

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Feb 13, 2022

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

Vital Factors for the Recovery
of the Church Life – Week 7

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter 23

Scripture Reading:

Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16

Announcements

❖ 2021 Contribution Letter

- Saints who will need a 2021 Contribution Letter from The Church in Phoenix can request it from Won Huang via email at wzhcpa@outlook.com

❖ International Chinese-Speaking Conference

- We will blend together with the churches in the Mountain States region and Canada's Prairie Provinces to participate in the upcoming International Chinese-Speaking Conference.
- Virtual blending conference schedule:
Message 1: 7:30 pm Friday, February 18
Message 2: 9:00 am Saturday, February 19
Message 3: 11:00 am Saturday, February 19
Message 4: 7:30 pm Saturday, February 19
Message 5: 10:00 am Lord's Day, February 20
- Conference will be held through Zoom. Zoom link information will be emailed to the saints.

❖ Phoenix Conference with Brother Ron K.

- March 4-6, 2022
- Conference will be held through Zoom. Zoom link information will be emailed to the saints.

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

❖ Offerings

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

Riches from the Ministry

...I want to fellowship with you regarding the actual practice and technique of praising in the meetings.

We must be very clear first that the principle which must govern us in all our meetings is the principle of incarnation, the mingling of God and man. Today, in the dispensation of grace, God would never do anything by Himself; He requires human cooperation. On the other hand, we can never do anything by ourselves; we require God's cooperation. It is not that God Himself does something without us or that we ourselves do anything without Him — it is that we cooperate with God. God is waiting to do something; if we would only render Him proper coordination, He would certainly act. It is not we who are waiting for Him, but He who is waiting for us. He desires to move in the meetings, but we do not render Him adequate cooperation... We need skill to render proper and adequate cooperation to God. We need the experiences, we need the skill of utterance, and we need the habit of opening our mouth.

We have the deep conviction that the Lord has turned the age from the age of religion, forms, doctrines, and teachings to the age of the Spirit. Therefore, whenever we come together, we must come with the release and demonstration of the spirit. The key to meetings in such an age is the release and demonstration of our spirit. If we simply release our spirit, the Lord Jesus as the life-giving Spirit will simultaneously be released. This is the principle of incarnation.

The Lord is going to revolutionize Christian meetings...The principle...will be by the release and demonstration of the human spirit. The best way of demonstrating the spirit we also know — by praising the Lord, not in the old way with long prayers, but in a new way with short and living sentences. This requires first a daily walk in the Lord with daily experiences of Christ, and second, that we open our mouth to praise the Lord, not only in the meetings but also in our homes, schools, and places of employment. If we have daily experiences of Christ and the exercise of opening our mouth to praise Him, we will have the capital with which to conduct the meetings.

...[S]everal important points to remember in order to achieve and preserve a good coordination in praising.

First, we should never behave in the meetings in an independent and individualistic way. Seek to be sensitive in your spirit and sense the flow of the meeting. Once anything is begun in the meeting, simply follow and coordinate with others. Sometimes you may come to a meeting and begin to speak, but after just two sentences you will sense that you are out of the flow. You must stop immediately and seek to bring yourself into the flow. Forget about all your thoughts and intentions. The meetings of the church are not a place for an exhibition of your knowledge, but where we all may exhibit Christ in the flow of the life-giving Spirit.

Second, for a good coordination we must care well for others, using not only our mouth but also our ears. If you begin to speak and you hear others speaking, immediately stop your voice and let the others finish their praise. This is quite important. After they have finished, you need then to continue in a suitable way. Perhaps what you had begun to say would not be fitting now. You need to be sensitive to the feeling both of the church and of the Spirit.

Now I must speak a word concerning our utterances while pray-reading or praise-reading the Word. I do believe it would be more impressive if we would on the one hand use the very words of the verses as our prayers or praises and on the other hand mingle the Word with our fresh experiences. It is good to quote the Word and pray the very Word, but it is also good to apply it to our experiences.

We all must learn to be new; in every meeting there must be something new. Sometimes there is no need to pray or sing a hymn. Just get up to give a testimony — perhaps many more will follow, or perhaps the meeting will be launched into another period of praise to the Lord in a new way. Simply learn to be so sensitive that whatever you do will not damage or kill the meeting. A person who walks in the spirit is always exceedingly sensitive. Our aim must always be to uplift, enrich, or intensify the spirit, whether by singing, testimony, praise, or any other means.

We all need to learn and practice many skills in order to render the best cooperation to the Lord. He is so living and moving, yet He needs our cooperation, our skillful cooperation. We must learn how to shout, how to speak, how to testify, and how to call for a hymn or a chorus to meet the need. We must learn many things in many ways; then we will be flexible to go on in the flow. We will have nothing predetermined, nothing set or fixed; we will be so new and coordinated in one spirit, following the flow all the time.

Every time we come to the meetings, we must come fully open to the Lord, not knowing just how the meeting will be carried on. There is no need to decide that tonight we will praise the Lord for His name or His victory or some other topic. That does not work. There is no need to make up our mind in certain matters. In fact, we should not bring anything to the meeting according to our head knowledge. That will damage; that will bring death; that we must forsake. Forget about making up your mind in any way. Just keep yourself in the Lord's fellowship; just keep yourself open to the Lord.

The new way of meeting is a way in the Spirit. It is not according to the teachings or doctrines of the Bible (of course, it is not contrary to the clear words of Scripture), but absolutely according to the Spirit... [I]f we walk according to the Spirit, we will certainly not act in contradiction to the Word; everything will correspond to the Word. But the Spirit must be the leading, controlling factor... This is the new way. We all must learn, therefore, how to exercise our spirit, release our spirit, strengthen our spirit, and demonstrate our spirit. Then the Lord will be exhibited, the Father will be glorified, the saints will be edified, and the church will be built up in a practical way in the locality where we live.

(Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Twenty-Three)