

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Sept. 04, 2022

The church in Phoenix

## Announcements

### Meeting Schedule

#### Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

#### Tuesday

Church Prayer Burdens:

<http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

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

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance

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

Meeting God's Need and  
Present Need in the Lord's  
Recovery – Week 7

#### Ministry Publication Reading

The Meaning and Purpose of  
Prayer, ch. 3

#### ❖ Memorial Meeting for Brother Benson Phillip

- Two Memorial Meetings:  
Lord's Day, September 11, 2022 2:30 pm (CDT)  
*The church in Irving and LSM meeting hall, Irving, TX*  
Lord's Day, October 9, 2022, 2:30 pm (PDT)  
*LSM Campus-MCC, Anaheim, CA*
- Link to livestream: [www.memorial-meeting.org](http://www.memorial-meeting.org)

#### ❖ Corporate Lord's Day Meeting

- September 11
- TSC 1619 S. Hardy, Tempe, AZ 85281

#### ❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Saturday, September 17
- Zoom link information will be emailed to the brothers.

#### ❖ Gospel Trip to Germany and Switzerland

- Oct. 10 – 23, 2022
- To join the campus labor at the beginning of the university year
- For more information and application, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2022GermanyGospelTrips>

#### ❖ 2022 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- The 2022 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC.
- Reservation: There is a special group rate of \$104.00 USD/per night plus tax for single, double, triple, and quadruple occupancy rooms. For room reservations, please call 1-202-483-3000 or 1-800-HILTONS and request the Living Stream Ministry group rate by providing the code: LSM1. To make online reservations at the special group rate, please go to:  
<https://book.paskey.com/go/LSM>.

Reservations must be made on or before 5:00 PM local time (EDT) on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2022 in order to get this reduced rate.

- Meeting Schedule:  
1st meeting: Thursday, November 24..... 7:30 pm  
2nd meeting: Friday, November 25..... 10:00 am  
3rd meeting: Friday, November 25..... 7:30 pm  
4th meeting: Saturday, November 26 ..... 10:00 am  
5th meeting: Saturday, November 26 ..... 7:30 pm  
6th meeting: Lord's Day, November 27..... 9:30 am

#### ❖ Offerings

- Please send your offerings through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: [offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org).

## Riches from the Ministry

A person who knows how to pray is a man of prayer who co-works with God. We may say that the purpose of prayer is to co-work with God. Our prayer is not only to absorb God and express Him but also to co-work with God, that is, to work together with Him.

[In] an effective prayer, God accomplishes what we pray for, and He accomplishes as much as we pray for...The extent to which we pray is the extent to which God works. Those whom we touch in prayer are those on whom God works, what we pray for is what God does, and how we pray is how God fulfills. This is a great principle of prayer.

...[P]rayer is a dignified matter in the sight of God. God needs our prayer to lead His work. The extent of our prayer is the extent of His work, and what we pray about is what God does. It seems that our prayer leads God's work and that His work follows our prayer. If we are lacking in God's work, we are lacking in prayer. If we do not see God saving people, we are not praying for people to be saved. If we do not see God moving in the church, we are not praying for His move. God does not work when man does not pray. The extent of God's work depends on the extent of our prayer. When we pray a little, God can only work a little. If God is not working much, it is because man is not praying much. We should never think that God's work precedes our prayer. Our prayer takes the lead, and God's work follows. The key lies with us. If we pray, God will work, but if we do not pray, He will not work.

Since prayer is so important, real prayer must contact, absorb, and express God. Otherwise, it is not real prayer, and it will not move God to work...If we want God's work to follow our prayer and to fulfill the extent of our prayer, then our prayer must touch, absorb, and express God. This is the way for our prayer to be God's expression. In such prayer God is praying in us. This is our co-working with God, that is, our working together with God. Then the extent of our prayer is the extent to which God will work. Hence, in real prayer God follows man. Prayer that does not cause God to follow is not real prayer and is not of much value.

This is a great spiritual principle: our prayer comes first, takes the lead, and God's work follows. Our prayer takes the initiative, and God's work fulfills. Prayer is crucial. The purpose of prayer is to co-work with God, that is, to coordinate with God's work such that it initiates what He fulfills. We pray, and God fulfills. Our praying is our ordering God, our commanding Him, and His fulfilling is His carrying out our order, His obeying our command. The extent to which we command is the extent to which He works.

...Daniel understood God's will for Jerusalem from the Scriptures and prayed for God's will according to the Scriptures [Dan. 9:2-4]. Daniel knew how to pray because he knew how to draw near to God, to contact God, to absorb God, and to let God express Himself.

Daniel was God's co-worker on earth. He was considerate of God's heart and contacted God. He lived in God and let God live in him. Daniel was a person in union with God. As a result, Daniel could co-work with God, coordinate with God, and be God's expression when there was a great turn of events on earth. Daniel understood from God's Word that the desolation of the children of Israel would last seventy years, and that at the conclusion of the seventy years God would bring the children of Israel from the land of their captivity to the land of Israel for them to rebuild Jerusalem. He knew God's intention and prayed for it with fasting. He knew God was about to move on earth, so he became God's expression in order to coordinate with God through prayer. The extent to which Daniel prayed was the extent to which God worked.

...God's work matches our prayer, and His work is as extensive as our prayer. God wants to do many things, but He cannot do anything if we do not pray. A person who knew God said once that God's work is like a train, and our prayers are like tracks; wherever the tracks have been laid, there the train can go. Hence, our prayers pave the way for God's work. Strictly speaking, however, our prayers not only pave the way for God but are also a part of God's work. Our prayers are our coordination with God's work. If we do not pray, God has no co-worker to coordinate with Him, and thus, He can do nothing.

The basic principle in God's work is that man must be mingled with God. Man cannot do the work of God by himself, nor can God work by Himself. God must be mingled with man in order to work through man. In God's work, man prays and God fulfills. Without man's prayer, God has no way to fulfill, and without God fulfilling, man prays in vain. When our prayer and God's fulfilling coordinate as one, God's work is accomplished on earth.

Those who love God must see that the purpose of prayer is to touch God, coordinate with Him, and be His co-worker. We become God's co-workers who coordinate with Him by touching Him, absorbing Him, and letting Him be expressed. Then God will take notice of whatever we bring up, He will provide what we request, and the extent of our prayer will be the extent of His work.

God has put us in such a high position through His union with us. If we will learn to pray in such a way, we will be filled inwardly with God. We will be persons who contact God and have fellowship with Him. We will touch God, let Him gain us, and let Him be expressed in us. This is what it means to be a person of prayer, one who co-works with God and whose prayers are in coordination with God. This is the purpose of prayer and the position that prayer brings us into. (Lee, *The Meaning and Purpose of Prayer*, ch. 3)