

CHURCH NEWS

Issue 9: Week of October 29, 2017

The church in Richardson

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Announcements

1. **Monthly Children Serving Ones' Fellowship** - Today 12:15pm at children's opening room.
2. **Live training registration** - Today is the deadline for registration. The registration fee is \$205, including the outline.
3. **2018 Calendar order** - Today is the deadline for preorder. The cost is \$7.50 each.
4. **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.
5. **Daylight Saving Time** - The daylight saving time ends on next Lord's Day (11/5). Please remember to set your clock backward 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.
6. **Cleaning** - English-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-study of Ezekiel, vol.4, Week 24 - The Return of the Glory of God to the House of God*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The All Inclusive Christ – Chapter 16*
- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Num. 17:1-19:22	20:1-21:35	22:1-24:25	25:1-27:23	28:1-30:16	31:1-33:56	34:1-36:13
NT	Luk. 14:15-15:7	15:8-32	16:1-18	16:19-17:19	17:20-18:8	18:9-43	19:1-27

Prayer Burden

1. Please pray for more than 2,000 homes in Richardson who received free Recovery Version Bible cards and ministry booklets on 10/28. May the Lord grant them seeking hearts to read the booklets and give them a desire to have further contact with the ministry.
2. Please continue to remember our YP, YP service and service coordination in your prayers.
3. Pray for the Lord to strengthen our children service and the coordination among the serving ones.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Pray for the Lord's shepherding of all the saints who attended the migrating training in Anaheim this past summer. Please pray especially for the 50+ saints who have either migrated or are migrating this year that they may be bountifully supplied and be guarded against the enemy's attacks.

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
#	12	8	8	16	NA	16	12	14	86	15	14	6	21	69	59	128

The recovery of the land signifies the recovery of the enjoyment of Christ's riches; Christ Himself cannot be lost, but in our experience Christ can be lost.

Hymn 352 In the wilderness for God

- 1 In the wilderness for God!
Just a common bush aflame!
Thus may I be, blessed Lord,
For the glory of Thy Name.

- 2 Just a common bush to be,
Something in which God can dwell,
Something thru which God can speak,
Something thru which God can tell.

- 3 All His yearning over men,
All His purposes of love,
Flaming with no light of earth,
But with glory from above:

- 4 God Himself within the bush,
Nothing seen but just the flame;
Make me that, just that, O God,
For the glory of Thy Name.

Brief Background of the Hymn

This hymn was written by Sister M.E. Barber. This hymn in our hymnal is under the section of longing for God as life. This hymn very much spoke of her experience in serving the Lord by being a channel in which the Lord can flow out of her. In the book, "The Normal Christian Life" by Watchman Nee, he spoke of his appreciation of her and her gospel service. Watchman Nee said that M.E. Barber prayed for the Lord to break her heart in order that she may satisfy His heart. This kind of prayer had much impact on a young Watchman Nee.

Stanza one speaks of Sister Barber's experience in having the Lord to her "flame," in her service. She prayed to be a common bush in which the Lord can burn and touch others through her. Stanza two is a further development of her experience of being a channel for the Lord. Eventually we see in her experience that this is nothing earthly or of man, but altogether of God. M.E. Barber realized that the only way to serve God is to be a bush ready to be burned so that nothing of our service is of ourselves, nothing we do is of ourselves, and that we are wholly for the Lord.