

# CHURCH NEWS

Issue 10: Week of November 5, 2017

The church in Richardson

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## Announcements

1. **Phone list** - the updated phone lists are available at service office counter. Saints can pick up freely.
2. **Monthly Sisters' meeting** – November 11 (Saturday), 10am - 12pm
3. **Ministry book reading** - Started from next week, the church will enter into weekly ministry reading of "The Economy of God". If you would like to have a hard copy of this book, please sign up in bookroom.
4. **Ministry material distribution**- We are planning to have the second ministry material distribution at 9:30am on November 18 (Saturday). Please pray for this time and plan to come to join God's move in Richardson.
5. **Video training** - the video training for Winter training is open for registration. The cost is \$105 (including outline).
6. **Thanksgiving conference** - This year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from Thursday, November 23 through Lord's Day, November 26, 2017. Please pray for and consider to attend the conference.
7. **2018 ICSC** – 2018 International Chinese-Speaking Conference will be held on Feb. 16-18 in Taipei, Taiwan. If you plan to go, please sign up at service office. The deadline for registration is November 26 (Lord's Day). Please use <https://icsc2018.org/> for the detailed information about the conference.
8. **McKinney sisters' meeting** -The church in McKinney sisters will start having a monthly blending time 4 to 6pm every 1st Lord's Day of the month at the McKinney meeting hall. The sisters will be enjoying brother Watchman Nee's "Normal Christian Life." It'll be a time of prayer, fellowship, and enjoying God's word. All are welcome to join.
9. **Cleaning** - Chinese-speaking District

## Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH, Week 1 - Seeing God's Eternal Purpose concerning the Church and Enlightening All concerning the Economy of the Mystery Hidden in God*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The All Inclusive Christ – Reviewing*
- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Deut. 1:1-2:37	3:1-4:49	5:1-7:26	8:1-9:29	10:1-11:32	12:1-14:21	14:22-16:22
NT	Luk. 19:28-20:19	20:20-21:4	21:5-22:6	22:7-46	22:47-23:25	23:26-24:12	24:13-53

## 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. 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. 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	6	9	11	9	13	12	80	9	11	10	19	61	47	108

*Since we love the Lord and we are for the Lord's recovery, what shall we do?  
 We have to be vital at any cost. We have no choice.  
 If we are not vital, we are finished.*

## Hymn 778 Keep up the song of faith

- 1 Keep up the song of faith,  
However dark the night;  
And as you praise, the Lord will work  
To change your faith to sight.
- 2 Keep up the song of faith,  
And let your heart be strong,  
For God delights when faith can praise  
Though dark the night and long.
- 3 Keep up the song of faith,  
The foe will hear and flee;  
Oh, let not Satan hush your song,  
For praise is victory.
- 4 Keep up the song of faith,  
The dawn will break ere long,  
And we shall go to meet the Lord,  
And join the endless song.  
*(Repeat the last line of each stanza)*

### Brief Background of the Hymn

M. E. Barber once wrote a letter to T. Austin-Sparks, editor of the periodical, *A Witness and a Testimony*. Accompanied with that letter was this poem (hymn). The following letter, together with this hymn, appeared in the August issue of 1926.

“In studying Acts 27, I have been noticing how those 276 souls came to the place where ‘all hope was taken away’ before God stepped in. This is often His way. ... If God should thus test our faith, let us glorify His Name, and we too shall see His wonders in the deep [Psa. 107:24].

Let us not be afraid of being kept waiting till all hope has fled. God will glorify His Name at the last moment; only God can afford to wait until the last moment. ... Having a promise, we can wait for its fulfillment. Paul waited until the fourteenth night. Deliverance did not immediately come, but Paul held on to the word which God had given him. Notice vv. 31, 32; Satan used these sailors to try and frustrate the word of the Lord, but Paul was on the alert, and God used him to defeat Satan’s purpose. Let us learn that, although God has given us a word to stand on, and we are trusting Him, we must not go to sleep and get careless. We must stand with God to get His word fulfilled.

Let us trust, however dark things seem, and keep up the song of faith. ‘I believe God, that it shall be, even as it was told me’ and the thing impossible shall be done. The Lord give us like precious faith for His glory. “*From Reetzke, James. “M. E. Barber: A Seed Sown in China.” Chicago: Chicago Bibles and Books, 2005. Print.*