

CHURCH NEWS

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The church in Richardson

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Announcements

1. **Chinese-speaking Spring Conference** will be held in Houston, Texas next weekend. It is still open for registration. Please register at the service counter if you plan to go.
2. **Spanish-speaking Conference** will be held in Irving, Texas next weekend. The meeting on Lord's Day (3/18) will be in English with Spanish stand-by translation.
3. We will still have **meetings on next Lord's Day morning** in Richardson, with no children's meeting and love feast.
4. The 2018 Spring **YP Conference** will be held from 03/30-04/01. Parents please register for them as soon as possible. Parents are also encouraged to serve and participate during these times.
5. We are going to have a **day trip blending** for the whole church on April 7. The location is Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma, about two-hour driving distance. The details will be announced later.
6. **Cleaning** - English-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus, vol.1, Week 5 - Eating Christ as the Meal Offering to Become the Reproduction of Christ for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God* - Chapter 18 The Exercise of and Entrance into the Spirit

Questions:

1. What are the three parts of man and how do these relate to the three parts of the tabernacle? (Hint: p. 155—"Bear in mind...")
2. What is the experience of the altar? (Hint: p. 156—"When we receive the Lord Jesus...")
3. What is the experience of the first veil? (Hint: pp. 158-159—"In so doing..." & "At this point...")
4. What is the experience of the second veil? (Hint: pp. 159-161—"But still..." and pp. 160-161—"But this is not..." & "Again, we must point...")

• Scripture Reading

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Psm. 50:1-52:9	53:1-58:11	59:1-64:10	65:1-68:35	69:1-72:20	73:1-77:20	78:1-81:16
NT	Gal. 1:1-14	1:15-2:13	2:14-21	3:1-14	3:15-4:7	4:8-31	5:1-23

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

Prayer Burden

1. Please pray for the increase in Richardson through the distribution of the ministry materials.
2. Please pray for the practice of God-ordained Way through the small groups in the church in Richardson in 2018.
3. Pray for the Lord to strengthen our next generation, including children, Young people, college students and young working saints. Please also pray for the related services and coordination.

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
#	15	9	9	15	7	8	9	11	83	14	8		31	53	55	118

Why should I worry, doubt and fear

Why should I worry, doubt and fear?
Has God not caused His Son to bear
My sins upon the tree?
The debt that Christ for me has paid,
Would God another mind have made
To claim again from me?

2

Redemption full the Lord has made,
And all my debts has fully paid,
From law to set me free.
I fear not for the wrath of God,
For I've been sprinkled with His blood,
It wholly covers me.

3

For me forgiveness He has gained,
And full acquittal was obtained,
All debts of sin are paid;
God would not have His claim on two,
First on His Son, my Surety true,
And then upon me laid.

4

So now I have full peace and rest,
My Savior Christ hath done the best
And set me wholly free;
By His all-efficacious blood
I ne'er could be condemned by God,
For He has died for me!

Brief Background of the Hymn

This hymn was originally written by Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778). Watchman Nee adapted it to the current version. It is listed in our hymnal under the subcategory of "redemption". It specifically stresses the fact that we have been justified in Christ. When the Lord raised up Brother Nee to serve Him, the first basic item He revealed to Him was the assurance of salvation. "Since the time the gospel began to be preached in China, although it was enthusiastically and widely declared, salvation by grace never became adequately clear to the Chinese Christians until Watchman Nee's ministry was raised up. Along with his preaching of the gospel, he incorporated the clear word of the Bible concerning the assurance of salvation." (*Watchman Nee—A Seer of the Divine Revelation in the Present Age, Ch. 29*) He used the Bible verses to help the believers to have full assurance of their salvation. He asked saints to read and digest John 3:16 until they had the feeling that the Word was so clear that they would not perish anymore after they believed into the Lord. He also pointed out the proof of salvation using 1 John 3:14 "We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers."

This hymn reminds us that Christ has died for our sins and paid off all our debts. The righteous God would not come to claim debts again from us. Therefore, we should not "worry, doubt and fear," but "Let us come forward to the Holy of Holies with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." (Heb. 10:22) May we all know thoroughly and apply the judicial redemption the Lord has accomplished for us, entering the Holy of Holies with boldness to have uninterrupted fellowship with the Lord.