

CHURCH NEWS

Issue 11: Week of November 12, 2017

The church in Richardson

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Announcements

1. **Baptism** - Brother Xiang Wang and sister Yanqiu Lin were baptized on October 29th. In 2017, there have been 8 saints baptized, including 4 brothers and 4 sisters.
2. **Ministry material distribution**- We are going to have the second ministry material distribution this coming Saturday (11/18) at 9:30am. Please pray for this time and plan to come to join this God's move in Richardson.
3. **Ministry book reading** - Started from this week, the church will enter into weekly ministry reading of "The Economy of God". The hard copies of the book are available at bookroom.
4. **Video training** - the video training for Winter training is open for registration. The cost is \$105 (including outline).
5. **Thanksgiving conference** - This year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from Thursday, November 23 through Lord's Day, November 26, 2017. Please pray for and consider to attend the conference. We plan to have the webcast of conference meetings in Richardson.
6. **2018 ICSC** – 2018 International Chinese-Speaking Conference will be held on Feb. 16-18 in Taipei, Taiwan. If you plan to go, please sign up at service office. The deadline for registration is November 26 (Lord's Day). Please use <https://icsc2018.org/> for the detailed information about the conference.
7. **Phone list** - the updated phone lists are available at service office counter. Saints can pick up freely.
8. **Cleaning** - English-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH, Week 2 - The Original Condition of the Church, the Degradation of the Church, and the Recovery of the Church*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God -- Chapter 1 The Economy of the Triune God*

The following questions may facilitate your fellowship:

1. What is God's economy? (Hint: EG, p. 8)
2. What are the steps of God's economy and how does 2 Cor. 13:14 show these steps? (Hint: EG, p. 9)
3. What is the mark of God's economy? (Hint: EG, p. 14)

• Scripture Reading

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Deut. 17:1-	20:1-22:30	23:1-25:19	26:1-27:26	28:1-29:29	30:1-32:52	33:1-34:12
NT	Jhn. 1:1-18	1:19-51	2:1-22	2:23-3:13	3:14-36	4:1-26	4:27-54

Prayer Burden

1. Please pray for the ministry material distribution on November 18th. Also pray for more than 2,000 homes in Richardson who received free Recovery Version Bible cards and ministry booklets on 10/28. May the Lord grant them seeking hearts to read the booklets and to have desire for further fellowship.
2. Please continue to remember our YP, YP service and service coordination in your prayers.
3. Pray for the Lord to strengthen our children service and the coordination among the serving ones.
4. Please pray the brooding Spirit would operate in all the recent Bible recipients in Europe to read His Word and that they would desire to have further fellowship.
5. Pray for the Lord's shepherding of all the saints who attended the migrating training in Anaheim this past summer. Please pray especially for the 50+ saints who have either migrated or are migrating this year that they may be bountifully supplied and be guarded against the enemy's attacks.

Attendance 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
#	16	6	6	13	5	12	13	13	84	10	12	11	23	44	48	102

Hymn 880 To the foe my word is always, No

- 1 To the foe my word is always, "No,"
To the Father it is "Yes,"
That His plan and all His counsel
Be accomplished with success;
When Thine orders I'm obeying,
Grant me, Lord, authority
To fulfill Thy plan eternal
Thru the Spirit's power in me.
- 2 To the foe my word is always, "No,"
To the Father it is, "Yes";
'Tis my attitude eternal;
May the Lord protect and bless,
Lest while walking in obedience
Satan undermine the way;
When I'm list'ning to Thine orders,
Grant me mercy, Lord, I pray.
- 3 To the foe my word is always, "No,"
To the Father it is, "Yes";
I completely would obey Him,
Though deep suffering may oppress.
If the Lord will save and keep me,
As I forward press with Him,
Then no trials shall prevent me,
Nor will opposition grim.

Brief Background of the Hymn

This poem written by M. E. Barber discusses her attitudes toward the will of the Lord and the will of Satan. The following paragraphs are from Reetzke, James. "M. E. Barber: A Seed Sown in China."

Watchman Nee once asked M. E. Barber about knowing the will of God and obeying it. She said,

"Every time that God delays telling me His will, then I reckon that within me there is still a heart unwilling to obey the will of God. Within me there must still be an improper aim. I realized this from many experiences" (Nee, Collected Works, 9:229).

To this Watchman Nee added, "When we seek the will of God and do not find an answer, we should ask God to search us to see if there is any unwillingness within us" (ibid.).

When the will of God is known, M. E. Barber's advice was to say, "Yes!" The Lord said this to the Father, "Thy will be done" (Matt. 6:10). But, to say, "Yes!" to the Lord, we also need to say, "No!" to the will of the devil. This includes the will of self.