

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Oct. 2, 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

Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life – Week 3

#### Ministry Publication Reading

Two Principles of Living, ch. 1

#### ❖ Memorial Meeting for Brother Benson Phillip

- o Memorial Meeting: [Lord's Day, October 9, 2:30 pm LSM Campus-MCC, Anaheim, CA](#)
- o Link to livestream: [www.memorial-meeting.org](http://www.memorial-meeting.org)

#### ❖ 2022 December Semiannual Training

- o Live Training Dates: Dec. 26; 4:00 pm – Dec. 31; 9:30 pm
- o Video Training Dates: Dec 28; 7:00 pm – Jan 8; 4:00 pm
- o Registration Fee: Live \$205; Video \$130.
- o Registration due date for both live and video training: Oct 30, 2022.
- o Registration fee can be sent through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: [register@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:register@churchinphoenix.org). Please indicate on the memo line "2022 December Training".
- o Online Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2022DecemberTrainingPhx>

#### ❖ College Conference

- o Subject: Walking by Faith
- o Location: Oak Glen Christian Conference Center
- o Date: Nov. 4-6, 2022
- o Registration Fee: \$125.00

#### ❖ 2023 Gospel Calendar

- o Pre-order & Pre-pay by Oct 31, 2022: open to both church accounts and personal accounts
- o Saints are encouraged to order from your personal account. The cost is \$11 plus tax and shipping. To pre-order, please go to:  
For English: <http://www.livestream.com/gospel-calendars/en>  
For Chinese: <http://www.livestream.com/gospel-calendars/tw>  
Church book room: pre-pay \$12 per copy.
- o For further information, please contact Newman Zhang or Charles Martinez.

#### ❖ 2022 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- o Location: Washington Hilton in Washington, DC
- o Reservation: special group rate of \$104.00 USD/per night plus tax. 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 please go to: <https://book.passkey.com/go/LSM>. Reservations must be made by Oct. 21, 2022.
- o Dates: Nov. 24; 7:30 pm to Nov. 27; 12:00 pm

#### ❖ Offerings

- o 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

After God created man, He considered the problem of man's food. The act of giving life is the beginning of life, but food is for the maintenance of life. God created a living man and therefore needed to consider how man should live. Man should not just live; man also needs a living. God wanted man to depend on Him for his living in the same way that he was dependent upon food for his living. "For in Him we live and move and are" (Acts 17:28). Thus, God uses two trees to speak to us in a parable. The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil are a kind of parable. They show us that man has two different kinds of food and can live either by life or by the knowledge of good and evil, that is, the knowledge of right and wrong. Many people have read about the two trees in Genesis 2, but we would like to emphasize that the two trees were put there to show us that man, especially a Christian, can live on earth according to two different principles. Man can live according to the principle of right and wrong or according to the principle of life. Some Christians take the principle of right and wrong as the standard for their living, while other Christians take the principle of life as their standard for living.

What is the principle of right and wrong? If our conduct is controlled by the principle of right and wrong, then we ask if something is right or wrong whenever we have to make a decision. Would it be good to do this, or would it be evil? When we ask whether it is good, we are, in effect, asking ourselves, "Am I right to do this or not?" Many people consider much whether something is good or evil. They consider whether they can or cannot do a certain thing. They ask, "Is this right or wrong?" As they carefully consider a certain matter, being Christians, they determine whether it is good and right to do that thing. By taking care to decide whether or not something is good and right, they consider themselves to be good Christians.

Please remember, God's Word tells us that our Christian living is based on an inner life, not an outward standard of right and wrong. Many worldly people, who are not saved, live according to the best standard of living they can attain: the principle of right and wrong. If you or I also live by the principle of right or wrong, we are the same as worldly people. Christians are different from non-Christians because we do not live by an outward standard or law. Our subject is not human morality or concepts. We do not determine whether something is right or wrong by subjecting it to human criticism or opinion. Today we have only one question: What does our inner life say? If the life is strong and active within us, we can do this; if the life is cold and retreating within us, we should not. Our principle for living is inward instead of outward. This is the only real principle of living; the others are false. People may say that many things are right to do, and I may feel that to do them is right, but what does the sense of the inner life tell us? The inner life does not agree. If we were to do them, we would not be rewarded, and if we were not to do them, there should be no shame, because they are outside of us. We can only see what is really right when the Spirit of God operates within us. If we feel that there is life inwardly, then that matter is right. If we do not feel the inward life, then the matter is wrong. Right and wrong are not decided by an outward standard but by the inner life.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses was present, representing the outward, moral standard, and Elijah was present, representing the outward, human standard (Matt. 17:3). We all know that Moses stands for the law, and Elijah stands for the prophets. The standard of the law was present, and the standard of the prophets was present. In the Old Testament the law and the prophets were most qualified to speak, but God silenced them here. God told Peter, "This is My Son, the Beloved...Hear Him!" (v. 5). Today the standard for Christian living is no longer the law, nor is it the prophets. The standard for Christian living is now Christ Himself; it is the indwelling Christ within us. Therefore, it is not a question of whether we are right or wrong but of whether or not the divine life in us agrees with something. Often, to our surprise, we find that the life within us disapproves of what we approve. When this happens, we cannot insist on what we think is right.

We must learn the lesson before God that we should never act merely according to the standard of right and wrong. The standard of right and wrong is not bad; it is a good standard, but it is not good enough for a Christian. The Christian's standard surpasses right and wrong. The things which are wrong are wrong, but the things which are right are not always right. If we act according to God's life, He will show us that His demands are higher than those of human law. This being the case, it becomes very easy to live the Christian life. In every matter when we seek God's speaking within us, spontaneously there will be the shining of inward light. Please remember that our regeneration is a fact. It is also a fact that God is living in us through the Lord Jesus. The Lord is constantly expressing Himself within us. We hope that each of us would be able to say to God, "Grace me so that I live by the tree of life, not by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I want to constantly pay attention to life. I want to ask, 'What is the sense of life?'" If we live by this principle, we will see a great change in our Christian life. (Nee, *Two Principles of Living*, ch. 1)