# **CHURCH NEWS**

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#### The church in Richardson

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#### <u>Announcements</u>

- 1. **Pandemic Prevention** We are in the midst of a serious global pandemic. Because the potential impact of the pandemic appears to be unmatched in the last 100 years, we are prone to underestimate the seriousness of what could lie ahead. We must respond to this challenge in a way that best cooperates with the Lord to protect the saints and the churches. Factors that may contribute to a failure to estimate the seriousness of the pandemic:
  - 1) COVID-19 is much more contagious than influenza, and can be silently passed on by persons who are actually infected with incubating virus, but who still feel well.
  - 2) the mortality rate in the USA, based on the number of confirmed cases, ranges from 15 to 30 times higher than infection with the influenza virus.
  - 3) Without broad-based cooperation with efforts to contain the virus, it is anticipated that our nation's hospital and intensive care unit capacity will be overwhelmed.
  - 4) Persons age 65 and older are at particularly high risk of serious complications.
  - 5) Young to middle-aged persons are not exempt from risk of serious complications; 20% of patients hospitalized in the USA thus far are in the 20-44 age range.
  - 6) While the symptoms experienced by children and young people may be milder, they are likely to contribute heavily to community spread.
  - 7) It is not prudent to think that Americans, regardless of where they live, are in any way less susceptible to infection with COVOD-19 than were residents of the nations that have been heavily affected thus far.

#### We should pay careful attention to the following suggestions:

- 1) Remain at home: Only severe restriction of community contact can potentially limit the spread of the COVID-19 infection.
- 2) Practice social distancing when outside your homes: the likelihood of infection is much less when a distance of six feet is maintained between persons.
- 3) Particularly, those who are over age 65 and/or have chronic health should not only remain at home but also limit physical contact with your grandchildren.
- 4) To protect your parents or grandparents, encourage all young people to practice social distancing and avoid all nonessential travel strictly.

Attention to these matters not only protects the Lord's interests as it relates to the health and survival of the saints; it is also our needful responsibility and contribution toward the containment and eventual control of the COVID-19 pandemic.4. May the Lord grant us the wisdom, perseverance, and mutual care needed in this critical period of time.

- 2. **We should trust** that the Lord is caring for His recovery, the saints, and the churches. We should give ourselves to prayer that the Lord would use the present circumstances to further His move on the earth.
- 3. **Church meetings** all our gatherings, large and small, will be conducted via teleconference, with each saint participating from their own home.
- 4. **2020 ITERO** will be held from 3/27 3/29. Please continue to pray for the release of the word and the health of the speaking brothers.

## **Nourishment**

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival**: Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy, Week 5 Becoming Qualified to Inherit the Promised Land
- **Ministry book reading**: The Normal Way of Fruit-bearing and Shepherding for the Building Up of the Church Chapter 3 Bearing Fruit as Branches of the Vine and Trading with Our Talent as Faithful Slaves

• Scripture Reading

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Psm. 116:1-119:32	119:33-120	119:121-124:8	125:1-132:18	133:1-138:8	139:1-144:15	145:1-150:6
NT	Eph. 2:20-3:8	3:9-19	3:20-4:3	4:4-16	4:17-32	5:1-21	5:22-33

## **Regular Meetings**

Date	Time	Meeting	Place		
I II - D	09:30AM	Lord's Table and Prophesying meeting	meeting hall		
Lord's Day	04:00PM	PSRP	meeting hall		
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

As Aaron the high priest lifted up the censor, standing between the living and the dead, and stopping the plague that broke out among rebellious Israel, in principle, we may echo the ascended Christ in His intercession before God for His administrative purpose to advance on earth, for people to be preserved and saved according to His desire, and for His Church to repent and overcome.

- 1. Pray for America's confession and repentance
- 2. Pray for The healing of the American disease
- 3. Pray for medical workers who are on the front lines in the fight against pneumonia.
- 4. Pray for the United States Government at All Levels Can Effectively Lead the People to Fight the pandemic.
- 5. Pray for the development of a vaccine
- 6. Pray for the people's conscious cooperation and segregation
- 7. Pray for the gospel to fill America and save American people
- 8. Praise God's character and care in prayer. Praise be to God.
- 9. Pray for the cessation of the plague in the world!

## <u>Attendance Last Week</u>

Group	E1	E2	E3	E4	C1	C2	С3	C4	Total	Wed. Prayer (E)	Wed. Prayer (C)	Young People	LD Children	Lord's Day (E)	Lord's Day (C)	Total
#	0	19	0	11	7	9	12	15	73	25	25	0	8	28	30	58