

# CHURCH NEWS

Issue 12: Week of November 19, 2017

The church in Richardson

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## Announcements

- Baptism** - Brother Christopher Wang was baptized on November 18th. In 2017, there have been 9 saints baptized, including 5 brothers and 4 sisters.
- Thanksgiving conference** - it will be held in Phoenix, Arizona starting from Thursday evening. Please pray for the up to date speaking in His recovery. The local webcast schedule is as follows:  
November 24 (Friday) 9am - 12pm, Messages 1&2  
November 25 (Saturday) 9am - 12pm, Messages 3&4  
November 26 (Lord's Day) 3:30 - 6:30pm, Messages 5&6
- Gospel Meeting** – We will have a gospel meeting on December 9th (Saturday) at the meeting hall. The meeting will start at 6pm with dinner. Please pray for this time and plan to invite gospel friends.
- 2018 ICSC** – the Conference will be held on Feb. 16-18 in Taipei, Taiwan. Please sign up at service counter. The deadline for registration is next Lord's Day. Please view conference detail at <https://icsc2018.org/>.
- Video training** - the training will be held from 12/26 - 1/7/18. The cost is \$105 (including outline). Please sign up at service counter.
- Cleaning** - Chinese-speaking District

## Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH, Week 3 - The Degradation of the Church—the Principle of Babylon and the Way to Overcome It*

- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God -- Chapter 2 The All-sufficient Spirit*

**The following questions may facilitate your fellowship:**

1. Describe how God is transmitted into man. (Hint: EG: p. 17)
2. What is in the Spirit as the all-inclusive dose? (Hint: EG: pp. 17-18)
3. What are the two aspects of the Spirit and how are they related to one another? (Hint: EG: p. 22)
4. What three things take place as we contact the Spirit? Describe an experience of one these three things that took place this week. (Hint: EG: pp. 23-25)

- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Josh. 1:1-2:24	3:1-5:15	6:1-8:35	9:1-12:24	13:1-17:18	18:1-21:45	22:1-24:33
NT	Jhn. 5:1-30	5:31-6:15	6:16-51	6:52-71	7:1-24	7:25-52	7:53-8:27

## Prayer Burden

1. Please pray for close to 4,000 homes in Richardson who received free Recovery Version Bible cards and ministry booklets on 10/28 and 11/18. May the Lord grant them seeking hearts to read the booklets and to have desire for further fellowship.
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 (Corporate)	Total
#	9	10	10	12	8	12	10	14	85	10	12	6	18	95	105

## Hymn 628 Via Bethlehem we journey

- 1 Via Bethlehem we journey,  
We whose hearts on God are set;  
Babelike souls of Jesus learning,  
While our cheeks with tears are wet;  
For the manger and the stable  
Are not pleasant to our eyes,  
But our feet must follow Jesus,  
If our hands would grasp the prize.
- 2 Via Nazareth! the pathway  
Narrows still as on we go,  
Years of toil none understanding,  
Yet God teaches us to know  
That the servant is not greater  
Than the Lord, who through long years  
Hid Himself from this world's glory,  
Follow Him! Count not the tears.
- 3 Via Galilee, we see Him!  
Stones are hurled, and curses hissed  
By the men who gather round Him,  
Has He not the pathway missed?  
No! unharmed the Savior passes,  
And this rough bit of the way  
We must travel, since like Jesus,  
Nothing can our purpose stay.
- 4 Via too, the awful anguish  
Of the hours beneath the trees,  
Where the hosts of Satan linger,  
Awful hours of anguish these!  
Yet we fail not, for God's angels  
Minister to us, and say,  
"Look, beloved, at the glory,  
Conflict is but for a day!"
- 5 Then the Cross! for via Calvary  
Every royal soul must go;  
Here we draw the veil, for Jesus  
Only can the pathway show;  
"If we suffer with Him," listen,  
Just a little, little while,  
And the memory will have faded  
In the glory of His smile!
- 6 Then the grave, with dear ones weeping,  
Knowing that all life has fled;  
(Fellow-pilgrims, art thou numbered  
With the men the world calls dead?)  
Thence we rise, and live with Jesus,  
Throned above the world's mad strife,  
Gladly forfeiting forever,  
All that worldlings count as life.
- 7 On we press! and yonder gleaming,  
Nearing every day, we see  
The great walls of that fair city,  
God has built for such as we;  
And we catch the tender music  
Of the choirs that sing of One  
Who once died to have us with Him  
In His kingdom, on the throne.
- 8 Just a few more miles, beloved!  
And our feet shall ache no more;  
No more sin, and no more sorrow,  
Hush thee, Jesus went before;  
And I hear Him sweetly whispering,  
"Faint not, fear not, still press on,  
For it may be ere tomorrow,  
The long journey will be done."

### Brief Background of the Hymn

This hymn describes the processes a follower of the Lord will go through on the narrow way of the cross, which is a repetition of what the Lord went through on earth. This hymn was written by M. E. Barber. She herself was such a one who walked on the way of the cross faithfully for her whole life and lived in the light of the Lord's coming back.

"The God-man living has a prototype, which should be our example. The first God-man's living was from the manger to the cross. At the beginning and end of His life, there are these two signs. ...The Lord took the way of humbling Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8). He chose this kind of life, starting with a manger and ending with a cross.

Peter said that since Christ has suffered in His flesh, we also should arm ourselves with the same mind (1 Pet. 4:1). We need to have a strong mind to suffer. Right after I was saved I prayed, "God, from today I want You. I don't want anything else. My whole life will be spent preaching Your gospel. I will bear the Bible and be satisfied with drinking the water from the hills and eating the roots of the trees." That was the start of my Christian life. I was ready to suffer for the Lord's interests, so until today, after about seventy years, nothing of poverty or suffering has ever stumbled me. We must arm ourselves with such a mind, but this should not be out of our natural boldness. This is a following of the Lord Jesus Christ who took this narrow way of a manger and a cross". (From *The God-man Living*, Chapter 3)