

CHURCH NEWS

Issue 13: Week of November 26, 2017

The church in Richardson

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Announcements

1. **Children Serving Ones Monthly Fellowship** - 12:15 in Opening room (#214).
2. **Webcast** - There will be webcast for the last two messages of the Thanksgiving conference this afternoon, 3:30 - 6:30. Because of this, there will be no PSRP this afternoon.
3. **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.
4. **Brothers Blending Meeting** - December 9th, 8:30am - 12:00pm with lunch, at Plano meeting hall. All the brothers from the churches in McKinney, Plano, and Richardson are invited to join in this blending and fellowship time. Please sign up at the service counter.
5. **2018 ICSC** – the Conference will be held on Feb. 16-18 in Taipei, Taiwan. Today is the deadline for registration. Please sign up and pay at service counter. The check should be made payable to "the church in Richardson". The conference detail is available at <https://icsc2018.org/>.
6. **Video training** - the training will be held from 12/26 - 1/7/18. The cost is \$105 (including outline). Please make check payable to "the church in Richardson". Please sign up at service counter. The deadline for signing-up is 12/3.
7. **Cleaning** - English-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH, Week 4 - The Recovery of the Church as God's House and God's City as Portrayed in Ezra and Nehemiah*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God -- Chapter 3 The Residence of the Divine Spirit*
The following questions may facilitate your fellowship:
 1. Where does the Triune God reside today? State at least two verses that show this. (Hint: EG: pp. 27-29)
 2. Why do we need to divide the soul from the spirit? (Hint: EG: pp. 29, 31)
 3. How are the temple, the tripartite man, and the journey of the children of Israel related? According to typology, what is the goal of our journeying? (Hint: EG: pp. 30, 33)
 4. What are some distractions from the human spirit? (Hint: EG: pp. 33-34)
- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Judg. 1:1-2:23	3:1-5:31	6:1-8:32	8:33-12:15	13:1-16:31	17:1-19:30	20:1-21:25
NT	Jhn. 8:28-59	9:1-41	10:1-30	10:31-11:16	11:17-57	12:1-24	12:25-50

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.

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
#	NA	NA	NA	19	15	15	16	40	105	11	12	NA	26	61	48	119

Hymn 974 He Looked for a city and lived in a tent

1 He looked for a city and lived in a tent,
A pilgrim to glory right onward he went;
God's promise his solace, so royal his birth,
No wonder he sought not the glories of earth.

Chorus City! O city fair!
God's dwelling with man to eternity is there.

2 He looked for a city, his God should prepare;
No mansion on earth, could he covet or share,
For had not God told him, that royal abode
Awaited His pilgrims on ending the road.

3 He looked for a city; if sometimes he sighed
To be trudging the road, all earth's glory denied,
The thought of that city changed sighing to song,
For the road might be rough, but it could not be long.

4 He looked for a city, his goal, Lord, we share
And know that bright city, which Thou dost prepare
Is ever our portion, since willing to be
Just pilgrims with Jesus, our roof a tent tree.

Brief Background of the Hymn

This hymn written by M. E. Barber shows that she lived a life governed by a hope in the Lord's return.

"In a message that Watchman Nee gave during a training on Kuliang Mountain, he emphasized how the living and lifestyle of the believer should be geared to a hope in the Lord's return. He illustrated this with Miss Barber, a person who waited for the Lord's return. He said of her,

In my whole life I have never been impressed by another person like I was by Miss M. E. Barber. She was indeed a person who waited for the Lord's return. There are many famous men in Christianity who studied prophecy, such as D. M. Panton. They all knew about the Lord's return. But to my knowledge, only Miss Barber was a person who truly waited for His return. It was a big surprise to her that the Lord had not returned in her time (Nee, *Collected Works*, 60:442).

Christians do not wait for a time when we will serve the church; we wait for a time when the Lord will come again. If a believer is not careful, but substitutes other things for the Lord's return, he becomes fallen immediately (*ibid.*)". *From Reetzke, James. "M. E. Barber: A Seed Sown in China." Chicago: Chicago Bibles and Books, 2005. Print.*