

CHURCH NEWS

Issue 8: Week of October 22, 2017

The church in Richardson

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Announcements

1. **Ministry material distribution**- We are going out to distribute ministry material next Saturday. Please pray for this time and come to the meeting hall at 9am. Please dress accordingly.
2. **2018 ICSC** – 2018 International Chinese-Speaking Conference will be held on Feb. 16-18 in Taipei, Taiwan. You need to register to attend. The deadline for registration is November 26 (Lord’s Day). Please use <https://icsc2018.org/> for the detailed information about the conference.
3. **Phone list Update** - We plan to publish updated phone list in early November. If you need to add or change your contact information, please let brother Yun-Han and brother Jacob know.
4. **Live training registration** - The deadline is next Lord’s Day(10/29). The registration fee is \$205, including the outline.
5. **2018 Calendar order** - The deadline for preorder is next Lord’s Day (10/29), \$7.50 for each.
6. **Cleaning** - Chinese-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-study of Ezekiel, vol.4, Week 23 - The Holy Temple and the Holy City in the Holy Land*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The All Inclusive Christ – Chapter 15*
- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Num. 1:1-2:34	3:1-4:49	5:1-6:27	7:1-8:26	9:1-10:36	11:1-14:45	15:1-16:50
NT	Luk. 10:1-24	10:25-42	11:1-36	11:37-12:12	12:13-48	12:49-13:9	13:10-14:14

Prayer Burden

1. Please continue to remember our YP, YP service and service coordination in your prayers.
2. Pray for the Lord to strengthen our children service and the coordination among the serving ones.
3. Pray for the families affected by hurricanes in Houston, Florida, and Puerto Rico, and families affected by earthquake in Mexico City. Please pray for them and give if the Lord burdens you.
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. Please pray for the development of more consistent one-on-one shepherding and perfecting times with the key ones among the Arabic-speaking, Farsi-speaking, and student new ones with a goal that these would be borne as remaining fruit that are brought into function as our co-workers.

Attendance LastWeek

Group	E1	E2	E3	E4	Chinese Joint	Total	Wed. Prayer (E)	Wed. Prayer (C)	Young People	LD Children	Lord’s Day (E)	Lord’s Day (C)	Total
#	15	12	8	9	32	77	15	14	13	19	50	53	113

The more we are measured by the Lord, the more we are restricted and limited by the flowing of the grace of life until eventually we are lost in and carried along by the flowing Triune God as a river in which to swim; in one sense we lose all our freedom, but in another sense we are really free.

Hymn 637 Wrecked outright on Jesus' breast

- 1 "Wrecked outright on Jesus' breast":
Only "wrecked" souls thus can sing;
Little boats that hug the shore,
Fearing what the storm may bring,
Never find on Jesus' breast,
All that "wrecked" souls mean by rest.
- 2 "Wrecked outright!" So we lament;
But when storms have done their worst,
Then the soul, surviving all,
In Eternal arms is nursed;
There to find that nought can move
One, embosomed in such love.
- 3 "Wrecked outright!" No more to own
E'en a craft to sail the sea;
Still a voyager, yet now
Anchored to Infinity;
Nothing left to do but fling
Care aside, and simply cling.
- 4 "Wrecked outright!" 'Twas purest gain,
Henceforth other craft can see
That the storm may be a boon,
That, however rough the sea,
God Himself doth watchful stand,
For the "wreck" is in His hand.

Brief Background of the Hymn

In 1909, M. E. Barber returned to China. This time there was no big mission to support her. She had only the Lord of Psalm 23 as her supply. While the ship crossed the Min River in China, she quietly looked to the Lord in dependence for her needs and her future. About an hour's boat ride from Fuchow, farther down the river, was a little village known as Baiyatan. M. E. Barber chose to make her new home there. The daily beautiful list of these little boats along the Min River would likely have given her the inspiration to write about this beautiful life of faith which she possessed.

Under God's sovereign arrangement, the people and things happened in our environment may touch us deeply to make our outer man be "wrecked outright". In such a situation, are we going to "lament" or "sing"? Because of the wonderful faith in the Lord and intimate fellowship with the Lord, M. E. Barber's "wrecked soul" can sing and she regarded "Wrecked outright was purest gain." 2 Cor. 4:16 says "Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day."

Before we being "wrecked outright", we own a "craft to sail the sea"-- our natural ability and our own ways to handle the needs in our life. We do not trust the Lord so much. After we being "wrecked outright", we become "Anchored to Infinity; Nothing left to do but fling." Thus "we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;(2 Cor. 1:9) May we all follow sister M. E. Barber's footstep, being willing to be "wrecked outright", so that we no longer own any "craft to sail the sea", but fully rest in the Lord to be carried forward by the flow of life for the magnificent House of God.