

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Feb 27, 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

Announcements

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Living in and with the Divine Trinity

- District 1: 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

❖ Phoenix Conference with Brother Ron K.

- Virtual blending conference schedule:
Message 1: 7:30 pm Friday, March 4
Message 2: 10:00 am Saturday, March 5
Message 3: 7:00 pm Saturday, March 5
Lord's Table: 9:30 am Lord's Day, March 6
Message 4: 10:00 am Lord's Day, March 6
- 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.

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life – Repeat Weeks 6 & 7

Concerning the Situation in Ukraine

A message from Peter Welk
A letter from the brothers in Moscow
How should we pray concerning the situation?

Scripture Reading:

Dan. 4:25c, 26b; Col. 1:18;
Rom. 8:28-29; 1 Tim. 2:1-2

Concerning the Situation in Ukraine

A message from Peter Welk concerning the situation in Ukraine

Many of the saints have escaped to the West. As they were driving West they contacted the Russian army coming down from Belarus. Also many Ukrainian tanks are on the East-West highway going to Kiev where there surely will be heavy fighting. We have a conference center in a small village in West Ukraine that can give hospitality to 500 saints. We are inviting all the saints in Ukraine that if they are in a dangerous situation, they're welcome to come to this village where the saints will be cared for and will be able to meet together daily to pray. No one has been hurt but several cities have been completely taken over where there are saints, like Melitopol, Mariupol. Other cities where there is fighting and where there are churches is Odessa, Ismael, Sumi, Harkov, just to name a few.

A letter from the brothers in Moscow to all the saints in the Russian-speaking world. This letter was also sent to all the saints in Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters!

Due to the current political situation, we encourage all the saints and the churches, especially at this time, first of all to make petitions (1 Tim. 2:1-4), being one with the interceding Christ in prayer for His interests, for the churches and for the life and health of the saints firstly in the territories covered by the military conflict.

Especially at such a time, it is important for us to remember that whatever the outward environment, the heavens do rule (Dan. 4:26). The Lord is on the throne, and He is the Head of all things to the church for the fulfillment of God's purpose.

"In 4:26 Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar, 'Your kingdom will be assured to you after you have come to know that the heavens do rule.' It is the heavens that rule, not Nebuchadnezzar or Cyrus or Alexander the Great or illness or turmoil or rebellion. The earth is under the rule of a heavenly administration. The heavens rule for us, and Christ is for us. Furthermore, we are under God's heavenly rule for Christ. The purpose of the heavenly ruling is to complete God's elect so that Christ may be preeminent, that He may be the first—the centrality—and everything—the universality.

Because the heavens rule, Christ is with us in all our situations. When we are sick, He is with us. When we are in turmoil, He is with us. I can testify that we can enjoy His presence in the midst of turmoil and rebellion." (*Life-Study of Daniel*, ch. 12)

Dear saints, the universe is under God's administration, in which God intends to make Christ preeminent, and for the accomplishment of God's intention, we, His people, must give Him our full coordination and cooperation, first of all in our prayers.

Now more than ever, it is important for us to realize that we are "fellow citizens with the saints and the members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19); that is, we are all citizens of God's kingdom, regardless of our location and residence. And in this light, it is extremely important for us to avoid any politically motivated discussions, and even more so disputes, and instead — turn our eyes away to our King of kings on the throne in order to coordinate with Him in this situation and cooperate with Him in prayer, personal and corporate, taking the heavenly position.

Speaking about the importance of the heavenly position in prayer, Brother Lee gave the following testimony: "When I was a boy, I studied in a Christian school. That was during World War I. I heard some smart ones asking the pastor, 'There are Christians in Germany, and there are also Christians in Great Britain, yet the two countries are implacable enemies. We heard that the Christians in Germany are praying for the victory of Germany and that the Christians in Great Britain are praying for the victory of Great Britain. Will you please tell us which side's prayer will be answered by God?' Today, brothers and sisters, I would like to ask you the same question. How would you answer?...Later, after I was saved, this question often came back to me. Gradually, I became clear about it. God would not listen to the Christians in Germany, or Great Britain, as they prayed on the position of their respective country. Neither Great Britain nor Germany is the position of prayer. Whoever prays by standing either on the position of Great Britain or Germany will never have his prayer answered by God. There is only one position for prayer—that is the heavenly position. You must pray in the heavenly sphere." (*Lessons on Prayer*, ch. 17)

Today, the Lord really needs the prayers of the Body, uttered in the heavenly sphere, in the position of ascension, which will be able to conquer the destructive satanic chaos and carry out the constructive divine economy — to end this age, to return the Lord, and to bring in God's kingdom to earth.

Grace to you all

How should we pray concerning the situation in Ukraine?

"The Lord reigneth. He is reigning, and He is Lord of all. Nothing can touch His authority. It is the spiritual forces that are out to destroy the interests of the Lord in China and Japan. We do not pray for Japan. We do not pray for China. But we pray for the interests of Thy Son in China and Japan. We do not blame any man. They are only tools in the hand of the enemy of the Lord. Lord, we stand in Thy will. Lord, shatter the kingdom of darkness. Lord, the persecution of Thy church is persecuting Thee." (Lee, *Watchman Nee A Seer of the Divine Revelation in the Present Age*, chapter 23, p. 204)