

CHURCH NEWS

Issue 14: Week of December 3, 2017

The church in Richardson

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Announcements

1. **Gospel Meeting** (Saturday, 12/9) – The meeting will start at 6pm with dinner. Please plan to arrive early. Invite your contacts and **pray** that the Lord will gain many sons of peace.
2. **M/P/R Brothers Blending Meeting at Plano meeting hall** (Saturday, 12/9) – The meeting will start at 8:30am and ends by noon with lunch afterwards. Please sign up at the service counter.
3. **M/P/R joint Lord's Day Meeting 12/10 at Plano meeting hall** – We will have corporate Lord's Table meeting followed by fellowship by language. There will be love feast after the meeting. No meeting in Richardson.
4. **Morning Revival** – Please note that we will be getting into message 6 of HWMR this week. Message 5 will be covered on week 9.
5. **Tulsa meeting hall** - The brothers in Oklahoma have signed the contract to purchase a property for \$600,000 as Tulsa meeting hall. The brothers feel this is for the strategic interests of the Lord's recovery in Tulsa area (including Broken Arrow). If you have a burden to give, please make checks payable to "The Church in Richardson," marked for the "Tulsa Property."
6. **2018 ICSC** – The deadline for registration has been extended to December 17th. If you still want to go, please contact brothers. The conference detail is available at <https://icsc2018.org/>.
7. **Video training** - The cost is \$105 (including outline). Today is the last day to guarantee to have a copy of outline. Please sign up at service counter and make payment. Make checks payable to "The Church in Richardson".
8. **Lord's Day 15 minutes break time**– to properly care for our prophesy meeting after the break, please come back to your seat promptly with an exercised spirit.
9. **Cleaning** - Chinese-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH, Week 6 - Jehovah's Commanded Blessing of Life on Brothers Who Dwell Together in Oneness*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God - Chapter 4 The Key to the Indwelling Spirit*
The following questions may facilitate your fellowship:
 1. What is the key to God's economy? (Hint: EG: p. 43)
 2. How can we contact God in the Holy of holies? (Hint: EG: p. 39)
 3. What are the distractions from this key? (Hint: EG: pp. 40-43)
- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Ruth 1:1-2:23	3:1-4:22	1 Sam. 1:1-3:21	4:1-6:21	7:1-9:27	10:1-13:23	14:1-15:35
NT	Jhn. 13:1-38	14:1-6	14:7-31	15:1-16:4	16:5-33	17:1-13	17:14-24

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 LastWeek

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
#	10	12	NA	12	11	12	16	10	83	8	13	9	19	42	55	107

Divine romance

1
How could a country girl like me
Become Your match — Your bride to be?
You're holy and You are divine
But I'm fallen and human.
Without You, Lord, I have no chance
To be like You in this romance.
But You chose me ere the world began
Nothing could change Your plan.

Chorus 1 This divine romance
Is My heart's deep plan.
I became a lowly man
To court My country girl.
Nothing could deter,
Nothing can alter
My eternal love for her;
I'll gain My country girl.

2
No man or angel ever knew
This secret hidden deep in You
That You desired to be one with man
Before the world began.
Though sin came in to ruin me
Through Satan's scheme and subtlety
Nothing could break Your love for me
To gain me totally.

Chorus 1

3
As King of kings You became a man,
You died for me—I've been redeemed,
In resurrection made us queen
To marry You, my King.
From death You 'rose and entered me,
I now possess Your divinity;
In life and nature we're the same:
Both human and divine.

Chorus 2 In Your love I'm drawn,
To You I belong;
I am not my own, Lord,
I'm Yours alone.
By Your love I'm drawn,
In Your name I'm charmed,
And Your Person captured me,
For I've been kissed by Thee.

4
Lord, in this close sweet fellowship,
Lord, be with me so intimate,
So personal and affectionate;
A sweet relationship.
Lord, daily change my inward being
Lord, all my heart possessing
In all my being—transforming
To be Your bride and queen.

Chorus 2

Brief Background of the hymn

Howard Higashi (1937-1998) was born to a Hawaiian sugar plantation foreman and his wife. Growing up enjoying the easygoing environment of the island and his Buddhism family background seemed unlikely to prepare Higashi's heart to be a desperate seeker of God. Nevertheless, his happy life seemed to end when the father he adored died at the age of fifty-two. For the first time, Higashi began to question the meaning of life. He married Lily Agena in 1965, which brought some comfort to him.

In 1968, Higashi met a Christian whose daily living impressed him, thus drawing him to receive the Lord when he was thirty-one. He had a dynamic conversion that opened his wife to the gospel; she received the Lord soon afterward. The Higashis reached hundreds of college students and many relatives with the gospel of Christ.

Higashi later obtained a degree to become a high-school math teacher, but he chose to work full-time for the Lord instead, ministering from campus to campus, shepherding others, and writing spiritual songs. Brother Howard Higashi went to be with the Lord in November, 1998. He was a lover of God and a lover of man.