? A psalm refers to singing, to praising. By this we must realize that the first thing we must do in the meetings is to sing praises.

The main thing in 1 Corinthians 14 is to prophesy, and the first thing is to praise. The central matter in the meeting of the church is to prophesy, to speak something for Christ, that the church might be built up, but the first thing in the meetings of the church is to praise. When we come together, everyone has a mouth to praise and a psalm for praising. Do you see the contrast between God's way and our present situation? We all must drop our background and linger no longer in the present, degraded situation. We must be brought back to the original way. We have not invented this; we have only discovered what has been here for nearly two thousand years.

"When they began to shout in song and to praise, Jehovah set ambushes for the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who were coming out against Judah; and they were struck." There is no need for you to fight the battle; just praise the Lord, and the enemy will be defeated. How can you overcome your temper? Forget about your temper and praise the Lord. Just by praising Him, all your enemies will be under your feet. Just by praising Him, you will ascend to the heavens. Just by praising Him, all your besetting sins will be overcome. Hallelujah, Christ is Victor! Just praise the Lord; God will set ambushes for the enemy, and he will be struck. It is so simple.

The second verse of Psalm 8 has these two meanings: out of the mouth of the babes, the little ones, the unweaned ones, God could (1) establish strength and (2) establish praise. What is the strength? The praise is the strength. The praise silences the enemy. You may say that you are weak as David said in Psalm 6:2. But even if you are a babe, even if you are a suckling, the weakest of the weak, God can establish from you the strength that will smite the enemies. But you must open your mouth to praise. If you simply praise Him, God will establish strength out of your mouth stronger than an army. Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Regardless of how weak you are, regardless of how weak I am, regardless of how weak we all are, if we will open our mouths and say, "O Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth," God will establish the strength to shut the mouths of all the enemies. In what way? Just by praising Him, the power will break forth. It is not a small matter.

Then what about the matter of noise? Some may not agree with the matter of making noise and consider it a kind of confusion, but the Psalms say seven times to make a joyful noise unto God (66:1; 81:1; 95:1-2; 98:4, 6; 100:1) and one time, "Break forth, and sing for joy, and sing psalms" (98:4). The Bible says to make a joyful noise unto God. Another version says, "Make a joyous shout unto God" — not only a joyful noise but a joyous shout. We must drop our backgrounds and come to the meetings in the spirit and make a joyful noise to praise the Lord.

We all know the story of how Paul and Silas sang praises to God at midnight in the prison. Their praising caused an earthquake which released all the prisoners and eventually brought the jailer and his family to the Lord. Do you see the power and strength of praising?

In Colossians 3:16 we have two things put together: dealing with the word and singing the hymns. When we have the word of Christ dwelling in us richly, we will be full of Christ, and we will have the outpouring of the inner fullness in singing and praising.

Now let us come to the end of the Bible. The whole Bible ends also with hallelujahs. "I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah!" (Rev. 19:6). Why at the end of the Bible is there such a universal Hallelujah? Because of the bride, the New Jerusalem, the mingling of divinity with humanity. In the entire universe there is something marvelous. It is rather difficult to give this marvelous thing a title; we have nothing to say but Hallelujah!

John in Revelation at the end of the Bible does not say, "I want you all to know that you must love the Lord, consecrate yourself, and build up one another." No. At the end of the Bible all we have is praising, praising upon praising, Hallelujah, Amen, Hallelujah!...We all must learn to sing the praises in the meetings of the church. So we have the verse, "Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm" (1 Cor. 14:26). Do you have a psalm? Amen, Hallelujah!

(Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Twelve)