

Weekly Announcements for the church in Richardson

...Surely blessing, I will bless you; and multiplying, I will multiply you. (Hebrew 6:14)

**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)

Dear saints:

Based on the fellowship among brothers from the churches of McKinney, Plano & Richardson, the "Weekly Announcements for the church in Richardson" starts to publish today. This is for the increase and the spreading of the church, and to meet the needs for saints' spiritual pursuing.

A brief history of weekly announcements among us: The first edition of "Dallas-Fort Worth Chinese Weekly Announcements" was published on July 21, 1996. Until Feb. 20, 2005, 449 editions had been published. Because of the increase of the churches and to take care of the needs for English-speaking saints, the first edition of "Weekly Announcements for the churches in Plano and Richardson" was published on Feb. 27, 2005. When the church in McKinney joined in this weekly announcements at edition 501 on Sep. 28, 2014, the name changed to "Weekly Announcements for the churches in McKinney, Plano & Richardson". Until last week, it had been published 653 editions.

From this over 21 years of history of publishing weekly announcements, we can see the development from Dallas-Fort Worth Chinese weekly announcements to weekly announcements for three churches, now to weekly announcements for the church in Richardson. Thank the Lord!

- **The Holy Word for Morning Revival**

Crystallization-Study Ezekiel (2)

Message Four **The God of Blessing and the Blessing of God**

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

	Lord's Day	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Old Testament	Exodus 1:1-2:25	3:1-4:31	5:1-6:30	7:1-8:32	9:1-10:29	11:1-12:14	12:15-51
New Testament	Matt. 20:17-21:11	21:12-46	22:1-22	22:23-23:12	23:13-39	24:1-26	24:27-51

- **Announcements**

- Sister Jenna Wang was baptized on August 20. Until now, two brothers, three sisters, total 5 saints have been baptized in 2017.
- ES district gospel meeting will be held this coming Saturday. 6-6:45pm dinner, 6:45-8:15pm meeting.
- 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.
- Ministry publication reading schedule: Chapter 8 of "The All Inclusive Christ".
- Saints from Chinese-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	Richardson meeting hall
	04:00PM	PSRP	Richardson meeting hall (by language)
Wednesday	07:30PM	Prayer and Service	Richardson meeting hall
Thursday	10:00AM	Chinese Speaking Sisters	Richardson meeting hall
Saturday	06:30PM	Young People	Homes or Richardson 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 that the Lord will release those whom we intend to invite to join in the gospel meeting on Saturday, 9/9.
3. Pray for the new beginning of YP service. Pray for the coordination among the serving ones and the cooperation between serving ones and parents.
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
#	NA	8	4	8	8	9	8	12	57	8	15	11	25	57	46	103

Hymn 432 O Love, that wilt not let me go

- 1 O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
- 2 O Light, that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
- 3 O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
- 4 O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Brief Background of the Hymn

This hymn was written by George Matheson (1842 - 1906). It was written on the evening of Matheson's sister's marriage on June 6, 1882. Years before, he had been engaged, until his fiancée learned that he was going blind and she told him that she could not go through life with a blind man. He went blind and his sister had been the one to care for him through the years, but now she was gone. He was now 40, and his sister's marriage brought a fresh reminder of his own heartbreak. It was in the midst of this circumstance and intense sadness that the Lord gave Matheson this hymn, which he said was written in five minutes. It is best to take Matheson's own account:

"It was the day of my sister's marriage. Something happened to me, which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering. It was the quickest bit of work I ever did in my life. I had the impression rather of having it dictated to me by some inward voice than of working it out myself. ...this came like a dayspring from on high."

In this hymn, we touch the author's touching spirit of consecration. Outwardly, the author was in sufferings, both physically and mentally. Such an environment can easily cause one to be in self-pity and self-love and to be discouraged. Yet the author experienced "O Love, that wilt not let me go". He then consecrated himself to the Lord by "give Thee back the life I owe". Through this, he experienced the rich supply in resurrection "there blossoms red life that shall endless be". 2 Cor. 5:14-15 "For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died; And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised."