

# CHURCH NEWS

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The church in Richardson

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**The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,  
says Jehovah of hosts; and in this place I will give peace, ... (Haggai 2:9)**

- **The Holy Word for Morning Revival**

Crystallization-Study Ezekiel (2)

Message Five **The Vision of the Holy Building of God in Its Outstanding Features**

- **Bible One-Year Reading Schedule:**

	Lord's Day	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Old Testament	Ex. 13:1-14:31	15:1-27	16:1-36	17:1-18:27	19:1-20:26	21:1-22:31	23:1-24:18
New Testament	Matt. 25:1-13	25:14-30	25:31-26:13	26:14- 56	26:57-27:26	27:27-66	28:1-20

- **Ministry publication reading schedule:** Chapter 9 of "The All Inclusive Christ".

- **Announcements**

1. Brother Thomas Fun was baptized on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Until now, three brothers, three sisters, total 6 saints have been baptized in 2017.
2. Sister Shao-Wen Pao went to be with the Lord at 1:11pm on Sep. 5<sup>th</sup>. The memorial meeting will be held at Dallas RESTLAND Funeral Home Abby Chapel at 11:00am, Friday, Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>. From 10-11am, there is a viewing at the same location. The burial will follow right after the memorial meeting.
3. 2017 Chinese-speaking Fall Conference will be held in Plano meeting hall, starting at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15 and ending at noon on Lord's Day, September 17.
4. We will have corporate Lord's Table meeting at Plano meeting hall next Lord's Day (Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>),
5. There is no PSRP meeting for next Lord's Day afternoon.
6. Saints from English-speaking District are scheduled for cleanup after lunch today.

- **Regular Meetings**

Date	Time	Meeting	Place
Lord's Day	09:30AM	Lord's Table and Prophesying	Meeting hall
	04:00PM	PSRP	Meeting hall (by language)
Wednesday	07:30PM	Prayer and Service	Meeting hall
Thursday	10:00AM	Chinese Speaking Sisters	Meeting hall
Saturday	06:30PM	Young People	Homes or Meeting hall

- **Upcoming Events**

Date	Meeting	Location
10/05 – 10/07	2017 Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones	Leipzig, Germany
11/23 – 11/26	2017 Thanksgiving Conference	Phoenix, AZ
12/25 – 12/30	2017 Winter Training	Anaheim, CA

- **Prayer**

1. Pray for the families affected by hurricane Harvey. May the Lord abundantly supply them both spiritually and financially through the fellowship in the Body.
2. Pray for the new beginning of YP service. Pray for the coordination among the serving ones and the cooperation between serving ones and parents.
3. Pray that the young people will truly be seeds of the gospel and ambassadors of Christ on their campuses, full of boldness for the preaching of the gospel.
4. Pray for the Lord's rich speaking in Chinese-speaking Fall Conference held in Plano meeting hall between Sep.15-17.
5. Continue to pray for the Lord's move in Germany: pray for the need for a meeting hall for the church in Stuttgart. Pray for all the fellowship and coordination in contacting college students. Pray for the shepherding and perfecting of the Arabic speaking and Farsi speaking new believers.

- **Group Gathering and Lord's Day Attendance Record of Last Week**

Group	E1	E2	E3	E4	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total	Wed. Prayer (E)	Wed. Prayer (C)	Young People	LD Children	Lord's Day (E)	Lord's Day (C)	Total
#	9	6	8	7	8	10	13	12	73	14	15	5	20	42	46	98

## Hymn 387 I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice

1 I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

**Chorus** Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the pow'r of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.

3 O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!

4 There are depths of love that I yet may know  
Ere Thee face to face I see;  
There are heights of joy that I yet may reach  
Ere I rest in peace with Thee.

### Brief Background of the Hymn

We have 19 hymns in our hymnal by the lyric writer of this hymn, Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915), more commonly known as Fanny Crosby, who was an American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer. She was one of the most prolific hymnists in history, writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs. During her life she was known as the "Queen of Gospel Song Writers". Some of Crosby's best-known songs include "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour", "Blessed Assurance", "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling You Home", "Praise Him, Praise Him", "Rescue the Perishing", and "To God Be the Glory".

Fanny was blind her whole life. She was raised by her mother and maternal grandmother and they grounded her in Christian principles, helping her memorize long passages from the Bible. From age 10 she memorized five chapters of the Bible each week; by age 15, she had memorized the four gospels, the Pentateuch, the Book of Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and many of the Psalms. Later in life she said: "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."

In this hymn, the writer expressed a deep longing to have more intimate fellowship with the Lord. What a blessing to obtain "the pure delight of single hour that before Thy throne I spend"! What a blessing that we can "commune as friend with friend". James 4:8a - Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you...