

CHURCH NEWS

Issue 5: Week of October 1, 2017

The church in Richardson

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Announcements

- LD Morning Meeting Time Adjustment (9:30-12:00)**
 9:30-10:30 The Lord's Table meeting and family time
 10:30-10:45 Break
 10:45-11:45 Prophesying Meeting
 11:45-12:00 Hymn Introduction
- ITERO** - 2017 Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) will be held on October 5-7 at Leipzig, Germany. Following ITERO, there will be one-week of distributing Recovery Version Bible and conferences in eight European cities. Please pray for God's move in Europe during this critical time.
- College Conference** - Fall 2017 College Conference will be held at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment on 10/20-22. The cost for first-timers and registration by 10/12 is \$90. The cost for registration after 10/12 is \$100.
- Live training registration** - The live Winter Training registration is open. The deadline is October 29. The registration fee is \$205, including the outline.
- 2018 Calendar order** - The Living Stream Ministry is releasing the 2018 Gospel Calendar with Scriptures in both Chinese and English. The preorder price is \$7.50 each. The deadline is 10/29.
- Cleaning** - English-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-study of Ezekiel, vol.4, Week 20 – Being Measured by God's Building*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The All Inclusive Christ – Chapter 12*
- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Lev. 1:1-17	2:1-3:17	4:1-35	5:1-6:23	6:24-7:38	8:1-9:24	10:1-11:47
NT	Mark 11:27-12:37	12:38-13:37	14:1-26	14:27-52	14:53-15:15	15:16-47	16:1-20

Prayer Burden

- Pray for the families affected by hurricane Harvey. May the Lord abundantly supply them both spiritually and financially through the fellowship in the Body.
- Pray for the new beginning of YP service. Pray for the coordination among the serving ones and the cooperation between serving ones and parents.
- 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.
- Pray for the coming Fall ITERO, and Bible distribution and conferences the week after ITERO.

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
#	9	12	10	9	7	8	12	11	78	14	9	8	22	58	50	118

The Cross-the Center of the Universe

*In His economy God gives us one person—Christ
—and one way—the cross.*

Hymn 308 Blessed assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Brief Background of the Hymn

"Blessed Assurance" was published in 1873 in the monthly magazine edited by Joseph Fairchild Knapp and Phoebe Palmer Knapp, *Guide to Holiness*. The story behind this hymn was: Fanny Crosby's was visiting her friend, tune composer Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908). Mrs. Knapp played a new melody she had just composed. Knapp asked Crosby, "What do you think the tune says?". After some prayer and considering before the Lord, Crosby replied, "Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!" and proceeded to recite the entire first stanza of the now-famous hymn.

In this hymn, we touch the writer's spirit full of joy, praising, submission and hope. 1 Corinthians 13:13 says "Now there abide faith, hope, love, these three." We got saved in God's love. The wonderful salvation becomes our story and our song. We praise our savior all the day long. After we got saved, we live a life in faith. Faith leads us to submission. Submission brings us perfect delight and complete rest. Then all our hope on this earth is the Lord's coming back: "Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;" "Watching and waiting, looking above." May we all have such a blessed assurance and live a life in faith, hope, and love!